

مجموعة الرقابة الفلسطينية



PALESTINIAN MONITORING GROUP

DAILY SITUATION REPORT

08:00 14 March 2004 – 08:00 15 March 2004

SUMMARY OF EVENTS

EVENT	WEST BANK	GAZA STRIP	TOTAL	NOTES
Deaths	—	4	4	
Physical Assault	1	—	1	
Injuries	12	4	16	Incl. 2 children & 1 officer
Air Attack	—	1	1	Gaza city
Attacks	4	6	10	Incl. H.Q. & 3 Nat. Sec. posts
Raids	24	3	27	Incl. government office
Arrests (per person)	24	4	28	Incl. 2 females & 1 officer
Detentions	2	—	2	Incl. 2 government employees
Land Levelling	2	—	2	For Sep. Wall & bypass road
Separation Wall Const.	9	—	9	2 Jer'lem, 4 Ramallah, 3 Jenin
Destruction of Property	—	1	1	House burnt down
Land Confiscation	2	—	2	For settlement expansion
House Occupations	4	—	4	Converted to military posts
Curfews	3	—	3	
Checkpoints	All	—	All	
Flying Checkpoints	9	—	9	
Closures (per District)	2	—	2	Incl. area of several villages
Closure of Main Roads	Most	(5)	Most	Esp. connecting governorates
Closure of Wall Gates	All	—	All	Permits required to cross
Closure of Crossing Points	—	2	2	1 Partially open to workers
Settler Violence	1	—	1	Land conf. for settlement
School Disruption	3	—	3	Incl. 2 schools closed
Provocation of Forces	2	—	2	
Demonstrations	3	—	3	Against separation wall
TOTAL	107	25	132	

DISTRICT	EVENT
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WEST BANK

JERUSALEM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure: The Israeli army continues to impose a strict closure on Jerusalem and to prevent residents from other districts from entering Jerusalem. • Separation Wall Construction: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Separation wall construction continues in Al Eizariya, Abu Dis, Al Sawahira and Sur Bahir. (ii) Preparatory work, including land levelling, for construction of the separation wall in Beit Surik and Qatanna remains suspended by order of the Israeli Supreme Court. • Land Confiscation: The Israeli Office for the Administration of Absentee Property distributed notices to civilians to report to the Coordination Committee Office in Ramallah in order to receive information concerning their right to compensation as the first stage of confiscation of absentee property. The land in question is located in the settlement of An Nabi Ya' aqov and in Beit Hanina al Foqa and was declared absentee property in 1967. • Arrests: The Israeli army arrested 40 civilians in the city of Jerusalem and 80 civilians in the area of Al Muthalath for not carrying specific permits allowing them to enter Jerusalem.
RAMALLAH & EL BIREH	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Flying Checkpoint: At 11:40, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to the town of Qarawat Bani Zeid, obstructed movement of traffic and arrested 1 officer. • Separation Wall Construction: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Construction of the western portion of the separation wall continues in Budrus, Deir Qaddis, Rantis, Beit Liqya, near Beituniya and near the village of Midya. (ii) Residents of the village of Ni'lin filed a petition at the Israeli Supreme Court to halt construction of the separation wall on their land. The court is expected to rule on the petition on 16 March 2004. • Raids: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 13:35, the Israeli army raided the cities of Ramallah and El Bireh and patrolled the area at different intervals throughout the day and night. (ii) At 20:30, the Israeli army, including 10 jeeps, raided the town of Silwad, opened indiscriminate fire towards civilians, imposed curfew

	<p>and prevented civilians, including teachers attempting to reach their schools, from entering and leaving the area.</p> <p>(iii) The Israeli army raided the village of Kharbatha al Misbah, searched several houses and arrested 5 civilians.</p> <p>(iv) The Israeli army raided the village of Deir Abu Mash'al, physically assaulted several civilians, and fired tear gas grenades and rubber coated steel bullets, injuring 6 civilians.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Arrest:</u> The Israeli army arrested Amjad Humeidan, an officer, near the town of Qarawat Bani Zeid. • <u>Demonstration/School Disruption:</u> At 09:00, 2 demonstrations took place in the villages of Beit Liqya and Deir Qaddis in protest against construction of the separation wall on land belonging to both villages. Confrontations with the Israeli army occurred, in which 6 civilians were injured, including 16-year-old Ali Musa, who was injured in the face. As a result, classes in 2 schools serving 555 students were suspended in the village of Deir Qaddis.
JENIN	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <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 impede access to health facilities. • <u>Separation Wall Construction:</u> Construction of the separation wall continues south of Jalbun towards Al Mutilla, Raba, Al Mughayyir, Bardala and 'Ein al Beida and towards the Jordan River. • <u>Arrest:</u> On 13 March 2004, the Israeli army arrested Muhammad Al Hattub in the city of Jenin. He was taken to Salem Military Detention Centre.
JERICHO	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Arrest:</u> At 10:00 on 11 March 2004, the Israeli army arrested Omar Mahmoud Seem at the southern DCO checkpoint in Jericho.
BETHLEHEM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Closure:</u> At 17:45, the Israeli army closed the road leading to the western villages and announced it a closed military zone. • <u>Raids:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 09:00, the Israeli army raided the city of Bethlehem and provoked Palestinian National Security officers at the checkpoint near Paradise Hotel. (ii) At 22:00, the Israeli army raided the town of Husan, imposed curfew and arrested 2 civilians. (iii) At 04:00, the Israeli army raided the city of Bethlehem and Ayda refugee camp, searched several houses and arrested 3 civilians. (iv) The Israeli army raided the village of Beit Ta'mir and arrested 1

	<p>civilian.</p> <p>(v) At 10:00 on 13 March 2004, the Israeli army raided the city of Bethlehem, forced entry into Al Awqaf headquarters in the district and detained civilians in the building.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Arrests: The Israeli army arrested 2 civilians in the town of Husan: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Basil Sabatin; and (ii) Hasan Abed Zaghul. The Israeli army arrested 3 civilians in Ayda refugee camp: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (iii) Amir Ahmad Al Amir; (iv) Muhammad Karaja; and (v) Fadi Abu Wasfi. The Israeli army arrested 1 civilians in the village of Ta' mir: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (vi) Iyad Al Qarna.
TULKAREM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Flying Checkpoints: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 07:50, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint between the town of Bal'a and the village of Atara and restricted civilian movement. (ii) At 08:15, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the junction of Al Jarushiya and restricted movement of traffic. (iii) At 11:20, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the junction of Bizzariya and searched civilians and vehicles. • 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 Land Levelling: At 14:10, the Israeli army levelled 55 <i>dunums</i> (13.75 acres) of land that was confiscated yesterday in Dahiyat Irtah, south of the city of Tulkarem, for separation wall construction. • Raids: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 14:15, and again at 20:20 and 22:00, the Israeli army raided the city of Tulkarem and its suburbs and provoked Palestinian Police officers. (ii) At 20:10, the Israeli army raided the town of Kafr al Labad and fired sound bombs towards civilians. (iii) At 03:00, the Israeli army raided Tulkarem refugee camp, fired sound bombs towards civilians, occupied 4 houses, placed residents under house arrest and converted the houses into military posts. • Air Patrol: At 12:20, Israeli combat aircraft carried out military exercises over the district.
NABLUS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Raids: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 01:45, the Israeli army raided the town of Zawata, searched several houses and arrested 4 civilians.

	<p>(ii) The Israeli army raided the village of Rujeib, imposed curfew, searched several houses and arrested 1 civilian.</p> <p>(iii) The Israeli army raided the area of Al Makhfiya in Nablus city and arrested 1 civilian.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Arrests: The Israeli army arrested 4 civilians in the town of Zawata: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Tareq Al Rusan; (ii) Faraj Abu Ruz; (iii) Mustafa Abu Ruz; and (iv) Bilal Zawayta. <p>At 22:00, the Israeli army arrested 1 civilian at Beit Ibya checkpoint at the entrance to the city of Nablus:</p> <p>(v) Raed Abu Laban.</p> <p>The Israeli army arrested 1 civilian in the area of Al Makhfiya in Nablus:</p> <p>(vi) Hamza Na'alwa.</p>
HEBRON	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Land Confiscation/Settler Violence: Israeli settlers from the settlement of Bani Heifer confiscated over 60 <i>dunums</i> (15 acres) of land from the town of Yatta and enclosed the area with the a fence, preventing landowners from accessing their land and threatening to attack anyone approaching the area. • Raids: The Israeli army raided the towns of Idhna and Dura and arrested 3 civilians. • Arrests: The Israeli army arrested 3 civilians in the towns of Idhna and Dura: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Harith Awad; (ii) Mansur Al Shahayit; and (iii) Anis Al Talahma.
QALQILYA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Flying Checkpoint: The Israeli army set up flying checkpoints on the road connecting the city of Qalqiliya with Nablus and at the entrances to the villages of Jinsafut, Azzun and Jayyus and obstructed movement of traffic. • 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. • Land Levelling: The Israeli army levelled 150 <i>dunums</i> (37.5 acres) of olive groves in the town of Kafr Thulth in preparation for construction of a road connecting the settlement of Ma'ale Shomeron with a newly established settler outpost built on village land. • Raid: At 01:15, 3 Israeli army jeeps raided the city and patrolled the area.

SALFIT	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Flying Checkpoint:</u> At 07:40, the Israeli army set up 2 flying checkpoints at the entrances to the villages of Iskaka and Haris and obstructed movement of traffic. • <u>Raid:</u> At 23:15, the Israeli army raided the city of Salfit. At 01:00, the Israeli army raided the city again and searched 1 house. • <u>Demonstration:</u> At 12:00, a demonstration including participants from several peace movements took place in protest against the confiscation of land from the villages of Deir Ballut, Al Zawiya and Rafat while the land was being inspected by the Israeli Military Commander of the area.
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GAZA STRIP

NORTHERN GAZA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Closure:</u> The Erez crossing was closed. Only VIP personnel and UN employees are allowed to cross by foot.
GAZA CITY	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Closure:</u> The junction of Nitsareem remains closed. • <u>Air Attack:</u> At 01:40, Israeli army helicopters fired missiles towards a blacksmith's workshop in the city of Gaza, injuring 2 civilians, including a 15-year-old child. • <u>Attacks:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 10:30, the Israeli army opened intensive fire towards Palestinian Territory east of Gaza city, killing 3 civilians. (ii) At 22:00, the Israeli army opened intensive fire towards a Palestinian National Security post north of Nitsareem junction and south of Gaza city. (iii) At 07:45, the Israeli army opened intensive fire towards the headquarters of the Palestinian National Security and 2 other Palestinian National Security locations north and south of Al Shuhada junction, injuring several Palestinian National Security officers. • <u>Killing:</u> The Israeli army killed 3 civilians south of Gaza city: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Ahmad Hamdan; (ii) Mahmoud Alewa; and (iii) Muhammad Al Mubayid.
CENTRAL GAZA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Activities not yet reported

<p>KHAN YUNIS</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closures: <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) Al Mawasi/Khan Yunis road (Al Tuffah checkpoint) was open to pedestrians. (iv) Abu Holi road was partially open. • Attack: At 17:45, the Israeli army opened intensive fire from Point 12 towards civilian houses in Al Nimsawi neighbourhood, injuring 1 civilian. • Raid: At 03:30, the Israeli army raided the area of Abu al Ajin, searched 1 house belonging to Nassar Abu Dhahir, deceased, and arrested his sister and wife. • Arrests: The Israeli army arrested 2 civilians in the area of Abu al Ajin: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Huda Abu Dhaher; and (ii) Rasha Abu Dhaher.
<p>RAFAH</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) The Gaza International Airport remains closed. (ii) The Israeli army closed the Sufa crossing. • Raids: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 03:30, the Israeli army raided the area of Al Jaradat, east of the Rafah crossing, opened intensive fire towards civilians houses, killing 1 civilian, and arrested his brother. (ii) At 05:30, the Israeli army, including 8 tanks and 2 bulldozers, raided Yabna refugee camp and opened intensive fire towards civilian houses, setting fire to 1 house. • Killing: The Israeli army killed Sa'd Abu Jarrad in the area of Al Jaradat. • Arrests: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) The Israeli army arrested Mustafa Abu Jarrad in the area of Al Jaradat. (ii) At 17:30, the Israeli army arrested Abdallah Al Lahawani at the Sufa crossing.