

## مجموعة الرقابة الفلسطينية



## PALESTINIAN MONITORING GROUP

## DAILY SITUATION REPORT

08:00 15 March 2005 – 08:00 16 March 2005

## SUMMARY OF EVENTS

EVENT	WEST BANK	GAZA STRIP	TOTAL	NOTES
Physical Assault	1	—	<b>1</b>	8-year-old female child run over
Injuries	9	—	<b>9</b>	8 in Ramallah and 1 in Qalqiliya
Attacks	8	4	<b>12</b>	Incl. 3 during raids & 5 from posts
Raids	21	2	<b>23</b>	Incl. 1 in Jerusalem & 4 in Nablus
Air Patrols	3	2	<b>5</b>	Incl. over Tulkarem and Salfit
Arrests (per person)	20	—	<b>20</b>	Incl. 1 child
Detentions	6	2	<b>8</b>	Incl. in residential compounds
Wall Construction	20	—	<b>20</b>	Incl. Jer., Jenin, Ram'lah, Beth., Salfit
Land Confiscation	1	—	<b>1</b>	In the village of Qatanna in Jerusalem
Curfews	2	—	<b>2</b>	In Abu Shukheidim & Al Mughayyir
Checkpoints	(All)	—	<b>(All)</b>	
Flying Checkpoints	14	—	<b>14</b>	Incl. 4 in Ramallah & 4 in Tulkarem
Closure (per District)	5	—	<b>5</b>	Incl. Jerusalem & Jericho (partially)
Closure of Main Roads	(Unidentified)	(9)	—	Incl. 2 partially
Closure of Wall Gates	(All)	—	<b>(All)</b>	Permits required to cross
Closure of Crossing Points	—	3	<b>3</b>	Incl. 2 partially open
Settler Violence	3	—	<b>3</b>	Incl. throwing stones at houses
Provocation of Pal. Forces	1	—	<b>1</b>	Position near 1 Pal. Police station
Palestinian Attacks	1	2	<b>3</b>	Incl. open fire towards 1 settler
Pal. Security Measures	—	1	<b>1</b>	1 tunnel discovered in Rafah RC
Demonstrations	2	—	<b>2</b>	Incl. in Dahiyat Al Bareed
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>117</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>133</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 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.</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 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.</li> <li><b>Wall Land Confiscation:</b> The Israeli army issued military orders confiscating civilian land in the village of Qatanna for Wall construction.</li> <li><b>Checkpoints:</b> The Israeli army intensified its restrictions at Qalandiya and An Nabi Samwil checkpoints and obstructed civilian movement, allegedly to conduct thorough searches.</li> <li><b>Raid:</b> The Israeli army raided the town of As Sawahira Ash Sharqiya, searched 1 house, and arrested 1 child.</li> <li><b>Arrest:</b> The Israeli army arrested Hadi Nimr Isma'il, 16 years old, in the town of As Sawahira Ash Sharqiya.</li> <li><b>Demonstration:</b> A mass demonstration took place in the area of Dahiyat Al Bareed in protest against Wall construction. Confrontations took place between the Israeli army and civilians, during which the Israeli army injured a number of civilians as a result of tear gas inhalation.</li> </ul>
RAMALLAH & EL BIREH	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Wall Construction:</b> Wall construction continues 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 09:40, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint between the villages of Bil'in and Kafr Ni'ma and searched civilians and vehicles.</li> <li>At 14:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the junction to</li> </ol> </li> </ul>

	<p>the town of Bir Zeit, searched civilians and vehicles, and arrested 1 civilian.</p> <p>(iii) The Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to the village of Shuqba, searched civilians and vehicles, and arrested 2 civilians.</p> <p>(iv) The Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on 'Atara overpass, searched civilian vehicles, and obstructed civilian movement.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b><u>Raids/Curfews:</u></b> <p>(i) Beginning at 13:00, the Israeli army remains positioned in the village of Al Mughayyir and continues to impose curfew for the 2<sup>nd</sup> consecutive day. The Israeli army also arrested 3 civilians.</p> <p>(ii) At 23:25, the Israeli army raided the village of Abu Shukheidim and imposed curfew. Confrontations took place between the Israeli army and civilians, during which the Israeli army injured 4 civilians with rubber-coated steel bullets. At 00:45, the Israeli army withdrew from the area.</p> <p>(iii) At 00:15, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the city of Ramallah.</p> </li> <li>• <b><u>Arrests:</u></b> <p>(i) Israeli troops positioned at the flying checkpoint set up on the junction to the town of Bir Zeit arrested Salam Hatem Hmeidan.</p> <p>The Israeli army arrested 2 civilians in the village of Shuqba:</p> <p>(ii) Khamis Qaddah; and</p> <p>(iii) Usayd Ahmed Thabet.</p> <p>(iv) The Israeli army arrested 3 unidentified civilians in the village of Al Mughayyir.</p> <p>(v) The Israeli army arrested Suhayb Mahmoud Khalil in the village of Budrus.</p> </li> <li>• <b><u>Demonstration:</u></b> At 11:00, a mass demonstration took place in the village of Budrus in protest against Wall construction. Confrontations took place between the Israeli army and civilians, during which the Israeli army injured 4 civilians. The Israeli army also arrested 1 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 continues in Jalbun towards Al Mutilla, Raba, Al Mughayyir, Bardala and 'Ein al Beida, and towards the Jordan River.</li> <li>• <b><u>Flying Checkpoints:</u></b> <p>(i) The Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to the town of Az Zababida and searched civilians and vehicles.</p> <p>(ii) The Israeli army set up 1 flying checkpoint on the junction to the town of 'Arraba and another flying checkpoint at the entrance to the village of 'Anza along the Jenin-Nablus main road. The Israeli army also closed the road in both directions.</p> </li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Arrests:</b> At 01:00, the Israeli army arrested 2 Palestinian vendors selling scrap metal in the area of Tayasir plain: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) Mohammed Khaled Thiyab ‘Amer; and</li> <li>(ii) Ghanem Mohammed Saleh Daraghmeh.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
<b>TULKAREM</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Closure:</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>Wall Gates:</b> Passage through the Wall gates is restricted to civilians granted special Israeli permits.</li> <li>• <b>Flying Checkpoints:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) At 10:05, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint in the area of Ras Rummana near the town of Baqa Ash Sharqiya and searched civilians and vehicles until 10:45.</li> <li>(ii) At 10:20, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint in the area of Bir As Sikka between the towns of ‘Attil and ‘Illar and searched civilians and vehicles until 11:10.</li> <li>(iii) At 10:30, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to the village of Ramin and searched civilians and vehicles.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b>Raids/Provocation of Palestinian Forces:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) At 07:45, the Israeli army, including 2 jeeps, raided the city of Tulkarem and patrolled the area until 08:00.</li> <li>(ii) At 12:15, Israeli Special Forces raided the town of ‘Illar, took position in an uninhabited house near the town’s Police station, and withdrew at 14:20.</li> <li>(iii) At 18:40, the Israeli army, including 3 jeeps, raided the city of Tulkarem and patrolled the area.</li> <li>(iv) At 19:20, Israeli infantry troops raided the area of Rashin east of the town of Bal’a (after being dispatched by Israeli army helicopters) and set up a checkpoint along the detour road leading to the town of ‘Illar.</li> <li>(v) At 22:15, an Israeli army patrol raided the village of Saffarin and patrolled the area until 22:25.</li> <li>(vi) At 00:35, the Israeli army, including 2 jeeps, raided the town of ‘Anabta and patrolled the area.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
<b>QALQILYA</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Wall Gates:</b> Passage through the Wall gates is restricted to civilians granted special Israeli permits.</li> <li>• <b>Attack:</b> At 13:30, the Israeli army opened fire towards, and injured, 1 civilian while he was attempting to climb the Wall gate at the entrance to the village of Habla. The Israeli army also arrested the injured civilian.</li> <li>• <b>Arrest:</b> The Israeli army arrested Khaled Abdul ‘Aziz Abdul Rahim, an injured civilian, at Habla gate.</li> <li>• <b>Settle Violence:</b> Israeli settlers from the settlement of Kfar Kedumim prevented civilians from accessing their land near the settlement.</li> </ul>

<p style="text-align: center;"><b>NABLUS</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Closure:</b> At 01:00, the Israeli army closed the road to the village of Osarin.</li> <li>• <b>Raids:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) At 24:00, the Israeli army raided the town of Beit Iba, opened fire, and fired flares while patrolling the area.</li> <li>(ii) At 00:30, the Israeli army raided the city of Nablus, opened indiscriminate fire, and patrolled the area until 03:00.</li> <li>(iii) The Israeli army raided the village of Salim, opened indiscriminate fire, searched 1 house, and arrested 1 civilian.</li> <li>(iv) At 20:15, the Israeli army raided ‘Askar refugee camp and arrested 1 civilian.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b>Arrests:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) The Israeli army arrested Thu’ayb Ishtayyeh in the village of Salim.</li> <li>(ii) The Israeli army arrested Abdul Rahman Al Jabaji in ‘Askar refugee camp.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>SALFIT</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Wall Construction:</b> Land levelling for Wall construction continues in the town of Deir Ballut and the village of Az Zawiya near the Green Line.</li> <li>• <b>Raid:</b> The Israeli army raided the town of Deir Istiya and arrested 1 civilian.</li> <li>• <b>Air Patrols:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) At 22:00, Israeli army helicopters patrolled the skies at low altitudes over the city of Salfit.</li> <li>(ii) At 22:30, an Israeli army helicopter patrolled the skies over the area between Khirbet Qeis and ‘Arura and landed on the area for a period of time.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b>Arrest:</b> The Israeli army arrested Fadi Abdul Ra’ouf in the town of Deir Istiya.</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>Arrests:</b> Israeli troops positioned at a checkpoint set up in the area of the Jordan Valley in the district of Jericho arrested 4 unidentified civilians.</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’mān, 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 continues 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>Flying Checkpoint:</b> At 18:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at</li> </ul>

	<p>the entrance to the town of Al Khadr, searched civilians and vehicles, and obstructed civilian movement until 18:50.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b><u>Raids:</u></b></li> <li>(i) At 15:15, the Israeli army, including 2 jeeps, raided the town of Al ‘Ubeidiya and the village of Dar Salah and took video footage of the area while patrolling it.</li> <li>(ii) At 16:00, an Israeli army patrol raided the town of Al Khadr, set up a checkpoint in the centre of the town, and searched civilians and vehicles. The Israeli army also patrolled the area until 20:40.</li> </ul>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>HEBRON</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b><u>Closure:</u></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><u>Wall Construction:</u></b> 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.</li> <li>• <b><u>Raids:</u></b></li> <li>(i) The Israeli army raided the city of Hebron, searched 1 house after detaining its residents, arrested 1 civilian, and served summons to his brother to report to the Israeli Intelligence Service.</li> <li>(ii) The Israeli army raided the town of Beit Ula and arrested 1 civilian.</li> <li>(iii) The Israeli army raided the town of Dura. Confrontations took place between the Israeli army and civilians.</li> <li>• <b><u>Arrests:</u></b></li> <li>(i) The Israeli army arrested Hatem Saleem Qafisheh in the city of Hebron.</li> <li>(ii) The Israeli army arrested Mohammed Saleem Al ‘Adam in the town of Beit Ula.</li> <li>• <b><u>Detention:</u></b> At 18:00, the Israeli army intensified its restrictions in the old city of Hebron and detained a number of civilians for a long period of time.</li> <li>• <b><u>Settler Violence:</u></b></li> <li>(i) An Israeli settler’s vehicle intentionally ran over Nibal Fawzi Fakhouri, an 8-year-old female child, in the old city of Hebron.</li> <li>(ii) Israeli settlers from the settlement of Kiryat Arba’ threw stones at civilian houses near the settlement in the old city of Hebron.</li> <li>• <b><u>Palestinian Attack:</u></b> At 23:30, an unidentified armed Palestinian individual opened fire towards 1 settler near the settlement of Kiryat Arba’ in the old city of Hebron. Afterwards, the Israeli army set up checkpoints and searched a large number of houses in the old city of Hebron.</li> </ul>

## GAZA STRIP

<b>NORTHERN GAZA</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Closure:</b> Beit Hanun Crossing is partially open.</li> <li>• <b>Air Patrol:</b> At 22:30, Israeli army helicopters and a reconnaissance aircraft patrolled the skies over the district of Northern Gaza.</li> </ul>
<b>GAZA</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Closure:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) Nitsareem junction remains closed.</li> <li>(ii) Al Shuhada Junction-Al Muntar Crossing road is closed.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b>Attack:</b> At 13:30, the Israeli army opened fire from its location in the area surrounding Al Muntar (Karni) Crossing towards a number of Palestinian workers who are employed in the Industrial Zone.</li> </ul>
<b>CENTRAL GAZA</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Palestinian Attack:</b> At 09:15, armed Palestinian individuals opened fire towards the settlement of Kfar Darom. The Israeli army responded by opening fire towards Palestinian territory.</li> </ul>
<b>KHAN YUNIS</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Closure:</b> <ul 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. At 12:20, the Israeli army closed Al Mawasi/Khan Yunis road at At Tuffah checkpoint. At 13:40, the road was reopened.</li> <li>(iv) Abu Holi road in open. At 14:20, the Israeli army closed Salah Ad Din road at Abu Holi and Al Matahin checkpoints. At 14:35, the road was reopened.</li> <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> </ul> </li> <li>• <b>Attack:</b> At 11:20, the Israeli army opened fire towards civilians from its location at At Tuffah checkpoint leading to the area of Al Mawasi/Khan Yunis.</li> <li>• <b>Raid:</b> At 16:30, the Israeli army, including 1 tank and 1 armoured vehicle, raided 200 meters into Palestinian territory in the village of 'Abasan As Saghira.</li> <li>• <b>Palestinian Attack:</b> At 01:35, 1 mortar was fired towards the settlement of Neve Dekalim.</li> </ul>
<b>RAFAH</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Closure:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) Yasser Arafat International Airport remains closed.</li> <li>(ii) Al Mawasi/Rafah road is partially open.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

	<p>(iii) Sufa Crossing is partially open to construction cargo only.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Attack:</b> At 14:40, the Israeli army opened fire from its location at Point 8 along the Palestinian-Egyptian border towards civilian houses in the neighbourhood of Yabna in Rafah refugee camp.</li> <li>• <b>Raid:</b> At 12:25, the Israeli army, including 2 tanks, raided Palestinian territory near Point 195 on the Green Line north of Sufa Crossing.</li> <li>• <b>Palestinian Security Measures:</b> At 20:50, Palestinian security forces combed the area between Points 5 and 6 along the Palestinian-Egyptian border opposite Al Barazil and Ash Sha'ut neighbourhoods in Rafah refugee camp and discovered 1 tunnel.</li> </ul>
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### GENERAL

<p><b>POLITICAL PRISONERS</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Renewal of Administrative Detention Orders:</b> Israeli authorities renewed administrative detention orders (arrests without charge or trial) for 16 political prisoners in Ketziot Military Detention Camp, most of whom have had their detentions renewed several time already.</li> </ul>
<p><b>WORK PERMITS</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>West Bank:</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>Gaza Strip:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) Israeli authorities renewed 775 work permits for workers to enter the Industrial Zones. However, only 572 workers (approximately 74% of those possessing work permits) were allowed access to the Industrial Zones.</li> <li>(ii) Israeli authorities renewed 2,488 work permits for workers in the construction and agriculture sectors to cross the Green Line. However, only 1,050 workers (approximately 43% of those possessing work permits) were allowed access into the Green Line.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>