

مجموعة الرقابة الفلسطينية



PALESTINIAN MONITORING GROUP

DAILY SITUATION REPORT

08:00 17 February 2004 – 08:00 18 February 2004

SUMMARY OF EVENTS

EVENT	WEST BANK	GAZA STRIP	TOTAL	NOTES
Physical Assaults	2	—	2	By Israeli army and settlers
Injuries	3	1	4	Incl. 2 child., 14 & 15 yrs. old
Attacks	4	4	8	Incl. 1 tank shell
Raids	12	—	12	
Air Patrols	2	—	2	Reconnaissance & helicopters
Arrests (per person)	17	—	17	Incl. 3 females
Detentions	2	—	2	Dozens of civilians at chpnts.
Separation Wall. Const.	9	—	9	Jer. (2), Jenin (3) & Ram. (4)
Land Confiscation	1	—	1	
Checkpoints	All	—	All	
Flying Checkpoints	3	—	3	
Closures (per District)	1	—	1	Mawasi, Khan Yunis
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
Settler Violence	1	—	1	Attack on bus near settlement
Provocation of Pal. Forces	1	—	1	
TOTAL	58	9	67	

DISTRICT	EVENT
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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: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Construction of the separation wall continues in Al Eizariya, Abu Dis, Al Sawahira and Sur Bahir. (ii) The Israeli army closed the only road leading to the village of Sur Bahir, restricting access to a dairy factory and a cement factory in the village. The closure of the road will also prevent engineers from accessing a waste water pump in the area requiring daily maintenance and supervision.
RAMALLAH & EL BIREH	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Separation Wall Construction: Construction of the western portion of the separation wall continues in Budrus, Rantis, Beit Liqya, near Beituniya and near the village of Midya. • Raids: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 17:45, the Israeli army raided the town of Beituniya and searched 1 house. (ii) At 18:35, 2 Israeli jeeps raided the town of Beit Rima and opened indiscriminate fire. (iii) At 21:30, 2 Israeli jeeps raided the villages of Qarawat Bani Zeid and Kafr Ein, opened indiscriminate fire and fired sound bombs.
JENIN	<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. • Separation Wall Construction: 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). • Separation Wall Land Confiscation: The Israeli army confiscated 100 <i>dunums</i> (25 acres) of land from the area of Tubas for the rerouting of the separation wall. • Raid: The Israeli army, supported by helicopters, raided the town of Tubas.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Injury:</u> At 20:00, 15-year-old Sabri Khawas, a resident of the village of Saris, severed his hand as a result of an explosion from an Israeli army UXO. • <u>Arrests:</u> At 10:30, the Israeli army arrested 3 college students from a checkpoint located between the villages of Misliya and Al Zababida: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Muhammad Ibrahim Isa; (ii) Malik Ahmad Obeid; and (iii) Omar Rabay'a.
JERICHO	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Arrest:</u> The Israeli army arrested 19-year-old Muhammad Zawahra while he was tending sheep in the village of Ojai, near the settlement of Naomi.
BETHLEHEM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Raids:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 18:55, the Israeli army raided the area of Beit Sahur and crossed a Palestinian National Security checkpoint. (ii) At 18:55, the Israeli army raided the city of Bethlehem and Al Duheisha refugee camp, searched several houses and arrested 2 civilians. • <u>Arrests:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 09:00, the Israeli army arrested Ashraf Sakika, a resident of Al Duheisha refugee camp, from Al Khadr checkpoint. (ii) The Israeli army arrested 2 civilians in Al Duheisha refugee camp: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Midhat Al Afandi, 20 years old; and (ii) Muhammad Hasanat, 25 years old.
TULKAREM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Flying Checkpoints:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 13:00, the Israeli army set up flying checkpoints between the town of Anabta and the city of Tulkarem and another at the entrance to the town of Beit Lid, searched vehicles and examined passenger IDs. (ii) At 14:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint between Dahiyat Dhinnaba and the town of Kafr Labad, searched vehicles and examined passenger IDs. • <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>Raids:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 16:30, the Israeli army raided the town of Bal'a, opened indiscriminate fire towards civilians, occupied 1 house and continued to open fire from it, injuring 2 civilians, including 1 child. (ii) At 09:30, the Israeli army raided the city of Tulkarem, approached a Palestinian National Security location and threatened to shoot anyone

	<p>attempting to the leave the area.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Air Patrol:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 09:00, Israeli reconnaissance aircraft patrolled the skies over the city. (ii) At 04:50, Israeli helicopters patrolled the skies over the city at low altitude. • <u>Injury:</u> The Israeli army injured Ali Zureiqi, 14 years old, by a bullet to the neck in the town of Bal'a. • <u>Arrests:</u> The Israeli army arrested 4 civilians, including 3 women, from the checkpoint near the village of Deir Sharaf: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Sima Darwish; (ii) Sima Zalmut; (iii) Nawal Al Khalili; and (iv) Aysar Jarrar.
NABLUS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Detentions/Physical Assaults:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 11:00, the Israeli army detained 10 busses transporting college students at the checkpoint near the settlement of Shave Shomeron. After the busses were released, a group of Israeli settlers attacked and vandalised the busses and beat 1 college student. (ii) At 18:45, the Israeli army detained 30 civilians at the checkpoint of Tel, one of whom was severely beaten. • <u>Raid:</u> At 02:00, the Israeli army raided the city of Nablus and Balata refugee camp and arrested 6 civilians. • <u>Arrest:</u> The Israeli army arrested 6 civilians in Balata refugee camp: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Ala Uweis; (ii) Jabir Hamada; (iii) Bilal Ja'arin; (iv) Loay Al Maghribi; (v) Muhammad Al Maghribi; and (vi) Anwar Abu Isa.
HEBRON	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Activities not reported.
QALQILYA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <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>Raid:</u> At 18:30, Israeli Special Forces raided the city of Qalqiliya and arrested 1 civilian. • <u>Arrest:</u> The Israeli army arrested Yaqoub Al Hutari, 19 years old, in the city of Qalqilya.

SALFIT	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Activities not reported.
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GAZA STRIP

NORTHERN GAZA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure: The Erez crossing was partially open to workers. • Attack: At 23:05, the Israeli army fired 1 tank shell towards the south of Beit Lahia.
GAZA CITY	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (i) The junction of Nitsareem remains closed. (ii) Al Muntar crossing is closed.
CENTRAL GAZA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Activities not yet reported.
KHAN YUNIS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure: <ol 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 (isolating the residential area). (iv) Abu Holi road was closed once. • Attacks: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 11:05, the Israeli army opened intensive fire from Point 173 towards east Khuza'a, injuring 1 civilian. (ii) At 19:50, the Israeli army opened intensive fire from its location in the settlement of Gosh Kateef towards the area of Al Baraka. (iii) At 12:50, the Israeli army opened intensive fire from the settlement of Morag towards Palestinian Territory.
RAFAH	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (i) The Gaza International Airport remains closed. (ii) The Sufa crossing is closed.