

مجموعة الرقابة الفلسطينية



PALESTINIAN MONITORING GROUP

DAILY SITUATION REPORT

08:00 16 January 2004 – 08:00 17 January 2004

SUMMARY OF EVENTS

EVENT	WEST BANK	GAZA STRIP	TOTAL	NOTES
Physical Assaults	—	3	3	
Attacks	6	7	13	Incl. shell. houses, Raf. & KY
Raids	13	1	14	
Air Patrols	2	—	2	
Arrests (per person)	4	—	4	
Detentions	3	—	3	10s of civilians at checkpoints
House Demolitions	—	10	10	
Uprooting of Trees	1	—	1	80 olive trees near settlement
Curfew	1	—	1	Tulkarem refugee camp
Checkpoints	All	—	All	
Flying Checkpoints	4	—	4	
Closures (per District)	7	—	7	
Closure of Main Roads	Most	(4)	Most	
Closure of Wall Gates	All	—	All	Permits required to cross
Closure of Crossing Points	—	4	4	
Settler Violence	1	—	1	
Palestinian Attack	—	1	1	Mortars towards Green Line
TOTAL	42	26	68	

DISTRICT	EVENT
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WEST BANK

JERUSALEM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure: The city of Jerusalem remains closed to residents from other districts. The Israeli authorities intensified restrictions on movement inside the city, closed all checkpoints, detained dozens of civilians in the eastern part of the city and prevented thousands of civilians from reaching Al Aqsa Mosque for Friday prayers. Civilians unable to reach the city prayed along roads near the checkpoints. • Separation Wall Construction: Construction of the separation wall in Al Eizariya and Al Sawahira was suspended for the weekend.
RAMALLAH & EL BIREH	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure: The Israeli army continues to seal off the villages of Kafr Ni'ma, Rad Karkar, Deir Ammar, and Al Janiya, west of Ramallah city, with dirt mounds. The Israeli army prevented civilians from using alternative dirt roads to reach their destinations. • Separation Wall Construction: Construction of the western portion of the separation wall in Budrus and Rantis was suspended for the weekend. • Raids: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 19:10, the Israeli army raided the village of Atara and opened indiscriminate fire. (ii) At 00:10, 2 Israeli army jeeps raided the village of Qarawat Abu Zeid, searched 1 house and detained 1 resident for 1 hour in the settlement of Hallamish. (iii) At 02:15, the Israeli army raided the village of Qarawat Bani Zeid and the town of Beit Rima.
JENIN	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure: The Israeli army continues to close the city of Jenin, preventing civilians from entering or exiting the city. • Separation Wall Gates: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) 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. (ii) Classes began today for the second semester of the school year. Students and teachers, particularly those living behind the separation wall, will face access restrictions at wall gates. • Separation Wall Construction: Land Leveling north of the village of

	<p>Bardala, east of the village of 'Ein al Beida, near the villages of Al Mutilla and Raba on the Nablus mountain range, and on Al Buqe'a plateau east of Tubas for construction of the wall was suspended for the weekend.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Raids: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 21:00, Israeli Special Forces raided Jenin refugee camp and opened indiscriminate fire. (ii) At 03:00, the Israeli army raided the town of Silat al Harithiya, searched several houses and arrested 3 civilians before withdrawing at 05:00.
JERICHO	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Activities not yet reported.
BETHLEHEM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) The Jerusalem/Bethlehem road remains closed. (ii) The Beit Jala/Al Walaja road remains closed by dirt and rock mounds. (iii) The southern entrance to the city and the Al Khadr/Beit Jala road remain open for pedestrians only. • Raid: The Israeli army raided the village of Husan and searched the house of 1 civilian while detaining his wife and children outside during the search. • Settler Violence: Israeli settlers from the settlement of Kfar Ezyon uprooted approximately 80 olive trees belonging to Palestinians from land near the settlement.
TULKAREM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Flying Checkpoints: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 11:20, 3 Israeli jeeps set up a flying checkpoint near the junction of the town of Attil obstructing movement of traffic. (ii) At 15:00, an Israeli army jeep, license plate number 611009, set up a flying checkpoint at the junction of Al Jarushiya, closing the road between the city and northern villages, and detained and assaulted civilians until 18:00. (iii) At 18:00, 2 Israeli army jeeps set up 2 flying checkpoints on the Tulkarem/Nablus road at the junctions of Anabta/Bal'a and the junction of Bal'a/Beit Lid, searched vehicles and obstructed movement of traffic. • Separation Wall Gates: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) 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. (ii) Classes began today for the second semester of the school year. Students and teachers, particularly those living behind the separation

	<p>wall, will face access restrictions at wall gates.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Raids: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 17:40, the Israeli army raided the village of Far'un and imposed curfew. (ii) At 18:55, several Israeli jeeps raided the town of Bal'a and opened fire. (iii) At 23:45, the Israeli army raided the town of Bal'a and searched 1 house. (iv) Since 19:15, the Israeli army began entering the city. 15 jeeps, 2 tanks and 6 military personnel carriers took position in main neighborhoods and opened intensive fire towards civilian houses. Israeli forces remain in the city as of 08:00 this morning. (v) Since 04:55, the Israeli army, including 9 jeeps, 1 tank, 2 military personnel carriers, took position in Tulkarem refugee camp and opened intensive fire towards civilian houses. Israeli forces remain present as of 08:00, this morning. • Arrest: At 18:15, the Israeli army arrested Muath Nassar on the road of Nur Shams refugee camp. • Air Patrol At 06:05, Israeli military and reconnaissance aircraft patrolled the skies over Tulkarem city and refugee camp.
NABLUS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure: Nablus remains a closed military area. Civilians are prohibited from leaving or entering the city.
HEBRON	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Activities not yet reported.
QALQILYA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Separation Wall Gates: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) 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. (iii) Classes began today for the second semester of the school year. Students and teachers, particularly those living behind the separation wall, will face access restrictions at wall gates. • Raid: At 01:55, the Israeli army, including 5 jeeps, raided the city of Qalqiliya.
SALFIT	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Attack: At 00:20, the Israeli army opened fire from their location on Tel Irsal towards the west of Salfit city.

GAZA STRIP

NORTHERN GAZA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure: The Erez crossing remains closed to workers. • Palestinian Attack: At 23:25, a Qassam mortar was fired from the area of Al Sheikh Zayid towards the Green Line.
GAZA CITY	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Al Shuhada' junction (Nitsareem) remains closed. (ii) Al Mintar crossing (Karni) was closed. • Attacks: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 09:40, the Israeli army opened intensive fire from the eastern line towards civilian houses south of Gaza city. (ii) At 00:50, the Israeli army opened intensive fire from Point 105 towards Wadi Gaza.
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. • Attack: At 16:50, Israeli army tanks located at Point 12 fired 3 shells towards civilian houses in Al Namsawi neighborhood.
RAFAH	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) The Gaza International Airport remains closed. (ii) Sufa crossing remains closed to all civilians. • Attacks: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 16:40, the Israeli army opened intensive fire and fired 3 shells towards civilian houses in Al Sultan neighborhood. (ii) At 23:00, the Israeli army opened intensive fire from the settlement of Morag towards nearby areas. • Raids: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 20:10, the Israeli army, including 5 military personnel carriers and 1 bulldozer, raided the area of Arabiya, demolished 2 houses and beat 3 civilians. (ii) At 00:40, the Israeli army, including 5 military personnel carriers and 1 bulldozer, raided Yabna refugee camp, opened intensive fire towards civilian houses and demolished 7 houses.

PERMITS	
GAZA STRIP	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• <u>Permits to Cross the Green Line:</u> All crossings remain closed to all civilians.• <u>Permits to enter Industrial Areas:</u> All crossings remain closed to all civilians.