

## مجموعة الرقابة الفلسطينية



## PALESTINIAN MONITORING GROUP

## DAILY SITUATION REPORT

08:00 16 February 2005 – 08:00 17 February 2005

## SUMMARY OF EVENTS

EVENT	WEST BANK	GAZA STRIP	TOTAL	NOTES
Attacks	2	5	7	Incl. 1 during raid & 5 from posts
Raids	15	2	17	Incl. 4 in Ramallah and 3 in Hebron
Air Patrols	2	—	2	Over Deir Sharaf straights in Nablus
Arrests (per person)	7	2	9	Incl. 2 children
Detentions	5	1	6	Incl. at checkpoints
Land Levelling	—	1	1	In Tall As Sultan neighbourhood
Wall Construction	18	—	18	Incl. Jer., Jenin, Ram'lah, Beth., Salfit
Destruction of Property	1	—	1	5 civilian vehicles burned by settlers
Checkpoints	(All)	—	(All)	
Flying Checkpoints	7	—	7	Incl. 2 in Ramallah and 3 in Hebron
Closure (per District)	6	—	6	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
School Disruption	1	—	1	Students and teachers delayed
Settler Violence	3	—	3	Incl. 2 Italian peace activists beaten
Provocation of Pal. Forces	1	2	3	Incl. open fire towards 1 Pal. post
Palestinian Attacks	—	3	3	Incl. 5 unidentified mortars
Pal. Security Measures	—	1	1	Armed operation foiled
Demonstrations	2	—	2	Incl. in Beituniya against the Wall
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>70</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>91</b>	

DISTRICT	EVENT
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<p style="text-align: center;"><b>ALL DISTRICTS</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 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.</li> </ul>
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### WEST BANK

<p style="text-align: center;"><b>JERUSALEM</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Closure:</b> 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.</li> <li>• <b>Wall Gates:</b> The Israeli army continues to close the Wall gate in the town of Abu Dis with cement blocks, preventing civilians from crossing.</li> <li>• <b>Wall Construction:</b> 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.</li> <li>• <b>Checkpoint:</b> At 08:00 on 17 February 2005, the Israeli army intensified its restrictions at Qalandiya checkpoint and prevented civilians who were leaving Ramallah from crossing.</li> </ul>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>RAMALLAH &amp; EL BIREH</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Wall Construction:</b> Wall construction continues in Budrus, Midya, Ni'lin, Deir Qaddis, Bil'in, Beit Liqya, and Beituniya.</li> <li>• <b>Flying Checkpoints:</b> The Israeli army set up 1 flying checkpoint at the gate to the village of An Nabi Salih and another flying checkpoint on the overpass to the town of 'Atara, searched civilian vehicles, and obstructed civilian movement.</li> <li>• <b>Raids/Provocation of Palestinian Forces:</b> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) At 12:15, an Israeli army patrol raided the village of Al Mughayyir and patrolled the area.</li> <li>(ii) At 12:30, the Israeli army, including 3 jeeps, raided the city of Ramallah. At 14:25, the Israeli army raided the city again and took photographs of the Palestinian cabinet's headquarters while it was patrolling the area.</li> <li>(iii) The Israeli army raided the town of Silwad and arrested 1 civilian.</li> </ol> </li> <li>• <b>Arrest:</b> The Israeli army arrested an unidentified civilian in the town of Silwad.</li> <li>• <b>Demonstration:</b> At 09:00, a mass demonstration took place in the town of Beituniya in protest against Wall construction. Confrontations took place between the Israeli army and civilians.</li> </ul>

<p style="text-align: center;"><b>JENIN</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Wall Gates:</b> Passage through the Wall gates is restricted to civilians granted special Israeli permits.</li> <li>• <b>Wall Construction:</b> Land levelling for Wall construction continues in Jalbun towards Al Mutilla, Raba, Al Mughayyir, Bardala and 'Ein al Beida, and towards the Jordan River.</li> <li>• <b>Flying Checkpoint:</b> At 23:30, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on Ash Shuhada' junction along the Jenin-Nablus road, searched civilian vehicles, and examined civilians' IDs until 01:25.</li> <li>• <b>Settler Violence:</b> At 15:35, an Israeli settler's vehicle ran over and critically injured 8-year-old Sa'id Bajes Siyajat in the area of Al Malih in the northern Jordan Valley, after which he was transported to an Israeli hospital.</li> </ul>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>TULKAREM</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Closure:</b> The Israeli army continues to close 'Einav gate, which controls the road between the cities of Tulkarem and Nablus, preventing civilian vehicles from crossing.</li> <li>• <b>Wall Gates:</b> Passage through the Wall gates is restricted to civilians granted special Israeli permits.</li> <li>• <b>Flying Checkpoint:</b> At 08:45, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint between the villages of Kafr Zibad and Kafr Jammal, searched civilian vehicles, and examined civilians' IDs.</li> <li>• <b>Raid:</b> At 24:00, the Israeli army, including 3 jeeps, raided the city of Tulkarem and Tulkarem refugee camp and patrolled the area until 02:00.</li> </ul>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>QALQILYA</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Closure:</b> The Israeli army continues to close the gate at the entrance to the village of Kafr Qaddum and prevented civilians from entering or exiting the village except at specific times.</li> <li>• <b>Wall Gates/School Disruption:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) Passage through the Wall gates is restricted to civilians granted special Israeli permits.</li> <li>(ii) Israeli troops positioned at the Wall gate to the village of 'Azzun 'Atma obstructed students and teachers, allegedly to conduct thorough searches, thereby delaying them from reaching their schools on time.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b>Raid:</b> At 03:30, the Israeli army, including 6 jeeps, raided the city of Qalqiliya, searched a number of houses after detaining their residents, and arrested 2 civilians. At 05:00, the Israeli army withdrew from the area.</li> <li>• <b>Arrests:</b> The Israeli army arrested 2 civilians in the city of Qalqiliya: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) Imad Marwan Al Houtari; and</li> <li>(ii) Mohammed Fathi Al Harisi.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b>Demonstration:</b> At 08:30, a mass demonstration took place in the village of Kafr Qaddum and marched towards the village's gate in protest against the closure imposed on the village by the Israeli army and the limited times allotted for civilians to enter and exit the village.</li> </ul>

<p style="text-align: center;"><b>NABLUS</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b><u>Raids/Air Patrol:</u></b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) At 20:10, the Israeli army, including 4 jeeps, raided the area of Deir Sharaf straight west of the city of Nablus. Israeli army helicopter and reconnaissance aircraft patrolled the skies over the area. At 22:30, the Israeli army withdrew from the area.</li> <li>(ii) At 20:25, the Israeli army, including 2 jeeps, raided the area of Al Maslakh (the slaughterhouse) east of the city of Nablus, patrolled the area, and withdrew at 23:00.</li> <li>(iii) At 01:45, the Israeli army, including 2 jeeps, raided and patrolled the city of Nablus.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b><u>Arrest:</u></b> At 08:00 on 16 February 2005, Israeli troops positioned at the village of Sarra checkpoint arrested Jordanian national Iyad Ibrahim Al Qadhi.</li> <li>• <b><u>Settler Violence/Destruction of Property:</u></b> At 21:30 on 15 February 2005, a group of Israeli settlers set fire to 5 civilian vehicles in the town of Huwwara.</li> </ul>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>SALFIT</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b><u>Wall Construction:</u></b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) Land levelling for Wall construction continues in the village of Deir Ballut along the Green Line.</li> <li>(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.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>JERICHO</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b><u>Closure:</u></b> 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.</li> </ul>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>BETHLEHEM</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b><u>Closure:</u></b> 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.</li> <li>• <b><u>Wall Construction:</u></b> 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.</li> <li>• <b><u>Checkpoint:</u></b> At 08:00, the Israeli army closed As Sawahira Ash Sharqiya checkpoint north of the district of Bethlehem, thereby preventing civilians from crossing. As Sawahira Ash Sharqiya checkpoint controls the only road connecting the northern West Bank to the districts of Bethlehem and Hebron.</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b><u>Raids:</u></b></li> <li>(i) The Israeli army raided the village of Harmala and searched a number of houses after detaining their residents.</li> <li>(ii) The Israeli army raided the town of Tuqu', opened fire, fired sound grenades, and patrolled the area.</li> <li>• <b><u>Arrest:</u></b> Israeli troops positioned at Gilo checkpoint south of the city of Jerusalem arrested Zakariyya Musallam Baraq'ah.</li> </ul>
<b>HEBRON</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b><u>Closure:</u></b> 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.</li> <li>• <b><u>Wall Construction:</u></b></li> <li>(i) Land levelling for Wall construction continues west of the towns of Idhna and Beit 'Awwa, in the area extending from the village of Deir Samit, Beit 'Awwa, and towards the village of Al Burj.</li> <li>(ii) Israeli authorities issued an order ruling for the modification of the Wall route in the sections west of the towns of Surif and Beit Ula, following the protests of landowners. The Wall route was moved to the areas parallel to the Green Line.</li> <li>• <b><u>Flying Checkpoints:</u></b> The Israeli army set up flying checkpoints at the entrances to Al Fawwar refugee camp and the villages of 'Abdo and Karma and searched civilians and vehicles.</li> <li>• <b><u>Raids:</u></b></li> <li>(i) At 17:00, an Israeli army patrol raided the city of Hebron and patrolled several neighbourhoods.</li> <li>(ii) The Israeli army raided and patrolled the town of Beit 'Awwa and the village of Al Burj.</li> <li>• <b><u>Settler Violence:</u></b> At 16:00, a group of extremist Israeli settlers from the settlement of Ma'on, southeast of the town of Yatta, attacked 1 sheep farm in the village of At Tuwani south of the town of Yatta. Israeli settlers also severely beat 2 Italian peace activists, after which they were transported to a hospital inside the Green Line. Additionally, the Israeli army arrested 2 civilians.</li> <li>• <b><u>Arrests:</u></b> The Israeli army arrested 2 civilians in the village of At Tuwani south of the town of Yatta: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) Nasser Al Hadarah; and</li> <li>(ii) Jum'ah Ribhi.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

**GAZA STRIP**

<b>NORTHERN GAZA</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b><u>Closure:</u></b> Beit Hanun Crossing is partially open.</li> <li>• <b><u>Raid:</u></b> At 16:35, the Israeli army, including 1 tank and 1 bulldozer, raided Palestinian territory opposite the Industrial Zone (Erez) in Beit Hanun.</li> <li>• <b><u>Arrests/Detention:</u></b> At 17:25, the Israeli army arrested 2 children near Point</li> </ul>
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	<p>52 on the Green Line, allegedly for attempting to infiltrate areas inside the Green Line:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) Khalil Ziyadeh Jasser, 16 years old; and</li> <li>(ii) Suleiman Mahdi Hamid, 15 years old.</li> </ul> <p>The Israeli army also detained another child for a period of time before releasing him</p>
<b>GAZA</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Closure:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) Nitsareem junction remains closed.</li> <li>(ii) Al Shuhada Junction-Al Muntar Crossing road is closed.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b>Attack/Provocation of Palestinian Forces:</b> At 18:30, the Israeli army opened intensive fire towards 1 Palestinian National Security location north of Sheikh 'Ajlin coastal junction, south of Gaza city, allegedly for training purposes.</li> <li>• <b>Palestinian Security Measures:</b> At 05:00, Palestinian security forces arrested 2 armed Palestinian individuals planning to carry out an armed operation at Al Muntar (Karni) Crossing.</li> </ul>
<b>CENTRAL GAZA</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Activities not reported.</li> </ul>
<b>KHAN YUNIS</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Closure:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) Abu Al 'Ajin road (Khan Yunis Al Sharqiya) is closed.</li> <li>(ii) Western road (Khan Yunis) remains closed.</li> <li>(iii) Al Mawasi/Khan Yunis road (Al Tuffah checkpoint) is partially open.</li> <li>(iv) Abu Holi road is partially open.</li> <li>(v) Alon checkpoint (entrance to Al Mawasi/Khan Yunis) south of Deir Al Balah is closed.</li> <li>(vi) The road from Deir Al Balah junction to Abu Holi checkpoint (Kfar Darom road) is closed.</li> <li>(vii) Morag road connecting Khan Yunis eastern and western roads is closed.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b>Attacks/Provocation of Palestinian Forces:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) At 15:00, the Israeli army opened intensive fire from its location at Point 161 on the Green Line towards civilian houses in the area of 'Abasan.</li> <li>(ii) At 16:30, the Israeli army opened intensive fire from its location at Point 8 towards civilian houses in Al Amal neighbourhood, claiming that children were close to the barbed wire fence.</li> <li>(iii) At 23:10, the Israeli army opened fire (using silencers) towards 1 Palestinian National Security patrol in the area of Al Maslakh near An Namsawi neighbourhood.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b>Palestinian Attacks:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) At 11:00, 2 unidentified mortars were fired towards the settlement of Morag.</li> <li>(ii) At 01:00, 2 unidentified mortars were fired towards the settlement of</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

	<p>Ganei Tal.</p> <p>(iii) At 04:50, 1 unidentified mortar was fired towards the settlement of Ganei Tal.</p>
<b>RAFAH</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Closure:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) Yasser Arafat International Airport remains closed.</li> <li>(ii) Rafah Crossing is partially open to arrivals and departures over the age of 35 only.</li> <li>(iii) Sufa Crossing is partially open to construction cargo only.</li> <li>(iv) Al Mawasi/Rafah road is partially open to workers only.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b>Attack:</b> At 05:25, the Israeli army opened intensive fire from its location in the settlement of Atzmona towards civilian houses in Tall As Sultan neighbourhood.</li> <li>• <b>Raid/Land Levelling:</b> At 12:40, the Israeli army raided Palestinian territory in Tall As Sultan neighbourhood and levelled land.</li> </ul>

### GENERAL

<b>POLITICAL PRISONERS</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Prison Reopened:</b> The Israeli army reopened Ad Damon Prison, located on Al Karmel Mount, to accommodate political prisoners. Ad Damon Prison was closed 2 years ago following an Israeli ministerial order for failing to meet the minimal living conditions and standards. 116 political prisoners were relocated to the prison sections. Political prisoners lack necessary needs, including mattresses, detergents, and electrical appliances.</li> </ul>
<b>WORK PERMITS</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>West Bank:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) Israeli authorities renewed 9,878 work permits to cross the Green Line. The total number of those allowed to cross is unknown.</li> <li>(ii) Israeli authorities restricted the issuing of work permits to civilians who are married with children and over the age of 30.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b>Gaza Strip:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) Israeli authorities renewed 500 work permits for workers to enter the Industrial Zones. However, the Israeli army allowed access only to 350 workers (approximately 70% of those possessing new permits).</li> <li>(ii) Israeli authorities renewed 809 work permits for workers to cross the Green Line to work in the construction sector only. However, the Israeli army allowed access only to 500 construction workers (approximately 62% of those possessing new permits).</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
<b>ISRAELI INCITEMENT</b>	<p><b><u>Incitement by Israeli Officials: Surrendering land is prohibited by Judaism</u></b></p> <p>On the eve of the Sharm Ash Sheikh summit, the religious court of rabbis for Habad movement issued a statement denouncing the Israeli government's alleged intention to "surrender parts of the Holy Land to the enemies." Source: <a href="http://www.nfc.co.il">www.nfc.co.il</a>, 9 February 2005.</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b><u>Incitement in Israeli Media:</u></b><ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>(i) Author Dan Yahav published a book entitled <i>How Wonderful This War Is</i> in which he focuses on the dominance of the military mentality on children's education in Israel. Yahav also dealt with the depiction of the Jews as capable of 'making the desert bloom,' contrasting it to the depiction of Arabs as incapable and 'ignorant Bedouins.' The author reached his conclusions after discussing hundreds of texts in the modern Hebrew literature, which includes insulting descriptions of Arabs. Source: <i>Al Quds Al 'Arabi Newspaper</i>, 25 January 2004.</li><li>(ii) Author Gori Grossman commented on, and criticised, the decision of the Israeli government's legal advisor Meini Mazor to allow Arabs residing inside Israel to purchase land belonging to the Jewish National Fund in order to enable Arabs to put an end to Jewish sovereignty in Israel. Grossman also said that he was ready to proudly declare himself 'a racist' in order to prohibit the selling of land to Arabs. Source: <a href="http://www.nfc.co.il">www.nfc.co.il</a>, 29 January 2005.</li></ul></li></ul>
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