

مجموعة الرقابة الفلسطينية



PALESTINIAN MONITORING GROUP

DAILY SITUATION REPORT

08:00 26 January 2004 – 08:00 27 January 2004

SUMMARY OF EVENTS

EVENT	WEST BANK	GAZA STRIP	TOTAL	NOTES
Attacks	3	2	5	
Raids	8	5	13	
Air Patrols	—	1	1	
Arrests (per person)	2	5	7	Incl. 2 officers
Land Leveling	—	4	4	Incl. 3 areas of land & road
Separation Wall Const.	3	—	3	Jerusalem, Jenin & Ramallah
Destruction of Property	2	1	3	Incl. furn. of school & door
Checkpoints	All	—	All	
Flying Checkpoints	1	—	1	
Closures (per District)	4	1	5	Incl. Al Walaja & W. Ram
Closure of Main Roads	Most	(5)	Most	Incl. roads connecting govern.
Closure of Wall Gates	All	—	All	Permits required to cross
Closure of Crossing Points	—	3	3	2 Partially open to workers
Palestinian Attacks	—	2	2	Mortars towards Green Line
TOTAL	23	24	47	

DISTRICT	EVENT
WEST BANK	
JERUSALEM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure: The old city of Jerusalem remains closed to all civilians from other districts. The Israeli authorities continue to intensify restrictions on the city. • Separation Wall Construction: Construction of the separation wall in Al Eizariya, Abu Dis and Al Sawahira continues.
RAMALLAH & EL BIREH	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure: The Israeli army continues to close the road connecting the villages of Kafr Ni'ma, Al Janiya, Ras Karkar and Deir Ammar to the city of Ramallah with dirt mounds and continues to prevent civilians from using alternative roads. • Separation Wall Construction: Construction of the western portion of the separation wall in Budrus and Rantis continues. • Raids: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 10:00, the Israeli army, including 2 jeeps, raided the city of El Bireh and took position near several Palestinian ministries. (ii) At 11:30, and again at 18:00, the Israeli army raided the town of Beituniya and took position in the area. (iii) At 16:40, the Israeli army withdrew from the village of Al Mazra'a ash Sharqiya, where they had earlier taken up position, raided houses, detained civilians in a school field and arrested 2 students. (iv) At 02:10, the Israeli army raided the town of Kafr 'Ein. (v) At 02:15, the Israeli army, including 2 jeeps, raided the city of Ramallah and fired sound bombs towards civilians in the center of the city. • Arrests: The Israeli army arrested 2 college students in the village of Al Mazra'a ash Sharqiya: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Marwan Abu Hayya, 18 years old; and (ii) Fakhri al Zein, 20 years old.
JENIN	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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. • 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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Activities not yet reported.
BETHLEHEM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (i) The Beit Jala/Al Walaja road remains closed by dirt and rock mounds. (ii) The southern entrance to the city remains open to pedestrians only. (iii) The Jerusalem/ Bethlehem road remains closed. (iv) At 07:30, the Israeli army closed the dirt road used by villagers in Al Walaja as an alternative road to the paved road destroyed by Israeli army forces 2 weeks ago. This has increased difficulties for residents in accessing health facilities and schools, and ensuring regular food supplies.
TULKAREM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure: Al Kafriyat separation wall gate and the Enav iron gate were open to pedestrians only. • Flying Checkpoint: At 08:20, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the junction of the town of Bal'a, searched vehicles, examined passenger IDs and obstructed movement of traffic on the Tulkarem/Nablus road. • 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: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 12:00, the Israeli army, including 2 jeeps, raided Dahiyat Shuweika and searched several stores. (ii) At 01:00, the Israeli army raided the town of Deir Ghusun, opened indiscriminate fire, fired sound bombs and conducted a house search campaign. (iii) At 02:15, the Israeli army, including 2 jeeps, raided Tulkarem refugee camp, opened indiscriminate fire and fired sound bombs.
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: The Israeli army continues to impose unspecified and unrealistic criteria for the process of gate permit renewals for farmers to access land located on the other side of the separation wall. This has included requiring applicants to acquire an Israeli magnetic ID card and to produce new documents proving ownership of land, despite the fact that

	land registers have not been updated. If farmers are not issued permits, their crops, covering thousands of <i>dunums</i> of land, will be susceptible to damage. The Israeli army has previously issued permits for only 300 residents, but these permits covered only 30 per cent of farmers who own or work land on the other side of the separation wall and included many permits for children, the elderly and deceased residents.
SALFIT	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Activities not yet reported.

GAZA STRIP

NORTHERN GAZA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure: The Erez crossing was partially open to workers. • Raids: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 21:00, Israeli troops, supported by 1 jeep, entered 150 meters into Palestinian Territory from Point 27. (ii) At 02:45, Israeli army troops, including 50 soldiers, raided the eastern area of Beit Hanoun, used explosives destroy the door of 1 civilian house, raided the house and arrested 2 brothers. • Arrests: The Israeli army arrested 2 brothers: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Ahmad Abu Odeh, 23 years old, college student; and (ii) Abdul Rahim Abu Odeh, 21 years old, college student. • Air Patrol: Israeli military aircraft sporadically patrolled the skies over the district. • Palestinian Attack: 2 Hawen mortars were fired from the outskirts of Beit Lahia towards the Green Line.
GAZA CITY	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure: Al Shuhada' junction (Nitsareem) remains closed. • Raids: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 14:45, the Israeli army, including 4 military personnel carriers and 2 bulldozers, raided the southern part of Gaza city. (ii) At 16:55, the Israeli army, including 4 tanks and 2 bulldozers, raided the area south of Sheikh Ajlin junction from the settlement of Nitsareem, after bulldozers leveled land along the coast. • Palestinian Attack: 1 mortar was fired from the area of Al Shuja'iya towards the Green Line.
CENTRAL GAZA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Attack: At 14:15, the Israeli army opened intensive fire from the settlement of Kfar Daroom towards the west. • Land Leveling: At 09:40, an Israeli bulldozer, supported by 1 tank, leveled 40 <i>dunums</i> (10 acres) of olive groves south of the area of Al Baraka,

	located in south Deir Al Balah.
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 open (closed once at 15:55, searched vehicles and examined passenger IDs). (iv) Kahn Yunis/Al Mawasi road remains closed for the 8th consecutive day, despite previous announcements that it would closed for only 1 week. • Attack: At 21:00, the Israeli army opened intensive fire from Point 9 towards civilian houses in West Khan Yunis refugee camp. • Raid: At 01:40, the Israeli army, including 5 jeeps, raided the area of Al Qarara, 50 meters into Palestinian territory, surrounded 1 house and arrested 3 civilians, including 2 Palestinian officers. • Arrests: The Israeli army arrested 3 civilians: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Baraka Ayash, Palestinian Preventive Security officer; (ii) Talal Ayash, Palestinian Presidential Security officer; and (iii) Hajjaj Ayash. • Land Leveling: At 13:40, the Israeli army, including 1 bulldozer and 1 tank, leveled 15 <i>dunums</i> (3.75 acres) of olive groves and 15 <i>dunums</i> (3.75 acres) of wheat crops in the area of Al Qarara.
RAFAH	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) The Gaza International Airport remains closed. (ii) Sufa crossing was partially open to workers.

GENERAL

PERMITS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • West Bank: Permits were issued for 5,393 workers. Permits have only been issued to civilians over the age of 35 who are married with children and only to workers in the agricultural sector. • Gaza Strip: Permits were issued to 5,139 workers, 30% of a total of 17,085 workers. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) 3,606 workers crossed the Green Line into Israel. (ii) 1,533 workers entered the Erez Industrial Area.
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