

## مجموعة الرقابة الفلسطينية



## PALESTINIAN MONITORING GROUP

## DAILY SITUATION REPORT

08:00 17 February 2005 – 08:00 18 February 2005

## SUMMARY OF EVENTS

EVENT	WEST BANK	GAZA STRIP	TOTAL	NOTES
Physical Assaults	3	—	<b>3</b>	Incl. 2 female students beaten
Attacks	2	2	<b>4</b>	1 during raid and 3 from mil. posts
Raids	14	—	<b>14</b>	Incl. 4 in Ramallah and 4 in Tulkarem
Deportation	1	—	<b>1</b>	16 civilians deported from their land
Arrests (per person)	—	2	<b>2</b>	In the district of Northern Gaza
Detentions	6	—	<b>6</b>	At checkpoints
Wall Construction	18	—	<b>18</b>	Incl. Jer., Jenin, Ram'lah, Beth., Salfit
Confiscation of Property	2	—	<b>2</b>	2 female students fined
Land Confiscation	1	—	<b>1</b>	Notices to confiscate 25 <i>dunums</i>
Checkpoints	(All)	—	<b>(All)</b>	
Flying Checkpoints	3	—	<b>3</b>	2 in Ramallah and 1 in Bethlehem
Closure (per District)	6	—	<b>6</b>	Incl. Jerusalem and Jericho (partially)
Closure of Main Roads	(Unidentified)	(10)	—	Incl. 3 partially
Closure of Wall Gates	(All)	—	<b>(All)</b>	Permits required to cross
Closure of Crossing Points	—	4	<b>4</b>	Incl. 3 partially open
School Disruption	1	—	<b>1</b>	Students and teachers delayed
Palestinian Attack	1	—	<b>1</b>	Open fire towards Ganim settlement
Pal. Security Measures	—	1	<b>1</b>	1 tunnel discovered in Rafah
Demonstrations	2	—	<b>2</b>	In Kafr Qaddum against gate closure
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>69</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, completely 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>Checkpoints/School Disruption:</b> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) On 16 February 2005, Nafisah Khalil, a female civilian, was forced to deliver her baby, Abdallah, at Qalandiya checkpoint as the Israeli army intensified its restrictions at the checkpoint and obstructed civilian movement.</li> <li>(ii) Beginning at 08:00 on 17 February 2005, the Israeli army continues to close Qalandiya checkpoint and obstructed civilian movement, including school students and teachers. At 11:55, the Israeli army reopened the checkpoint.</li> </ol> </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> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) At 09:30, the Israeli army closed ‘Atara overpass and obstructed civilian movement in both directions until 11:55.</li> <li>(ii) At 17:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint between the villages of An Nabi Salih and Kafr ‘Ein, searched civilian vehicles, and examined civilians’ IDs until 18:00.</li> </ol> </li> <li>• <b>Raids:</b> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) At 10:55, the Israeli army, including 3 jeeps, raided the cities of Ramallah and El Bireh and patrolled several neighbourhoods at various times until 23:40.</li> <li>(ii) At 23:20, the Israeli army, including 3 jeeps, raided the town of Beit</li> </ol> </li> </ul>

	<p>Rima and patrolled the area.</p> <p>(iii) At 01:40, an Israeli army patrol raided the village of Abu Shukheidim, indiscriminately fire sound grenades, and patrolled the area.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Arrest:</b> The civilian who was reported to have been arrested by the Israeli army in the town of Silwad on 16 February 2005 was identified as Khaled Jamal Shakir.</li> </ul>
<b>JENIN</b>	<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>Checkpoint:</b> The Israeli army intensified its restrictions at Tayasir checkpoint east of the town of Tubas, obstructed civilian movement, and prevented dozens of civilians from crossing, allegedly because they did not possess access permits.</li> <li>• <b>Palestinian Attack:</b> At 22:30, armed Palestinian individuals opened fire towards the settlement of Ganim east of the city of Jenin. The Israeli army responded by opening intensive fire towards civilian houses in the eastern neighbourhood in the city.</li> </ul>
<b>TULKAREM</b>	<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>Raids:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) At 10:55, the Israeli army, including 3 jeeps, raided the town of Bal'a and patrolled the area.</li> <li>(ii) At 00:20, the Israeli army, including 2 jeeps, raided the city of Tulkarem. At 01:15, the Israeli army raided the city again and patrolled the area until 03:20.</li> <li>(iii) At 00:20, an Israeli army patrol raided the town of 'Anabta and the village of Kafr Al Labad and patrolled the area.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b>Land Confiscation:</b> The Israeli army distributed notices to confiscated 25 <i>dunums</i> (6.25 acres) of land cultivated with fruit bearing trees in the village of Khirbet 'Aqqaba in the northern Tulkarem district.</li> </ul>
<b>QALQILYA</b>	<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:</b> Passage through the Wall gates is restricted to civilians granted special Israeli permits.</li> <li>• <b>Demonstration:</b> At 09:15, a mass demonstration took place in the village of Kafr Qaddum and marched towards the village's gate in protest against</li> </ul>

	<p>the Israeli army's closure of the gate, which prevents civilians from entering or exiting the village.</p>
<b>NABLUS</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Raid:</b> At 00:30, the Israeli army raided the city of Nablus, 'Askar refugee camp, and the town of Huwwara and patrolled the area until 01:30.</li> </ul>
<b>SALFIT</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Wall Construction:</b> <ol 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 a claim filed by the Municipality of Salfit, Iskaka Village Council, and civilian landowners, the Israeli Supreme Court issued a decision ruling for the suspension of 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> </ol> </li> <li>• <b>Demonstration:</b> At 09:00, a mass demonstration took place in the city of Salfit in solidarity with political prisoners in Israeli prisons and marched towards the International Committee of the Red Cross until 12:20.</li> </ul>
<b>JERICHO</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Closure:</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>
<b>BETHLEHEM</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Closure:</b> 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.</li> <li>• <b>Wall Construction:</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>Checkpoint:</b> Beginning at 08:00, the Israeli army continues to close As Sawahira Ash Sharqiya checkpoint in the northern Bethlehem district, obstructing civilian movement. At 10:00, the Israeli army reopened the checkpoint. As Sawahira Ash Sharqiya checkpoint controls the only road connecting the northern West Bank districts to the districts of Bethlehem and Hebron.</li> <li>• <b>Physical Assault/Confiscation of Property:</b> At 03:30 on 15 February 2005, a female Israeli soldier positioned at As Sawahira Ash Sharqiya checkpoint severely beat 2 female students from Abu Dis University and led them to the Israeli Police Station in Al Kahn Al Ahmar. The Israeli female soldier also forced each female student to pay a fine of NIS 500.</li> <li>• <b>Raids:</b> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) At 17:50, an Israeli army patrol raided the town of Al Khadr. At 20:10, the Israeli army raided the town again and patrolled the area.</li> </ol> </li> </ul>

	<p>(ii) At 16:45, the Israeli army raided the village of Dar Salah, set up a checkpoint, searched civilian vehicles, and examined civilians' IDs.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Deportation:</b> At 19:45, the Israeli army distributed notices to 16 civilians from the village of Wadi Fukin to leave their agricultural land in the village without stating any reasons.</li> </ul>
<b>HEBRON</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Closure:</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>Wall Construction:</b> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) Land levelling for Wall construction continues west of the towns 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) Following civilian landowners' protest, Israeli authorities issued a decision ruling for the modification of the Wall route in the sections west of the towns of Surif and Beit Ula. The Wall route was moved to the areas parallel to the Green Line.</li> </ol> </li> </ul>

### GAZA STRIP

<b>NORTHERN GAZA</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Closure:</b> Beit Hanun Crossing is partially open.</li> <li>• <b>Arrests:</b> At 14:45, the Israeli army arrested 2 civilians and led them to Beit Hanun (Erez) Crossing for interrogation: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) Mohammed Sayyed Abu Jalawem; and</li> <li>(ii) Wasim Nabil Abu Raed.</li> </ol> </li> </ul>
<b>GAZA</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Closure:</b> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) Nitsareem junction remains closed.</li> <li>(ii) Al Shuhada Junction-Al Muntar Crossing road is closed.</li> </ol> </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> <ol 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) Deir Al Balah junction to Abu Holi checkpoint (Kfar Darom road) is closed.</li> <li>(vii) Morag road, which connects Khan Yunis' eastern and western roads, is closed.</li> </ol> </li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Attack:</b> At 01:00, the Israeli army opened intensive fire from its location at Point 7 towards civilian houses in the area of Ar Rabwat.</li> </ul>
<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 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 21:30, the Israeli army opened fire from its location at Point 8 along the Palestinian-Egyptian border towards civilian houses in the neighbourhood of Yabna in Rafah refugee camp.</li> <li>• <b>Palestinian Security Measures:</b> At 11:55, Palestinian security forces discovered 1 tunnel near Al Bahloul gas station in the district of Rafah and dispatched 1 force to demolish it.</li> </ul>

**GENERAL**

<b>POLITICAL PRISONER</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Administrative Detention Orders:</b> Israeli authorities issued orders of administrative detention (arrest without charge or trial) for 5 political prisoners from the city of Tulkarem.</li> </ul>
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