

مجموعة الرقابة الفلسطينية



PALESTINIAN MONITORING GROUP

DAILY SITUATION REPORT

08:00 03 March 2006 – 08:00 04 March 2006

SUMMARY OF EVENTS

| EVENT | WEST BANK | GAZA STRIP | TOTAL | NOTES |
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| Injury | 1 | — | 1 | Incl. civilians in the village of Bil'in |
| Air Attacks | — | 6 | 6 | F16 missiles on Northern Gaza |
| Attacks | 7 | 3 | 10 | Incl. 20 artillery shells fired |
| Raids | 20 | — | 20 | Incl. 6 in Ramallah & 4 in Bethlehem |
| Air Patrols | — | 6 | 6 | Over the district of Northern Gaza |
| Arrests | 9 | — | 9 | Incl. 2 children & 1 security officer |
| Detentions | 14 | — | 14 | Incl. 9 Palestinian security officers |
| Destruction of Property | 1 | 1 | 2 | Incl. furniture of 1 house damaged |
| House Occupation | 1 | — | 1 | Converted into a mil. post, Huwwara |
| Closure of Checkpoints | 2 | — | 2 | Incl. Einav & Ein Duyuk checkpoints |
| Flying Checkpoints | 19 | — | 19 | Incl. 2 in Salfit & 2 in Jericho |
| Closure (per District) | 7 | 1 | 8 | Incl. a buffer zone in Northern Gaza |
| Closure of Main Roads | 25 | — | 25 | Incl. eastern entrance to Bir Nabala |
| Closure of Crossing Points | — | 4 | 4 | Incl. Beit Hanun & Rafah partially |
| Provocation of Pal. Forces | — | 5 | 5 | Shelling near Pal. security locations |
| Palestinian Attack | 1 | — | 1 | Open fire towards 1 Israeli patrol |
| Demonstrations | 3 | — | 3 | Against the Wall, Ramallah district |
| TOTAL | 110 | 26 | 136 | |

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| <p style="text-align: center;">JERUSALEM</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure: The Israeli army intensified its restrictions at checkpoints located at the entrances to the city of Jerusalem, set up several checkpoints in the old city of Jerusalem and in the area surrounding Al Aqsa Mosque compound, and impeded the access of civilians to Al Aqsa Mosque to perform Friday prayers. • Closure of Main Road: The Israeli army continues to close the eastern entrance to Dahiyat Bir Nabala northwest of the city of Jerusalem with cement blocks. • Checkpoints: The Israeli army continues to intensify its restrictions at Qalandiya and Beit Iksa checkpoints and to impede civilian access. • Wall Gates: The Israeli army continues to close the Wall gate in the town of Abu Dis with cement blocks. • Wall Construction: Wall construction was suspended for the weekend in Dahiyat al Aqbat, from the village of Hizma to 'Anata, along the Hizma-Jaba' road, the area of Al 'Eizariya to Ash Shayyah, near Al Quds University, in the town of As Sawahira ash Sharqiya, from the village of Beit Surik to Biddu, in the areas of Al Judeira, Bir Nabala, and Beit Hanina, around the settlement of Ma'ale Adumim, and west of the village of Al Jib. • Flying Checkpoint: The Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the junction to 'Atarot Industrial Zone in Dahiyat ar Ram and searched civilian vehicles. • Attack: At 17:00, Israeli troops positioned at Qalandiya checkpoint opened fire and fired sound grenades towards civilians, claiming that stones were thrown at the Israeli army. • Arrests: At 15:00, the Israeli army arrested 2 children near the Wall in the village of Beit Duquq, claiming that they threw stones at Israeli troops: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Ameer Mustafa Abu Sbeitan, 13 years old; and (ii) Rasheed Bassam Rasheed, 15 years old. • Palestinian Attack: At 21:20, armed Palestinian individuals opened fire towards 1 Israeli army patrol in Qalandiya Airport. |
| <p style="text-align: center;">RAMALLAH & EL BIREH</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure of Main Road: The Israeli army continues to close the eastern entrance to the village of Sinjil with dirt barricades. • Wall Construction: Wall construction was suspended for the weekend in the areas of Al Midya to Budrus, Al Midya to Ni'lin, Bil'in to Saffa, in the village of Beit Liqya, in the town of Beituniya, and west of the town of 'Abud and the village of Beit Sira. • Raids: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 15:00, and again at 23:20, the Israeli army, including 2 jeeps, raided and patrolled the city of El Bireh. (ii) At 23:45, the Israeli army, including 2 jeeps, raided and patrolled the villages of Qarawat Bani Zeid and Mazari' an Nubani until 01:05. |

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| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (iii) The Israeli army raided the city of Ramallah, searched 1 house, and arrested 1 civilian. (iv) The Israeli army raided the village of Rantis, opened fire, and fired sound grenades while it was patrolling the area. • Arrest: The Israeli army arrested Mohammed Ameen in the city of Ramallah. • Demonstrations: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 14:00, a mass demonstration took place in the village of Beit Sira in protest against Wall construction. Confrontations took place between the Israeli army and civilian protestors, during which the Israeli army injured 1 protestor. (ii) A mass demonstration, including international peace activists, took place in the town of 'Abud in protest against Wall construction. Confrontations took place between the Israeli army and protestors. (iii) A mass demonstration, including international peace activists, took place in the village of Bil'in in protest against Wall construction. Confrontations took place between the Israeli army and protestors, during which the Israeli army injured a number of civilian protestors. |
| JENIN | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure of Road: The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the detour road leading to the town of 'Arraba east of the settlement of Dotan. • Checkpoint: The Israeli army continues to intensify its restrictions at Tayasir checkpoint east of the town of Tubas and to impede civilian access. • Wall Gates: Passage through the Wall gates is restricted to civilians granted special Israeli permits. • Flying Checkpoints: The Israeli army set up 2 flying checkpoints, one in the area between the town of Tubas and the village of 'Aqqaba and the other south of the town of Tubas, and searched civilians and vehicles. • Raids: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 20:45, the Israeli army, including 4 jeeps, raided the city of Jenin. An armed confrontation took place between the Israeli army and armed Palestinian individuals. At 02:00, the Israeli army raided the city again and patrolled the area until 03:00. (ii) At 20:45, the Israeli army raided the village of Siris and patrolled the area until 01:30. |
| TULKAREM | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure: The Israeli army continues to impose a complete closure on the district of Tulkarem and to declare it a closed military zone following a suicide attack carried out on the junction to the village of Far'un. The Israeli army continues to impede civilian access to and from the district. • Closure of Main Roads: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) The Israeli army continues to close the road connecting the town of Bal'a to Dahiyat Iktaba with dirt barricades. (ii) The Israeli army continues to close the road connecting the town of Kafr al Labad to the village of Shufa with dirt barricades. • Checkpoints: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) The Israeli army continues to intensify its restrictions at the checkpoint set up near the settlement of 'Einav on the road connecting the districts of Tulkarem and Nablus, denying access to civilian vehicles. |

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| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (ii) The Israeli army continues to intensify its restrictions at Jubara checkpoint south of the city of Tulkarem, impeding civilian access. • Wall Gates: Passage through the Wall gates is restricted to civilians granted special Israeli permits. • Flying Checkpoints: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 14:30, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to the village of Ramin, searched civilian vehicles, and arrested 1 Palestinian National Security officer. (ii) At 15:20, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to the town of 'Illar and searched civilians and vehicles until 16:45. (iii) The Israeli army set up 2 flying checkpoints on the junctions to the town of Bal'a and the village of Bizzariya and searched civilians and vehicles. • Raids/Destruction of Property: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 09:00, the Israeli army raided the village of Al Jarushiya and searched 1 house, damaging its furniture and water pipes. (ii) At 22:35, the Israeli army, including 3 jeeps, raided and patrolled the towns of Deir al Ghusun and 'Attil. • Arrest: Israeli troops positioned at the flying checkpoint set up at the entrance to the village of Ramin arrested Sajed Sameeh Hamad, a Palestinian National Security officer. |
| QALQILIYA | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure of Main Road: The Israeli army continues to close the western entrance to the town of 'Azzun with dirt barricades. • Wall Gates: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Passage through the Wall gates is restricted to civilians granted special Israeli permits. (ii) The Israeli army continues to intensify its restrictions at 'Azzun 'Atma Wall gate and to search civilians, including students, with a metal detector. • Wall Construction: Land levelling for Wall construction was suspended for the weekend in the village of Immatin and east of the towns of Kafr Thulth and 'Azzun. • Flying Checkpoints: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 13:15, and again at 07:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the eastern entrance to the city of Qalqiliya and searched civilians and vehicles. (ii) At 13:30, the Israeli army set up 2 flying checkpoints, one at the northern entrance to the town of 'Azzun and the other on the Qalqiliya-Nablus main road, and searched civilians and vehicles until 16:00. |
| NABLUS | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure of Main Roads: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) The Israeli army continues to close the main road leading to the district of Jenin between the junction to the village of Deir Sharaf and the settlement of Shavei Shomron. Instead, the Israeli army has forced civilians to travel along an unpaved 1.5-km-long road, which branches off from the Nablus-Tulkarem road and intersects with the Nablus-Jenin road opposite the village of Sabastiya. |

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| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (ii) The Israeli army continues to set up an iron gate on the road connecting the town of Jamma'in to the village of Zeita. (iii) At 12:00, the Israeli army closed the road connecting the villages of Odala and Beita with dirt barricades. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Checkpoints: The Israeli army continues to regulate times for crossing Huwwara, Beit Iba, At Tur Mountain, and Beit Furik checkpoints around the city of Nablus. The Israeli army closes the checkpoints overnight and reopens them at various morning hours. • Flying Checkpoints: At 12:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to the village of Beita and searched civilians and vehicles. • Raid/House Occupation: Beginning at 12:30 on 02 March 2006, the Israeli army has remained positioned in the town of Huwwara and continued to occupy 1 house near the junction to the village of Beita, which it converted into a military post. • Arrests: At 12:35, Israeli troops positioned at Huwwara checkpoint arrested 2 civilians, claiming that they were in possession of knives: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Husam Yousef Qatawi; and (ii) 'Abed Mohammed as Sabti. (iii) At 15:00, Israeli troops positioned at the checkpoint set up at the entrance to the town of Beit Furik arrested Abdullah Ahmed Hanani, claiming that he was in possession of a rifle. • Detention: At 11:00, Israeli troops positioned at Beit Iba checkpoint west of the city of Nablus detained Samer 'Azzam Hamdan, a Palestinian National Security officer, and released him at a later time. |
| SALFIT | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure of Main Roads: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) The Israeli army continues to close the main north-western entrance to the city of Salfit with dirt barricades. The road has been closed since the beginning of the current <i>Intifada</i> (Uprising). (ii) The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the western entrances to the town of Bruqin and the village of Marda and the road connecting the town of Deir Istiya to the village of Haris. (iii) The Israeli army continues to close the western entrance to the town of Kafr ad Dik with cement cements. (iv) The Israeli army continues to close the iron gate set up at the entrance to the town of Qarawat Bani Hassan. • Checkpoints: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) The Israeli army continues to close Deir Ballut checkpoint overnight and open it at various morning hours. The Israeli army also prevents civilians from crossing eastwards towards the town of Kafr ad Dik. (ii) The Israeli army continues to intensify its restrictions at the Za'tara junction checkpoint and to impede civilian access. • Wall Construction: Wall construction was suspended for the weekend near the Green Line in the town of Deir Ballut and the villages of Az Zawiya and Rafat, northwest of the city of Salfit, and in the village of Marda and the town of Kifl Haris north of the settlement of Ari'el. |

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| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Flying Checkpoints:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 11:30, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the western entrance to the town of Deir Istiya and searched civilians and vehicles. (ii) At 12:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to the town of Qarawat Bani Hassan and searched civilians and vehicles until 14:00. • <u>Raid:</u> At 23:45, the Israeli army, including 2 jeeps, raided the village of Khirbet Qeis and patrolled the area until 01:00. |
| JERICHO | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Closure:</u> Road # 90 between the city of Jericho and the village of Al ‘Auja is closed with cement blocks. The Israeli army prevents farmers not holding Jericho ID cards from reaching their land, forcing them to apply for access permits. The Israeli army also sporadically impedes civilian movement into the city of Jericho, except for Jerusalem and Jericho ID holders. • <u>Checkpoints:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) The Israeli army continues to intensify its restrictions at Al Hamra checkpoint on the road connecting the districts of Jericho and Nablus, impeding civilian access. (ii) The Israeli army continues to intensify its restrictions at the checkpoint set up at the entrance to the village of ‘Ein Ad Duyuk on the road connecting the districts of Jericho and Ramallah, to search civilians and vehicles, and to deny civilian access in both directions between 20:00 and 05:00 on a daily basis. (iii) At 16:10, the Israeli army intensified its restrictions at the DCO checkpoint set up at the southern entrance to the city of Jericho, impeding civilian access in both directions. • <u>Flying Checkpoints/Detention:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 06:30, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to the village of ‘Ein ad Duyuk, searched civilian vehicles, detained 4 individuals, including 1 Palestinian National Security officer, and released them at 09:30. (ii) At 14:40, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the junction to the village of Al ‘Auja on Al Mu’arrajat road connecting the districts of Jericho and Ramallah, searched civilian vehicles, and impeded civilian access. |
| BETHLEHEM | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Closure:</u> The Israeli army continues to close the roads to the village of An Nu’mān, with the exception of the road leading to the Wall gate in the south-eastern area of the village. The Israeli army considers the civilians’ residence in the village illegal because they hold West Bank identity cards while their village is located within the Israeli-defined municipal boundaries of Jerusalem. • <u>Closure of Main Roads:</u> The Israeli army continues to close all roads to Road # 60 leading to the city of Jerusalem, thereby isolating the city of Bethlehem from its towns and villages located west of Road # 60. • <u>Wall Construction:</u> Wall construction was suspended for the weekend north of ‘Ayda refugee camp towards the area north of the city of Beit Jala and in the Everest area, northwest of the city of Beit Jala. |

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| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Raids:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 12:25, the Israeli army, including 2 jeeps, raided and patrolled the town of Al Khadr until 14:00. (ii) At 18:05, an Israeli army patrol raided the village of Dar Salah, set up a checkpoint, and searched civilians and vehicles until 18:30. (iii) At 20:10, an Israeli army patrol raided the cities of Beit Jala and Bethlehem and patrolled the area. |
| HEBRON | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Closure:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) The Israeli army continues to close with cement blocks and barbed wire Ash Shuhada' Street and the area of As Sahleh and with an iron gate the old gold market, all in the H2 section of the city of Hebron, denying access to civilians and vehicles. (ii) The Israeli army continues to implement a military order to close civilian commercial shops on both sides of the road connecting the settlement of Kiryat Arba' to the Ibrahimi Mosque in the old city of Hebron from 06 November 2005 until 07 May 2006. Civilian vehicles are prohibited from travelling along the road unless they possess access permits. Only Israeli settler vehicles are allowed unrestricted access on the road. (iii) The Israeli army continues to close with a dirt barricade the area of Khuzq al Far near the settlement of Abraham Avino in the old city of Hebron, in addition to the iron gate that has been set up in the area. (iv) The Israeli army continues to close the entrance to the area of Al Khan in the old city of Hebron with an electronic gate, isolating the area from Al Laban Market and the area of As Sahleh. • <u>Closure of Main Roads:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the area of Al Hawawir leading to the town of Halhul, the area of Al Fahs south of the city of Hebron, the junction to the area of Farsh al Hawa leading to Road # 35 northwest of the city of Hebron, and the entrance to the village of 'Arab ar Ramadin. (ii) The Israeli army continues to close the main entrance to Al 'Arrub refugee camp with cement blocks. • <u>Wall Construction:</u> Wall construction was suspended for the weekend west of the town of Surif to Beit Ula, in the town of Idhna, from the village of Deir Samit to the village of Beit 'Awwa, from Beit 'Awwa to the village of Al Burj, and south of the towns of Adh Dhahiriya and As Samoa'. • <u>Flying Checkpoints/Detention:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 09:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the overpass to the town of Halhul, searched civilian vehicles, detained 4 Palestinian Police officers, and released them at a later time. (ii) The Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on Al Fawwar junction, searched civilian vehicles, and impeded civilian access. • <u>Raids:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 15:00, the Israeli army raided the town of Bani Na'im. Confrontations took place between the Israeli army and civilians. |

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| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (ii) The Israeli army raided and patrolled the town of Halhul. • Arrests: At 20:00, the Israeli army arrested 2 civilians in the area of Johar Mountain in the old city of Hebron: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Baha' Fahed 'Ashour; and (ii) Bilal Fahed Ashour. |
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| ALL DISTRICTS | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Israeli army partially eased the closure it has imposed on the Gaza Strip since 16 December 2005 ostensibly due to Palestinian individuals' firing of mortars towards the Green Line. The Israeli army allowed 176 workers and 32 merchants to cross into areas inside the Green Line. |
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| NORTHERN GAZA | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure: Beginning at 18:00 on 28 December 2005, the Israeli army has continued to impose a buffer zone (through open fire as well as artillery and air attacks) in the area near the Green Line, including the area of the debris of evacuated settlements, in the district of Northern Gaza. The Israeli army has also warned that civilians would put their lives in danger if they enter the designated area. • Closure of Crossing Point: Beit Hanun (Erez) Crossing is partially open to foreign nationals, VIPs, civilians holding special permits, humanitarian cases, and workers. • Air Attacks/Provocation of Palestinian Forces/Destruction of Property: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 16:20, Israeli army F16 combat aircrafts fired 2 missiles towards Palestinian territory, including 1 missile that landed 50 metres away from 1 Palestinian National Security location northwest of the town of Beit Lahiya. (ii) At 00:15, an Israeli army F16 combat aircraft fired 1 missile towards Palestinian territory in the area surrounding the College of Agriculture in the town of Beit Hanun. (iii) At 00:35, Israeli army F16 combat aircrafts fired 2 missiles towards Palestinian territory 100 away from 1 Palestinian National Security location east of the town of Beit Hanun. (iv) At 01:45, Israeli army F16 combat aircrafts fired 3 missiles towards Palestinian territory: east of the town of Beit Hanun; north of the town of Beit Lahiya; and 100 metres away from 1 Palestinian National Security location near the town of Beit Hanun, cutting off electricity in the area. • Attack/Provocation of Palestinian Forces: Between 09:00 and 20:30, the Israeli army fired 20 artillery shells from its location inside the Green Line towards Palestinian territory: north of An Nada towers; near 1 Palestinian National Security location in the area surrounding the debris of the evacuated settlement of Dugit northwest of the town of Beit Lahiya; and south of the debris of the evacuated settlement of Nisanit north of the town of Beit Lahiya. |
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| GAZA | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Activities not reported. |
| CENTRAL GAZA | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Activities not reported. |
| KHAN YUNIS | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Activities not reported. |
| RAFAH | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Closure of Crossing Points:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Yasser ‘Arafat International Airport remains closed. (ii) Rafah Crossing is partially open in both directions to passengers holding Palestinian IDs, humanitarian cases, and Arab and foreign diplomatic missions. (iii) Sufa Crossing is closed. |