

## مجموعة الرقابة الفلسطينية



## PALESTINIAN MONITORING GROUP

## DAILY SITUATION REPORT

08:00 11 March 2005 – 08:00 12 March 2005

## SUMMARY OF EVENTS

EVENT	WEST BANK	GAZA STRIP	TOTAL	NOTES
Physical Assault	1	—	<b>1</b>	A number of civilians severely beaten
Injuries	4	—	<b>4</b>	Incl. 1 child
Attacks	3	9	<b>11</b>	Incl. 2 during raids and 1 by settlers
Raids	11	—	<b>11</b>	Incl. 1 in Jerusalem & 4 in Ramallah
Air Patrol	1	—	<b>1</b>	Over the town of Al 'Ubeidiya
Arrests (per person)	7	1	<b>8</b>	Incl. 3 children and 1 ill civilian
Detentions	16	1	<b>17</b>	Incl. women and children
House Demolition	1	—	<b>1</b>	160 m <sup>2</sup> house in At Tur
Destruction of Property	1	—	<b>1</b>	Fuqeiqis School damaged
Land Confiscation	1	—	<b>1</b>	350 dunums, incl. in Deir Nidham
Confiscation of Property	1	—	<b>1</b>	Books from Fuqeiqis School
Curfew	1	—	<b>1</b>	The old city of Hebron (5 days)
Checkpoints	(All)	—	<b>(All)</b>	
Flying Checkpoints	12	—	<b>12</b>	Incl. 2 in Ramallah & 3 in Salfit
Closure (per District)	5	—	<b>5</b>	Incl. the area of As Sahleh in Hebron
Closure of Main Roads	(Unidentified)	(9)	—	Incl. 1 partially
Closure of Wall Gates	(All)	—	<b>(All)</b>	Permits required to cross
Closure of Crossing Points	—	5	<b>5</b>	Incl. 1 partially open
Attacks on Religious Sites	3	—	<b>3</b>	Incl. worshippers denied access
Settler Violence	3	—	<b>3</b>	Incl. open fire towards civilians
Provocation of Pal. Forces	1	—	<b>1</b>	1 patrol positioned near Al Maqata'a
Palestinian Attacks	1	2	<b>3</b>	Incl. open fire towards 1 post
Pal. Security Measures	—	1	<b>1</b>	Incl. the area of 'Ureibeh combed
Demonstration	1	—	<b>1</b>	In Bil'in against Wall construction
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>74</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>93</b>	

DISTRICT	EVENT
ALL DISTRICTS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>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.</li> </ul>

## WEST BANK

JERUSALEM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Closure:</b> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Israeli army imposed strict restrictions at checkpoints set up at the entrances to the city of Jerusalem and set up several checkpoints in the old city of Jerusalem and around Al Aqsa Mosque compound, impeding worshippers' access to Al Aqsa Mosque to perform Friday prayers.</li> <li>The Israeli army continues to close Ar Ram junction leading to the town of Bir Nabala.</li> </ol> </li> <li><b>Wall Gates:</b> The Israeli army continues to close the Wall gate in the town of Abu Dis with cement blocks, completely preventing civilians from crossing.</li> <li><b>Wall Construction:</b> Wall construction was suspended for the weekend 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.</li> <li><b>Checkpoints:</b> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Israeli army intensified its restrictions at Qalandiya and An Nabi Samwil checkpoints and obstructed civilian movement, allegedly to conduct thorough searches.</li> <li>The Israeli army closed the village of 'Anata checkpoint and prevented civilians from crossing in both directions for several hours.</li> </ol> </li> <li><b>Raid:</b> The Israeli army raided the town of Abu Dis and arrested 1 civilian.</li> <li><b>Arrest:</b> The Israeli army arrested Mousa Abu Salem in the town of Abu Dis.</li> <li><b>House Demolition:</b> Israeli army bulldozers demolished a 160 m<sup>2</sup> house in At Tur neighbourhood in the city of Jerusalem belonging to Zahirah Mutawe', a female civilian.</li> </ul>
RAMALLAH & EL BIREH	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Wall Construction:</b> Wall construction was suspended for the weekend in Budrus, Midya, Ni'lin, Deir Qaddis, Bil'in, Saffa, Beit Liqya, and Beituniya.</li> <li><b>Flying Checkpoints:</b> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>At 19:20, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the overpass to</li> </ol> </li> </ul>

	<p>the town of 'Atara, searched civilian vehicles, and obstructed civilian movement.</p> <p>(ii) The Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to the village of Deir Abu Mash'al and searched civilians and vehicles.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b><u>Raids/Provocation of Palestinian Forces:</u></b></li> </ul> <p>(i) At 21:35, the Israeli army, including 2 jeeps, raided the city of Ramallah. At 22:00, the Israeli army raided the city again and took position near the eastern entrance to Al Muqata'a for a period of time.</p> <p>(ii) At 01:10, the Israeli army, including 2 jeeps, raided the entrance to Al Am'ari refugee camp and patrolled the area.</p> <p>(iii) The Israeli army raided the village of Budrus and arrested 1 civilian. Confrontations took place between the Israeli army and civilians, during which the Israeli army injured 3 civilians.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b><u>Arrest:</u></b> The Israeli army arrested Mohammed Abdul Karim in the village of Bil'in.</li> <li>• <b><u>Settler Violence:</u></b> Israeli settlers from the settlement of Halamish confiscated approximately 350 <i>dunums</i> (87.5 acres) of civilian land in the villages of Deir Nidham and An Nabi Salih for construction of a chemical processing factory. Israeli settlers also dumped waste on civilian land.</li> <li>• <b><u>Demonstration:</u></b> 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, during which the Israeli army injured 12-year-old Hani Samed with bullet wounds in the thigh. A number of civilians were also injured as a result of tear gas inhalation. The Israeli army also severely beat and injured a number of civilians and arrested 1 ill civilian.</li> </ul>
<b>JENIN</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b><u>Wall Gates:</u></b> Passage through the Wall gates is restricted to civilians granted special Israeli permits.</li> <li>• <b><u>Wall Construction:</u></b> Land levelling for Wall construction was suspended for the weekend in Jalbun towards Al Mutilla, Raba, Al Mughayyir, Bardala and 'Ein al Beida, and towards the Jordan River.</li> <li>• <b><u>Checkpoint:</u></b> The Israeli army intensified its restrictions at Tayasir checkpoint east of the town of Tubas and obstructed civilian movement, allegedly to conduct thorough searches.</li> <li>• <b><u>Raid:</u></b> At 03:00, the Israeli army, including 4 jeeps, raided the town of Kafr Ra'i and arrested 1 university student.</li> <li>• <b><u>Arrest:</u></b> The Israeli army arrested 'Assem Khaled Milhem in the town of Kafr Ra'i.</li> </ul>
<b>TULKAREM</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b><u>Closure:</u></b> The Israeli army continues to close 'Einav gate, which controls the road between the cities of Tulkarem and Nablus, preventing civilian vehicles from crossing.</li> <li>• <b><u>Wall Gates:</u></b> Passage through the Wall gates is restricted to civilians granted special Israeli permits.</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b><u>Checkpoint:</u></b> At 16:50, the Israeli army intensified its restrictions at Jubara checkpoint south of the city of Tulkarem and impeded access to civilians, particularly female civilians between the ages of 17 and 25, allegedly to conduct thorough searches and to search for a female civilian wanted by the Israeli army.</li> <li>• <b><u>Flying Checkpoint:</u></b> At 14:40, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to the town of Baqa Ash Sharqiya, searched civilians and vehicles, and prevented civilians from entering the town until 15:30.</li> </ul>
<b>QALQILYA</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b><u>Wall Gates:</u></b> Passage through the Wall gates is restricted to civilians granted special Israeli permits.</li> <li>• <b><u>Flying Checkpoint:</u></b> At 11:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint along the Qalqiliya-Nablus road near the village of Jit, searched civilian vehicles, and examined civilians' IDs.</li> </ul>
<b>NABLUS</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b><u>Checkpoints:</u></b> The Israeli army intensified its restrictions at Huwwara and Za'tara junction checkpoints, obstructing civilian movement. Israeli troops positioned at Huwwara checkpoint prevented 1 civilian, along with his wife and son, from entering the city of Nablus. Israeli troops positioned at Za'tara checkpoint also detained 5 female civilians at Za'tara junction checkpoint.</li> <li>• <b><u>Flying Checkpoint:</u></b> At 11:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint along Al Bathan road, searched civilian vehicles, and examined civilians' IDs.</li> <li>• <b><u>Settler Violence:</u></b> At 18:30, a group of Israeli settlers from the settlement of Yizhar opened fire towards, and chased, a number of civilians from the village of Madama while they were tending their sheep on their land near the settlement.</li> <li>• <b><u>Palestinian Attack:</u></b> At 20:00, armed Palestinian individuals opened fire from the area surrounding the village of Kafr Qalil towards the Israeli army military post over At Tur Mount in the city of Nablus.</li> </ul>
<b>SALFIT</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b><u>Wall Construction:</u></b> Land levelling for Wall construction was suspended for the weekend in the town of Deir Ballut and the village of Az Zawiya near the Green Line.</li> <li>• <b><u>Flying Checkpoints:</u></b> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) The Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to the village of Marda and prevented civilians from entering or exiting the village, forcing them to take rough detour roads.</li> <li>(ii) The Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to the village of Az Zawiya, searched civilians, and obstructed their movement.</li> <li>(iii) The Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to the village of Qarawat Bani Hassan, searched civilian vehicles, and obstructed civilian movement.</li> </ol> </li> </ul>

<p style="text-align: center;"><b>JERICHO</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Closure:</b> 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.</li> <li>• <b>Checkpoint:</b> The Israeli army intensified its restrictions at Al Hamra checkpoint along the main road between the cities of Jericho and Nablus, allegedly to conduct thorough searches, thereby obstructing civilian movement.</li> </ul>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>BETHLEHEM</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Closure:</b> 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 the jurisdiction of the Jerusalem municipality. The Israeli army considers the civilian presence in the villages illegal.</li> <li>• <b>Wall Construction:</b> Construction of the Wall was suspended for the weekend north of the district of Bethlehem, along 'Ayda refugee camp, along the tunnel road (Gilo), and west of the village of Husan.</li> <li>• <b>Checkpoint:</b> At 11:25, the Israeli army closed As Sawahira Ash Sharqiya checkpoint and prevented civilians from entering or exiting the district of Bethlehem until 13:00.</li> <li>• <b>Raids:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) At 13:00, an Israeli army patrol raided the town of Al Khadr, set up a checkpoint between the town and the city of Bethlehem, and searched civilians and vehicles.</li> <li>(ii) At 02:00 on 11 March 2005, the Israeli army raided the town of Tuqu' and arrested 3 children. At 01:30 on 12 March 2005, the Israeli army raided the town again and patrolled the area.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b>Air Patrol:</b> At 11:25, Israeli army helicopters patrolled the skies over the town of Al 'Ubeidiya east of the district of Bethlehem.</li> <li>• <b>Arrests:</b> The Israeli army arrested 3 children in the town of Tuqu': <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) Mohammed Jamal Sabbah, 14 years old;</li> <li>(ii) Bashir Khaled Sabbah, 16 years old; and</li> <li>(iii) Munir Jamal Sabbah, 16 years old.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>HEBRON</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Closure:</b> 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.</li> <li>• <b>Wall Construction:</b> Land levelling for Wall construction was suspended for the weekend 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.</li> <li>• <b>Flying Checkpoint:</b> The Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint between the towns of Tarqumiya and Idhna, searched civilian vehicles, and obstructed civilian movement.</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b><u>Raid/School Disruption/Confiscation of Property/Destruction of Property:</u></b> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) At 23:15, an Israeli army patrol raided the city of Hebron, set up a checkpoint, searched civilian vehicles, and examined civilians' IDs.</li> <li>(ii) The Israeli army raided the village of Fuqeiqis west of the town of Dura, raided the village's school, and confiscated a number of books and educational materials. The Israeli army also set fire to the school, causing damage to it.</li> </ol> </li> <li>• <b><u>Curfew/Attack on Religious Sites:</u></b> Beginning at 09:30 on 07 March 2005, the Israeli army continues to impose curfew on neighbourhoods in the old city of Hebron, prevented civilians from entering or exiting the area, and searched a number of houses in the neighbourhood of Wadi An Nasara. The Israeli army also continued to close the Ibrahimi Mosque, preventing worshippers from conducting prayers in the mosque, and prohibited worshippers from performing Friday prayers in all mosques in the old city of Hebron.</li> </ul>
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### GAZA STRIP

<b>NORTHERN GAZA</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b><u>Closure:</u></b> Beit Hanun Crossing is partially open.</li> </ul>
<b>GAZA</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b><u>Closure:</u></b> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) Nitsareem junction remains closed.</li> <li>(ii) Al Shuhada Junction-Al Muntar Crossing road is closed.</li> <li>(iii) Al Muntar (Karni) Crossing is closed.</li> <li>(iv) Nahal 'Oz Crossing is closed.</li> </ol> </li> </ul>
<b>CENTRAL GAZA</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b><u>Attack:</u></b> At 21:00, the Israeli army opened fire and fired flares from its location in the area surrounding the settlement of Kfar Darom towards Abu 'Arif Street south of the city of Deir Al Balah.</li> <li>• <b><u>Palestinian Attacks:</u></b> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) At 20:00, armed Palestinian individuals fired an unidentified mortar towards Gosh Katif settlement bloc. However, the mortar did not explode.</li> <li>(ii) At 21:35, armed Palestinian individuals opened fire towards the settlement of Kfar Darom. The Israeli army responded by firing 1 tank shell towards Abu 'Arif Street south of the city of Deir Al Balah.</li> </ol> </li> </ul>
<b>KHAN YUNIS</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b><u>Closure:</u></b> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) Abu Al 'Ajin road (Khan Yunis Al Sharqiya) is closed.</li> <li>(ii) Western road (Khan Yunis) remains closed.</li> <li>(iii) Al Mawasi/Khan Yunis road (Al Tuffah checkpoint) is partially open.</li> <li>(iv) Abu Holi road is open. At 23:50, the Israeli army closed Salah Ad Din road between Al Matahin and Abu Holi checkpoints. At 01:00, the road was reopened.</li> </ol> </li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(v) Alon checkpoint (entrance to Al Mawasi/Khan Yunis) south of Deir Al Balah is closed.</li> <li>(vi) Deir Al Balah junction to Abu Holi checkpoint (Kfar Darom road) is closed.</li> <li>(vii) Morag road, which connects Khan Yunis' eastern and western roads, is closed.</li> <li>• <b><u>Attacks:</u></b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) At 14:05, the Israeli army fired tear gas grenades from its location at Point 9 towards a number of children near West Khan Yunis refugee camp.</li> <li>(ii) At 17:45, the Israeli army fired 1 sound grenade towards a number of children near Al Amal neighbourhood.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
<b>RAFAH</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b><u>Closure:</u></b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) Yasser Arafat International Airport remains closed.</li> <li>(ii) Al Mawasi/Rafah road is closed.</li> <li>(iii) Sufa Crossing is closed.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b><u>Attacks:</u></b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) At 16:00, the Israeli army opened fire from its locations at Points 7, 8 and 9 along the Palestinian-Egyptian border towards Palestinian territory in the area surrounding Salah Ad Din gate, the neighbourhood of Yabna, and Bloc (J) in Rafah refugee camp.</li> <li>(ii) At 17:20, the Israeli army opened fire from Tall Zu'rub military post towards Palestinian territory west of the city of Rafah.</li> <li>(iii) At 20:50, the Israeli army opened fire from its location at Point 19 towards civilian houses in Tall As Sultan neighbourhood.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b><u>Arrest:</u></b> At 21:00, Israeli troops positioned at Rafah Crossing arrested Saleh Ayyoub Khaddourah, on his way back from Egypt.</li> <li>• <b><u>Palestinian Security Measures:</u></b> At 17:40, Palestinian security forces combed the area of 'Ureibeh between the settlement of Morag and north of the city of Rafah and arrested 4 civilians suspected of having been present in the area.</li> </ul>

**GENERAL**

<b>POLITICAL PRISONERS</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b><u>Hunger Strike:</u></b> Beginning on 03 March 2005, 22 Jordanian prisoners, most of whom are held in Hadarim Prison, continued their open-ended hunger strike, in protest against their imprisonment. Additionally, 5 ill Jordanian prisoners, suffering from chronic diseases, refrained from taking their medication and suffered deterioration in their health conditions. Therefore, a number of the ill prisoners, including the spokesman for the Jordanian prisoners Sultan Al 'Ajlouni, who has been imprisoned for 23 years, were transported to the prison clinic.</li> </ul>
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<p><b>WORK PERMITS</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b><u>West Bank:</u></b><ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>(i) Israeli authorities renewed 8,521 work permits to cross the Green Line. The total number of those allowed to cross is unknown.</li><li>(ii) Israeli authorities restricted the issuing of work permits to civilians who are married with children and over the age of 30.</li></ul></li><li>• <b><u>Gaza Strip:</u></b><ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>(i) Israeli authorities renewed 1,129 work permits for workers to enter the Industrial Zones. However, only 1,100 workers (approximately 98% of those possessing work permits) were allowed access to the Industrial Zones.</li><li>(ii) Israeli authorities renewed 767 work permits for workers in the construction and agriculture sectors to cross the Green Line. However, only 582 workers (approximately 76% of those possessing work permits) were allowed access into the Green Line.</li></ul></li></ul>
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