

مجموعة الرقابة الفلسطينية



PALESTINIAN MONITORING GROUP

DAILY SITUATION REPORT

08:00 15 February 2005 – 08:00 16 February 2005

SUMMARY OF EVENTS

EVENT	WEST BANK	GAZA STRIP	TOTAL	NOTES
Deaths	3	—	3	Incl. 1 child in Beituniya
Physical Assaults	4	—	4	Incl. a number of civilians beaten
Injury	1	—	1	1 child near the Wall in Beituniya
Attacks	4	4	8	Incl. 1 during raid & 5 from posts
Raids	6	—	6	Incl. 3 in Ramallah and 2 in Nablus
Arrests (per person)	7	—	7	Incl. 3 children
Detentions	5	—	5	Incl. in residential compounds
Wall Construction	20	—	20	Incl. Jer., Jenin, Ram'lah, Beth., Salfit
Destruction of Property	2	—	2	Incl. farmers denied access to land
Land Confiscation	1	—	1	25 dunums in At Tur & Al 'Eizariya
House Occupations	2	—	2	Incl. 1 house in Hebron
Curfew	1	—	1	Over the village of Kafr Qalil
Checkpoints	(All)	—	(All)	
Flying Checkpoints	4	—	4	Incl. 2 in Ramallah and 1 in Jenin
Closure (per District)	5	—	5	Incl. Jerusalem and Jericho (partially)
Closure of Main Roads	(Unidentified)	(10)	—	Incl. 3 partially
Closure of Wall Gates	(All)	—	(All)	Incl. restrictions at Azzun Atma gate
Closure of Crossing Points	—	4	4	Incl. 3 partially open
Medical Obstruction	1	—	1	Open fire towards 1 ambulance
Settler Violence	—	1	1	1 water well damaged
Provocation of Pal. Forces	1	—	1	5 Pal. Police officers detained
Palestinian Attacks	—	2	2	4 unidentified mortars
Demonstration	1	—	1	In the old city of Hebron
TOTAL	68	11	79	

DISTRICT	EVENT
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<p style="text-align: center;">ALL DISTRICTS</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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. • On 12 February 2005, the Israeli army lifted the closure imposed on the Gaza Strip districts and allowed a number of construction workers possessing new work permits to enter the Industrial Zones and the Green Line.
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WEST BANK

<p style="text-align: center;">JERUSALEM</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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, preventing civilians from crossing. • Wall Construction: Wall construction continues 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. • Land Confiscation: The Israeli army distributed notices to confiscate 25 <i>dunums</i> (6.25 acres) of land belonging to the neighbourhood of At Tur and the town of Al 'Eizariya in the area of Abu Sbitan for Wall construction.
<p style="text-align: center;">RAMALLAH & EL BIREH</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wall Construction: Wall construction continues in Budrus, Midya, Ni'lin, Deir Qaddis, Bil'in, Beit Liqya, and Beituniya. • Flying Checkpoints/Physical Assault: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 10:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint between the villages of Kafr 'Ein and An Nabi Salih, provoked civilians, and obstructed civilian movement, allegedly to conduct thorough searches. Israeli troops positioned at the checkpoint severely beat 2 civilians and arrested 1 civilian. At 12:00, the Israeli army withdrew from the area. (ii) At 15:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the gate to the village of An Nabi Salih and searched civilians and vehicles until 19:20. • Attack: At 18:00, Israeli troops positioned near the Wall in the town of Beituniya opened fire towards a number of children, allegedly for throwing stones, killing 1 child and injuring another.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Raids:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 21:00, the Israeli army, including 8 jeeps, raided the town of Beit Rima and the village of Deir Ghassana, fired sound grenades, and searched a number of houses. At 23:10, the Israeli army withdrew from the area. (ii) The Israeli army raided the city of Ramallah and arrested 2 children in Um Ash Sharayet neighbourhood. • <u>Killing:</u> The Israeli army killed 15-year-old Ala' Hani Dar Khalil near the Wall in the town of Beituniya. • <u>Arrests:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Israeli troops positioned at the checkpoint set up between the villages of Kafr 'Ein and An Nabi Salih arrested Rayyan 'Uthman At Tamimi. (ii) The Israeli army arrested 2 unidentified children in the city of Ramallah. <p>At 04:00 on 15 February 2005, the Israeli army arrested 2 civilians, in addition to those reported yesterday:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (iii) Qassem Iyad Hamed; and (iv) 'Ahed Abdul Rahman Sumeirat.
JENIN	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Wall Gates:</u> Passage through the Wall gates is restricted to civilians granted special Israeli permits. • <u>Wall Construction:</u> Land levelling for Wall construction continues in Jalbun towards Al Mutilla, Raba, Al Mughayyir, Bardala and 'Ein al Beida, and towards the Jordan River. • <u>Checkpoint:</u> The Israeli army intensified its restrictions at Tayasir checkpoint east of the town of Tubas and prevented farmers from crossing and transporting an insecticide cargo. • <u>Flying Checkpoint/Provocation of Palestinian Forces:</u> At 13:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the eastern entrance to the city of Jenin in the area of As Suweitat and obstructed civilian movement, allegedly to thoroughly search civilian vehicles and to examine civilians' IDs. Israeli troops positioned at the checkpoint detained 5 Palestinian Police officers. At 15:00, the Israeli army withdrew from the area. • <u>Destruction of Property:</u> The Israeli army continues to prevent farmers whose land is located behind the Wall from ploughing their land, thereby causing damages to civilian property.
TULKAREM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Closure:</u> The Israeli army continues to close 'Einav gate, which controls the road between the cities of Tulkarem and Nablus, preventing civilian vehicles from crossing. • <u>Wall Gates:</u> Passage through the Wall gates is restricted to civilians granted special Israeli permits. • <u>Flying Checkpoint:</u> At 21:30, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint between the towns of Baqa Ash Sharqiya and 'Illar, searched civilian vehicles, and examined civilians' IDs until 23:00.

QALQILYA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wall Gates: Passage through the Wall gates is restricted to civilians granted special Israeli permits.
NABLUS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Raids/Curfew/Medical Obstruction: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 14:15, the Israeli army raided the town of Huwwara and arrested 1 student while he was on his way back from school. (ii) At 21:00, the Israeli army raided the village of Kafr Qalil, imposed curfew, and surrounded 1 house under construction. An armed confrontation took place between the Israeli army and 2 armed Palestinian individuals, during which the Israeli army killed the 2 Palestinian individuals. The Israeli army also opened fire towards 1 ambulance attempting to transport the killed individuals and forced other ambulances to leave the area. At 23:50, the Israeli army withdrew from the area. • Killings: The Israeli army killed 2 Palestinian individuals in the village of Kafr Qalil: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) 'Issam Hamzeh; and (ii) Mahyoub Mir'eb Al Qannah. • Arrest: The Israeli army arrested Yihya Yousef Suleiman, 17 years old, in the town of Huwwara.
SALFIT	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wall Construction: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Land levelling for Wall construction continues in the village of Deir Ballut along the Green Line. (ii) Based on claims filed by the Municipality of Salfit, Iskaka Village Council, and land owners, the Israeli Supreme Court issued a ruling to suspend land levelling for Wall construction west of the village of Iskaka and north of the city of Salfit for a period of 21 days beginning on 10 February 2005.
JERICHO	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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.
BETHLEHEM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure: The Israeli army continues to close the only road leading to the village of Al Nu'man, in the north-eastern 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 continues north of the district of Bethlehem, along 'Ayda refugee camp, along the tunnel road (Gilo), and west of the village of Husan. • Physical Assault: At 20:30, Israeli troops positioned at the settlement of

	<p>Kfar Etzion checkpoint severely beat Zakariya Yousef Barat'a, leaving him with bruises.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Destruction of Property:</u> The Israeli army closed the western road connecting the village of Husan to Wadi Fukin, thereby prohibiting civilians from farming their land.
HEBRON	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Closure:</u> 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. • <u>Wall Construction:</u> Land levelling for Wall construction continues 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. • <u>Raids/House Occupation:</u> The Israeli army raided the city of Hebron, occupied 1 house in the area of Al Hawouz, and converted it into a military post after detaining its residents in 1 room. • <u>House Occupation:</u> At dawn on 15 February 2005, the Israeli army occupied Al Badarin building in the area of Al Harayeq and converted it into a military post. • <u>Demonstration:</u> A mass demonstration, including international peace activists, took place in the old city of Hebron in protest against construction of a settler bypass road in Tall Rumeideh settlement outpost. Confrontations took place between the Israeli army and civilians, during which a number of civilians and international peace activists were injured as Israeli troops beat them with rifle butts. The Israeli army also arrested 1 civilian. • <u>Arrest:</u> The Israeli army arrested 'Azmi Ash Shuyoukhi during the demonstration in the old city of Hebron.

GAZA STRIP

NORTHERN GAZA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Closure:</u> Beit Hanun Crossing is partially open.
GAZA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Closure:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Nitsareem junction remains closed. (ii) Al Shuhada Junction-Al Muntar Crossing road is closed.
CENTRAL GAZA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Activities not reported.
KHAN YUNIS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Closure:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (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 partially open. (iv) Abu Holi road is partially open.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> (v) Alon checkpoint (entrance to Al Mawasi/Khan Yunis) south of Deir Al Balah is closed. (vi) The road from 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. • <u>Attacks:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 14:40, the Israeli army opened intensive fire from its location at Point 9 towards civilian houses in West Khan Yunis refugee camp. (ii) At 23:30, the Israeli army opened intensive fire from its location at Point 8 towards civilian houses in Al Amal neighbourhood. • <u>Palestinian Attacks:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 17:20, 1 unidentified mortar was fired towards the settlement of Ganei Tal. (ii) At 00:35, 3 unidentified mortars were fired towards the settlement of Ganei Tal. 1 of the mortars fell on a civilian house.
RAFAH	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Closure:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Yasser Arafat International Airport remains closed. (ii) Rafah Crossing is partially open to arrivals and departures over the age of 35 only. (iii) Sufa Crossing is partially open to construction cargo only. (iv) Al Mawasi/Rafah road is partially open to workers only. • <u>Attacks:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 14:00, the Israeli army opened intensive fire from its location at Point 217 on the Green Line towards Palestinian territory in the area surrounding Sufa Crossing. (ii) At 15:25, the Israeli army opened intensive fire from its location along the Palestinian-Egyptian border towards civilian houses in Ash Sha'ut neighbourhood in Rafah refugee camp. • <u>Settler Violence:</u> At 18:05, a number of Israeli settlers caused damages to 1 water well in the area of Um Al Qurreis in the town of Um An Nasr.

GENERAL

POLITICLA PRISONERS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Life Sentence Imprisonment:</u> The Israeli military court issued a life sentence imprisonment against Jamal Ramadan Ar Rujoub, a Palestinian Preventive Security officer.
WORK PERMITS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>West Bank:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Israeli authorities renewed 9,878 work permits to cross the Green Line. 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.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• <u>Gaza Strip:</u><ul style="list-style-type: none">(i) Israeli authorities renewed 459 work permits for workers to enter the Industrial Zones. However, the Israeli army allowed access only to 280 workers (approximately 61% of those possessing new permits).(ii) Israeli authorities renewed 804 work permits for workers to cross the Green Line to work in the construction sector only. However, the Israeli army allowed access only to 203 construction workers (approximately 26% of those possessing new permits).
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