

## مجموعة الرقابة الفلسطينية



## PALESTINIAN MONITORING GROUP

## DAILY SITUATION REPORT

08:00 20 February 2005 – 08:00 21 February 2005

## SUMMARY OF EVENTS

EVENT	WEST BANK	GAZA STRIP	TOTAL	NOTES
Death	—	1	<b>1</b>	In Tall As Sultan neighbourhood
Physical Assaults	2	—	<b>2</b>	In the village of Till in Nablus
Injuries	2	2	<b>4</b>	Incl. 7 civilians of tear gas inhalation
Attacks	4	4	<b>8</b>	Incl. 1 during a raid & 6 from posts
Raids	10	2	<b>12</b>	Incl. 3 in Ramallah and 3 in Tulkarem
Arrests (per person)	2	6	<b>8</b>	Incl. 1 Palestinian officer
Detentions	2	—	<b>2</b>	At checkpoints
Wall Construction	19	—	<b>19</b>	Incl. Jer., Jenin, Ram'lah, Beth., Salfit
Destruction of Property	1	—	<b>1</b>	1 civilian vehicle destroyed in Nablus
Land Confiscation	1	—	<b>1</b>	245 <i>dunums</i> in Al 'Eizariya
Checkpoints	(All)	—	<b>(All)</b>	
Flying Checkpoints	3	—	<b>3</b>	In Ramallah, Tulkarem, and Nablus
Closure (per District)	6	—	<b>6</b>	Incl. Jerusalem and Jericho (partially)
Closure of Main Roads	(Unidentified)	(9)	—	Incl. 2 partially
Closure of Wall Gates	(All)	—	<b>(All)</b>	Permits required to cross
Closure of Crossing Points	—	3	<b>3</b>	Incl. 2 partially open
Medical Obstruction	1	—	<b>1</b>	1 ambulance searched in Nablus
Settler Violence	1	—	<b>1</b>	Waste water dumped on Sarta land
Construction of Mil. Posts	1	—	<b>1</b>	1 permanent mil. post constructed
Provocation of Pal. Forces	1	1	<b>2</b>	Incl. 1 Pal. Police station raided
Pal. Security Measures	—	1	<b>1</b>	1 tunnel demolished in Rafah
Palestinian Attack	1	—	<b>1</b>	Open fire towards 1 checkpoint
Demonstration	1	—	<b>1</b>	In Bil'in against the Wall
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>58</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>78</b>	

DISTRICT	EVENT
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ALL DISTRICTS	<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

JERUSALEM	<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> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>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>The Israeli army began land levelling for Wall construction along the main road leading to the town of Bir Nabala.</li> </ol> </li> <li><b>Checkpoints:</b> The Israeli army intensified its restrictions at Qalandiya and An Nabi Samuel checkpoints, obstructing civilian movement.</li> <li><b>Arrest:</b> At 12:00, Israeli troops positioned at the settlement of Ma'ale Adumim checkpoint arrested Marwan Rashed Al Qarni, a Palestinian National Security officer.</li> <li><b>Land Confiscation:</b> The Israeli army distributed summons to confiscate 245 <i>dunums</i> (61.25 acres) of agricultural land belonging to the town of Al 'Eizariya for Wall construction.</li> </ul>
RAMALLAH & EL BIREH	<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 Checkpoint:</b> The Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to the village of Abu Mash'al, searched civilian vehicles, examined civilians' IDs, and obstructed civilian movement.</li> <li><b>Raids/Confiscation of Property:</b> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>At 03:30 on 19 February 2005, the Israeli army raided the town of Silwad and arrested 1 civilian.</li> <li>At 11:05, the Israeli army, including 2 jeeps, raided and patrolled the city of Ramallah.</li> <li>At 03:00, the Israeli army, including 2 jeeps, raided and patrolled the village of Kafr 'Ein.</li> </ol> </li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b><u>Arrest:</u></b> The Israeli army arrested Mustafa Ali ‘Ayyad in the town of Silwad.</li> <li>• <b><u>Demonstration:</u></b> A mass demonstration took place in the village of Bil’in and marched towards civilian land targeted for confiscation by the Israeli army for Wall construction. Confrontations took place between the Israeli army and civilians, during which the Israeli army injured 1 civilian with bullet wounds and 7 other civilians as a result of tear gas inhalation.</li> </ul>
<b>JENIN</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b><u>Wall Gates:</u></b> Passage through the Wall gates is restricted to civilians granted special Israeli permits.</li> <li>• <b><u>Wall Construction:</u></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> </ul>
<b>TULKAREM</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b><u>Closure:</u></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><u>Wall Gates:</u></b> Passage through the Wall gates is restricted to civilians granted special Israeli permits.</li> <li>• <b><u>Flying Checkpoint:</u></b> At 16:30, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the junction to the town of ‘Illar and searched civilians and vehicles.</li> <li>• <b><u>Raids:</u></b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) At 11:00, the Israeli army raided the area between the villages of Ramin and Bizzariya and combed land cultivated with olive trees.</li> <li>(ii) At 01:15, the Israeli army, including 2 jeeps, raided the city of Tulkarem and Tulkarem refugee camp and patrolled the area until 02:00.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
<b>QALQILYA</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b><u>Closure:</u></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><u>Wall Gates:</u></b> Passage through the Wall gates is restricted to civilians granted special Israeli permits.</li> </ul>
<b>NABLUS</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b><u>Flying Checkpoint/Physical Assault:</u></b> At 14:30, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint along the detour road to the village of Till and severely beat and injured 2 civilians, after which 1 of them was transported to hospital. At 15:00, the Israeli army withdrew from the area.</li> <li>• <b><u>Attack:</u></b> At 01:30, the Israeli army opened indiscriminate fire from its location in the military post over At Tur Mount south of the city of Nablus towards civilian houses.</li> <li>• <b><u>Raid:</u></b> At 17:30, the Israeli army raided the village of Till, opened indiscriminate fire, and patrolled the area.</li> <li>• <b><u>Palestinian Attack/Medical Obstruction/Destruction of Property:</u></b> At 21:30, armed Palestinian individuals driving a vehicle opened fire towards Israeli</li> </ul>

	<p>troops positioned at Huwwara checkpoint. Israeli troops responded by opening fire towards the armed Palestinian individuals, injuring 1 individual. The Israeli army raided Al Quds (Jerusalem) Street and forced 1 ambulance to stop and searched it, allegedly to search for the injured individual. The Israeli army also destroyed 1 civilian vehicle and withdrew at a later time.</p>
<b>SALFIT</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Wall Construction:</b> <ul 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 city of Salfit for a period of 21 days beginning on 10 February 2005.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b>Settler Violence:</b> Waste water contaminated with chemicals flowing from the settlement of Barkan was dumped on agricultural land belonging to civilians in the village of Sarta.</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>Raid:</b> At 11:50, an Israeli army patrol raided the town of Al Khadr, forced several shop owners to close their shops, and patrolled the area.</li> <li>• <b>Construction of Military Posts:</b> At 11:15, the Israeli army constructed a permanent military post in the area of Rajm An Naqa west of the area of 'Arab Ar Rashayida in the eastern Bethlehem district.</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> <ul 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> </ul> </li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <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> <li>• <b>Raid/Provocation of Palestinian Forces:</b> At 00:35, the Israeli army raided the village of Nuba, raided the Palestinian Police station in the village, allegedly in search of weapons, and withdrew at a later time.</li> </ul>
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### GAZA STRIP

<b>NORTHERN GAZA</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Closure:</b> Beit Hanun Crossing is partially open.</li> </ul>
<b>GAZA</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Closure:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) Nitsareem junction remains closed.</li> <li>(ii) Al Shuhada Junction-Al Muntar Crossing road is closed.</li> </ul> </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> <ul 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) Alon checkpoint (entrance to Al Mawasi/Khan Yunis) south of Deir Al Balah is closed.</li> <li>(v) Deir Al Balah junction to Abu Holi checkpoint (Kfar Darom road) is closed.</li> <li>(vi) Morag road, which connects Khan Yunis' eastern and western roads, is closed.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b>Attack:</b> At 10:40, the Israeli army opened intensive fire towards civilian houses in West Khan Yunis refugee camp, injuring Ahmed Mu'in Sakaniyyeh (a child).</li> <li>• <b>Raid:</b> At 02:00, the Israeli army raided the area of Al Mawasi/Khan Yunis, searched a number of houses, and arrested 2 civilians.</li> <li>• <b>Arrests:</b> The Israeli army arrested 2 civilians in the area of Al Mawasi/Khan Yunis: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) Abdul Karim Fayege An Najjar; and</li> <li>(ii) Manar Na'im Hammoun.</li> </ul> </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> </ul> </li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b><u>Attacks/Provocation of Palestinian Forces:</u></b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) At 11:00, the Israeli army opened intensive fire towards Palestinian territory in Tall Zu'rub neighbourhood in Rafah refugee camp, injuring 1 civilian.</li> <li>(ii) At 11:50, the Israeli army opened fire from its location at Point 10 along the Palestinian-Egyptian border towards Palestinian territory in Tall As Sultan neighbourhood, killing 1 civilian.</li> <li>(iii) At 23:15, the Israeli army opened intensive fire from its location at Point 219 on the Green Line towards 1 Palestinian National Security location south of Sufa Crossing.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b><u>Killing:</u></b> The Israeli army killed Hamed Ad Dabbas in Tall As Sultan neighbourhood.</li> <li>• <b><u>Arrests:</u></b> At 23:15, the Israeli army arrested 4 unidentified civilians near Sufa Crossing, claiming that they were present near the border wall.</li> <li>• <b><u>Palestinian Security Measures:</u></b> At 11:50, Palestinian security forces, accompanied by 1 bulldozer, demolished 1 tunnel west of the city of Rafah. However, during this operation, the tunnel collapsed, trapping 4 Palestinian security officers. While 3 of the officers were rescued, Ziyad Mohammed Abu 'Arjah died under the tunnel rubble.</li> </ul>
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### GENERAL

<p><b>POLITICAL PRISONERS</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b><u>Orders of Administrative Detention:</u></b> The Israeli military court in Salim Military Detention Centre issued orders of administrative detention (arrest without charge or trial) against 3 political prisoners from the district of Jenin.</li> </ul>
<p><b>WORK PERMITS</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b><u>West Bank:</u></b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) Israeli authorities renewed 9,878 work permits to cross the Green Line. The total number of those allowed to cross is unknown.</li> <li>(ii) Israeli authorities restricted the issuing of work permits to civilians who are married with children and over the age of 30.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b><u>Gaza Strip:</u></b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) Israeli authorities renewed 533 work permits for workers to enter Erez and Karni Industrial Zones. However, 350 workers (approximately 66% of those possessing work permits) were allowed access to the Industrial Zones.</li> <li>(ii) Israeli authorities renewed 1,046 work permits for workers to cross the Green Line. However, 670 construction workers (approximately 65% of those possessing work permits) were allowed access into the Green Line.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>