

مجموعة الرقابة الفلسطينية



PALESTINIAN MONITORING GROUP

DAILY SITUATION REPORT

08:00 16 February 2004 – 08:00 17 February 2004

SUMMARY OF EVENTS

EVENT	WEST BANK	GAZA STRIP	TOTAL	NOTES
Deaths	—	4	4	Incl. suffoc. at Erez & 1 officer
Physical Assaults	2	—	2	Incl. Pal. Nat. Security officer
Injuries	—	1	1	
Attacks	6	5	11	Incl. tank shells at houses
Raids	11	—	11	
Arrests (per person)	17	—	17	Incl. 2 officers & 2 rec. release
Detentions	2	3	5	Incl. Pal. Nat. Security officer
Land Levelling	—	1	1	
Separation Wall. Const.	9	—	9	Jer. (2), Jenin (3) & Ram. (4)
Destruction of Property	1	—	1	
Checkpoints	All	—	All	
Flying Checkpoints	6	—	6	
Closures (per District)	2	1	3	Jer., N. Tulkarem & Mawasi
Closure of Main Roads	Most	(4)	Most	Esp. connecting governorates
Closure of Wall Gates	All	—	All	Permits required to cross
Closure of Crossing Points	—	4	4	1 Partially open to workers
School Disruption	2	—	2	7 schls. closed & 1 tear gassed
TOTAL	58	19	77	

DISTRICT	EVENT
WEST BANK	
JERUSALEM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure: The Israeli army prevented civilians from other districts from entering Jerusalem. The Israeli authorities continue to intensify restrictions on movement at the entrances of the city and its neighbourhoods. • Separation Wall Construction: Construction of the separation wall in Al Eizariya, Abu Dis and Al Sawahira continues. The Israeli authorities have begun construction of the separation wall in Sur Bahir.
RAMALLAH & EL BIREH	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Flying Checkpoints: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 10:20, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint near the junction of Al Nabi Salih and obstructed the passage of civilians. (ii) The Israeli army set up flying checkpoints at the entrances to the villages of Um Safa and Abud, preventing civilians from reaching their villages. (iii) The Israeli police set up a flying checkpoint near the entrance of the village of Kharbatha Bani Harith. • Separation Wall Construction: Construction of the western portion of the separation wall continues in Budrus, Rantis, Beit Liqya, and near Beituniya. The Israeli authorities have begun construction of the separation wall near the village of Midya. • Raids: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 01:15, the Israeli army, including 5 Israeli jeeps and 2 trucks, raided the city of El Bireh and surrounded Al Am'ari refugee camp. (ii) At 01:20, the Israeli army, including 4 military personnel carriers and 6 jeeps, raided the town of Deir Ghassana, searched 2 houses and arrested 2 brothers, including 1 Palestinian Police officer. • Arrests: The Israeli army arrested 2 civilians in the town of Deir Ghassana: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Arafat Daoud, a college student; and his brother (ii) Yasir Daoud, a Palestinian Police officer.
JENIN	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure: As a form of collective punishment, the Israeli army closed all shops located on the main Jenin/Nablus road from the junction of the town of Jaba' in the north to the town of Silat Al Dhaher in the south. • Separation Wall Gates: Passage through the separation wall gates is restricted to civilians granted special Israeli permits. The closure continues to negatively impact education, economic and livelihood

	<p>activities and impede access to health facilities.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Separation Wall Construction:</u> Construction of the separation wall continues in the northern valleys (Bardala, and ‘Ein al Beida) and east of Tubas (Al Mutilla, Al Mughayyir, the outskirts of Raba, and Al Buqei’ plateau). • <u>Raid:</u> At 06:30, the Israeli army raided the town of Kafr Dan, searched several houses, used explosives to break into a store and arrested the owner. • <u>Arrests:</u> The Israeli army arrested Rami Hasan Huseein, 30 years old, from Kafr Dan. • <u>School Disruption:</u> Classes were suspended at 7 schools as a result of the Israeli incursion into the town of Al Yamun on 15 February 2004.
JERICHO	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Activities not yet reported.
BETHLEHEM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Attack:</u> At 19:30, the Israeli army, located on Jabal Abu Ghuneim, opened fire towards civilian houses in Beit Sahur as Israeli troops moved towards Beit Sahur. • <u>Raid:</u> At 20:00, Israeli Special Forces raided the city of Bethlehem, abducted 2 civilians, including 1 Palestinian National Security officer, severely beat the 2 civilians and then released them after 1 hour.
TULKAREM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Closure:</u> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (i) The Israeli army closed Al Kafriyat checkpoint (separating Tulkarem from Qalqiliya) to all vehicles. (ii) The Israeli army closed the iron gate of Al Sha’rawiya (separating Tulkarem from its northern villages). Only residents of the area were permitted to cross the gate. (iii) The Israeli army closed the iron gate of Enav (separating Tulkarem from Nablus) to all vehicles. • <u>Flying Checkpoints:</u> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 09:25, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the road between the town of Bal’a and Deir Ghusun, searched vehicles, examined passenger IDs and obstructed the movement of traffic (ii) At 09:25, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the road between Bal’a and Illar, searched vehicles, examined passenger IDs and obstructed the movement of traffic. • <u>Separation Wall Gates:</u> Passage through the separation wall gates is restricted to civilians granted special Israeli permits. The closure continues to negatively impact education, economic and livelihood activities and impede access to health facilities. • <u>Attack:</u> The Israeli army opened indiscriminate fire from its location in the

	<p>headquarters of the Military Coordination Committee towards nearby houses.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Raids: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 15:30, the Israeli army raided the town of Attil, searched houses, fired tear gas grenades towards 2 schools and arrested 2 civilians who had been recently released as part of a prisoners exchange between the Israeli Government and Hezbollah. (ii) At 22:10, 3 Israeli jeeps raided the city of Tulkarem and took position near the eastern entrance to Tulkarem refugee camp. • Arrests: The Israeli army arrested 2 civilians in the town of Attil: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Luay Al Sa'di, 25 years old; and (ii) Amjad Zuheir Al Aqqab, 24 years old.
NABLUS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Attack: At 22:30, the Israeli army opened fire from its location in Jabal Al Tur towards civilian houses in the towns of Balata and Al Dahiya.
HEBRON	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Raid: At 23:00, the Israeli army raided the town of Dura, surrounded 1 building and arrested 11 civilians. • Arrests: The Israeli army arrested 11 civilians in Dura: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Abdul Rahim Arqoub, 31 years old; (ii) Abdul Rahman Al Nammur, 28 years old; (iii) Mahmoud Abu Artqub, 21 years old; (iv) Muhannad Abu Arqub, 20 years old; (v) Mutaz Abu Arqoub, 21 years old; (vi) Muntasir Abu Arqoub, 20 years old; (vii) Jamal Abu Zanid, 35 years old; (viii) Abdallah Al Namura, 45 years old; (ix) Mahir Al Namur, 30 years old; (x) Nafiz Khallaf, 35 years old; and (xi) Iyad Hureibat, 30 years old. At 19:30, the Israeli army arrested 1 civilian at the junction of Al Fawwar: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (xii) Amin Abdul Majid Al Bayid, a Palestinian Police officer.
QALQILYA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Separation Wall Gates: Passage through the separation wall gates is restricted to civilians granted special Israeli permits. The closure continues to negatively impact education, economic and livelihood activities and impede access to health facilities. • Raids: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 18:45, several Israeli jeeps raided the southern neighbourhood of Qalqiliya city and opened indiscriminate fire. (ii) At 01:50, the Israeli army, including 4 jeeps, raided Qalqilya city.

SALFIT	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Raid: At 14:00, 3 Israeli jeeps raided the town of Kafr ad Dik.
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GAZA STRIP

NORTHERN GAZA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure: The Erez crossing was partially open to workers. • Killing: In addition to Ibrahim Al Sheikh, who died yesterday due to suffocation at the Beit Hanoun crossing, Loay Hamda, 20 years old, died as a result of suffocation due to overcrowding at Beit Hanoun crossing.
GAZA CITY	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) The junction of Nitsareem remains closed. (ii) Al Muntar crossing is closed. • Attack: At 15:20, the Israeli army opened intensive fire from an APC positioned at the new gate of Al Muntar crossing towards a Palestinian National Security location near the Karni crossing. • Killing: At 07:45, the body of Khalil Dighmish was found near the Karni/ Nitsareem road with a bullet to the hip as a result of an attack by the Israeli army yesterday afternoon.
CENTRAL GAZA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Attack: At 20:50, the Israeli army opened fire from Point 118 towards Palestinian Territory.
KHAN YUNIS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Abu al Ajin road (Khan Yunis Al Sharqiya) remains closed. (ii) Western road (Khan Yunis) remains closed. (iii) Khan Yunis/Al Mawasi road remains closed. (iv) Abu Holi road was closed 3 times, during which vehicles were detained and searched. • Attacks: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 11:00, the Israeli army opened intensive fire from Point 19 and fired tank shells towards the east, killing 1 Palestinian General Intelligence officer. (ii) At 07:50, the Israeli army opened intensive fire from Point 7 towards civilian houses in the area of Al Delta, injuring 1 civilian. • Killing: The Israeli army killed 46-year-old Jihad Afifi.

<p>RAFAH</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) The Gaza International Airport remains closed. (ii) The Sufa crossing is closed. • Killing: Muhammad Zu'rob, 32 years old, died due to injuries sustained during the Israeli army incursion into the area of Al Sha'out on 11 February 2004. • Land Levelling: Israeli bulldozers levelled vast areas of land belonging to civilians from the neighborhood of Zu'rob.
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GENERAL

<p>GAZA STRIP</p>	<p>Workers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) 6,161 workers crossed the Green Line into Israel. (ii) 3,014 workers entered the Erez Industrial Area.
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