

## مجموعة الرقابة الفلسطينية



## PALESTINIAN MONITORING GROUP

## DAILY SITUATION REPORT

08:00 17 February 2006 – 08:00 18 February 2006

## SUMMARY OF EVENTS

EVENT	WEST BANK	GAZA STRIP	TOTAL	NOTES
Injuries	4	—	<b>4</b>	In 'Abud and Bil'in, Ramallah
Attacks	6	3	<b>9</b>	Incl. 2 from posts & 2 by naval boats
Raids	16	—	<b>16</b>	Incl. 3 in Ramallah & 4 in Hebron
Air Patrol	1	—	<b>1</b>	Reconnaissance aircraft over Tubas
Arrests	13	—	<b>13</b>	Incl. 8 children
Detentions	11	—	<b>11</b>	At checkpoints & in residential areas
Closure of Checkpoints	2	—	<b>2</b>	Incl. 'Einav checkpoint, Tulkarem
Flying Checkpoints	15	—	<b>15</b>	Incl. 4 in Jerusalem & 3 in Ramallah
Closure (per District)	7	1	<b>8</b>	Incl. a buffer zone in Northern Gaza
Closure of Main Roads	20	—	<b>20</b>	Incl. eastern entrance to Bir Nabala
Closure of Crossing Points	—	6	<b>6</b>	Incl. Rafah & Beit Hanun partially
Provocation of Pal. Forces	—	1	<b>1</b>	Shelling near 3 Pal. security locations
Palestinian Attack	—	1	<b>1</b>	1 unidentified mortar fired
Demonstrations	4	—	<b>4</b>	Incl. in 'Abud, Bil'in, & Beit Sira
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>99</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>111</b>	

DISTRICT	EVENT
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## WEST BANK

JERUSALEM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Closure:</b> The Israeli army intensified its restrictions at checkpoints located at the entrances to the city of Jerusalem, set up several checkpoints in the old city of Jerusalem and in the area surrounding Al Aqsa Mosque compound, and prevented civilians under 45 years of age from accessing Al Aqsa Mosque to perform Friday prayers.</li> <li>• <b>Closure of Main Road:</b> The Israeli army continues to close the eastern entrance to Dahiyat Bir Nabala northwest of the city of Jerusalem with cement blocks.</li> <li>• <b>Checkpoints:</b> The Israeli army continues to intensify its restrictions at Qalandiya and Beit Iksa checkpoints and to impede civilian access.</li> <li>• <b>Wall Gates:</b> The Israeli army continues to close the Wall gate in the town of Abu Dis with cement blocks.</li> <li>• <b>Wall Construction:</b> Wall construction was suspended for the weekend in Dahiyat al Aqbat, from the village of Hizma to 'Anata, along the Hizma-Jaba' road, the area of Al 'Eizariya to Ash Shayyah, near Al Quds University, in the town of As Sawahira ash Sharqiya, from the village of Beit Surik to Biddu, in the areas of Al Judeira, Bir Nabala, and Beit Hanina, around the settlement of Ma'ale Adumim, and west of the village of Al Jib.</li> <li>• <b>Flying Checkpoints:</b> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) The Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the junction to 'Atarot Industrial Zone in Dahiyat ar Ram and searched civilian vehicles.</li> <li>(ii) The Israeli army set up 3 flying checkpoints at the entrances to the towns of Abu Dis and Al 'Eizariya and the village of As Sawahira and searched civilians and vehicles.</li> </ol> </li> </ul>
RAMALLAH & EL BIREH	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Closure of Main Road:</b> The Israeli army continues to close the eastern entrance to the village of Sinjil with dirt barricades.</li> <li>• <b>Wall Construction:</b> Wall construction was suspended for the weekend in the areas of Al Midya to Budrus, Al Midya to Ni'lin, Bil'in to Saffa, in the village of Beit Liqya, in the town of Beituniya, and west of the town of 'Abud and the village of Beit Sira.</li> <li>• <b>Flying Checkpoints:</b> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) At 07:30, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the junction to the village of 'Ein 'Arik and impeded civilian access.</li> <li>(ii) At 07:40, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the overpass to the town of 'Atara and impeded civilian access.</li> <li>(iii) The Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint in the area between the town of Silwad and the village of Yabrud and searched civilians and vehicles.</li> </ol> </li> <li>• <b>Raids:</b> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) At 23:30, the Israeli army, including 2 jeeps, raided the village of 'Arura and Mazari' an Nubani, searched 1 house in the village of Mazari' an Nubani, and withdrew at 00:30.</li> </ol> </li> </ul>

	<p>(ii) The Israeli army raided and patrolled the town of Turmus'ayya.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Demonstrations:</b></li> </ul> <p>(i) A mass demonstration, including international peace activists, took place in the village of 'Abud in protest against Wall construction. Confrontations took place between the Israeli army and protestors, during which the Israeli army injured 1 international peace activist. A number of civilian protestors were also injured as a result of tear gas inhalation.</p> <p>(ii) A mass demonstration, including international peace activists, took place in the village of Bil'in in protest against Wall construction. Confrontations took place between the Israeli army and protestors, during which the Israeli army injured 3 civilian protestors. A number of civilian protestors were also injured as a result of tear gas inhalation.</p> <p>(iii) A mass demonstration took place in the village of Beit Sira in protest against Wall construction west of the village. Confrontations took place between the Israeli army and civilian protestors.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>JENIN</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Closure of Road:</b> The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the detour road leading to the town of 'Arraba east of the settlement of Dotan.</li> <li>• <b>Checkpoint:</b> The Israeli army continues to intensify its restrictions at Tayasir checkpoint east of the town of Tubas and to impede civilian access.</li> <li>• <b>Wall Gates:</b> Passage through the Wall gates is restricted to civilians granted special Israeli permits.</li> <li>• <b>Raid:</b> At 01:00, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the city of Jenin and Jenin refugee camp until 03:00.</li> <li>• <b>Air Patrol:</b> On 17 February 2006, an Israeli army reconnaissance aircraft patrolled the skies over the town of Tubas.</li> <li>• <b>Arrests:</b> At 18:30, the Israeli army arrested 2 children near the town of Ya'bad, claiming that they had thrown stones at Israeli troops: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) Asad Abed Nayef 'Atatrah, 16 years old; and</li> <li>(ii) Fares 'Atef Amr.</li> <li>(iii) The Israeli army arrested Sameer Khaled Khdheirat from the village of Bardala inside the Green Line, claiming that he did not possess a permit to access areas inside the Green Line.</li> </ul> </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 impose a complete closure on the district of Tulkarem and to declare it a closed military zone following a suicide attack carried out on the junction to the village of Far'un. The Israeli army continues to impede civilian access to and from the district.</li> <li>• <b>Closure of Main Road:</b> The Israeli army continues to close the road connecting the town of Bal'a to Dahiyat Iktaba with dirt barricades.</li> <li>• <b>Checkpoints:</b></li> </ul> <p>(i) The Israeli army continues to intensify its restrictions at the checkpoint set up near the settlement of 'Einav on the road connecting the districts of Tulkarem and Nablus, denying access to civilian vehicles.</p> <p>(ii) The Israeli army continues to intensify its restrictions at Jubara checkpoint south of the city of Tulkarem, impeding civilian access.</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> </ul>
QALQILIYA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Wall Gates:</b> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) Passage through the Wall gates is restricted to civilians granted special Israeli permits.</li> <li>(ii) The Israeli army continues to intensify its restrictions at ‘Azzun ‘Atma Wall gate and to search civilians, including students, with a metal detector.</li> </ol> </li> <li>• <b>Wall Construction:</b> Land levelling for Wall construction was suspended for the weekend in the village of Immatin and east of the towns of Kafr Thulth and ‘Azzun.</li> <li>• <b>Flying Checkpoints:</b> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) At 19:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the eastern entrance to the city of Qalqiliya and searched civilians and vehicles until 20:00.</li> <li>(ii) At 07:30, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to the village of ‘Izbat at Tabib and searched civilians and vehicles.</li> </ol> </li> <li>• <b>Raid:</b> At 15:40, the Israeli army raided the town of ‘Azzun and searched 1 barracks used for poultry.</li> <li>• <b>Demonstration:</b> At 11:10, a mass demonstration took place at the entrance to the town of ‘Azzun in protest against Hebrew graffiti that caused offence to Prophet Mohammed (peace be upon him), which was scrawled earlier by Israeli settlers on a wall of the mosque in the village of An Nabi Elyas. Confrontations took place between the Israeli army and civilian protestors, during which the Israeli army arrested 1 child.</li> <li>• <b>Arrest:</b> The Israeli army arrested Ashraf Abdul Salam Radhwan, 17 years old, at the entrance to the town of ‘Azzun.</li> </ul>
NABLUS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Closure of Main Road:</b> The Israeli army continues to close the main road leading to the district of Jenin between the junction to the village of Deir Sharaf and the settlement of Shavei Shomron. Instead, the Israeli army has forced civilians to travel along an unpaved 1.5-km-long road, which branches off from the Nablus-Tulkarem road and intersects with the Nablus-Jenin road opposite the village of Sabastiya.</li> <li>• <b>Checkpoints:</b> The Israeli army continues to regulate times for crossing Huwwara, Beit Iba, At Tur Mountain, and Beit Furik checkpoints around the city of Nablus. The Israeli army closes the checkpoints overnight and reopens them at various morning hours.</li> <li>• <b>Flying Checkpoint:</b> The Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on Al Badhan road, searched civilian vehicles, and impeded civilian access.</li> <li>• <b>Attack:</b> At 15:30, the Israeli army opened fired from its location on At Tur Mountain south of the city of Nablus towards civilian houses in the city of Nablus.</li> <li>• <b>Raid:</b> At 14:20, the Israeli army raided the village of Beita and arrested 1 civilian.</li> <li>• <b>Arrest:</b> The Israeli army arrested Saber Ibrahim ‘Eid in the village of Beita.</li> </ul>

<p style="text-align: center;"><b>SALFIT</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b><u>Closure of Main Roads:</u></b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) The Israeli army continues to close the main north-western entrance to the city of Salfit with dirt barricades. The road has been closed since the beginning of the current <i>Intifada</i> (Uprising).</li> <li>(ii) The Israeli army continues to close the western entrances to the town of Bruqin and the village of Marda with dirt barricades.</li> <li>(iii) The Israeli army continues to close the western entrance to the town of Kafr ad Dik with cement cements.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b><u>Checkpoints:</u></b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) The Israeli army continues to close Deir Ballut checkpoint overnight and open it at various morning hours. The Israeli army also prevents civilians from crossing eastwards towards the town of Kafr ad Dik.</li> <li>(ii) The Israeli army continues to intensify its restrictions at the Za'tara junction checkpoint and to impede civilian access.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b><u>Wall Construction:</u></b> Wall construction was suspended for the weekend near the Green Line in the town of Deir Ballut and the villages of Az Zawiya and Rafat, northwest of the city of Salfit, and in the village of Marda and the town of Kifl Haris north of the settlement of Ari'el.</li> <li>• <b><u>Flying Checkpoint:</u></b> The Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the underpass road leading to the town of Az Zawiya and searched civilians and vehicles.</li> <li>• <b><u>Raids:</u></b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) The Israeli army, including 2 jeeps, raided and patrolled the town of Kafr ad Dik.</li> <li>(ii) The Israeli army raided the town of Az Zawiya and arrested 1 civilian.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b><u>Arrest:</u></b> The Israeli army arrested Ibrahim Suleiman Raddad in the town of Az Zawiya.</li> </ul>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>JERICHO</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b><u>Closure:</u></b> Road # 90 between the city of Jericho and the village of Al 'Auja is closed with cement blocks. The Israeli army prevents farmers not holding Jericho ID cards from reaching their land, forcing them to apply for access permits. The Israeli army also sporadically impedes civilian movement into the city of Jericho, except for Jerusalem and Jericho ID holders.</li> <li>• <b><u>Checkpoints:</u></b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) The Israeli army continues to intensify its restrictions at Al Hamra checkpoint on the road connecting the districts of Jericho and Nablus, impeding civilian access.</li> <li>(ii) The Israeli army continues to close the checkpoint at the entrance to the village of 'Ein Ad Duyuk on the road connecting the districts of Jericho and Ramallah and to prevent civilians from crossing in both directions between 20:00 and 05:00 on a daily basis.</li> <li>(iii) The Israeli army intensified its restrictions at the DCO checkpoint set up at the southern entrance to the city of Jericho, impeding civilian access.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

<p style="text-align: center;"><b>BETHLEHEM</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Closure:</b> The Israeli army continues to close the roads to the village of An Nu'man, with the exception of the road leading to the Wall gate in the south-eastern area of the village. The Israeli army considers the civilians' residence in the village illegal because they hold West Bank identity cards while their village is located within the Israeli-defined municipal boundaries of Jerusalem.</li> <li>• <b>Closure of Main Roads:</b> The Israeli army continues to close all roads to Road # 60 leading to the city of Jerusalem, thereby isolating the city of Bethlehem from its towns and villages located west of Road # 60.</li> <li>• <b>Wall Construction:</b> Wall construction was suspended for the weekend north of 'Ayda refugee camp towards the area north of the city of Beit Jala and in the Everest area, northwest of the city of Beit Jala.</li> <li>• <b>Raids:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) At 15:20, an Israeli army patrol raided the village of Dar Salah and set up a checkpoint. At 08:00, the Israeli army raided the village again, set up a checkpoint, and searched civilians and vehicles.</li> <li>(ii) At 17:25, an Israeli army patrol raided the town of Al Khadr, set up a checkpoint, searched civilian vehicles, and arrested 6 civilians, including 5 children.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b>Arrests:</b> The Israeli army arrested 6 civilians in the town of Al Khadr: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) Mohammed Ibrahim Ghneim, 15 years old;</li> <li>(ii) Sami Ali Subh, 17 years old;</li> <li>(iii) 'Issmat Mohammed Salah, 16 years old;</li> <li>(iv) Murad Abdul Hadi Shamroukh, 14 years old;</li> <li>(v) Suhayb Mohammed Shamroukh, 16 years old; and</li> <li>(vi) 'Imad al Massri.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>HEBRON</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Closure:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) The Israeli army continues to close with cement blocks and barbed wire Ash Shuhada' Street and the area of As Sahleh and with an iron gate the old gold market, all in the H2 section of the city of Hebron, denying access to civilians and vehicles.</li> <li>(ii) The Israeli army continues to implement a military order to close civilian commercial shops on both sides of the road connecting the settlement of Kiryat Arba' to the Ibrahimi Mosque in the old city of Hebron from 06 November 2005 until 07 May 2006. Civilian vehicles are prohibited from travelling along the road unless they possess access permits. Only Israeli settler vehicles are allowed unrestricted access on the road.</li> <li>(iii) The Israeli army continues to close with a dirt barricade the area of Khuzq al Far near the settlement of Abraham Avino in the old city of Hebron, in addition to the iron gate that has been set up in the area.</li> <li>(iv) The Israeli army continues to close the entrance to the area of Al Khan in the old city of Hebron with an electronic gate, isolating the area from Al Laban Market and the area of As Sahleh.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b><u>Closure of Main Roads:</u></b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the area of Al Hawawir leading to the town of Halhul, the area of Al Fahs south of the city of Hebron, and the junction to the area of Farsh al Hawa leading to Road # 35 northwest of the city of Hebron. The Israeli army also continues to close with dirt barricades the entrances to the town of Idhna and the village of ‘Arab ar Ramadin.</li> <li>(ii) The Israeli army continues to close the main entrance to Al ‘Arrub refugee camp with cement blocks.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b><u>Wall Construction:</u></b> Wall construction was suspended for the weekend west of the town of Surif to Beit Ula, in the town of Idhna, from the village of Deir Samit to the village of Beit ‘Awwa, from Beit ‘Awwa to the village of Al Burj, and south of the towns of Adh Dhahiriya and As Samoa’.</li> <li>• <b><u>Flying Checkpoint:</u></b> At 09:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the overpass to the town of Halhul and searched civilians and vehicles.</li> <li>• <b><u>Raids:</u></b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) At 20:00, the Israeli army, including 6 jeeps, raided and patrolled the city of Hebron.</li> <li>(ii) At 23:00, the Israeli army, including 5 jeeps, raided and patrolled the town of Adh Dhahiriya.</li> <li>(iii) The Israeli army raided the village of Imreish, opened fire, searched 1 house, and arrested 1 civilian.</li> <li>(iv) The Israeli army raided the village of Khirbet Salama and searched 1 house.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b><u>Arrest:</u></b> The Israeli army arrested Ahmed Nassar ash Sha’rawi in the village of Imreish.</li> </ul>
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## GAZA STRIP

<p style="text-align: center;"><b>ALL DISTRICTS</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Israeli army partially eased the closure it has imposed on the Gaza Strip since 16 December 2005 ostensibly due to Palestinian individuals’ firing of mortars towards the Green Line.</li> </ul>
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<p style="text-align: center;"><b>NORTHERN GAZA</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b><u>Closure:</u></b> Beginning at 18:00 on 28 December 2005, the Israeli army has continued to impose a buffer zone (through open fire as well as artillery and air attacks) in the area near the Green Line, including the area of the debris of evacuated settlements, in the district of Northern Gaza. The Israeli army has also warned that civilians would put their lives in danger if they enter the designated area.</li> <li>• <b><u>Closure of Crossing Point:</u></b> Beit Hanun (Erez) Crossing is partially open to foreign nationals, VIPs, civilians holding special permits, and humanitarian cases.</li> </ul>
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b><u>Attacks/Provocation of Palestinian Forces:</u></b> Between 17:20 and 19:30, the Israeli army fired 26 artillery shells from its location inside the Green Line towards Palestinian territory near 3 Palestinian National Security locations north of the town of Beit Lahiya. Of these, 3 artillery shells did not explode.</li> <li>• <b><u>Palestinian Attack:</u></b> At 02:30, 1 unidentified mortar was fired towards the Green Line.</li> </ul>
<b>GAZA</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b><u>Closure of Crossing Points:</u></b> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) Al Muntar (Karnei) Crossing is closed.</li> <li>(ii) Nahal 'Oz Crossing 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>• Activities not reported.</li> </ul>
<b>RAFAH</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b><u>Closure of Crossing Points:</u></b> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) Yasser 'Arafat International Airport remains closed.</li> <li>(ii) Rafah Crossing is partially open in both directions to passengers holding Palestinian IDs, humanitarian cases, and Arab and foreign diplomatic missions.</li> <li>(iii) Sufa Crossing is closed.</li> </ol> </li> <li>• <b><u>Attacks:</u></b> At 10:15, and again at 16:10, an Israeli naval boat opened indiscriminate fire towards Palestinian fishing boats opposite the beach of the city of Rafah, claiming that they had approached a prohibited area.</li> </ul>