

مجموعة الرقابة الفلسطينية



PALESTINIAN MONITORING GROUP

DAILY SITUATION REPORT

08:00, 16th March 2012 – 08:00, 17th March 2012

SUMMARY OF EVENTS

| EVENT | WEST BANK | GAZA STRIP | TOTAL | NOTES |
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| Injury | 1* | — | 1 | A Palestinian peace activist was attacked by a Police dog during demonstrations in Qalqilya. An international peace activist was injured by Israeli forces during demonstration in Al-Nabi Saleh village in Ramallah. |
| Physical Assault | 3 | — | 3 | Israeli forces assaulted 3 demonstrators during clashes in Bethlehem. |
| Detentions | 6 | — | 6 | 2 in Qalqilya, 3 in Jericho and 1 in Bethlehem, who was injured after being bitten by an Israeli police dog. |
| Temporary Detention | 12 | — | 12 | At checkpoints and residential areas, including 2 minors and 5 International peace activists. |
| Raids | 11 | — | 11 | , 1 in Jenin, 1 T?ulkarem, 3 in Qalqilya, 1 Salfit, and 3 in Hebron. |
| Closure of Checkpoints | 9 | — | 9 | Access allowed at 3 checkpoints & impeded at 6 others |
| Flying Checkpoints | 11 | — | 11 | 3 in Jerusalem, 2 in Qalqilya, 3 in Nablus, 2 in Jericho and 1 in Hebron. |
| Attacks | 3 | — | 3 | During confrontations |
| Destruction of Property | 3 | — | 3 | Israeli settlers uprooted 220 olive trees and stoned Palestinian vehicles in Ramallah and Nablus. |
| Wall Construction | 15 | — | 15 | 3 in Jerusalem, 3 in Ramallah, 1 in Tulkarem, 3 in Qalqilya, 1 in Salfit, 3 in Bethlehem and 1 in Hebron. |
| Closure (per District) | 8 | — | 8 | Incl. 2 in Bethlehem, 1 in Jerusalem & 5 in Hebron |
| Closure of Main Roads | 66 | — | 66 | 3 in Jerusalem, 3 in Ramallah, 1 in Jenin, 4 in Tulkarem, 2 in Qalqilya, 9 in Nablus, 3 in Salfit, 1 in Jericho, 21 in Bethlehem, 19 in Hebron. |
| Closure of Crossings | — | 6 | 6 | Beit Hanoun crossing open, Erez crossing partially open for humanitarian cases and cooking gas. |
| Settler Violence | 1 | — | 1 | Israeli settlers uprooted 220 olive trees in Nablus. |
| Demonstrations | 7 | — | 7 | Demonstrations against settlements, |

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| | | | | construction of the wall, closures and confiscation of property. |
| Palestinian Attack | — | 2 | 2 | Members of armed groups launched projectiles towards the Green Line |
| TOTAL | 156 | 8 | 164 | |

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| JERUSALEM | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Since January 13th 2012, the Israeli army increased its restrictions at checkpoints located at the entrance to Jerusalem city, set up several flying checkpoints on the main road leading to the city entrance and the entrance to the Old City. (ii) The Israeli army continues to close the ‘demarcation area’ along the Wall in the area surrounding occupied East Jerusalem and restricts access to local residents as well as to civilians holding special permits. (iii) The Israeli army continues to impose a blockade and deny civilian access to a hill between Biddu and Beit Iksa villages. • Closure of Main Roads: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) The Israeli army continues to close with cement blocks and dirt mounds the entrance to Jaba’ village. (ii) The Israeli army continues to close the gate along the Wall section separating the area of Dahiyat Al-Bareed from Al-Ram town. (iii) The Israeli army continues to close with an iron gate the eastern entrance to Beit Iksa village and forces civilians to access Jerusalem city through Qalandiya checkpoint. • Checkpoints: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Israeli authorities continue to consider Qalandiya checkpoint a “border crossing point” and designate a special crossing lane for holders of Jerusalem IDs and another for those possessing permits to access Jerusalem city. (ii) Israeli forces continue to close the entrance to the Shofat refugee camp with cement blocks, which will impede the free flow of traffic in Ras Khamis, Ras Shihadeh and Salam neighbourhood in Anata and Shofat refugee camp in Jerusalem. • Demonstrations: At 12:50, Palestinian and international peace activists marched in Biet Iksa against Israeli settler attacks on farmers, closures, the prevention of Palestinian farmers from reaching their land and the cutting off electrical and water supplies from the village. • Wall Gates: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) The Israeli army continues to close with cement blocks the Wall gate in Abu Dis town. (ii) The Israeli army continues to deny civilian access through the Wall gate on Al-Shayyah road in the area between Al-Sawahira Al-Sharqiya and Al-Sawahira Al-Gharbiya villages, only allowing civilians holding Jerusalem IDs |
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| | <p>to cross, after subjecting them to thorough searches using electronic devices.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wall Construction: Wall construction continued in the areas north and south of Qalandiya village; south of Al-Za'ayem village; and in Wadi Al-Eizariya west of the illegal settlement Ma'ale Adumim. |
| RAMALLAH & AL BIREH | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure of Main Roads: The Israeli army continues to close the entrances to Sinjil village as well as the junction to Kafr Malik and 'EinSamiya villages. • Raids: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 16:20, Israeli forces raided Silwad. (ii) At 01:00, Israeli forces raided Al-Nabi Saleh village and stormed 4 homes. • Demonstrations: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 12:40, Palestinian and international activists demonstrated in Bil'in village against the construction of the separation wall; Israeli forces fired teargas towards the demonstrators, causing several cases of suffocation from teargas inhalation. (ii) At 12:40, Palestinian and international activists demonstrated in Ni'lin village against the construction of the separation wall. (iii) At 12:40, a demonstration was organized in Al-Nabi Saleh against the confiscation of the village's lands and the construction of the wall; Israeli forces clashed with protestors and fired teargas grenades which left 8 residents suffocating from teargas inhalation. • Wall Construction: Wall construction continued in the area west of 'Abud town in the area surrounding the illegal settlement 'Ofarim and north of Al-Lubban Al-Gharbi and Rantis villages. |
| JENIN | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure of Main Road: The Israeli army continues to close with dirt mounds the road leading to the town of 'Arraba east of the illegal settlement Dotan. • Raids: At 23:00, Israeli forces raided Al-Arqa village. • Wall Gates: Passage through the Wall gates is restricted to civilians granted special Israeli permits, which undercuts the access to education and health services for civilians living behind the Wall. |
| TUBAS | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Checkpoints: The Israeli army continues to restrict Palestinian access to the Northern Jordan Valley through the Tayasir checkpoint to between the hours of 06:00 and 22:00. |
| TULKAREM | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure of Main Roads: The Israeli army continues to close with dirt mounds the road connecting Kafr Al-Labad town to Shufa village. • Checkpoints: The Israeli army continued their restrictions on Palestinian access at 'Einav checkpoint on the Tulkarem-Nablus main road. • Raid: At 21:15, Israeli forces raided Tulkarem. • Wall Gates: Passage through the Wall gates is restricted to civilians granted special Israeli permits, undercutting access to education and health services for civilians living behind the Wall. • Wall Construction: Land levelling for adjustment of the Wall route continued in the area surrounding Jubara village. According to an Israeli High Court decision, the new Wall route will be constructed west of the village. |
| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure of Roads: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Israeli forces continue to close with cement blocks agricultural roads east of the town of Azzun (ii) In addition to closing the gate installed since the outbreak the second <i>Intifada</i>, |

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| <p>QALQILYA</p> | <p>the Israeli army continues to close with dirt mounds the eastern entrance to KafrQaddum village.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Flying checkpoints:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 09:45, Israeli forces set up a checkpoint at the entrance of Kafr Qaddum. (ii) At 19:30, Israeli forces set up a checkpoint at the entrance of Azzun. • <u>Raid:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 12:10, Israeli forces raided Kafr Qaddum, stormed Baker Adnan’s home, a national security officer, and took down the mobile phone numbers of his family members. (ii) At 15:25, Israeli forces raided Azzun. (iii) At 23:15, Israeli forces raided Siniriya • <u>Demonstrations:</u> At 12:30, Palestinian and international peace activists marched in Kafer Qaddum village to protest closures of the entrance gate leading to the village; Israeli forces fired teargas and stun grenades towards demonstrators as they approached the village entrance, leaving 2 demonstrators suffocating from teargas inhalation while a resident was injured after being attacked by a police dog; 2 demonstrators, including the bitten demonstrator were also detained. • <u>Detention:</u> Israeli forces detained Ahmad Ishteivi (an injured demonstrator) and Murad Ishteivi in Kafr Qaddum. • <u>Wall Gates:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) The Israeli army continues to restrict access at ‘Azzun ‘Atma Wall gate and to search civilians, including students, using a metal detector. (ii) The Israeli army continues to close with an iron gate the entrance to the village of Wadi Al-Rasha and to deny civilian access. The Israeli army allows residents to access the village through Gate #109. Having removed the gate at the entrance to the village of Ras Atiya; the Israeli army only allows students to cross to their schools outside the village through the Habla gate. • <u>Wall Construction:</u> Wall construction continued in Kafr Laqef village north of Karnei Shomron settlement; in Immatin village northeast of Imanuel settlement; and east of Kafr Thulth town near Ma’ale Shomron settlement. |
| <p>NABLUS</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Closure of Main Roads:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) The Israeli army continues to close the roads of Till-Burin and BeitFurik-Salem; the settler bypass road connecting the village of Deir al Hatab to the settlement of Alon Moreh; the road connecting the town of ‘Aqraba to the village of Osrin; and the detour road between the town of Qabalan and the village of Osrin. (ii) The Israeli army continues to close the northern entrance to Qabalan town; the southern entrances to the town of Jamma’in and the villages of Duma and Qaryut. • <u>Checkpoints:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Al-Tur neighbourhood checkpoint (set up on Jerzim Mount) is closed on Fridays and Saturdays as well as during Jewish holidays. On all other days, it is open between 07:00 and, 02:00 (ii) At 05:00Awarta commercial checkpoint, civilians are only allowed to cross between 05:00 and 20:00 and between 05:00 and 15:00 on Fridays. All vehicles can access the city of Nablus, but only commercial vehicles and ambulances can leave the city through the checkpoint. (iii) At 19:50, the Israeli army intensified its restrictions at Shave Shomron checkpoint and impeded the free flow of traffic until 20:50. • <u>Flying checkpoints:</u> |

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| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 09:30 and again at 21:40, Israeli forces set up a flying checkpoint at Deir Sharaf junction. (ii) At 23:55, Israeli forces set up a flying checkpoint at Al-Maslakh area junction, leading to the eastern entrance of Nablus City. • Settler Violence: On the morning of March 16th 2012, a group of Israeli settlers uprooted approximately 220 olive trees in Al-Luhaf area near the entrance of Duma village; the trees are owned by Abdel Raziq Dawabsheh, Zakariya Salawdeh, Ghassan Dawabsheh Hasan Salawdeh and Ali Abdel Hamid. |
| SALFIT | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure of Main Roads: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) The Israeli army continues to close with dirt mounds the entrance to two detour roads connecting Marda village to its farmland. (ii) Since 14 November 2010, the Israeli army has opened the northern entrance to Salfit city to civilian buses only. The entrance had been closed for seven years, and at 11:00, Israeli forces closed the entrance and impeded the free flow of traffic. • Checkpoints: The Israeli army continues to restrict access at Za'tara checkpoint and impede the free flow of traffic. • Raids: At 22:20, Israeli forces raided Al-Zawia until 22:50. • Wall Construction: Wall construction continued in the area north of Deir Istiya town southeast of the illegal settlement. |
| JERICHO | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure of Main Road: The Israeli army continues to close Road # 90 between Jericho city and Al-Oja village with cement blocks. • Checkpoints: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Israeli forces continue to restrict access through Al-Hamra checkpoint set up along the road connecting Jericho and Nablus Districts, only allowing access to residents of Jericho District and the Jordan Valley area. (ii) Israeli forces continues to intensify its restrictions at the checkpoint set up on the junction to Al-Oja village, only allowing access to residents of the Jericho District and others with access permits. • Flying Checkpoint: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 10:50, Israeli forces set up a checkpoint at Al-Oja village junction. (ii) At 18:40, Israeli forces set up a checkpoint at the entrance of Fasayel village. • Detention: At 14:00, Israeli forces detained Muhanad Nawawra, Saddam Da'ajna and Adel Da'ajneh (residents of Fasayel village) as they were herding their sheep near Tumar settlement. |
| BETHLEHEM | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) The Israeli army continues to close roads to An Nu'man village, with the exception of the road leading to the Wall gate in the south-eastern area of the village. (ii) Since 15 September 2007, the Israel army has prevented civilians from accessing or staying on 22 <i>dunums</i> of confiscated land in Al Mazmuriya area in BeitSahur and Bethlehem cities. • Closure of Main Roads: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) The Israeli army continues to close the BeitJala-Wadi Ahmed road; a road east of BeitFajjar town; the road connecting Tuqu' town to Khirbet al Baq'a village; and the detour road connecting Wadi Fukin and Al Jab'a villages. (ii) Since 14:30 on January 10th 2012, the Israeli army closed a road leading to Taqou with dirt mounds. |

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| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Checkpoints:</u> At 00:20, the Israeli army increased restrictions at the Container checkpoint and impeded the free flow of traffic. • <u>Detention:</u> At 20:00, Israeli forces guarding “Ifrat” settlement detained Ahamd Hasan, a resident of Biet Fajjar. • <u>Demonstrations:</u> At 12:10, Palestinian and international peace activists marched towards Al-Maasara village to protest against the construction of the wall; Israeli forces fired teargas grenades towards the protesters, leaving 3 demonstrators injured with contusions and damaging a camera owned by Musa Al-Shaer (a journalist) and the windshield of a resident’s vehicle; they also detained several international peace activists. • <u>Wall Construction:</u> Wall construction continued northwest of Beit Jala town. |
| Hebron | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Closure:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) The Israeli army continues to close Al-Shuhada’ Street, Al-Sahleh and Khuzq Al-Far areas, as well as the old gold market in Hebron’s Old City. In addition to closing the entrance to Al-Qeisi neighbourhood, the Israeli army continues to close the entrances to the area of Al-Hisba (the fruits and vegetables market) with an electronic gate; Al-Laban Market also remains closed. (ii) Since 05 January 2009, the Israeli army has closed the area located along the Green Line south of the town of Yatta. Having seized land for Wall construction, the Israeli army evicted the Palestinian residents and denied them. • <u>Closure of Main Roads:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) The Israeli army continues to close the entrances to Al-Thahiriya and Al-Samoa’ towns, Al-‘Arrub refugee camp, and Al-Tuwani and Al-Karmil villages. (ii) The Israeli army continues to prohibit Palestinian vehicles from travelling along the old Al-Shalala Street leading to Hebron’s Old City. (iii) The Israeli army continues to close all roads leading to Road # 60 as well as detour roads along the settler bypass road leading to Yatta town. (iv) The Israeli army continues to close with dirt mounds a detour road leading to the entrance to Al-Simiya village access to the area. • <u>Flying Checkpoints:</u> At 16:45, Israeli forces set up a checkpoint between Yatta and Al-Samuo. • <u>Raids:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 18:10 and again at 23:00, Israeli forces raided Beit Ummar, stormed a home, and temporarily detained Alaa Abu Maria (15 years) and Mohmmad Al-Za’aqiq (15 years). (ii) At 23:30, Israeli forces raided Ithna, stormed a home and summoned Yasser Al-Itmeizi to Israeli intelligence for questioning. • <u>Demonstrations:</u> At 12:50, Palestinian and international peace activists marched in Tel Al-Rumeideh neighbourhood in Hebron’s Old City to protest against settlement expansion and demanded that Al-Shuhada road be reopened (it was closed in 1994). • <u>Wall Construction:</u> Wall construction continued in the area surrounding the illegal settlement Eshkolot, west of Al-Thahiriya town. |

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| ALL DISTRICTS | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • At 02:00 on 18 January 2009, the unilateral ceasefire declared by Israel came into effect. At a later time on the same day, armed Palestinian groups announced an agreement to cease fire. The ceasefire has been further renewed on 30 October 2011 at 22:00. • On 14.12.2011, Israeli forces placed floating marks 3 miles from Gaza's seashore and warned fishermen against pass beyond the mark. • Palestinian gunmen launched 2 projectiles towards the Green Line. |
| NORTHERN GAZA | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure of Crossing Point: Beit Hanun (Erez) is open for humanitarian assistance, journalists and international access. |
| GAZA | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure of Crossing Points: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Al-Muntar (Karni) Crossing is closed. Beginning on 02 March 2011, the Crossing has been effectively closed following a unilateral Israeli decision. (ii) Al-Shija'iya (Nahal 'Oz) Crossing is closed. Beginning on 04 January 2010, the Crossing has been closed following a unilateral Israeli decision. |
| KHAN YUNIS | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Palestinian Attack: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) On the morning of March 16th 2012, members of an armed group launched 1 projectile towards the Green Line. (ii) On the evening of March 16th 2012, members of an armed group launched 1 projectile towards the Green Line. |
| RAFAH | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure of Crossing Points: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Yasser 'Arafat International Airport remains closed. • Rafah (<i>Al 'Awdah</i>) Crossing is closed • Sufa Crossing is closed. • Karm Abu Salem (Karem Shalom) Crossing is closed. |