# مجموعة الرقابة الفلسطينية



## PALESTINIAN MONITORING GROUP

## **DAILY SITUATION REPORT**

08:00 21 January 2004 – 08:00 22 January 2004

#### **SUMMARY OF EVENTS**

EVENT	WEST BANK	GAZA STRIP	TOTAL	NOTES
Death	_	1	1	Civilian, live fire to head
Physical Assault	1	_	1	Against journalist
Injuries	1	8	9	Incl. 12 yr. old child & female
Attacks	3	6	9	
Raids	15	_	15	Incl. Tulkarem Muqata'a
Air Patrols	2	_	2	
Arrests (per person)	30	_	30	Incl. 16 yr. old child
Detentions	2	_	2	Dozens of civilians at chpnts.
Land Leveling	1	1	2	
Separation Wall Const.	3	_	3	Jerusalem, Jenin & Ramallah
House Closure	1	_	1	Pris. house sealed with cement
House Occupation	1	_	1	
Checkpoints	All	_	All	
Flying Checkpoints	1	_	1	
Closures (per District)	8	_	8	Incl. Qalq., Tulk. & Ram. isol.
Closure of Main Roads	Most	(4)	Most	
Closure of Wall Gates	All	_	All	Permits required to cross
Closure of Crossing Points	_	3	3	1 Partially open to workers
TOTAL	69	19	88	

## **WEST BANK**

JERUSALEM	<ul> <li><u>Closure</u>: The old city of Jerusalem remains closed to all civilians from other districts. The Israeli authorities continue to intensify restrictions on the city, close checkpoints and detain dozens of civilians in the eastern part of the city.</li> <li><u>Separation Wall Construction</u>: Construction of the separation wall continues in Al Eizariya, Abu Dis and Al Sawahira.</li> </ul>
RAMALLAH & EL BIREH	<ul> <li>Closure: The Israeli army continues to seal off the villages of Kafr Ni'ma, Ras Karkar, Deir Ammar, and Al Janiya, west of Ramallah city, with dirt mounds and has prevented civilians from using alternative dirt roads.</li> <li>Separation Wall Construction: Construction of the western portion of the separation wall in Budrus and Rantis continues.</li> <li>At 11:00, the Israeli army opened fire towards civilians in the town of Silwad and severely beat 1 child.</li> <li>(ii) At 22:05, the Israeli army opened fire towards civilians in the city of El Bireh near the El Bireh Municipality.</li> <li>Raids: <ul> <li>(i) At 08:30, the Israeli army raided the town of Qarawat Bani Zeid and arrested 2 civilians.</li> <li>(ii) At 10:00, the Israeli army raided the village of Rantis and arrested 1 civilian.</li> <li>(iii) At 12:50, the Israeli army raided the village of Kafr 'Ein and withdrew at 13:10.</li> <li>Injury: The Israeli army injured 16-year-old Mawamun Abdel Majid Hammad Ta'ema in the town of Silwad.</li> <li>Arrests: <ul> <li>The Israeli army arrested 2 civilians in the town of Qarawat Bani Zeid:</li> <li>(i) Fowzi Jasir Awwad; and</li> <li>(ii) Rami Jasir Awwad.</li> <li>The Israeli army arrested 1 civilian in the village of Rantis:</li> <li>(iii) Ashraf Muhammad Othman Khalaf.</li> </ul> </li> </ul></li></ul>
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 impedes access to health facilities.  • Separation Wall Construction: Construction in the northern valleys (Bardala, and 'Ein al Beida) and east of Tubas (Al Mutilla, Al Mughayyir, Raba, and Al Buqei' plateau) continues.
JERICHO	Activities not yet reported.
BETHLEHEM	<ul> <li>Closure: <ol> <li>The Beit Jala/Al Walaja road remains closed by dirt and rock mounds.</li> <li>The southern entrance to the city remains closed.</li> <li>The western road is open to pedestrians only.</li> </ol> </li> <li>House Occupation: At 23:00, the Israeli army occupied 1 house in the village of Husan.</li> </ul>
TULKAREM	<ul> <li>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.</li> <li>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 impedes access to health facilities.</li> <li>Raids: <ul> <li>(i) At 08:00, several Israeli jeeps raided the city of Tulkarem and searched the premises of the Muqata'a. Israeli jeeps patrolled the streets and neighborhoods of the city.</li> <li>(ii) At 08:50, the Israeli army raided Tulkarem refugee camp and took up positions near UNRWA schools.</li> <li>(iii) At 10:05, the Israeli army raided Nur Shams refugee camp and arrested 3 civilians.</li> <li>Arrests: <ul> <li>The Israeli army arrested 3 civilians in Nur Shams refugee camp:</li> <li>(i) Anwar Nimer;</li> <li>(ii) Nadim Al Ajuz; and</li> <li>(iii) Yusif Sabbagh.</li> </ul> </li> </ul></li></ul>
NABLUS	<ul> <li>Closure: Nablus remains a closed military area. Civilians are prohibited from leaving or entering the city.</li> <li>Raid: At 06:15, the Israeli army, including 4 military personnel carriers and 15 jeeps, searched 2 houses and arrested 2 civilians.</li> <li>Arrests:</li> </ul>

	The Israeli army arrested 2 civilians in the city of Nablus:  (i) Taysir Al Taqi; and
	(ii) Yehya Akkuba.
HEBRON	Separation Wall Construction/Land Leveling: Leveling of agricultural land belonging to Palestinian civilians near the settlement of Kiryat Arba and Harsina for construction of a wall enclosing both settlements continues.  Raids:  The Israeli army raided several neighborhoods, searched a number of houses, detained residents, and arrested 2 civilians in Hebron city.  The Israeli army raided the town of Yatta and arrested 1 civilian.  The Israeli army raided the town of Surif and arrested 7 civilians.  Arrests: The Israeli army arrested 2 civilians in the city of Hebron:  Fawwaz Al Ajluni, 37 years old; and  Amjad Zahida, 28 years old.  The Israeli army arrested 1 civilian in the town of Yatta:  Ali Nathim Aqil.  The Israeli army arrested 7 civilians in the town of Surif:  Verification Ala Humidan;  Verification Fara;  Viii Muhammad Barad'iya;  Xelia Elhih.
QALQILYA	<ul> <li>Closure: The Israeli army continues to close the entrances to the town of 'Azzun and the iron gate at the northern entrance. The Israeli army set up a checkpoint under the bridge leading to the northern villages, cutting access from Qalqilya to all villages located in the north, south, and east and completely isolating the district from Tulkarem.</li> <li>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 impedes access to health facilities.</li> <li>Raid: At 02:10, the Israeli army raided the city and searched 1 house.</li> </ul>
SALFIT	• Flying Checkpoint: At 08:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the junction of Kifl Haris and obstructed movement of traffic.

## **GAZA STRIP**

NORTHERN GAZA	<ul> <li>Closure: The Erez crossing was partially open to workers.</li> <li>Attacks: <ol> <li>At 14:25, the Israeli army opened fire from Point 47 towards the west of Beit Hanoun.</li> <li>At 14:25, the Israeli army opened fire from Point 64 towards the east of Jabaliya, injuring 2 civilians.</li> </ol> </li> </ul>
GAZA CITY	<ul> <li><u>Closure</u>: Al Shuhada' junction (Nitsareem) remains closed.</li> <li><u>Attack</u>: At 18:50 and 19:05, the Israeli army opened intensive fire from the settlement of Nitsareem towards the south.</li> </ul>
CENTRAL GAZA	Activities not yet reported.
KHAN YUNIS	<ul> <li>Closure: <ol> <li>Abu al Ajin road (Khan Yunis Al Sharqiya) remains closed.</li> <li>Western road (Khan Yunis) remains closed.</li> <li>Abu Holi road is partially open (closed several times after 15:30).</li> <li>Al Tuffah checkpoint, connecting the city of Khan Younis to Al Mawasi, is closed for the 4<sup>th</sup> consecutive day and will remain closed for another 3 days.</li> </ol> </li> <li>Land Leveling / Uprooting of Trees: At 11:30, 2 Israeli bulldozers, supported by 1 tank, leveled agricultural land and uprooted olive trees in Al Qarara.</li> <li>Attack: At 11:55, the Israeli army opened intensive fire from Points 14-15 towards the area of Qizan and Abu Rashwan, injuring 3 civilians.</li> </ul>
RAFAH	<ul> <li>Closure: <ol> <li>The Gaza International Airport remains closed.</li> <li>Sufa crossing was partially open to workers.</li> <li>Attacks: At 14:30, the Israeli army opened intensive fire from Point 6 towards civilian houses in Al Barazil neighborhood, killing 1 female civilian by live fire to the head and injuring her 12-year-old brother and her sister.</li> <li>Killing: The Israeli army killed 31-year-old Muna Ahmad Ismael.</li> <li>Injury: The Israeli army injured Jihad Ahmad Ismael, 12 years old, by live fire to the head.</li> </ol> </li></ul>

GENERAL	
POLITICAL PRISONERS	<ul> <li>Hunger Strike: Palestinian political prisoners and detainees in Israeli prisons held a 1-day hunger strike protesting medical negligence by the Israeli authorities and in support of Muhammad Abu Wahdan, who has been imprisoned for 18 years and is now in a coma.</li> <li>Detention Conditions: Palestinian detainees in Etzion and Bet El military detention centers have been subject to increased overcrowding, lack of cleaning supplies and hygienic facilities, insufficient food in both quality and quantity, lack of adequate bedding, and malnutrition, including 1 13 year old child detainee who is suffering from severe malnutrition.</li> <li>Child Prisoners: Child prisoners held at Etzion detention center have been subject to physical abuse by the Israeli authorities and have complained that they have been forced to sign confessions under duress.</li> </ul>
PERMITS	<ul> <li>West Bank: Permits were approved for 6,802 workers. However, only 2,652 work permits, 38% of the total number approved, were given to Ministry of Labor offices.</li> <li>(i) Permits were issued to civilians over the age of 35 who are married with children.</li> <li>(ii) Permits were only issued to workers in the agricultural sector.</li> <li>Gaza Strip: Permits were issued to 7,129 workers, 42% of a total of 16,884 workers.</li> <li>(i) 5,884 workers crossed the Green Line into Israel.</li> <li>(ii) 1,245 workers entered the Erez Industrial Area.</li> </ul>