

مجموعة الرقابة الفلسطينية



PALESTINIAN MONITORING GROUP

DAILY SITUATION REPORT

08:00 15 March 2004 – 08:00 16 March 2004

SUMMARY OF EVENTS

EVENT	WEST BANK	GAZA STRIP	TOTAL	NOTES
Physical Assault	1	—	1	Civilians beaten at Ram chpnt.
Injuries	9	3	12	Incl. 2 officers & 1 female
Attacks	9	6	15	
Raids	27	2	29	
Air Patrols	—	2	2	Reconnaissance & helicopter
Arrests (per person)	19	1	20	Incl. 1 officer
Detentions	3	1	4	Incl. Zababida Mun. & Battir
House Demolition	—	1	1	College of Education, Gaza
Land Levelling	—	1	1	
Separation Wall Const.	10	—	10	2 Jer'lem, 5 Ramallah, 3 Jenin
Destruction of Property	2	—	2	Car & sheep pen
Land Confiscation	2	—	2	For separation wall const.
House Occupations	7	—	7	Tulk. & Balata RC, Dhinnaba
Curfews	3	—	3	Husan, Burin & Zababida
Checkpoints	All	—	All	
Flying Checkpoints	4	—	4	
Closures (per District)	2	1	3	Incl. Jer. & entrance to village
Closure of Main Roads	Most	(5)	Most	Esp. connecting governorates
Closure of Wall Gates	All	—	All	Permits required to cross
Closure of Crossing Points	—	3	3	
Settler Violence	2	—	2	Stone throwing & trees cut
School Disruption	1	1	2	
Provocation of Forces	1	—	1	Searching of Nat. Sec. vehicle
Demonstrations	1	—	1	Against separation wall
TOTAL	103	22	125	

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 the city. • Separation Wall Construction: <ul 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. (iii) The Israeli army began erecting 2-meter high cement blocks for construction of a wall running along the middle of the main street between Dahiyat Al Bared checkpoint and Qalandiya checkpoint. • Physical Assault: Israeli army soldiers physically assaulted civilians attempting to cross Dahiyat Al Bared checkpoint and fired tear gas grenades towards civilians, including school students.
RAMALLAH & EL BIREH	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Flying Checkpoint: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 14:45, the Israeli army set up 2 flying checkpoints on the Ramallah/Bir Zeit road and in the area of Samir Amis and obstructed movement of traffic. (ii) At 23:15, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to the neighbourhood of Al Tireh in Ramallah city, searched vehicles and examined passenger IDs. • Separation Wall Construction: <ul 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) In response to petitions filed by residents of the village of Ni'lin to halt construction of the separation wall on their land, the Israeli Supreme Court ruled that the path of the separation wall near the village should be rerouted. (iii) The Israeli army issued confiscation orders for land belonging to the villages of Shuqba and Qibya for construction of the separation wall. • Destruction of Property: Israeli bulldozers demolished livestock barns holding 150 sheep belonging to Arab al Ka'abna Bedouin in the village of Ras Karkar.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Demonstration:</u> At 11:20, a demonstration took place in the village of Deir Qaddis in protest against construction of the separation wall on land belonging to the village. Confrontations with the Israeli army occurred, during which 7 civilians were injured.
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>Raids:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 15:40, the Israeli army raided the town of Al Zababida while a meeting was being convened in the Zababida Municipality building, including the Deputy Minister of Local Government, Hasan Al Araj, the Governor of Jenin, Ramadan Al Batta, and several high ranking Palestinian Police officers. The Israeli army surrounded the Municipality building, detained participants of the meeting, examined IDs and arrested 3 civilians. Confrontations between the Israeli army and civilians occurred, during which the Israeli army opened indiscriminate fire, injuring 1 civilian by live fire in the shoulder, and imposed curfew. (ii) At 03:00, the Israeli army raided the town of Qabatiya and arrested 1 officer. • <u>Arrests:</u> <p>The Israeli army arrested 3 civilians in the town of Al Zababida:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Mufid Turkman; (ii) Ma'moun Al Far; and (iii) Abdul Hamid Turkman. <p>The Israeli army arrested 1 officer in the town of Qabatiya:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (iv) Muhammad Kayid Zakarna.
JERICHO	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Activities not yet reported.
BETHLEHEM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Attack:</u> At 19:45, and again at 03:45, the Israeli army opened fire from the settlement of Gillo towards civilian houses in Beit Jala. • <u>Raids:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 13:30, and again at 15:00, the Israeli army, including 2 jeeps, raided the city of Bethlehem. At 02:15, the Israeli army raided the city again and arrested 3 civilians. Israeli army jeeps continue to patrol the city as of 08:00 this morning.

	<p>(ii) At 18:15, the Israeli army raided the village of Al Walaja and arrested 4 civilians.</p> <p>(iii) At 18:55, the Israeli army raided the village of Tuqu' and arrested 1 civilian.</p> <p>(iv) At 19:00, the Israeli army raided the town of Husan and imposed curfew until 06:00.</p> <p>(v) At 19:40, the Israeli army raided the village of Battir, detained dozens of civilians and took them to Beit Jala for interrogation before releasing them.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Arrests: The Israeli army arrested 3 civilians in the city of Bethlehem: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Salah Al Sa'iri; (ii) Musa Al Hanuti; and (iii) Haron Qasim. • The Israeli army arrested 1 civilian in the village of Tuqu': <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (iv) Ahmad Al Shaer • The Israeli army arrested 1 civilian in the village of Harmala, southwest of Bethlehem: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (v) Hisham Al Zeer. • Settler Violence: Israeli settlers from the settlement of Bitar Elit, protected by the Israeli army, cut down trees covering an area of 5 <i>dunums</i> (1.25 acres) located west of the village of Husan. The Israeli army prevented civilians from reaching the land.
TULKAREM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Flying Checkpoint: At 10:35, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint in Tulkarem refugee camp 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. • Raids: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 07:30, the Israeli army, including 10 jeeps, raided the cities of Tulkarem, Dahiyat Shuweika and Dahiyat Dhinnaba, occupied 1 civilian house and converted it into a military post. The Israeli army took position in the main streets until 05:30. (ii) At 07:35, the Israeli army, including jeeps and military personnel carriers, raided Tulkarem refugee camp, took position in the refugee camp, evacuated residents and occupied 4 houses, enclosed the houses with fences and converted them into military posts. The Israeli army opened fire towards civilians and destroyed a civilian vehicle before withdrawing at 16:45. (iii) At 10:10, the Israeli army raided the town of Deir Ghusun and searched 1 shop. (iv) At 23:00, the Israeli army raided the town of Attil, opened fire and

	<p>fired sound bombs towards civilians.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Provocation of Palestinian Forces:</u> At 11:30, the Israeli army stopped and searched a Palestinian National Security vehicle.
<p>NABLUS</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Closure:</u> The Israeli army closed the checkpoint located at the junction leading to the villages of Salem, Deir Al Hatab and Azmut, preventing civilians from entering the area and forcing them to travel south to Beit Furik checkpoint, located 8 kilometres from the village of Azmut. The Israeli army prevented food supplies and fuel from entering the village. The Israeli army prevented students and teachers from reaching their schools and obstructed the passage of patients to hospitals. The Israeli army notified civilians aged between 16 and 35 that they must obtain a permit in order to cross the checkpoint. • <u>Raids:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 10:30, the Israeli army raided the city of Nablus and Balata refugee camp, occupied several houses and buildings inside the refugee camp and the area overlooking the refugee camp, fired tear gas grenades and fired rubber coated steel bullets towards civilians, injuring 1 female civilian. (ii) The Israeli army raided the village of Burin and imposed curfew. (iii) At 16:00 on 12 March 2004, the Israeli army raided the village of Osarin and arrested 2 civilians. • <u>Arrests:</u> On 12 March 2004, the Israeli army arrested 2 civilians in the village of Osarin: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Shadi Adili; and (ii) Raed Adili. • <u>Settler Violence:</u> Israeli settlers from settlement of Yizhar attacked with stones the house of Ghaleb an Najjar, deceased, in the village of Burin.
<p>HEBRON</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Attack:</u> At 14:00, the Israeli army opened fire towards a civilian vehicle near Tarqumiya checkpoint. • <u>Raids:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 18:00, the Israeli army raided the town of Halhul and arrested 1 civilian. (ii) At 18:30, the Israeli army raided the city of Hebron and searched several shops. • <u>Arrests:</u> The Israeli army arrested 1 civilian in the town of Halhul: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Imad Khalawi. The Israeli army arrested 1 civilian while he was complying with a summons to report to the Israeli Civil Coordination Committee: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (ii) Ahmad Qawasmi.

<p>QALQILYA</p>	<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>Raids:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 20:05, the Israeli army, including 3 jeeps, raided the town of Jayyus and provoked civilians into confrontations in which the Israeli army fired tear gas grenades and rubber coated steel bullets. (ii) At 03:00, the Israeli army raided the village of Kafr Thulth and arrested 2 civilians. • <u>Arrests:</u> The Israeli army arrested 2 civilians in the village of Kafr Thulth: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Ismael Shawahna; and (ii) Ibrahim Shawahna.
<p>SALFIT</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Attack:</u> At 19:30, the Israeli army opened fire from its location in Tel Irsal towards Wadi Abdul Rahman. • <u>Raids:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 09:30, the Israeli army raided the city of Salfit and the village of Farkha. (ii) At 10:30, the Israeli army raided the city of Salfit and searched 1 house. • <u>Detention:</u> At 10:10, Israeli army soldiers detained a Palestinian National Security officer at the entrance to the village of Yasuf.

GAZA STRIP

<p>NORTHERN GAZA</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Closure:</u> The Erez crossing was closed. Only VIP personnel, UN employees and humanitarian cases are allowed to cross by foot.
<p>GAZA CITY</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Closure:</u> The junction of Nitsareem remains closed. • <u>Attack/Demolition:</u> At 03:30, the Israeli army, including 4 APCs and 4 bulldozers, raided Al Shuhada' junction, destroyed the University of Al Aqsa College of Education building, opened intensive fire and injured 2 Palestinian National Security officers.
<p>CENTRAL GAZA</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Attack:</u> At 19:15, the Israeli army opened intensive fire from the settlement of Kfar Daroom towards the area south of Deir Al Balah.

<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 closed at 14:00. The Israeli army searched vehicles and opened fire during the searches, injuring 1 civilian. • Attack: At 19:15, the Israeli army opened intensive fire from Point 12 towards civilian houses in Al Nimsawi neighbourhood and the area of Khan Yunis cemetery.
<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. • Raid/Land Levelling: At 00:30, the Israeli army, including 2 APCs and 2 bulldozers, raided the area of Tel Zu'rob, entering 30 meters into Palestinian Territory, levelled land and opened intensive fire towards civilian houses. • Air Patrol: At 22:00, Israeli helicopters and reconnaissance aircraft patrolled the skies over the district. • Arrest: At 17:20, the Israeli army arrested Muhammad Al Bardawil at the Sufa crossing.

GENERAL

<p>WORK PERMITS</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • West Bank: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) A total of 5,737 permits were issued to West Bank residents. (ii) Work permits for residents of Bethlehem are being held at the Israeli Coordination Committee office. • Gaza Strip: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) 3,640 workers entered the Industrial Area, 73% of a total of 4,997 workers issued permits. (ii) Despite the fact that 11,787 workers hold valid Israeli permits, no workers were allowed to cross the Green Line.
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