

## مجموعة الرقابة الفلسطينية



## PALESTINIAN MONITORING GROUP

## DAILY SITUATION REPORT

08:00 16 March 2007 – 08:00 17 March 2007

## SUMMARY OF EVENTS

EVENT	WEST BANK	GAZA STRIP	TOTAL	NOTES
Injuries	7	—	7	7 civilian protestors in Bil'in, Ramallah
Attacks	7	—	7	Incl. 4 in raids & 2 from military posts
Raids	11	—	11	Incl. 2 in Qalqiliya and 3 in Nablus
Arrests	2	2	4	2 in Qalqiliya & 2 in Central Gaza
Detentions	17	—	17	Incl. 2 international peace activists
Destruction of Property	2	—	2	Incl. entrance to a building destroyed
Confiscation of Property	1	—	1	A pistol from a civilian in Qalqiliya
House Occupation	1	—	1	Converted into a military post, Tulkarem
Closure of Checkpoints	14	—	14	Incl. access impeded at 7 checkpoints
Flying Checkpoints	16	—	16	Incl. 4 in Jenin and 3 in Qalqiliya
Closure (per District)	6	—	6	Incl. 3 areas in the district of Hebron
Closure of Main Roads	33	—	33	Incl. 4 in Jerusalem & 5 in Tulkarem
Closure of Crossing Points	—	6	6	Incl. Beit Hanun (Erez) partially
Provocation of Pal. Forces	2	—	2	Incl. position near a Police station, Jenin
Demonstration	1	—	1	Against Wall construction in Ramallah
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>120</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>128</b>	

DISTRICT	EVENT
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## WEST BANK

ALL DISTRICTS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Israeli army continues to intensify its restrictions at checkpoints set up on the main roads connecting the West Bank districts, thereby isolating the northern districts from the southern districts as well as the Jericho district and the Jordan Valley from the remainder of the West Bank.</li> </ul>
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JERUSALEM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li> <p><b>Closure:</b> The Israeli army intensified its restrictions at checkpoints located at the entrances to the city of Jerusalem, set up several checkpoints in the old city of Jerusalem and around Al Aqsa Mosque compound, and prevented civilians from accessing the mosque to perform Friday prayers, only allowing access to civilians above 45 years of age. This Israeli measure aims to prevent civilian demonstrations against the Israeli army's levelling of Bab al Maghariba old road, which leads to Al Aqsa Mosque compound. As a result, civilians were forced to perform Friday prayers along main streets, roads, and in the area surrounding the old city of Jerusalem.</p> </li> <li> <p><b>Closure of Main Roads:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) The Israeli army continues to close the entrance opposite the junction to Dahiyat al Bareed in the city of Jerusalem with a barbed wire gate and to deny civilian access.</li> <li>(ii) The Israeli army continues to close the road connecting Dahiyat al Bareed to the town of Ar Ram in order to complete Wall construction in the area.</li> <li>(iii) The Israeli army continues to close with cement blocks the entrance to the village of Jaba', which connects the village to the cities of Jerusalem, Ramallah, and Jericho.</li> </ul> </li> <li> <p><b>Checkpoint:</b> The Israeli army continues to consider Qalandiya checkpoint a "border crossing point" and has designated a special crossing for holders of Jerusalem IDs and those possessing permits to access the city of Jerusalem.</p> </li> <li> <p><b>Wall Gates:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) The Israeli army continues to close the Wall gate in the town of Abu Dis with cement blocks.</li> <li>(ii) The Israeli army continues to deny civilian access through the Wall gate on Ash Shayyah road in the area between the villages of As Sawahira ash Sharqiya and As Sawahira al Gharbiya, only allowing civilians holding Jerusalem IDs to cross, after subjecting them to thorough searches using electronic devices.</li> </ul> </li> <li> <p><b>Wall Construction:</b> Wall construction was suspended for the weekend in Dahiyat al Bareed, Dahiyat al Aqbat, from the village of Hizma to 'Anata, along the Hizma-Jaba' road, the area of Al 'Eizariya to Ash Shayyah, from the village of Beit Surik to Biddu, in the areas of Al Judeira, Bir Nabala, and Beit Hanina, west of the village of Al Jib, and in the vicinity of the village of Qatanna.</p> </li> </ul>
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<p style="text-align: center;"><b>RAMALLAH &amp; EL BIREH</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b><u>Closure of Main Roads:</u></b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the eastern entrance to the village of Sinjil.</li> <li>(ii) The Israeli army continues to close with cement blocks the western entrance to the village of Saffa.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b><u>Checkpoint:</u></b> The Israeli army continues to intensify its restrictions at the checkpoint set up on the overpass to the town of 'Atara and to impede civilian access.</li> <li>• <b><u>Wall Construction:</u></b> Wall construction was suspended for the weekend in the area west of the town of 'Abud as well as in the areas of Al Midya to Ni'lin and Ni'lin to Deir Qaddis.</li> <li>• <b><u>Attack:</u></b> At 13:00, Israeli troops positioned in the area surrounding Qalandiya checkpoint opened fire towards a number of young civilians, allegedly for throwing stones.</li> <li>• <b><u>Raids/Attack/Destruction of Property/Detentions:</u></b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) At 22:55, the Israeli army raided the city of El Bireh, opened fire, and searched 1 building, after destroying its entrance (using explosives). The Israeli army also set up a checkpoint, searched civilians and vehicles, detained a number of civilians, and patrolled the area.</li> <li>(ii) At 01:25, the Israeli army raided the town of Beituniya and searched 1 house.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b><u>Demonstration/Attack/Injuries/Detentions:</u></b> A mass demonstration, including international peace activists, took place in the village of Bil'in in protest against Wall construction. Confrontations took place between the Israeli army and protestors, during which the Israeli army injured 7 civilians. The Israeli army also detained 4 protestors, including 2 international peace activists.</li> </ul>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>JENIN</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b><u>Closure of Roads:</u></b> The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the unpaved detour road leading to the town of 'Arraba east of the settlement of Dotan as well as the road connecting the town of Qabatiya to the village of Misliya.</li> <li>• <b><u>Checkpoint:</u></b> The Israeli army continues to close Tayasir checkpoint east of the town of Tubas, denying civilian access to the Northern Jordan Valley, except for civilians whose IDs indicate that their place of residence is the Northern Jordan Valley.</li> <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 Checkpoints:</u></b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) At 09:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the junction to the town of 'Arraba and searched civilians and vehicles.</li> <li>(ii) At 10:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the junction to the village of Al Jarba and searched civilians and vehicles.</li> <li>(iii) The Israeli army set up 2 flying checkpoints, one on the junction to the town of Az Zababida and the other near the junction to the village of Ash Shuhada', and searched civilians and vehicles.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b><u>Raid/Provocation of Palestinian Forces:</u></b> At 11:00, the Israeli army, including 4 jeeps, raided the town of Tubas and took position in front of the town's Palestinian Police station.</li> </ul>
TULKAREM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b><u>Closure:</u></b> The Israeli army continues to declare the district of Tulkarem a closed military zone and to impede civilian access to and from the district.</li> <li>• <b><u>Closure of Main Roads:</u></b> The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the Dahiyat Iktaba-Bal'a road, the entrance to the village of Saffarin, the road connecting the town of Deir al Ghusun to 'Attil plain, the road connecting the town of Kafr al Labad to the village of Shufa, and the road connecting the town of Deir al Ghusun to the village of Al Jarushiya.</li> <li>• <b><u>Checkpoints:</u></b> The Israeli army continues to intensify its restrictions at Jubara checkpoint (the southern entrance to the city of Tulkarem) as well as at 'Einav checkpoint (the eastern entrance to the city).</li> <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 Checkpoints:</u></b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) At 10:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the junction to the town of Deir al Ghusun and searched civilians and vehicles.</li> <li>(ii) At 24:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the junction to the town of Bal'a and searched civilians and vehicles.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b><u>Raid/House Occupation:</u></b> At 15:00, the Israeli army, including 2 jeeps, raided Dahiyat Iktaba in the city of Tulkarem, occupied 1 house, and converted it into a military post.</li> </ul>
QALQILIYA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b><u>Closure of Roads:</u></b> The Israeli army continues to close with cement blocks the agricultural roads east of the town of 'Azzun.</li> <li>• <b><u>Wall Gates:</u></b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) Passage through the Wall gates is restricted to civilians granted special Israeli permits.</li> <li>(ii) The Israeli army continues to intensify its restrictions at 'Azzun 'Atma Wall gate and to search civilians, including students, with a metal detector.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b><u>Wall Construction:</u></b> Land levelling for Wall construction was suspended for the weekend in the villages of Immatin and Kafr Laqif as well as east of the towns of Kafr Thulth and 'Azzun.</li> <li>• <b><u>Flying Checkpoints:</u></b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) At 15:00, the Israeli army set up 2 flying checkpoints at the eastern and southern entrances to the city of Qalqiliya, searched civilians and vehicles, and denied access to vehicles bearing Israeli-issued licence plates.</li> <li>(ii) At 16:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the junction to the village of Jit and searched civilians and vehicles.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b><u>Raids/Confiscation of Property/Attack:</u></b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) At 23:20, the Israeli army raided the city of Qalqiliya, searched a number of commercial shops, and arrested 2 civilians. The Israeli army also confiscated a pistol from one of the arrested civilians.</li> <li>(ii) At 23:30, the Israeli army raided the village of Habla and opened fire, while patrolling the area.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b><u>Arrests:</u></b> The Israeli army arrested 2 civilians in the city of Qalqiliya: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) Mohammed Nimer Mitwalli; and</li> <li>(ii) Lafi Subhi Sa'sa'.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
<b>NABLUS</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b><u>Closure of Main Roads:</u></b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) The Israeli army continues to close the Jenin-Nablus road between the junction to the village of Deir Sharaf and the settlement of Shavei Shomron.</li> <li>(ii) The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the southern entrance to the village of Qaryut and the settler bypass road connecting the village of Deir al Hatab to the settlement of Alon Moreh.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b><u>Checkpoints:</u></b> The Israeli army continues to regulate times for crossing checkpoints set up around the city of Nablus: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) Huwwara and Beit Iba checkpoints (set up at the southern and western entrances to the city of Nablus respectively) are closed at 23:00. The Israeli army only allows civilian vehicles possessing access permits to cross these checkpoints. The Israeli army also searches civilians using metal detectors at Beit Iba checkpoint, impeding their access.</li> <li>(ii) At Tur neighbourhood checkpoint (set up on Jirzim Mount) is closed on Fridays and Saturdays as well as during Jewish holidays. On all other days, it is open for civilian residents of the neighbourhood only.</li> <li>(iii) Beit Furik checkpoint is open to civilian residents of the town of Beit Furik and the village of Beit Dajan until 17:30.</li> <li>(iv) Beginning on 23 November 2006, the Israeli army continues to close the checkpoint set up in the area between the city of Nablus and the town of 'Asira ash Shamaliya and to prevent civilians from crossing, only allowing access to humanitarian cases.</li> <li>(v) The Israeli army intensified its restrictions at Al Badhan checkpoint and impeded civilian access.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b><u>Flying Checkpoints:</u></b> The Israeli army set up 2 flying checkpoints, one on the junction to the settlement of Yitzhar and the other at the entrance to the village of 'Einabus, and searched civilians and vehicles.</li> <li>• <b><u>Raids/Provocation of Palestinian Forces/Attack:</u></b> At 20:10, the Israeli army, including 15 jeeps, raided the city of Nablus as well as the refugee camps of Balata and 'Ein Beit el Ma', after having demanded (through the DCO) that Palestinian security forces not leave their positions. In 'Ein Beit el Ma' refugee camp, the Israeli army opened intensive fire and searched a number of houses. At 06:00, the Israeli army withdrew from the area.</li> </ul>
<b>SALFIT</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b><u>Closure of Main Roads:</u></b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) The Israeli army has continued to close the main north-western entrance to the city of Salfit with dirt barricades since the beginning of the current <i>Intifada</i> (Uprising).</li> <li>(ii) The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the western entrance to the village of Marda and, with cement blocks, the western entrance to the town of Kafr ad Dik.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b><u>Checkpoints:</u></b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) The Israeli army continues to intensify its restrictions at Deir Ballut checkpoint and to deny civilian access to the town of Kafr ad Dik.</li> <li>(ii) The Israeli army continues to intensify its restrictions at the Za'tara junction checkpoint and to impede civilian access.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b><u>Wall Construction:</u></b> Wall construction was suspended for the weekend in the area northwest of the city of Salfit, and in the village of Marda and the town of Kifl Haris north of the settlement of Ari'el.</li> <li>• <b><u>Flying Checkpoint:</u></b> At 12:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to the town of Bruqin and searched civilians and vehicles until 13:00.</li> <li>• <b><u>Raid:</u></b> At 10:30, the Israeli army raided the town of Kifl Haris and searched the shrine of Prophet Thu al Kifl.</li> </ul>
<b>JERICHO</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b><u>Closure:</u></b> The Israeli army continues to close Road # 90 between the city of Jericho and the village of Al 'Auja with cement blocks and to prevent farmers not holding Jericho Governorate IDs from reaching their land, forcing them to apply for access permits. The Israeli army also continues to deny access to the city to holders of Israeli IDs.</li> <li>• <b><u>Checkpoints:</u></b> The Israeli army continues to intensify its restrictions and impede civilian access at Al Hamra checkpoint set up along Al Badhan road connecting the districts of Jericho and Nablus as well as on the checkpoint set up on the junction to the village of Al 'Auja along Al Mu'arrajat road connecting the districts of Jericho and Ramallah.</li> </ul>
<b>BETHLEHEM</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b><u>Closure:</u></b> The Israeli army continues to close the roads to the village of An Nu'man, with the exception of the road leading to the Wall gate in the south-eastern area of the village.</li> <li>• <b><u>Closure of Main Roads:</u></b> The Israeli army continues to close all roads to Road # 60 leading to the city of Jerusalem, thereby isolating the city of Bethlehem from its towns and villages located west of Road # 60.</li> <li>• <b><u>Wall Construction:</u></b> Wall construction was suspended for the weekend in the area northwest of the town of Al Khadr, northwest of the city of Beit Jala, and in the area of Wadi Rahhal east of the settlement of Efrat.</li> <li>• <b><u>Attack:</u></b> At 10:20, and allegedly for throwing stones, Israeli troops positioned at the checkpoint set up near Bilal Bin Rabah Mosque (Rachel's Tomb) checkpoint opened fire towards a number of young civilians, after preventing them from crossing the checkpoint to access the city of Jerusalem and perform Friday prayers at Al Aqsa Mosque.</li> </ul>
<b>HEBRON</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b><u>Closure:</u></b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) The Israeli army continues to close the following locales in the old city of Hebron: Ash Shuhada' Street and the area of As Sahleh with cement blocks and barbed wire; the old gold market with an iron gate; the area of Khuzq al Far near the settlement of Abraham Avino with a dirt barricade and an iron gate; and the entrance to the area of Al Khan with an electronic gate, isolating the area from Al Laban Market and the area</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

	<p>of As Sahleh. The Israeli army also continues to install an iron gate at the entrance to the area of Al Hisba (the fruits and vegetables market) in the old city of Hebron, thereby controlling civilian access to and from the area.</p> <p>(ii) Although it expired on 07 May 2006, the Israeli army continues to implement a military order stipulating the prohibition of civilian vehicles from travelling along the road connecting the settlement of Kiryat Arba' to the Ibrahimi Mosque in the old city of Hebron unless they possess access permits.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Closure of Main Roads:</b></li> </ul> <p>(i) The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the following locales: the area of Al Hawawir leading to the town of Halhul; the area of Al Fahs south of the city of Hebron; the junction to the area of Farsh al Hawa leading to Road # 35 northwest of the city of Hebron; the road connecting the town of Surif to the village of Al Jab'a; the entrance to the village of Beit 'Einun; and the eastern entrance to the village of Kharsa. The Israeli army also continues to close with cement blocks the entrance to Al Qeisi neighbourhood in the old city of Hebron as well as the main entrance to Al 'Arrub refugee camp.</p> <p>(ii) In accordance with Military Order # 378, the Israeli army continues to prohibit Palestinian vehicles from travelling along Shalala Old Street that leads to the old city of Hebron, only allowing Israeli vehicles as well as Israeli army vehicles to travel along this street.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Wall Construction:</b> Wall construction was suspended for the weekend in the section of Tarqumiya checkpoint terminal, the remaining section of the Wall route that separates the settlement of Eshkolot from the village of Ar Ramadin, and near the village of Imneizil southeast of the town of Yatta.</li> <li>• <b>Raid/Attack:</b> The Israeli army raided Al 'Arrub refugee camp and opened indiscriminate fire, while patrolling the area. The Israeli army also set up a checkpoint at the entrance to the refugee camp and searched civilians and vehicles.</li> </ul>
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### GAZA STRIP

<p><b>ALL DISTRICTS</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The ceasefire agreement that entered into force at 06:00 on 26 November 2006 remains effective.</li> </ul>
<p><b>NORTHERN GAZA</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Closure of Crossing Point:</b> Beit Hanun (Erez) Crossing is partially open to foreign nationals, humanitarian cases, and VIPs.</li> </ul>
<p><b>GAZA</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Closure of Crossing Point:</b> Ash Shuja'iya (Nahal 'Oz) Crossing is closed.</li> </ul>
<p><b>CENTRAL GAZA</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Arrests:</b> At 11:20, the Israeli army arrested 2 civilians near Point 135 on the Green Line east of the city of Deir al Balah: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) 'Amer Nabhan al 'Urouqi; and</li> <li>(ii) Anwar Abu Mu'eiliq.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

<b>KHAN YUNIS</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Activities not reported.</li></ul>
<b>RAFAH</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b><u>Closure of Crossing Points:</u></b><ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>(i) Yasser 'Arafat International Airport remains closed.</li><li>(ii) Rafah Crossing is closed.</li><li>(iii) Sufa Crossing is closed.</li><li>(iv) Karm Abu Salim (Karem Shalom) Crossing is closed.</li></ul></li></ul>