مجموعة الرقابة الفلسطينية



PALESTINIAN MONITORING GROUP

DAILY SITUATION REPORT

08:00 20 February 2004 - 08:00 21 February 2004

SUMMARY OF EVENTS

EVENT	WEST BANK	GAZA STRIP	TOTAL	NOTES
Deaths	_	2	2	
Injuries	2	2	4	All children
Attacks	5	2	7	
Raids	19	_	19	
Air Patrols	1	_	1	Reconnaissance
Deportation	_	1	1	Prisoner to Gaza Strip, 4 years
Arrests (per person)	3	_	3	Incl. 1 officer
Land Levelling	_	1	1	10 dunums
Curfew	1	_	1	
Checkpoints	All	_	All	
Flying Checkpoints	2	_	2	
Closures (per District)	1	_	1	Jerusalem
Closure of Main Roads	Most	(4)	Most	Esp. connecting governorates
Closure of Wall Gates	All	_	All	Permits required to cross
Closure of Crossing Points	_	3	3	1 Partially open to workers
Palestinian Attack	_	1	1	1 Mortar towards Green Lin
TOTAL	34	12	46	

DISTRICT	EVENT
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WEST BANK

JERUSALEM	 <u>Closure</u>: 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 and prevented thousands of civilians from reaching Al Aqsa Mosque for Friday prayers, forcing them to pray in the streets and at checkpoints. <u>Separation Wall Construction</u>: Construction of the separation wall in Al Eizariya, Abu Dis, Al Sawahira and Sur Bahir was suspended for the weekend.
RAMALLAH & EL BIREH	 Separation Wall Construction: Construction of the western portion of the separation wall in Budrus, Rantis, Beit Liqya, near Beituniya and near the village of Midya was suspended for the weekend. Raids: At 11:10, an Israeli jeep raided the town of Kafr 'Ein and moved towards the village of Qarawat Bani Zeid, opened indiscriminate fire and fired tear gas grenades, injuring 1 child. At 14:50, an Israeli military personnel carrier and jeep raided Al Jalazun refugee camp and opened fire towards a civilian. At 15:20, and again at 21:00, the Israeli army raided the village of Kafr 'Ein. At 23:00, the Israeli army raided the town of Bir Zeit, searched 1 house and arrested 1 college student. At 23:30, the Israeli army raided the village of Kafr 'Ein and fired sound grenades inside the village before withdrawing at 06:30. Injury: The Israeli army injured 1 child, Izdihar Uhjeija, who was hospitalised for injuries due to tear gas inhalation, in Qarawat Bani Zeid. Arrest: The Israeli army arrested Ayman Abu I'ram, a college student, in Bir Zeit.
JENIN	 <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 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) was

	 suspended for the weekend. Raid: The Israeli army raided the village of Tura al Gharbiya, searched 1 house and arrested 1 civilian. Arrest: The Israeli army arrested 20-year-old Ibrahim Kabha in the village of Tura al Gharbiya.
JERICHO	Activities not reported.
BETHLEHEM	 Closure: The Israeli army closed the southern entrance of the city, leading to the city of Hebron. Raids: At 13:00, the Israeli army, including 6 jeeps, raided the town of Beit Sahur and took position in the southern area of the city for a short period of time. At 03:30, the Israeli army, including 8 jeeps and 3 military trucks, raided the town of Beit Ta'mir, located in Area A (Palestinian Authority administration). At 07:30, the Israeli army, including 18 jeeps, raided the western area of Bethlehem city and the town of Beit Jala (Areas A- Palestinian Authority administration) and arrested 1 Palestinian Police officer. Arrest: The Israeli army arrested Ashraf Haron, a Palestinian Police officer, in Beit Jala.
TULKAREM	 Flying Checkpoints: At 14:30, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the road between the town of Deir Ghusun and the village of Al Jarushiya, searched vehicles, examined IDs and obstructed movement of traffic. At 16:10, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the road between the town of Anabta and Bal'a, searched vehicles and examined passenger IDs. 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. Raids: At 14:25, 2 Israeli jeeps raided the town of Anabta and the village of Kafr al Labad. At 18:30, and again at 23:50, 1 Israeli jeep raided Tulkarem refugee camp, opened indiscriminate fire and fired sound bombs towards the Al Khaduri Agricultural University. At 23:25, 2 Israeli jeeps raided the city and took position opposite the Muqata'a.

	<u>Air Patrol</u> : At 10:00, Israeli reconnaissance aircraft patrolled the skies over the city and refugee camp.
NABLUS	 <u>Raid</u>: 2 Israeli jeeps raided the city of Nablus and opened indiscriminate fire, injuring a child. <u>Injury</u>: The Israeli army injured 11-year-old Imad Madi in Nablus city.
HEBRON	Activities not reported.
QALQILYA	 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. Raid: At 19:30, the Israeli army raided the town of Jayyus and provoked civilians into confrontations with the Israeli army. The Israeli army opened fire and fired tear gas grenades towards civilians and imposed curfew over the town.
SALFIT	Activities not reported.

GAZA STRIP

NORTHERN GAZA	Closure: The Erez crossing was partially open to workers.
GAZA CITY	 Closure: (i) The junction of Nitsareem remains closed. (ii) Al Muntar crossing (Karni) is closed. Deportation: At 10:30, the Israeli army deported Lo'ay Salama, a resident of Nablus city, to the Gaza Strip for 4 years following a period of imprisonment of 23 months.
CENTRAL GAZA	Activities not yet reported.
KHAN YUNIS	• Closure: (i) Abu al Ajin road (Khan Yunis Al Sharqiya) remains closed. (ii) Western road (Khan Yunis) remains closed. (iii) Khan Yunis/Al Mawasi (Al Tuffah checkpoint) road is open to

pedestrians only.
• Land Levelling: At 09:40, 2 Israeli bulldozers and 1 military personnel
carrier raided the area east of Al Matahin and levelled 10 dunums (2.5
acres) of cultivated land.
• Attacks:
(i) At 09:10, the Israeli army opened intensive fire from its location south
of Al Matahin towards Palestinian Territory, killing 2 civilians.
(ii) At 13:25, the Israeli army opened intensive fire from its location at
Point 8 towards Palestinian Territory, injuring 2 children.
(iii) At 22:50, the Israeli army opened intensive fire from its location at
Point 4 towards the north.
• Killing: The Israeli army killed 2 civilians in Al Matahin:
(i) Muhannad Abu Hatab; and
(ii) Muwafaq Al Araj.
• Injuries: The Israeli army injured 2 children:
(i) Muhammad Arafa, 13 years old; and
(ii) Khalil Ramadan, 11 years old.
• Palestinian Attack: At 13:20, 1 Qassam mortar was fired from the area of
Al Khuza'a towards the Green Line.
RAFAH • Closure: The Gaza International Airport remains closed.