مجموعة الرقابة الفلسطينية



PALESTINIAN MONITORING GROUP

DAILY SITUATION REPORT

08:00 11 February 2005 – 08:00 12 February 2005

SUMMARY OF EVENTS

EVENT	WEST BANK	GAZA STRIP	TOTAL	NOTES
Attacks	_	10	10	All from Israeli army military posts
Raids	13	_	13	Incl. 4 in Bethlehem and 2 in Hebron
Arrests (per person)	2	*	2	*Incl. unknown number near Jabalya
Detentions	1	1	2	At 2 checkpoints
Checkpoints	(All)	_	(All)	
Flying Checkpoints	9	_	9	Incl. 3 in Tulkarem & 1 in Qalqiliya
Closure (per District)	6	_	6	Incl. Jerusalem and Jericho (partially)
Closure of Main Roads	(Unidentified)	(10)		Incl. 2 partially
Closure of Wall Gates	(All)	_	(All)	Permits required to cross
Closure of Crossing Points	_	6	6	Incl. 2 partially open
Settlement Activity	1	_	1	1 caravan in settlement outpost
Settler Violence	1	1	2	Incl. cattle grazed on civilian land
Provocation of Pal. Forces	1	2	3	Incl. 1 Pal. Security post raided
Palestinian Attack		1	1	An attempt to fire 2 mortars failed
TOTAL	34	21	55	

DISTRICT	EVENT
ALL DISTRICTS	Beginning on 11 November 2004, the Israeli army has imposed a total closure on the West Bank and Gaza Strip, preventing civilians and workers from crossing the Green Line, following the official announcement of the death of President Yasser Arafat.

WEST BANK

JERUSALEM	 Closure: The Israeli army continues to impose strict restrictions at checkpoints set up at the entrances to the city of Jerusalem and dispatched patrols to prevent civilians from other districts from entering the city. Wall Gates: The Israeli army continues to close the Wall gate in the town of Abu Dis with cement blocks, completely preventing civilians from crossing. Wall Construction: Wall construction was suspended for the weekend in Dahiyat Al Aqbat, the villages of Hizma and 'Anata, the Hizma-Jaba' road, the area of Al 'Eizariya, near Al Quds University, the area of Ash Shayyah, and in the town of As Sawahira Ash Sharqiya. Checkpoints: The Israeli army intensified its restrictions at Qalandiya and An Nabi Samwil checkpoints, obstructing civilian movement.
RAMALLAH & EL BIREH	 Closure: The Israeli army continues to close the entrance to the village of Al Mughayyir with dirt barricades. Wall Construction: Wall construction was suspended for the weekend in Budrus, Midya, Ni'lin, Deir Qaddis, Bil'in, Beit Liqya, and Beituniya. Raids: At 18:30, the Israeli army raided the town of Bir Zeit and arrested 1 civilian. At 20:30, the Israeli army, including 2 jeeps, raided the village of Kafr 'Ein and set up a checkpoint at its entrance until 21:20. Arrest: The Israeli army arrested Josef Abu Dayyeh in the town of Bir Zeit.
JENIN	 Wall Gates: Passage through the Wall gates is restricted to civilians granted special Israeli permits. Wall Construction: Land levelling for Wall construction was suspended for the weekend in Jalbun towards Al Mutilla, Raba, Al Mughayyir, Bardala and 'Ein al Beida, and towards the Jordan River. Flying Checkpoint: At 22:30, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the southern entrance to the city of Jenin and searched civilians and

	vehicles until 02:00. • <u>Settler Violence</u> : A group of Israeli settlers grazed their cattle on civilian agricultural land in the village of Al Mutilla, damaging crops.
TULKAREM	 Closure: The Israeli army continues to close 'Einav gate which controls the road between the cities of Tulkarem and Nablus, preventing civilian vehicles from crossing. Wall Gates: Passage through the Wall gates is restricted to civilians granted special Israeli permits. Flying Checkpoint: The Israeli army set up flying checkpoints in the area of Ras Rummana and at the entrances to the towns of Baqa Ash Sharqiya and Bal'a and searched civilians and vehicles.
QALQILYA	 Wall Gates: Passage through the Wall gates is restricted to civilians granted special Israeli permits. Raid: At 21:30, the Israeli army, including 4 jeeps, raided the city of Qalqiliya, set up a checkpoint in the centre of the city, and searched civilians and vehicles.
NABLUS	 Raid: At 00:30, the Israeli army, including 8 jeeps, raided the city of Nablus and 'Ein Beit El Ma' refugee camp, patrolled the area, and withdrew at 05:00. Settlement Activity: A group of Israeli settlers placed a caravan in the settlement outpost constructed on Hill 782 near the settlement of Itamar, despite the fact that Israeli authorities declared that the settlement outpost would be removed.
SALFIT	 Wall Construction: Land levelling for Wall construction was suspended for the weekend in the village of Deir Ballut along the Green Line, in the area southwest of the village of Kafr Ad Dik, west of the village of Iskaka, and north of city of Salfit. Raids/Provocation of Palestinian Forces: At 09:30, the Israeli army, including 2 jeeps, raided the village of Yasuf and set up a checkpoint at its entrance until 12:00. At 08:00, the Israeli army, including 2 jeeps, raided the city of Salfit, raided 1 Palestinian National Security location, and detained officers in 1 room. The Israeli army remains positioned in the city as of 08:00 this morning.
JERICHO	Closure: The Israeli army set up dozens of checkpoints throughout the city, closing all entrances to the city and roads connecting towns and villages, and prevented civilians from crossing. The Israeli army only permitted residents of the city of Jericho to enter the city.

Closure: The Israeli army continues to close the only road leading to the village of Al Nu'man, northeast of the Bethlehem district, isolating the village and placing it, together with the adjacent village of Al Khas, under the jurisdiction of the Jerusalem municipality. The Israeli army considers the civilian presence in the villages illegal. Wall Construction: Construction of the Wall was suspended for the weekend north of the district of Bethlehem, along 'Ayda refugee camp, along the tunnel road (Gilo), and west of the village of Husan. **BETHLEHEM** Raids: (i) At 11:10, the Israeli army raided the town of Al Khadr. At 15:00, the Israeli army raided the town again and patrolled the area. At 11:30, the Israeli army, including 2 jeeps, raided the village of Dar (ii) Salah and patrolled the area. At 16:50, an Israeli army patrol raided the city of Bethlehem and (iii) patrolled the area. **Arrest:** Israeli troops positioned at a checkpoint set up between the cities of Bethlehem and Jericho arrested Suleiman Radaydeh. Closure: The Israeli army continues to close Al Shuhada' Street and the area of As Sahleh in the area of H2 in the city of Hebron with cement blocks and barbed wire, denying civilians and vehicles access. Wall Construction: Land levelling for Wall construction was suspended for the weekend west of the towns of Surif, Beit Ula, Idhna, and Beit 'Awwa, in the area extending from the village of Deir Samit, Beit 'Awwa, and towards the village of Al Burj. **HEBRON** Raids: (i) At 19:00, the Israeli army, including 5 jeeps, raided the town of Dura, searched a number of houses and commercial shops, set up a checkpoint, and searched civilians and vehicles until 23:00. At 20:00, the Israeli army raided the city of Hebron, set up (ii) checkpoints in several neighbourhoods, and searched civilians and vehicles.

GAZA STRIP

NORTHERN GAZA	 <u>Closure</u>: Beit Hanun Crossing is partially open to foreign nationals and humanitarian cases only. <u>Arrests</u>: At 20:15, the Israeli army arrested a number of unidentified civilians east of the town of Jabalya, claiming that they attempted to infiltrate into areas inside the Green Line.
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GAZA	 Closure: Nitsareem junction remains closed. Al Shuhada Junction-Al Muntar Crossing road is closed. Al Muntar (Karni) Crossing is closed. Nahal 'Oz Crossing is closed. Palestinian Attacks: At 21:20, 2 unidentified mortars were fired. However, 1 mortar fell on uninhabited land and the other behind Al Quds Hospital.
CENTRAL GAZA	• <u>Attack</u> : At 11:15, the Israeli army indiscriminately opened intensive fire from the area surrounding the settlement of Kfar Darom towards the area of Al Matahin.
KHAN YUNIS	 Closure: (i) Abu Al 'Ajin road (Khan Yunis Al Sharqiya) is closed. (ii) Western road (Khan Yunis) remains closed. (iii) Al Mawasi/Khan Yunis road (Al Tuffah checkpoint) is closed. (iv) Abu Holi road is partially open. At 18:10, the Israeli army closed Salah Ad Din road at Al Matahin checkpoint. (v) Alon checkpoint (entrance to Al Mawasi/Khan Yunis) south of Deir Al Balah is closed. (vi) Deir Al Balah junction to Abu Holi checkpoint (Kfar Darom road) is closed. (vii) Morag road connecting Khan Yunis eastern and western roads is closed. At 11:30, the Israeli army opened intensive fire from its location at Point 11 towards civilian houses in An Namsawi neighbourhood. (ii) At 11:45, the Israeli army opened intensive fire from its location at Point 7 towards civilian houses in Al Amal neighbourhood. (iii) At 15:50, the Israeli army opened intensive fire from its location at Point 9 towards civilian houses in West Khan Yunis refugee camp. Settler Violence: At 10:30, a group of Israeli settlers obstructed civilian movement and closed Salah Ad Din road between Abu Holi and Al Matahin checkpoints until 11:50.
RAFAH	 Closure: Yasser Arafat International Airport remains closed. Rafah Crossing is partially open to arrivals and departures over the age of 35 only. Sufa Crossing is closed. Al Mawasi/Rafah road is partially open to workers only.

• Attacks/Provocation of Palestinian Forces:

- (i) At 09:50, the Israeli army indiscriminately opened intensive fire from its location in the area surrounding the settlement of Morag towards Palestinian territory north of the city of Rafah.
- (ii) At 13:15, the Israeli army opened fire, using a silencer, from its location at Point 9 along the Palestinian-Egyptian border towards 1 Palestinian National Security location in Bloc (J) in Rafah refugee camp.
- (iii) At 18:25, the Israeli army opened intensive fire towards civilian houses in Tall as Sultan neighbourhood.
- (iv) At 22:55, the Israeli army opened intensive fire from its location in the area surrounding Rafah Crossing towards 1 Palestinian National Security patrol.
- (v) At 02:45, the Israeli army opened intensive fire towards civilian houses in Tall Zu'rub neighbourhood in Rafah refugee camp.
- (vi) At 06:30, the Israeli army opened intensive fire towards civilian houses in the area of 'Ureibeh north of the city of Rafah.

GENERAL

West Bank: Israeli authorities renewed 9,878 work permits to cross the Green Line. (i) The total number of those allowed to cross is unknown. (ii) Israeli authorities restricted the issuing of work permits to civilians who are married with children and over the age of 30. Gaza Strip: **WORK** Israeli authorities renewed 148 work permits for workers to enter Erez (i) **PERMITS** and Karni Industrial Zones. However, workers were not allowed access to the Industrial Zones due to the imposed closure. (ii) Israeli authorities renewed 780 work permits for workers to cross the Green Line to work in the agricultural sector, including 1 permit to work in the service sector. However, workers were not allowed access into the Green Line due to the imposed closure.