مجموعة الرقابة الفلسطينية

PALESTINIAN MONITORING GROUP

DAILY SITUATION REPORT
08:00 08 March 2005 – 08:00 09 March 2005

SUMMARY OF EVENTS

EVENT	WEST BANK	GAZA STRIP	TOTAL	NOTES
Physical Assault	1	—	**1**	1 civilian severely beaten in Hebron
Injuries	—	2	**2**	In the district of Rafah, incl. 1 officer
Attacks	2	5	**7**	Incl. 1 during raid & 4 from posts
Raids	14	2	**16**	Incl. 6 in Ramallah & 2 in Jenin
Air Patrol	1	—	**1**	Over the city of Tulkarem
Arrests (per person)	7	—	**7**	Incl. 3 in Ramallah and 2 in Nablus
Detentions	10	—	**10**	Incl. in residential compounds
House Demolition	*	—	—	* Notices to demolish 50 houses
Land Levelling	—	1	**1**	Near Al Amal neighbourhood
Wall Construction	20	—	**20**	Incl. Jer., Jenin, Ram'lah, Beth., Salfit
Curfew	1	—	**1**	The old city of Hebron
Checkpoints	(All)	—	**(All)**	
Flying Checkpoints	14	—	**14**	Incl. 4 in Ramallah & 3 in Hebron
Closure (per District)	6	—	**6**	Incl. Jerusalem and Jericho (partially)
Closure of Main Roads	(Unidentified)	(9)	—	Incl. 2 partially
Closure of Wall Gates	(All)	—	**(All)**	Permits required to cross
Closure of Crossing Points	—	3	**3**	Incl. 2 partially open
Settler Violence	2	1	**3**	Incl. 10 sheep stolen near 'Aqraba
Provocation of Pal. Forces	—	1	**1**	Open fire towards 1 security patrol
Construction of Mil. Posts	—	1	**1**	1 watchtower erected
Palestinian Attack	—	1	**1**	1 unidentified mortar
Demonstration	1	—	**1**	In Bil'in against the Wall
TOTAL	**79**	**17**	**96**	

DISTRICT	EVENT
ALL DISTRICTS	• Beginning on 11 November 2004, following the official announcement of the death of President Yasser Arafat, the Israeli army continues to impose a total closure on the West Bank, preventing civilians and workers from crossing the Green Line.

WEST BANK

DISTRICT	EVENT
JERUSALEM	• **Closure:** (i) The Israeli army continues to impose strict restrictions at checkpoints set up at the entrances to the city of Jerusalem and dispatched patrols to prevent civilians from other districts from entering the city. (ii) The Israeli army continues to close Ar Ram junction leading to the town of Bir Nabala. • **Wall Gates:** The Israeli army continues to close the Wall gate in the town of Abu Dis with cement blocks, completely preventing civilians from crossing. • **Wall Construction:** Wall construction continues in Dahiyat Al Aqbat, the villages of Hizma and 'Anata, the Hizma-Jaba' road, the area of Al 'Eizariya, near Al Quds University, the area of Ash Shayyah, in the town of As Sawahira Ash Sharqiya, the village of Beit Surik, and in the section of Al Judeira, Bir Nabala, and Beit Hanina. • **Checkpoints:** The Israeli army intensified its restrictions at Qalandiya and An Nabi Samwil checkpoints and obstructed civilian movement, allegedly to conduct thorough searches. • **House Demolitions:** The Israeli army distributed notices to demolish 50 houses in Ath Thuri neighbourhood in the city of Jerusalem, claiming that they were built without the required licenses.
RAMALLAH & EL BIREH	• **Closure:** The Israeli army continues to close the entrance to the village of Al Mughayyir with dirt barricades. • **Wall Construction:** Wall construction continues in Budrus, Midya, Ni'lin, Deir Qaddis, Bil'in, Saffa, Beit Liqya, and Beituniya. • **Flying Checkpoints:** (i) At 09:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint between the town of 'Atara and the village of Um Safa, searched civilians and vehicles, and examined civilians' IDs. (ii) At 11:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to the town of Silwad, searched civilian vehicles, and obstructed civilian movement. (iii) The Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at Al Jalazun refugee camp, searched civilian vehicles, and obstructed civilian movement.

	• **Raids:** (i) At 11:25, an Israeli army patrol raided the city of Ramallah. At 14:00, and again at 22:45, the Israeli army raided the city again, halted 1 civilian vehicle in the neighbourhood of Um Ash Sharayet, and arrested its driver. The Israeli army also set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to the city along the Ramallah-Jerusalem road and arrested 1 civilian. (ii) At 15:10, the Israeli army raided the village of Dura Al Qar', searched 1 house, and arrested 1 civilian. (iii) At 22:00, an Israeli army patrol raided the village of Jifna and patrolled the area. (iv) At 01:15, the Israeli army raided Al Am'ari refugee camp and confiscated 1 illegal vehicle. • **Arrests:** (i) The Israeli army arrested 2 unidentified civilians in the city of Ramallah. (ii) The Israeli army arrested Firas Subhi Muhannad Hassan in the village of Dura Al Qar'. • **Demonstration:** At 09:30, a mass demonstration took place in the village of Bil'in in protest against land levelling for Wall construction. Confrontations took place between the Israeli army and civilians.
JENIN	• **Wall Gates:** Passage through the Wall gates is restricted to civilians granted special Israeli permits. • **Wall Construction:** Land levelling for Wall construction continues in Jalbun towards Al Mutilla, Raba, Al Mughayyir, Bardala and 'Ein al Beida, and towards the Jordan River. • **Checkpoint:** The Israeli army closed Dahiyat Sabah Al Kheir checkpoint north of the city of Jenin, preventing civilians from crossing for the second consecutive day. • **Raid:** At 21:40, the Israeli army, including 3 jeeps, raided the town of Al Yamun and the village of Sanur and patrolled the area.
TULKAREM	• **Closure:** The Israeli army continues to close 'Einav gate, which controls the road between the cities of Tulkarem and Nablus, preventing civilian vehicles from crossing. • **Wall Gates:** Passage through the Wall gates is restricted to civilians granted special Israeli permits. • **Flying Checkpoints:** (i) At 12:30, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint between the towns of Deir Al Ghusun and 'Attil, searched civilian vehicles, examined civilians' IDs, and withdrew at 14:00. (ii) At 23:20, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint between the town of Qaffin and the village of Barta'a and prevented civilians from crossing, allegedly due to the discovery of a suspicious object (which was later dismantled).

	• **Air Patrol:** At 16:15, Israeli army helicopters patrolled the skies over the city of Tulkarem.
QALQILYA	• **Wall Gates:** Passage through the Wall gates is restricted to civilians granted special Israeli permits. • **Flying Checkpoint:** At 22:10, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to the city of Qalqiliya, searched civilian vehicles, and examined civilians' IDs. • **Settler Violence:** A group of Israeli settlers from the settlement of Kedumim prevented civilians from accessing and ploughing their land near the settlement.
NABLUS	• **Raid:** At 15:00, the Israeli army raided the area west of the city of Nablus, set up a checkpoint between the town of Beit Iba and the village of Zawata, and arrested 2 civilians, allegedly for driving 2 illegal vehicles. • **Arrests:** The Israeli army arrested 2 civilians in the area between the town of Beit Iba and the village of Zawata: (i) Saher Jamil 'Abdu; and (ii) Fu'ad (family name unknown). • **Settler Violence:** At 13:00, a group of Israeli settlers stole 10 sheep belonging to Mu'ath Bani Ja'far, a resident in the town of 'Aqraba.
SALFIT	• **Wall Construction:** Land levelling for Wall construction continues in the town of Deir Ballut and the village of Az Zawiya near the Green Line. • **Flying Checkpoint:** At 11:30, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint between the town of Deir Istiya and the village of Zeita, searched civilian vehicles, and obstructed civilians' movement until 16:30. • **Raid:** (i) At 11:00, the Israeli army, including 5 jeeps, raided the town of Biddya and arrested 2 civilians, allegedly for driving 2 illegal vehicles. (ii) At 15:30, the Israeli army, including 5 jeeps, raided the town of Deir Istiya. Confrontations took place between the Israeli army and civilians. At 16:30, the Israeli army withdrew from the area. • **Arrests:** The Israeli army arrested 2 civilians in the town of Biddya: (i) Ayman 'Aziz 'Aql; and (ii) Srour 'Aziz 'Aql.
JERICHO	• **Closure:** The Israeli army set up dozens of checkpoints throughout the city, closing all entrances to the city and roads connecting towns and villages, and prevented civilians from crossing. The Israeli army only permitted residents of the city of Jericho to enter the city.
BETHLEHEM	• **Closure:** The Israeli army continues to close the only road leading to the village of Al Nu'man, northeast of the Bethlehem district, isolating the village and placing it, together with the adjacent village of Al Khas, under

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the jurisdiction of the Jerusalem municipality. The Israeli army considers the civilian presence in the villages illegal.

- **Wall Construction:** Construction of the Wall continues north of the district of Bethlehem, along 'Ayda refugee camp, along the tunnel road (Gilo), and west of the village of Husan.
- **Raids:**
(i)   At 12:05, the Israeli army raided the city of Beit Jala, set up a checkpoint, searched civilian vehicles, and examined civilians' IDs. The Israeli army also patrolled the area.
(ii)   At 17:15, an Israeli army patrol raided the town of Al Khadr, set up a checkpoint in the area of Al Balou', searched civilians and vehicles, and detained 2 civilians for several hours.

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HEBRON	**Closure:** The Israeli army continues to close Al Shuhada' Street and the area of As Sahleh in the area of H2 in the city of Hebron with cement blocks and barbed wire, denying access for civilians and vehicles. **Wall Construction:** Land levelling for Wall construction continues west of the towns of Idhna and Beit 'Awwa, in the area extending from the village of Deir Samit, the town of Beit 'Awwa, and towards the village of Al Burj. **Flying Checkpoints:** (i) At 10:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to Al Fawwar refugee camp, searched civilian vehicles, and examined civilians' IDs. (ii) The Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint in the area of An Nabi Yunis at the entrance to the town of Halhul, searched civilian vehicles, and examined civilians' IDs. (iii) The Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to the village of Kharsa, searched civilian vehicles, and examined civilians' IDs. **Raid:** At 16:00, Israeli army patrols raided the city of Hebron and patrolled several neighbourhoods. **Curfew/Physical Assault:** Beginning at 09:30 on 07 March 2005, the Israeli army continues to impose curfew on neighbourhoods in the old city of Hebron and prevented civilians from entering or exiting the area. The Israeli army also severely beat and injured 'Eid Abdul Rahman An Natsheh, after which he was transported to hospital.

GAZA STRIP

NORTHERN GAZA	**Closure:** Beit Hanun Crossing is partially open.
GAZA	**Closure:** (i) Nitsareem junction remains closed. (ii) Al Shuhada Junction-Al Muntar Crossing road is closed.

CENTRAL GAZA	• **Raid:** At 14:20, Israeli infantry forces, including approximately 10 soldiers, raided 50 meters into Palestinian territory opposite Point 131 on the Green Line east of the city of Rafah.
KHAN YUNIS	• **Closure:** (i) Abu Al 'Ajin road (Khan Yunis Al Sharqiya) is closed. (ii) Western road (Khan Yunis) remains closed. (iii) Al Mawasi/Khan Yunis road (Al Tuffah checkpoint) is partially open. (iv) Alon checkpoint (entrance to Al Mawasi/Khan Yunis) south of Deir Al Balah is closed. (v) Deir Al Balah junction to Abu Holi checkpoint (Kfar Darom road) is closed. (vi) Morag road, which connects Khan Yunis' eastern and western roads, is closed. • **Raid:** At 15:00, the Israeli army, including 1 tank and 1 bulldozer, raided Palestinian territory opposite Point 8.5 near Al Amal neighbourhood, levelled land, opened indiscriminate fire, and fired tear gas grenades towards a civilian crowd near the location where land was levelled. • **Settler Violence:** At 16:30, a group of Israeli settlers from the settlement of Neve Dekalim assaulted a number of civilians in the area of Al Mawasi and expelled them from their land near the settlement. • **Construction of Military Posts:** At 12:00, the Israeli army erected 1 watchtower near Point 8 opposite Al Amal neighbourhood. • **Palestinian Attack:** At 23:00, armed Palestinian individuals fired 1 unidentified mortar towards the settlement of Neve Dekalim.
RAFAH	• **Closure:** (i) Yasser Arafat International Airport remains closed. (ii) Al Mawasi/Rafah road is partially open. (iii) Sufa Crossing is partially open to construction cargo only. • **Attacks/Provocation of Palestinian Forces:** (i) At 11:30, the Israeli army opened fire from its location at Point 6.5 towards a number of civilians in the area surrounding Salah Ad Din gate. (ii) At 12:50, the Israeli army opened fire from Tall Zu'rub military post towards civilian houses in Rafah refugee camp. (iii) At 15:30, the Israeli army opened fire from its locations along the Green Line towards Palestinian territory east of the airport, injuring 1 civilian. (iv) At 17:30, the Israeli army opened fire from its location near Point 8 along the Palestinian-Egyptian border opposite the neighbourhood of Yabna in Rafah refugee camp towards 1 Palestinian security patrol on its way to evacuate a number of children from the area (upon the request of the DCO), injuring 1 Palestinian security officer.

GENERAL

WORK PERMITS	• **West Bank:** (i) Israeli authorities renewed 9,878 work permits to cross the Green Line. The total number of those allowed to cross is unknown. (ii) Israeli authorities restricted the issuing of work permits to civilians who are married with children and over the age of 30. • **Gaza Strip:** (i) Israeli authorities renewed 737 work permits for workers to enter the Industrial Zones. However, only 543 workers (approximately 74% of those possessing work permits) were allowed access to the Industrial Zones. (ii) Israeli authorities renewed 1,127 work permits for workers in the construction and agriculture sectors to cross the Green Line. However, only 1,070 workers (approximately 95% of those possessing work permits) were allowed access into the Green Line.