

## مجموعة الرقابة الفلسطينية



## PALESTINIAN MONITORING GROUP

## DAILY SITUATION REPORT

08:00 19 March 2005 – 08:00 20 March 2005

## SUMMARY OF EVENTS

EVENT	WEST BANK	GAZA STRIP	TOTAL	NOTES
Physical Assaults	2	—	2	Incl. 70-year-old female beaten
Attacks	5	6	11	Incl. 2 during raids & 7 from posts
Raids	26	—	26	Incl. 5 in Ramallah and 8 in Tulkarem
Arrests (per person)	3	—	3	Incl. 1 Palestinian Police officer
Detentions	15	—	15	Incl. in residential compounds
Wall Construction	22	—	22	Incl. Jer., Jenin, Ram'lah, Beth., Salfit
Destruction of Property	2	—	2	Incl. fruit bearing trees uprooted
Land Confiscation	1	—	1	In the town of Silwad
House Occupations	10	—	10	7 in 'Illar and 3 in 'Attil
Curfews	2	—	2	In 'Illar and Sarra
Checkpoints	(All)	—	(All)	
Flying Checkpoints	15	—	15	Incl. 1 in Jerusalem & 3 in Bethlehem
Closure (per District)	6	—	6	Incl. 'Illar and An Nu'man
Closure of Main Roads	(Unidentified)	(9)	—	Incl. 2 partially
Closure of Wall Gates	(All)	—	(All)	Permits required to cross
Closure of Crossing Points	—	3	3	Incl. 2 partially open
Attack on Religious Sites	1	—	1	Worshippers forced to lift their shirts
School Disruption	2	—	2	Incl. in 4 schools in Kafr Ra'i
Settlement Activity	1	—	1	Barbed wire fence erected
Settler Violence	3	—	3	Incl. 1 peace activist beaten
Palestinian Attacks	1	1	2	Incl. 1 unidentified mortar fired
Pal. Security Measures	—	2	2	Incl. 1 tunnel demolished in Rafah
Demonstration	1	—	1	In Ramallah against the Wall
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>118</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>130</b>	

DISTRICT	EVENT
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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>
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## 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 was resumed 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>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>Flying Checkpoint:</b> The Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint near the settlement of Ma'ale Adumim, searched civilian vehicles, and obstructed civilian movement.</li> </ul>
RAMALLAH & EL BIREH	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Wall Construction:</b> Wall construction was resumed 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 12:30, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint between the city of Ramallah and the village of Rafat and searched civilians and vehicles.</li> <li>At 17:30, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the junction to the village of 'Ein 'Arik, searched civilian vehicles, and detained 4 civilians until 18:30.</li> <li>The Israeli army set up 1 flying checkpoint at the entrance to the village of Deir Abu Mash'al and another flying checkpoint between the town of Bir Zeit and the village of Jifna and searched civilians and vehicles.</li> </ol> </li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Attack:</b> At 22:00, the Israeli army opened fire from its location in Yad Ya'ir military post towards Palestinian territory in At Tira neighbourhood in the city of Ramallah.</li> <li>• <b>Raids/Palestinian Attack/Destruction of Property/School Disruption:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) At 14:30, the Israeli army, including 4 jeeps, raided the city of Ramallah. At 23:15, the Israeli army raided the city again and searched 1 building in the neighbourhood of Um Ash Sharayet.</li> <li>(ii) At 23:00, the Israeli army raided the village of Abu Shukheidim. Confrontations took place between the Israeli army and civilians.</li> <li>(iii) At 01:40, the Israeli army, including 4 jeeps, raided Al Am'ari refugee camp. Armed Palestinian individuals exchanged fire with the Israeli army. At 03:00, the Israeli army withdrew from the area.</li> <li>(iv) The Israeli army raided the village of Budrus, opened fire, and fired sound and tear gas grenades while raiding a ceremony honouring outstanding students in the villages' Boys School. The Israeli army destroyed chairs and loudspeakers and detained a number of civilians (participating in the ceremony) for several hours.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b>Arrest:</b> On 17 March 2005, the Israeli army arrested Fadhl Mohammed Nawwas, a Palestinian Police officer, in the village of Abu Qash.</li> <li>• <b>Settlement Activity:</b> At 13:10, the Israeli army began erecting a fence on land belonging to the town of Silwad northwest of the settlement of 'Ofra in order to confiscate it for expansion of the settlement.</li> <li>• <b>Demonstration:</b> At 11:00, a mass demonstration, including international peace activists, took place in the city of Ramallah in protest against Wall construction.</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.</li> <li>• <b>Wall Construction:</b> Land levelling for Wall construction was resumed in Jalbun towards Al Mutilla, Raba, Al Mughayyir, Bardala and 'Ein al Beida, and towards the Jordan River.</li> <li>• <b>Flying Checkpoint:</b> The Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at entrance to the town of Tubas, searched civilians and vehicles, and detained 4 civilians for several hours.</li> <li>• <b>School Disruption:</b> On 19 March 2005, classes were disrupted in 4 schools serving 2,076 students in the village of Kafr Ra'i due to an Israeli army raid, and due to checkpoints set up at the entrance to the village.</li> </ul>
<b>TULKAREM</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Closure:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) 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>(ii) At 08:00 on 19 March 2005, the Israeli army closed the entrances to the town of 'Illar with barbed wire and prevented civilians from entering or exiting the villages.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

	<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>Flying Checkpoints:</u></b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) At 08:00, the Israeli army set up flying checkpoints at the entrances to the villages ‘Illar, Deir Al Ghusun, ‘Attil, and Baqa Ash Sharqiya and prevented civilians from crossing.</li> <li>(ii) At 09:30, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at entrance to the town of Bal’a, searched civilian vehicles, and examined civilians’ IDs.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b><u>Raids/Curfews:</u></b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) Beginning at 04:00 on 19 March 2005, the Israeli army remains positioned in the town of ‘Illar and continued to impose curfew. The Israeli army occupied 6 houses and the town’s Girls School, converted them into military posts, and disrupted classes in 4 schools serving 1,907 students. The Israeli army remains positioned in the town as of 08:00 this morning.</li> <li>(ii) At 08:30, the Israeli army raided the town of Deir Al Ghusun and searched 1 house after detaining its residents.</li> <li>(iii) At 09:30, the Israeli army raided the town of ‘Attil, occupied 3 houses, and converted them into military posts. The Israeli army also searched a number of houses, using Police dogs, and arrested 1 civilian.</li> <li>(iv) At 13:50, the Israeli army raided the village of Seida, searched a number of houses, and detained 1 civilian. At 16:20, the Israeli army withdrew from the area.</li> <li>(v) At 14:30, an Israeli army patrol raided the town of Bal’a. At 21:05, the Israeli army raided the town again. Confrontations took place between the Israeli army and civilians.</li> <li>(vi) At 00:20, an Israeli army patrol raided the city of Tulkarem and Nur Shams refugee camp and patrolled the area until 03:30.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b><u>Arrest:</u></b> The Israeli army arrested Mohammed Abdul Latif Khadr Abu Khalil in the town of ‘Attil.</li> <li>• <b><u>Detention:</u></b> At 15:30, Israeli troops positioned at Jubara checkpoint set up south of the city of Tulkarem detained Sa’ed Qalaq, a taxi driver, for several hours before releasing him.</li> </ul>
QALQILYA	<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>Raid:</u></b> At 00:10, the Israeli army, including 2 jeeps, raided the city of Qalqiliya and patrolled the area until 00:40.</li> </ul>
NABLUS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b><u>Raids/Curfew:</u></b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) At 15:00, the Israeli army raided the village of Sarra, imposed curfew, and detained 3 civilians, including 1 child. At 22:30, the Israeli army withdrew from the area.</li> <li>(ii) At 01:10, the Israeli army, including 6 jeeps, raided the city of Nablus and patrolled the area until 04:30.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

	(iii) The Israeli army raided Balata refugee camp and searched a number of houses.
<b>SALFIT</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Wall Construction:</b> Land levelling for Wall construction was resumed in the town of Deir Ballut and the village of Az Zawiya near the Green Line.</li> <li>• <b>Flying Checkpoints:</b> At 22:15, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to the village of Bruqin and searched civilians and vehicles until 23:45.</li> <li>• <b>Raids:</b> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) At 08:00, the Israeli army, including 3 jeeps, raided the town of Kafr Thulth, patrolled the area, confiscated 1 illegal vehicle, and withdrew at 10:00.</li> <li>(ii) At 09:30, an Israeli army patrol raided the city of Salfit and patrolled the area.</li> </ol> </li> </ul>
<b>JERICHO</b>	<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 1948 Palestinians (Palestinian Arabs holding Israeli IDs/citizenships) from entering the city. The Israeli army only allows Jerusalem and Jericho ID card holders to enter the city.</li> </ul>
<b>BETHLEHEM</b>	<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'man, 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 was resumed north of the district of Bethlehem, along 'Ayda refugee camp, along the tunnel road (Gilo) north of the city of Beit Jala, and west of the village of Husan.</li> <li>• <b>Raids:</b> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) At 13:10, an Israeli army patrol raided the town of Al Khadr and set up a checkpoint in the centre of the town. At 18:20, the Israeli army raided the town again, set up a checkpoint on the junction to the area of Al Balou', searched civilian vehicles, and examined civilians' IDs. At 22:00, the Israeli army withdrew from the area.</li> <li>(ii) At 15:00, an Israeli army patrol raided the village of Dar Salah, set up a checkpoint, searched civilian vehicles, and examined civilians' IDs until 16:45.</li> <li>(iii) At 02:20, the Israeli army, including 3 jeeps, raided the city of Bethlehem and patrolled the area until 03:15.</li> </ol> </li> </ul>
<b>HEBRON</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Closure:</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> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Wall Construction:</b> Land levelling for Wall construction was resumed west of the towns of Surif, Beit Ula, 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>Physical Assault:</b> Israeli troops severely beat a number of farmers while they were present on their land, near the Wall in the village of Deir Al ‘Asal northwest of the town of Adh Dhahiriya.</li> <li>• <b>Raids:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) At 11:00, an Israeli army patrol raided the village of Fuqeiqis west of the town of Dura and searched female students while they were leaving the village’s school.</li> <li>(ii) At 23:00, the Israeli army, including 2 jeeps, raided the city of Hebron and patrolled the area.</li> <li>(iii) The Israeli army raided the town of Adh Dhahiriya, searched 1 house, and arrested 1 civilian.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b>Arrest:</b> The Israeli army arrested Shadi Al Hawarin in the town of Adh Dhahiriya.</li> <li>• <b>Attack on Religious Sites:</b> The Israeli army continued to impose arbitrary search measures at the entrance to the Ibrahimi Mosque, forcing worshippers to lift their shirts before approaching the search point at the entrance to the mosque.</li> <li>• <b>Settler Violence:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) A group of Israeli settlers uprooted dozens of fruit bearing trees on civilian land in the area of Zif along the settler bypass road northeast of the town of Yatta.</li> <li>(ii) A group of Israeli settlers from the settlement of Ma’ on severely beat civilians in the village of At Tuwani, including 70-year-old Fatima Al Harini, leaving her with contusions.</li> <li>(iii) Israeli settlers from the settlement of Sussia southeast of the town of Yatta severely beat 1 peace activist, affiliated with the Israeli Co-existence Movement, leaving him with contusions, and destroyed his camera.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
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### GAZA STRIP

<p style="text-align: center;"><b>NORTHERN GAZA</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Closure:</b> Beit Hanun Crossing is partially open.</li> <li>• <b>Palestinian Attack:</b> At 08:30, 1 unidentified mortar was fired towards the settlement of Dugit.</li> </ul>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>GAZA</b></p>	<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> </ul>

<b>CENTRAL GAZA</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b><u>Palestinian Security Measures:</u></b> At 20:05, Palestinian security forces arrested 4 civilians while they were attempting to infiltrate into areas inside the Green Line, east of the settlement of Kfar Darom.</li> </ul>
<b>KHAN YUNIS</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b><u>Closure:</u></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.</li> <li>(iv) Alon checkpoint (entrance to Al Mawasi/Khan Yunis) south of Deir Al Balah is closed.</li> <li>(v) Deir Al Balah junction to Abu Holi checkpoint (Kfar Darom road) is closed.</li> <li>(vi) Morag road, which connects Khan Yunis’ eastern and western roads, is closed.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b><u>Attacks:</u></b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) At 18:10, the Israeli army opened fire from its location at Point 9 towards Palestinian territory in West Khan Yunis refugee camp.</li> <li>(ii) At 18:40, the Israeli army opened fire from its location at Point 13 towards the area of Batn As Samin.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
<b>RAFAH</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b><u>Closure:</u></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> <li>(iii) Sufa Crossing is partially open to construction cargo only.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b><u>Attacks:</u></b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) At 15:20, the Israeli army opened fire from Tall Zu’rub military post towards civilian houses in Bloc (J) in Rafah refugee camp.</li> <li>(ii) At 15:40, the Israeli army opened fire from its location at Point 6 along the Palestinian-Egyptian border towards civilian houses in Al Barazil neighbourhood in Rafah refugee camp.</li> <li>(iii) At 19:30, the Israeli army detonated explosives on land opposite Ash Shoka neighbourhood near Point 3.5 along the Palestinian-Egyptian border, allegedly while searching for tunnels in the area.</li> <li>(iv) At 08:00, the Israeli army opened fire from its location at Point 8.5 along the Palestinian-Egyptian border towards civilian houses in the neighbourhood of Yabna in Rafah refugee camp.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b><u>Palestinian Security Measures:</u></b> At 10:25, Palestinian security forces demolished 1 tunnel in Rafah refugee camp near Point 8 along the Palestinian-Egyptian border.</li> </ul>