

مجموعة الرقابة الفلسطينية



PALESTINIAN MONITORING GROUP

DAILY SITUATION REPORT

08:00 14 March 2005 – 08:00 15 March 2005

SUMMARY OF EVENTS

EVENT	WEST BANK	GAZA STRIP	TOTAL	NOTES
Death	1	—	1	1 civilian of injuries sustained earlier
Physical Assault	1	—	1	1 civilian left with contusions
Injury	1	—	1	1 civilian (while present on his land)
Attacks	6	5	11	Incl. 3 during raids & 6 from posts
Raids	22	1	23	Incl. 1 in Jerusalem & 8 in Tulkarem
Air Patrols	1	1	2	Over Tulkarem and Khan Yunis
Arrests (per person)	6	—	6	Incl. 2 children (brothers)
Detentions	6	1	7	Incl. at checkpoints
House Demolition	1	—	1	A 2-storey house in Samir Amis
Land Levelling	1	—	1	In Falamyia in Qalqiliya
Wall Construction	20	—	20	Incl. Jer., Jenin, Ram'lah, Beth., Salfit
Destruction of Property	2	—	2	Incl. orange trees uprooted
House Occupation	1	—	1	A number of houses in Bizzariya
Curfew	1	—	1	In Bizzariya in the district of Nablus
Checkpoints	(All)	—	(All)	
Flying Checkpoints	10	—	10	Incl. 4 in Ramallah & 3 in Hebron
Closure (per District)	5	—	5	Incl. Jerusalem & 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
Attack on Religious Sites	1	—	1	1 gate near the Ibrahim Mosque
Settler Violence	3	—	3	Incl. civilians severely beaten
Provocation of Pal. Forces	—	1	1	Position near 1 Pal. post
Palestinian Attack	—	1	1	1 unidentified mortar
Demonstrations	2	—	2	Incl. 1 against Wall construction
TOTAL	91	13	104	

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

JERUSALEM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Closure: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 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. 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. Raid: The Israeli army raided the village of Hizma, searched 1 house, and arrested 2 children (brothers). Arrests: The Israeli army arrested 2 children in the village of Hizma: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Ali Farouq Salah, 10 years old; and Mohammed Farouq Salah, 11 years old. House Demolition: The Israeli army demolished a 2-storey house (total area: 400 m²) belonging to Subhi At Touri, allegedly because it is in close proximity to the Wall.
RAMALLAH & EL BIREH	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Wall Construction: Wall construction continues in Budrus, Midya, Ni'lin, Deir Qaddis, Bil'in, Saffa, Beit Liqya, and Beituniya. Flying Checkpoints: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> At 13:30, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the junction to Bir Zeit University and searched civilians and university students in a provocative manner. Confrontations took place between the Israeli army and Bir Zeit university students until 14:00. At 13:35, the Israeli army set up 1 flying checkpoint on the overpass to

	<p>the town of ‘Atara and another flying checkpoint at the entrance to the village of Deir Abu Mash’al, searched civilian vehicles, and obstructed civilian movement.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Raids:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 11:35, the Israeli army, including 2 jeeps, raided the village of ‘Ein ‘Arik, set up a checkpoint in the centre of the village, and searched civilians and vehicles. (ii) At 13:00, the Israeli army, including 2 jeeps, raided the village of Kafr ‘Ein and patrolled the area. (iii) At 19:20, the Israeli army, including 3 jeeps, raided the city of El Bireh, raided the offices of FATEH movement, and patrolled the area. (iv) At 20:25, an Israeli army patrol raided the village of Al Mughayyir. Confrontations took place between the Israeli army and civilians. (v) At 01:15, the Israeli army raided the town of Bir Zeit and the villages of Abu Shukheidim and Kobar, opened fire, and fired sound grenades in the village of Abu Shukheidim. The Israeli army also searched female students’ halls of residence of Bir Zeit University. • <u>Demonstrations:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 10:45, a women’s demonstration took place near Palestinian Presidential Headquarters in the city of Ramallah during the presence of UN Secretary General Kofi Anan in the compound. The demonstrators demanded the release of political prisoners from Israeli prisons. (ii) At 11:20, a mass demonstration took place in the city of Ramallah, demanding the UN Secretary General to act in order to halt Wall construction and dismantle the completed segments of the Wall.
JENIN	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Checkpoint:</u> The Israeli army intensified its restrictions at Tayasir checkpoint, located east of the town of Tubas and leading to the northern Jordan Valley, and detained dozens of civilians for several hours, allegedly to conduct thorough searches. • <u>Wall Gates:</u> Passage through the Wall gates is restricted to civilians granted special Israeli permits. • <u>Wall Construction:</u> Land levelling for Wall construction continues in Jalbun towards Al Mutilla, Raba, Al Mughayyir, Bardala and ‘Ein al Beida, and towards the Jordan River.
TULKAREM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Closure:</u> The Israeli army continues to close ‘Einav gate, which controls the road between the cities of Tulkarem and Nablus, preventing civilian vehicles from crossing. • <u>Wall Gates:</u> Passage through the Wall gates is restricted to civilians granted special Israeli permits. • <u>Attack/Air Patrol:</u> At 18:50, Israeli troops positioned in the settlement of Avnei Hefetz opened fire and fired flares in the area surrounding the settlement. Israeli army helicopters also patrolled the skies over the area.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Raids:</u> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 09:25, the Israeli army, including 2 jeeps, raided the village of Kafr Rumman, set up a military post on top of the village's water reservoir, and opened fire towards, and injured, 1 civilian while he was present on his land. (ii) At 11:35, the Israeli army, including 10 jeeps, raided the towns of 'Attil and Deir Al Ghusun and patrolled the area. (iii) At 14:00, the Israeli army, including 7 jeeps, raided the area between the town of Kafr Ra'i and the village of Seida and patrolled the area. (iv) At 15:50, Israeli Special Forces raided the outskirts of the town of Bal'a Ash Shamaliya, which overlooks the town of 'Illar, in order to observe civilian movement. (v) At 20:50, the Israeli army raided the city of Tulkarem and Tulkarem refugee camp. At 06:05, the Israeli army raided the city of Tulkarem again and patrolled the area.
QALQILYA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Wall Gates:</u> Passage through the Wall gates is restricted to civilians granted special Israeli permits. • <u>Flying Checkpoint:</u> At, 12:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint along the Nablus-Qalqiliya main road, detained 2 civilians, and arrested 1 civilian. • <u>Arrest:</u> Israeli troops positioned at the flying checkpoint set up along the Nablus-Qalqiliya main road arrested Na'el Zeid. • <u>Land Levelling:</u> The Israeli army levelled land cultivated with orange trees near the Wall in the village of Falamya.
NABLUS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Raids/Curfew/House Occupations:</u> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 16:30, the Israeli army raided the village of Bizzariya, opened fire, fired sound grenades, and imposed curfew. The Israeli army also occupied a number of houses, converted them into military posts, searched other houses, and withdrew at a later time. (ii) At 02:30, the Israeli army raided the city of Nablus and searched for Nader Qafisheh, allegedly because he had opened fire towards the Israeli army. • <u>Killing:</u> Adham Hassan Ash Sha'lan died of injuries sustained approximately 2 months ago in 'Ein Beit El Ma' refugee camp. • <u>Arrests:</u> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (i) On 13 March 2005, Israeli troops positioned at the checkpoint set up on Za'tara junction arrested Fadi Abdul Ra'ouf Bassalat while he was on his way back from the city of Ramallah to his house in the village of Hajja. (ii) At 15:15, Israeli troops positioned at Beit Iba checkpoint arrested Farid Samir As Sayyed.

<p>SALFIT</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wall Construction: Land levelling for Wall construction continues in the town of Deir Ballut and the village of Az Zawiya near the Green Line. • Raid: At 13:30, the Israeli army raided the area west of the town of Kafr Ad Dik and patrolled the area.
<p>JERICHO</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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.
<p>BETHLEHEM</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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 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. • Physical Assault: At 17:45, Ali 'Abbas Daghash was admitted to Bethlehem Public Hospital after he suffered contusions when Israeli troops positioned at the checkpoint set up north of the city of Bethlehem chased him. • Raids: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 17:00, an Israeli army patrol raided the town of Al Khadr, set up 1 checkpoint in the centre of the town and another checkpoint in the area of Al Balou', searched civilian vehicles, and examined civilians' IDs. (ii) At 21:15, the Israeli army, including 2 jeeps, raided the city of Bethlehem and 'Ayda refugee camp and patrolled the area. • Arrest: At 15:30, Israeli troops positioned at As Sawahira Ash Sharqiya checkpoint arrested Muntaha Hassan Jum'ah, a resident of Tulkarem, while she was travelling to the city of Bethlehem. • Settler Violence: Israeli settlers from the settlements of Beitar and Etzion dumped waste water on civilian land in the village of Nahhalin.
<p>HEBRON</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 10:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to

	<p>the village of Kharsa southwest of the town of Dura, searched civilian vehicles, and obstructed civilian movement.</p> <p>(ii) The Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to the area of An Nabi Yunis in the town of Halhul and searched civilians and vehicles.</p> <p>(iii) The Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the western entrance to the town of As Samoa' and searched civilians and vehicles.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Detention: At 19:30, the Israeli army intensified its restrictions in the old city of Hebron and detained dozens of civilians, allegedly to conduct thorough searches. • Attack on Religious Sites: The Israeli army set up an iron gate and turnstiles 30 meters away from the entrance to the Ibrahimi Mosque in the old city of Hebron. The Israeli army also drew a red line which worshippers are not allowed to cross until they lift their shirts in order for Israeli troops to search them. • Settler Violence: <p>(i) Israeli settlers from the settlement of Asfar east of the town of Sa'ir prevented civilians from accessing their land near the settlement.</p> <p>(ii) Israeli settlers from the settlement of Kiryat Arba' east of the old city of Hebron severely beat a number of civilians in the neighbourhood of Al Hasein and threw stones at civilian houses, breaching the window glass of 6 houses. Israeli settlers also damaged crops cultivated on vast areas of civilian land.</p>
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GAZA STRIP

NORTHERN GAZA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure: Beit Hanun Crossing is partially open.
GAZA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure: <p>(i) Nitsareem junction remains closed.</p> <p>(ii) Al Shuhada Junction-Al Muntar Crossing road is closed.</p>
CENTRAL GAZA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Attack: At 20:10, the Israeli army opened fire from its location in the settlement of Kfar Darom towards Abu 'Arif Street south of the city of Deir Al Balah.
KHAN YUNIS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure: <p>(i) Abu Al 'Ajin road (Khan Yunis Al Sharqiya) is closed.</p> <p>(ii) Western road (Khan Yunis) remains closed.</p> <p>(iii) Al Mawasi/Khan Yunis road (Al Tuffah checkpoint) is partially open.</p> <p>(iv) Alon checkpoint (entrance to Al Mawasi/Khan Yunis) south of Deir Al Balah is closed.</p> <p>(v) Deir Al Balah junction to Abu Holi checkpoint (Kfar Darom road) is closed.</p>

	<p>(vi) Morag road, which connects Khan Yunis' eastern and western roads, is closed.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Attacks:</u> <p>(i) At 08:40, the Israeli army opened fire from its location at Point 12 towards Palestinian territory in An Namsawi neighbourhood.</p> <p>(ii) At 11:15, the Israeli army opened fire from its location at Point 8 towards civilian houses in Al Amal neighbourhood.</p> • <u>Raid/Provocation of Palestinian Forces:</u> At 03:15, the Israeli army, including 1 tank and 1 jeep, raided 30 meters into Palestinian territory, took position near 1 Palestinian National Security location, and closed Salah Ad Din road. At 04:00, the Israeli army withdrew from the area. • <u>Air Patrol:</u> At 20:15 Israeli army helicopters patrolled the skies over the eastern Khan Yunis district. • <u>Palestinian Attack:</u> At 23:40, 1 unidentified mortar was fired towards the settlement of Neve Dekalim.
RAFAH	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Closure:</u> <p>(i) Yasser Arafat International Airport remains closed.</p> <p>(ii) Al Mawasi/Rafah road is partially open.</p> <p>(iii) Sufa Crossing is partially open to construction cargo only.</p> • <u>Attacks:</u> <p>(i) At 11:30, the Israeli army opened fire from its location along the Palestinian-Egyptian border towards civilian houses in Ash Sha'ut neighbourhood in Rafah refugee camp.</p> <p>(ii) At 20:50, the Israeli army opened fire from its location at Point 5.5 along the Palestinian-Egyptian border towards Palestinian territory in As Salaam neighbourhood in Rafah refugee camp.</p>

GENERAL

WORK PERMITS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>West Bank:</u> <p>(i) Israeli authorities renewed 8,521 work permits to cross the Green Line. The total number of those allowed to cross is unknown.</p> <p>(ii) Israeli authorities restricted the issuing of work permits to civilians who are married with children and over the age of 30.</p> • <u>Gaza Strip:</u> <p>(i) Israeli authorities renewed 767 work permits for workers to enter the Industrial Zones. However, only 582 workers (approximately 76% of those possessing work permits) were allowed access to the Industrial Zones.</p> <p>(ii) Israeli authorities renewed 1,129 work permits for workers in the construction and agriculture sectors to cross the Green Line. However, only 1,100 workers (approximately 98% of those possessing work permits) were allowed access into the Green Line.</p>
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