

## مجموعة الرقابة الفلسطينية



## PALESTINIAN MONITORING GROUP

## DAILY SITUATION REPORT

08:00 17 March 2004 – 08:00 18 March 2004

## SUMMARY OF EVENTS

EVENT	WEST BANK	GAZA STRIP	TOTAL	NOTES
Physical Assault	1	—	<b>1</b>	Severe beating during arrest
Injuries	—	1	<b>1</b>	Female civilian in Gaza
Attacks	3	2	<b>5</b>	
Raids	22	3	<b>25</b>	
Air Patrols	1	2	<b>3</b>	Helicopters & combat aircraft
Arrests (per person)	22	1	<b>23</b>	Incl. 2 officers & 2 children
Detentions	3	1	<b>4</b>	Incl. 10 students
House Demolitions	—	26	<b>26</b>	Incl. 2 partial demolitions
Land Levelling	—	1	<b>1</b>	During raid on Rafah
Wall Construction	12	—	<b>12</b>	Jerusalem, Jenin & Ramallah
Destruction of Property	1	1	<b>2</b>	Incl. exploding of house doors
House Occupations	1	1	<b>2</b>	Husan & Gaza
Curfew	1	—	<b>1</b>	Husan
Checkpoints	All	—	<b>All</b>	
Flying Checkpoints	4	—	<b>4</b>	
Closures (per District)	2	1	<b>3</b>	Incl. Jerusalem & Beit Surik
Closure of Main Roads	Most	(5)	<b>Most</b>	Esp. connecting governorates
Closure of Wall Gates	All	—	<b>All</b>	Permits required to cross
Closure of Crossing Points	—	3	<b>3</b>	
Settler Crime	1	—	<b>1</b>	Drug dealing in Qalandiya RC
Archaeological Sites	1	—	<b>1</b>	Al Jalama
Demonstration	1	—	<b>1</b>	Against Wall construction
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>76</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>119</b>	

DISTRICT	EVENT
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## WEST BANK

JERUSALEM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Closure:</b> The Israeli army continues to impose a strict closure on Jerusalem and to prevent residents from other districts from entering the city.</li> <li>• <b>Wall Construction:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) Wall construction continues in Al Eizariya, Abu Dis, Al Sawahira and Sur Bahir.</li> <li>(ii) Preparatory work, including land levelling, for construction of the Wall in Beit Surik and Qatanna remains suspended by order of the Israeli Supreme Court.</li> <li>(iii) The Israeli army continues to erect 2-meter high cement blocks for construction of the Wall running along the middle of the main street between Dahiyat Al Bareed checkpoint and Qalandiya checkpoint.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
RAMALLAH & EL BIREH	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Closure:</b> The Israeli army continues to close the village of Beit Iksa with cement barricades.</li> <li>• <b>Flying Checkpoint:</b> At 08:45, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance of Bir Zeit University and examined students' IDs.</li> <li>• <b>Wall Construction:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) Construction of the western portion of the Wall continues in Budrus, Deir Qaddis, Rantis, Beit Liqya, near Beituniya and near the village of Midya.</li> <li>(ii) The Israeli Supreme Court postponed hearing petitions regarding confiscation of land for Wall construction filed by residents of villages to the west and south of the district of Ramallah.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b>Raids:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) At 01:00, the Israeli army raided the town of Bir Zeit and searched 1 building.</li> <li>(ii) At 01:00, the Israeli army raided the village of Kafr 'Ein.</li> <li>(iii) At 01:00, the Israeli army raided the village of Beit Liqya and arrested 5 civilians, including 1 child.</li> <li>(iv) At 04:30, the Israeli army raided the village of Beit Ur al Tahta and arrested 2 civilians.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b>Arrests:</b> The Israeli army arrested 5 civilians in the village of Beit Liqya: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) Thaer Asi;</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(ii) Sharif Kufta;</li> <li>(iii) Naim Deifallah;</li> <li>(iv) Yusif Asi; and</li> <li>(v) Hamada Asi, 16 years old.</li> </ul> <p>The Israeli army arrested 2 civilians in the village of Beit Ur al Tahta:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(vi) Munjid Mahmoud; and</li> <li>(vii) Azmi Musa.</li> </ul> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Settler Crime:</b> At 23:25, Palestinian General Security officers arrested 3 Israeli settlers who were selling drugs in Qalandiya refugee camp. The 3 drug dealers were presented to the Israeli Security Services through the Palestinian Coordination Committee.</li> <li>• <b>Demonstration:</b> Residents of the village of Beit Liqya held a demonstration near their land in protest against construction of the Wall. Brief confrontations occurred between protestors and the Israeli army.</li> </ul>
<b>JENIN</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. The closure continues to negatively impact education, economic and livelihood activities and impede access to health facilities.</li> <li>• <b>Wall Construction:</b> Construction of the Wall continues south of Jalbun towards Al Mutilla, Raba, Al Mughayyir, Bardala and 'Ein al Beida and towards the Jordan River.</li> <li>• <b>Archaeological Sites:</b> The Israeli Department of Archaeology confiscated artefacts from an archaeological site in the village of Al Jalama after excavation of the site.</li> </ul>
<b>JERICHO</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Activities not yet reported.</li> </ul>
<b>BETHLEHEM</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Closure:</b> The Israeli army continues to close the northern and southern entrances leading to the city of Jerusalem and Hebron.</li> <li>• <b>Curfew:</b> The Israeli army continues to impose curfew over the village of Husan during the night.</li> <li>• <b>Flying Checkpoint:</b> At 21:30, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the eastern entrance to the village of Beit Sahur.</li> <li>• <b>House Occupation:</b> At 19:15, the Israeli army occupied a civilian house in the village of Husan and converted it into a military post.</li> <li>• <b>Raids:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) At 11:30, 2 Israeli army jeeps patrolled the city of Bethlehem, the towns of Al Khadr and Artas, and Al Duheisha refugee camp. Confrontations took place between students and the Israeli army.</li> <li>(ii) At 14:40, the Israeli army raided the city of Beit Sahur.</li> <li>(iii) At 21:00, 3 Israeli army jeeps raided the town of Ubeidiya and</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

	<p>patrolled the area.</p> <p>(iv) At 01:30, the Israeli army, including 14 jeeps, raided the city of Bethlehem and Ayda refugee camp and arrested 5 civilians, including 1 child.</p> <p>(v) The Israeli army raided Al Arrub refugee camp and arrested 1 officer.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Arrests:</b> The Israeli army arrested 5 civilians in the city of Bethlehem and Ayda refugee camp:</li> </ul> <p>(i) Muhammad Al Aruj;</p> <p>(ii) Al Mutasim Billah Safi;</p> <p>(iii) Omar Al Adil;</p> <p>(iv) Ibrahim Suman; and</p> <p>(v) Marwan Fararja, 16 years old.</p> <p>The Israeli army arrested 1 officer in Al Arrub refugee camp:</p> <p>(i) Isma'il Al Farajin, a Palestinian National Security officer.</p>
<b>TULKAREM</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. The closure continues to negatively impact education, economic and livelihood activities and impede access to health facilities.</li> <li>• <b>Raids:</b></li> </ul> <p>(i) At 11:30, several Israeli army jeeps raided the village of Seida and arrested 2 civilians.</p> <p>(ii) At 18:00, an Israeli army tank and military personnel carrier raided the city of Tulkarem, opened indiscriminate fire, set up a flying checkpoint and searched vehicles. At 20:00, the Israeli army fired sound bombs and opened fire.</p> <p>(iii) At 22:00, an Israeli army jeep raided Tulkarem refugee camp and opened indiscriminate fire.</p> <p>(iv) At 02:00, the Israeli army raided the village of Zeita and patrolled the area.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Air Patrol:</b> At 09:45, Israeli combat aircraft patrolled the skies over the district at low latitude</li> <li>• <b>Arrests:</b> The Israeli army arrested 2 civilians in the village of Seida:</li> </ul> <p>(i) Ehab Ayid Ja'ar; and</p> <p>(ii) Jamal Nazeeh Ja'ar.</p>
<b>NABLUS</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Raid:</b> At 01:30, the Israeli army raided the city of Nablus, used explosives to force entry into several houses and arrested 5 civilians.</li> <li>• <b>Arrests:</b> The Israeli army arrested 5 civilians in the city of Nablus:</li> </ul> <p>(i) Fadi Sittita;</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(ii) Amin Jamil;</li> <li>(iii) Zahi Qanaz’;</li> <li>(iv) Mahyub Qanaze’; and</li> <li>(v) Ali Al Azizi, a Palestinian Police officer.</li> </ul> <p>The Israeli army arrested 1 civilian at Huwwara checkpoint Huwwara:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(vi) Muhammad Hatim Farid, a resident of the village of Qira.</li> </ul> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Detention:</b> At 17:00, the Israeli army detained and interrogated 10 college students at Al Far’a checkpoint until 18:20.</li> </ul>
<b>HEBRON</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Activities not yet reported.</li> </ul>
<b>QALQILYA</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Wall Gates:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) Passage through the 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.</li> <li>(ii) The Israeli army closed the iron gate at the entrance of the village of Sanniriya and prevented farmers from neighbouring villages from accessing their land.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b>Raid:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) At 20:40, the Israeli army raided the city Qalqiliya, searched 2 houses and detained 2 civilians for several hours.</li> <li>(ii) The Israeli army raided the village of Sanniriya and arrested 1 civilian after beating him.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b>Arrest:</b> The Israeli army arrested Mahmoud Fayiq in the village of Sanniriya.</li> </ul>
<b>SALFIT</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Flying Checkpoint:</b> At 08:40, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint between the city of Salfit and the village of Bruqin, searched vehicles and examined passenger IDs.</li> <li>• <b>Raid:</b> At 11:50, 2 Israeli army jeeps raided the viilages of Khirbet Qais and Farja.</li> </ul>

### GAZA STRIP

<b>NORTHERN GAZA</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Closure:</b> The Erez crossing was closed.</li> <li>• <b>Air Patrol:</b> At 22:00, Israeli helicopters patrolled the skies over the district.</li> </ul>
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<b>GAZA CITY</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Closure:</b> The junction of Nitsareem remains closed.</li> <li>• <b>Air Patrol:</b> At 14:20, Israeli combat aircraft patrolled the skies over the district, breaking the sound barrier.</li> </ul>
<b>CENTRAL GAZA</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Raid/House Occupation:</b> At 00:30, Israeli troops raided the area of Al Ja'farawi, south of the settlement of Kfar Daroom, occupied 1 house and converted it into a military post. The Israeli army partially demolished a fence enclosing the house before withdrawing at 06:00.</li> </ul>
<b>KHAN YUNIS</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Closures:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) Abu al Ajin road (Khan Yunis Al Sharqiya) remains closed.</li> <li>(ii) Western road (Khan Yunis) remains closed.</li> <li>(iii) Al Mawasi/Khan Yunis road (Al Tuffah checkpoint) was open to pedestrians over the age of 35.</li> <li>(iv) Abu Holi road was closed at 10:30. The Israeli army detained civilians for 1 hour.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b>Attack:</b> At 10:35, the Israeli army opened fire and fired sound gas grenades from Point 5 towards civilian houses in Al Satyr al Gharbi neighbourhood, injuring 1 civilian.</li> <li>• <b>Raid:</b> At 15:10, Israel troops raided the area south of the road of Kissufim/ Al Qarara and arrested 1 civilian.</li> <li>• <b>Arrest:</b> The Israeli army arrested Hasan al Muhanna near the area of Al Qarara.</li> </ul>
<b>RAFAH</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Closure:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) The Gaza International Airport remains closed.</li> <li>(ii) The Israeli army closed the Sufa crossing.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b>Raid:</b> The Israeli army continued its raid on the city of Rafah until 21:50, during which the Israeli army opened fire towards civilians, levelled land and demolished 26 homes, including 2 partial house demolitions.</li> </ul>