

مجموعة الرقابة الفلسطينية



PALESTINIAN MONITORING GROUP

DAILY SITUATION REPORT

08:00 18 February 2004 – 08:00 19 February 2004

SUMMARY OF EVENTS

EVENT	WEST BANK	GAZA STRIP	TOTAL	NOTES
Injuries	3	2	5	Incl. 15 year old child
Attacks	2	3	5	Incl. 1 tank shell
Raids	16	1	17	
Air Patrols	2	—	2	Reconnaissance & combat
Arrests (per person)	13	3	16	
Detentions	—	3	3	
House Demolitions	4	—	4	Incl. 2 in Jer. & 1 in Jenin
Land Levelling	—	2	2	90 <i>dunums</i>
Separation Wall. Const.	9	—	9	Jer. (2), Jenin (3) & Ram. (4)
Destruction of Property	1	—	1	Warning for dem. of 10 wells
Land Confiscation	1	—	1	For const. of mil. watchtower
House Occupation	1	—	1	
Checkpoints	All	—	All	
Flying Checkpoints	5	—	5	
Closures (per District)	2	1	3	
Closure of Main Roads	Most	(4)	Most	Esp. connecting governorates
Closure of Wall Gates	All	—	All	Permits required to cross
Closure of Crossing Points	—	2	2	1 Partially open to workers
Settler Violence	1	—	1	Land levelling
School Disruption	1	—	1	Attack on school playground
TOTAL	61	17	78	

DISTRICT	EVENT
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WEST BANK

JERUSALEM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (i) 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. (ii) The Israeli authorities issued orders extending the period of closure of a number of Palestinian institutions, including the Orient House and the Chamber of Commerce. • Separation Wall Construction: <ol 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 continues to close 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 has also prevented engineers from accessing a waste water pump in the area requiring daily maintenance and serving as the only irrigation source for agricultural land in the area. • House Demolitions: The Israeli army demolished 2 houses in the neighbourhood of Ras Amud. • Settler Violence: Israeli settlers levelled land belonging to the village of Hizma near the settlement of Adam.
RAMALLAH & EL BIREH	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Flying Checkpoint: At 20:10, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the road between Kafr 'Ein and Deir Ghassana. • 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. • House Demolitions: At 12:35, the Israeli army raided the village of Kafr Ni'ma and issued 4 house demolition orders to relatives of Palestinian political prisoners. • Raids: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 18:45, and again at 20:15, 2 Israeli jeeps raided the town of Deir Ghassana. (ii) At 23:35, 2 Israeli jeeps raided the towns of Al Nabi Salih, Kafr 'Ein, Qarawat Bani Zeid and Al Mazari'. (iii) At 07:10, 3 Israeli jeeps raided the town of Beit Rima, opened indiscriminate fire and fired tear gas grenades towards students in Al Balda School playground, injuring 2 civilians with rubber coated steel

	bullets and another who sustained injuries due to tear gas inhalation.
JENIN	<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>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>House Demolition/Raid:</u> At 03:00, the Israeli army raided the town of Silat al Harithiya and demolished 1 house using explosives. The house belongs to a Palestinian to a political prisoner.
JERICHO	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Activities not reported.
BETHLEHEM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Activities not reported.
TULKAREM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Flying Checkpoints:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 10:40, and again at 22:20, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the Bal'a junction, searched vehicles and civilians. (ii) At 11:05, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the road between the towns of Deir Ghusun and Bal'a and searched civilians. (iii) At 15:20, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance of Beit Lid and prevented civilians from travelling to Tulkarem city. • <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 09:50, and again at 11:25, the Israeli army raided the city of Tulkarem and patrolled the area. (ii) At 23:15, the Israeli army raided the town of Kafr al Labad and patrolled the area. (iii) At 03:15, the Israeli army raided Tulkarem refugee camp, opened intensive and indiscriminate fire and arrested 1 civilian. (iv) At 04:10, the Israeli army raided the city of Tulkarem, occupied 1 house and converted it into a military post. • <u>Air Patrol:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 10:00, Israeli reconnaissance aircraft patrolled the skies over the city and refugee camp. (ii) At 13:30, Israeli combat aircraft patrolled the skies over the city at low

	<p>altitude.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Arrest: The Israeli army arrested Bakir Bani Odeh in Tulkarem refugee camp.
NABLUS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Destruction of Property: The Israeli authorities issued notices for the demolition of 10 water wells in the village of Majdal Bani Fadil, located 5 km. from the separation wall, on grounds that the wells were not licensed. • Land Confiscation: The Israeli authorities issued land confiscation orders for 2 <i>dunums</i> (0.50 acres) of land belonging to the village of Tel for construction of a military watchtower, prior to confiscation of land near the watchtower. Similar procedures were enacted in the construction of an Israeli military post southeast of the village. • Arrests: At 08:10, the Israeli army arrested 4 civilians from the junction of the village of Jit, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Ahmad Ramadan; and (ii) Omar Asida.
HEBRON	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Raid: At 13:00, the Israeli army raided the town of Yatta and arrested 8 civilians. • Arrests: The Israeli army arrested 8 civilians in the town of Yatta: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Dhiyab Abu Qubeita; (ii) Aziz Abu Qubeita; (iii) Ali Abu Qubeita; (iv) Ahmad Qureish; (v) Hamza Zein; (vi) Mahmoud Qareish; (vii) Muhammad Qubeita; and (viii) Rasi Shureitih.
QALQILYA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure: At 06:30, the Israeli army closed the iron gate of Azzun, located at the northern entrance to the town, isolating the district of Qalqiliya from Tulkarem and Qalqiliya city from its northern and southern villages. • 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.
SALFIT	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • House Demolition: At 01:15, 12 Israeli jeeps raided the city of Salfit and destroyed the second floor of a 3-storey house with explosives. The house, belonging to Palestinian political prisoners, is no longer suitable for habitation.

GAZA STRIP

NORTHERN GAZA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure: The Erez crossing was partially open to workers.
GAZA CITY	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure: The junction of Nitsareem remains closed. • Raid: The Israeli army, including 4 APCs and 2 bulldozers, raided an area opposite a Palestinian National Security post in Gaza city. • Arrest: At 08:30, the Israeli army, located south of the settlement of Nitsareem, arrested 3 civilians and detained 3 others who were later released.
CENTRAL GAZA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Attack: At 15:55, the Israeli army opened intensive fire from the settlement of Kfar Daroom towards the west at civilian houses, injuring a 15-year-old Yusuf Bashir.
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 (isolating residential areas). • Land Levelling: At 11:05, 3 Israeli bulldozers raided northwest of Al Matahin and levelled 45 <i>dunums</i> (11.25 acres) of land. • Attack: At 23:05, the Israeli army opened intensive fire and fired 1 tank shell towards the main road near Al Amal neighbourhood.
RAFAH	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure: The Gaza International Airport remains closed. • Land Levelling: At 15:15, Israeli bulldozers levelled 45 <i>dunums</i> of cultivated land in the area of the settlement of Morag. • Attack: At 16:00, the Israeli army opened intensive fire from Point 4 towards civilian houses, injuring 1 civilian.

WORK PERMITS

WEST BANK	<p>Permits were approved for 5,380 workers. However, the exact number of workers who received the permits and crossed the Green Line is not available.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Permits were issued to civilians over the age of 35 who are married with children. (ii) Permits were only issued to workers in the agricultural sector.
GAZA STRIP	<p>Permits were issued to 9,966 workers.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) 6,993 workers crossed the Green Line into Israel, 59% of a total of 11,757 workers. (ii) 2,973 workers entered the Erez Industrial Area, 58% of a total of 5,061 workers.