

مجموعة الرقابة الفلسطينية



PALESTINIAN MONITORING GROUP

DAILY SITUATION REPORT

08:00 18 February 2005 – 08:00 19 February 2005

SUMMARY OF EVENTS

EVENT	WEST BANK	GAZA STRIP	TOTAL	NOTES
Attacks	1	6	7	1 during raid and 6 from mil. posts
Raids	7	1	8	Incl. 1 in Qalqiliya and 2 in Nablus
Arrest (per person)	1	—	1	In the city of Jerusalem
Detentions	2	—	2	At checkpoints
Land Levelling	—	1	1	West of the settlement of Kfar Darom
Checkpoints	(All)	—	(All)	
Flying Checkpoints	7	—	7	Incl. 2 in Ramallah & 2 in Qalqiliya
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)	Permits required to cross
Closure of Crossing Points	—	5	5	Incl. 3 partially open
Medical Obstruction	1	—	1	Impeding ambulances' access
Settlement Activity	2	—	2	Incl. 1 settler bypass road constructed
Settler Violence	1	—	1	1 civilian severely beaten
Construction of Mil. Posts	1	—	1	1 military post reoccupied
Demonstrations	2	—	2	In Ramallah and Qalqiliya
TOTAL	31	13	44	

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

<p style="text-align: center;">JERUSALEM</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure: 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. • Wall Gates: The Israeli army continues to close the Wall gate in the town of Abu Dis with cement blocks, completely preventing civilians from crossing. • Wall Construction: Wall construction was suspended for the weekend 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. • Arrest: At 15:00, the Israeli army arrested Mohammed Jamal Rabay'ah in the city of Jerusalem.
<p style="text-align: center;">RAMALLAH & EL BIREH</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wall Construction: Wall construction was suspended for the weekend in Budrus, Midya, Ni'lin, Deir Qaddis, Bil'in, Beit Liqya, and Beituniya. • Flying Checkpoints: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 11:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint in the area of Samir Amis along the Ramallah-Jerusalem road, searched civilian vehicles, and examined civilians' IDs. (ii) At 16:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the junction to the village of 'Ein 'Arik, searched civilians and vehicles, and examined civilians' IDs until 22:00. • Raid: At 09:40, the Israeli army raided the village of Deir Abu Mash'al. Confrontations took place between the Israeli army and civilians. • Demonstration: At 13:00, a mass demonstration took place in the city of Ramallah in solidarity with political prisoners in Israeli prisons.
<p style="text-align: center;">JENIN</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wall Gates: Passage through the Wall gates is restricted to civilians granted special Israeli permits. • Wall Construction: Land levelling for Wall construction was suspended for the weekend in Jalbun towards Al Mutilla, Raba, Al Mughayyir, Bardala and 'Ein al Beida, and towards the Jordan River.

<p>TULKAREM</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure: The Israeli army continues to close ‘Einav gate which controls the road between the cities of Tulkarem and Nablus, preventing civilian vehicles from crossing. • Wall Gates: Passage through the Wall gates is restricted to civilians granted special Israeli permits. • Raid: At 17:20, the Israeli army, including 3 jeeps, raided Dahiyat Shuweika in the city of Tulkarem and patrolled the area.
<p>QALQILYA</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure/Medical Obstruction: 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. The Israeli army also prevented ambulances from entering the village to transport ill civilians. • Wall Gates: Passage through the Wall gates is restricted to civilians granted special Israeli permits. • Flying Checkpoints: At 20:40, the Israeli army set up 2 flying checkpoints at the entrances to the city of Qalqiliya and the town of ‘Azzun, searched civilian vehicles, and examined civilians’ IDs. • Raid: At 21:00, the Israeli army, including 2 jeeps, raided the town of ‘Azzun and patrolled the area. • Construction of Military Posts: At 21:00, the Israeli army was dispatched again in the military post west of the town of ‘Azzun, which it had evacuated earlier. • Demonstration: At 13:00, a mass demonstration took place in the city of Qalqiliya in solidarity with political prisoners in Israeli prisons.
<p>NABLUS</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Raid: At 10:10, the Israeli army, including 4 jeeps, raided the city of Nablus, set up a checkpoint in the centre of the city, and searched civilians and vehicles. At 21:00, the Israeli army raided the city again, set up another checkpoint, searched civilians and vehicles, and detained 11 civilian vehicles for an extended period of time before it withdrew.
<p>SALFIT</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wall Construction: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Land levelling for Wall construction was suspended for the weekend in the village of Deir Ballut along the Green Line. (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 city of Salfit for a period of 21 days beginning on 10 February 2005.
<p>JERICHO</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure: 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.
BETHLEHEM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure: 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. • Wall Construction: Construction of the Wall was suspended for the weekend north of the district of Bethlehem, along 'Ayda refugee camp, along the tunnel road (Gilo), and west of the village of Husan. • Raid: At 16:00, an Israeli army patrol raided the town of Al Khadr and patrolled the area. • Settlement Activity: At 12:40, the Israeli army levelled land for the expansion of the road connecting the town of Al 'Ubeidiya to the city of Beit Sahur.
HEBRON	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure: 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. • Wall Construction: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Land levelling for Wall construction was suspended for the weekend 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. (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. • Raid: At 18:00, the Israeli army raided the city of Hebron, set up several checkpoints in various neighbourhoods, searched civilian vehicles, and examined civilians' IDs. • Settlement Activity: The Israeli army continued to level land for the construction of a settler bypass road south of the city of Hebron, leading to the settlement of Kiryat Arba'. • Settler Violence: A group of Israeli settlers from the settlement of Negohot severely beat and injured Mahmoud Abu Al Ghallas, leaving him with bruises.

GAZA STRIP

NORTHERN GAZA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure: Beit Hanun Crossing is partially open.
GAZA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Nitsareem junction remains closed.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> (ii) Al Shuhada Junction-Al Muntar Crossing road is closed. (iii) Al Muntar (Karni) Crossing is closed.
CENTRAL GAZA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Raid/Land Levelling: At 16:30, an Israeli army bulldozer raided Palestinian territory west of the settlement of Kfar Darom and levelled land.
KHAN YUNIS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Abu Al 'Ajin road (Khan Yunis Al Sharqiya) is closed. (ii) Western road (Khan Yunis) remains closed. (iii) Al Mawasi/Khan Yunis road (Al Tuffah checkpoint) is partially open. (iv) Abu Holi road is partially open. (v) Alon checkpoint (entrance to Al Mawasi/Khan Yunis) south of Deir Al Balah is closed. (vi) Deir Al Balah junction to Abu Holi checkpoint (Kfar Darom road) is closed. (vii) Morag road, which connects Khan Yunis' eastern and western roads, is closed. • Attacks: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 10:00, the Israeli army opened intensive fire from its location at Point 12 towards civilian houses in An Namsawi neighbourhood. (ii) At 11:25, the Israeli army opened intensive fire from its location at Point 164 on the Green Line towards civilian houses in the area of 'Abasan. (iii) At 14:30, the Israeli army opened fire from its location at Point 8 towards civilian houses in Al Amal neighbourhood. (iv) At 16:25, the Israeli army opened fire from its location at Point 9 towards a number of children in West Khan Yunis refugee camp.
RAFAH	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Yasser Arafat International Airport remains closed. (ii) Rafah Crossing is partially open to arrivals and departures over the age of 35 only. (iii) Sufa Crossing is open to construction cargo only. (iv) Al Mawasi/Rafah road is partially open to workers only. • Attacks: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 09:25, the Israeli army opened intensive fire from its location in the area surrounding Rafah Crossing towards Palestinian territory north of the crossing. (ii) At 18:10, the Israeli army opened intensive fire from its location at Point 202 on the Green Line towards Palestinian territory north of Sufa Crossing.

GENERAL

WORK PERMITS	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• <u>West Bank:</u><ul style="list-style-type: none">(i) Israeli authorities renewed 9,878 work permits to cross the Green Line. The total number of those allowed to cross is unknown.(ii) Israeli authorities restricted the issuing of work permits to civilians who are married with children and over the age of 30.• <u>Gaza Strip:</u><ul style="list-style-type: none">(i) Israeli authorities renewed 500 work permits for workers to enter Erez and Karni Industrial Zones. However, 350 workers (approximately 70% of those possessing work permits) were allowed access to the Industrial Zones.(ii) Israeli authorities renewed 809 work permits for workers to cross the Green Line. However, 500 construction workers (approximately 62% of those possessing work permits) were allowed access into the Green Line.
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