

مجموعة الرقابة الفلسطينية



PALESTINIAN MONITORING GROUP

DAILY SITUATION REPORT

08:00 04 January 2004 – 08:00 05 January 2004

SUMMARY OF EVENTS

EVENT	WEST BANK	GAZA STRIP	TOTAL	NOTES
Injuries	21	—	21	Incl. 2 Internationals
Incursion	1	—	1	Nablus, 11 th consecutive day
Attacks	5	4	9	Incl. 15 tank shells at house
Raids	13	—	13	
Air Patrols	1	3	4	
Arrests (per person)	8	—	8	Incl. 2 Nat. Sec. & police off.
Detention	1	—	1	
Land Leveling	1	3	4	
House Demolition	1	—	1	Nablus
Destruction of Property	2	1	3	Incl. 2 burnt houses, Nablus
Curfews	3	—	3	
Checkpoints	All	—	All	
Flying Checkpoints	7	—	7	
Closures (per District)	3	—	3	Incl. area of 10s of villages
Closure of Main Roads	Most	(4)	Most	
Closure of Wall Gates	All	—	All	Permits required to cross
Closure of Crossing Points	—	2	2	1 Partially open to workers
Settler Violence	2	—	2	2 cars & vineyards destroyed
Demonstrations	2	—	2	
TOTAL	71	13	84	

DISTRICT	EVENT
WEST BANK	
JERUSALEM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure: The city of Jerusalem remains closed to residents from other districts. • Separation Wall Construction: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Construction of the separation wall was resumed in Al Shayyah, Abu Dis, Al Eizariya and Al Sawahira. (ii) Construction of the separation wall in the Al Adyarah area (near Faji Monastery) has been completed. • Land Confiscation: Palestinian residents of Beit Iksa, Biddu and Qibya received land confiscation orders. • Arrest: Israeli soldiers in Dahiyat Al Eizariya and Abu Dis arrested 2 civilians: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Marwan Aqil; and (ii) Suleiman Yehya Al Khatib.
RAMALLAH & EL BIREH	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Flying Checkpoints: At 21:30, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the junction of Kafr 'Ein/Deir Ghassana and another at the entrance to the village of Beit Liqya, searched vehicles and obstructed the passage of civilians. • Land Confiscation: Palestinian residents of the villages of Beit Liqya, Beit Ur and Al Tira received land confiscation orders. • Raids: At 15:00, the Israeli army raided the village of Kafr 'Ein and the towns of Deir Ghassana and Beit Rima. • Demonstration: Villagers of Budrus continued to defy an Israeli imposed curfew and organized demonstrations in protest against construction of the separation wall on their land. The Israeli army injured 10 civilians, including international protestors, while dispersing the demonstration.
JENIN	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Separation Wall Gates: Passage through the separation wall gates is restricted to civilians granted special Israeli permits which are based on no specific criteria. The closure continues to negatively impact economic and livelihood activities and impedes access to health facilities. • Raid: At 18:45, the Israeli army, including Special Forces units, 20 jeeps and APCs, raided the village of Bruqin, west Jenin, searched several houses and arrested 1 civilian. • Arrest: The Israeli army arrested 22-year-old Ismael Abu Shaduf in

	Bruqin.
JERICHO	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Activities not yet reported.
BETHLEHEM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure: Entrances to the city in the north, northwest, west and south remain closed to vehicles, cutting Bethlehem off from its southern villages and from Jerusalem and Hebron. • Injury: The Israeli army severely beat 5 Palestinian laborers near the village of Al Walaja, 2 of who are in critical condition. The Israeli army prevented ambulances from reaching the laborers to provide medical assistance. • Detention: The Israeli army detained hundreds of civilians from the town of Al Khadr, fired tear gas grenades towards them and prevented them from reaching the city of Bethlehem.
TULKAREM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure: The Israeli army continues to close the Enav iron gate and Al Kafriyat separation wall gate, separating Tulkarem from the districts of Nablus and Qalqiliya respectively. • Flying Checkpoints: At 09:50, the Israeli army set up flying checkpoints at the junctions of the village of Far'un and the town of 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 which are based on no specific criteria. The closure continues to negatively impact economic and livelihood activities and impedes access to health facilities. • Raids: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 09:00, the Israeli army raided the city and took position at the junction of the village of Izbat Shufa. (ii) 17:35, the Israeli army, including 2 APCs and 3 jeeps, raided Tulkarem refugee camp, opened fire and threw tear gas grenades towards civilians. (iii) At 19:20, the Israeli army, including 1 tank and 2 jeeps, raided Tulkarem refugee camp from its northern entrance. (iv) At 23:20, the Israeli army, including tanks, jeeps and APCs, raided the city of Tulkarem, took position in main neighborhoods of the city and opened fire towards the northern entrance. Additional forces arrived at 01:00 and then withdrew at 05:00. • Air Patrol: At 16:15, Israeli helicopters flying at low altitude patrolled the skies over the city. • Demonstration: At 16:30, a demonstration was held in the city to commemorate the 39th anniversary of the Palestinian revolution.

<p style="text-align: center;">NABLUS</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure: Nablus remains a closed military area. Civilians are prohibited from leaving or entering the city. • Incursion: The Israeli army continues to occupy and impose curfew on the city of Nablus for the 11th consecutive day. The Israeli army continued to search civilian houses, intensified its presence in the old city, demolished 1 house, burnt down 2 houses, prevented fire trucks from extinguishing the fires, opened fire towards civilians in Balata refugee camp and destroyed several vehicles by driving over them with tanks, injuring 4 passengers. The Israeli army continues to occupy civilian apartment compounds throughout the city.
<p style="text-align: center;">HEBRON</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Curfew: The Israeli army imposed curfew over the town of Beit Ummar and opened fire indiscriminately towards civilians, injuring 1 female. • Land Leveling: Israeli bulldozers continue to level agricultural land near the settlement of Kiryat Arba. • Raid: The Israeli army raided the town of Dura, searched several houses and arrested 1 civilian. • Injury: An Israeli jeep ran over a girl in the town of Beit Ummar. • Arrest: The Israeli army arrested Karam Yaser Shadid in Dura. • Settler Violence: Approximately 100 armed Israeli settlers destroyed vineyards belonging to Palestinian residents of Wadi Al Nasara neighborhood, near the settlement of Kiryat Arba.
<p style="text-align: center;">QALQILYA</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Separation Wall Gates: Passage through the separation wall gates is restricted to civilians granted special Israeli permits which are based on no specific criteria. The closure continues to negatively impact economic and livelihood activities and impedes access to health facilities. • Curfew: The Israeli army imposed curfew over the village of Al Funduq. • Raid: At 23:10, the Israeli army, including 10 jeeps, raided the city of Qalqilya, searched an internet cafe, detained civilians in the cafe for 1 hour and arrested 3 civilians, including 2 Palestinian officers. • Arrests: The Israeli army arrested 3 civilians from Qalqilya city: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Islam Arbas, 25 years old; (ii) Wael Abu Qamar, 27 years old, Palestinian Police officer; and (iii) Muhammad Musaed, 22 years old, Palestinian National Security officer.
<p style="text-align: center;">SALFIT</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Flying Checkpoints: At 08:00, the Israeli army set up flying checkpoints at Al Zawiya bridge, Iskaka bridge, and at the entrances to Yasuf and Kifl Haris, searched vehicles and examined passenger IDs until 17:00. • Raids:

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 06:40, the Israeli army, including 2 jeeps, raided the town of Deir Ballut. (ii) At 03:20, the Israeli army, including 2 jeeps, raided the town of Rafat and searched 1 house. (iii) At 03:20, an Israeli army jeep raided the city of Salfit. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Arrest: At 17:00, the Israeli army arrested Muhammad Sami Mansur, a Palestinian National Security officer, near the village of Marda. • Settler Violence: At 00:05, Israeli settlers raided the village of Yasuf and vandalized 2 vehicles parked in the village.
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GAZA STRIP

NORTHERN GAZA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure: The Erez crossing is partially open to workers: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) 12,612 crossed the Green Line into Israel. (ii) 3,814 workers entered the Erez Industrial Area. • Air Patrol: At 20:45, Israeli reconnaissance aircraft and F16s patrolled the skies over the district.
GAZA CITY	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure: Al Shuhada' junction remains closed.
CENTRAL GAZA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Activities not yet reported.
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) Abu Holi road is partially opened. • Land Leveling/Destruction of Property: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 12:00, Israeli bulldozers leveled land located east of the area of Al Matahin. (ii) At 12:50, Israeli bulldozers leveled agricultural land located south of the area of Abu Dhaheer in Al Qarara. • Attacks: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 13:35, the Israeli army opened intensive fire from its location at Point 12 towards civilian houses in Al Namsawi neighborhood. (ii) At 17:50, an Israeli tank located in the settlement of Gush Katif opened intensive fire and fired 8 tank shells towards civilian houses in the western neighborhood and Al Namsawi neighborhood.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• <u>Air Patrol:</u> At 17:50, Israeli aircraft patrolled the skies over Khan Yunis.
RAFAH	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• <u>Closure:</u> The Gaza International Airport remains closed.• <u>Land Leveling:</u> At 23:35, Israeli bulldozers leveled 5 <i>dunums</i> (1.25 acres) of olive trees and green houses located east of Al 'Awda crossing.• <u>Attack:</u> At 18:20, the Israeli army fired 7 tank shells from its location at Tel Sultan towards civilian houses in the neighborhood of Tel Sultan.