

مجموعة الرقابة الفلسطينية



PALESTINIAN MONITORING GROUP

DAILY SITUATION REPORT

08:00 20 March 2004 – 08:00 21 March 2004

SUMMARY OF EVENTS

EVENT	WEST BANK	GAZA STRIP	TOTAL	NOTES
Deaths	1	6	7	Incl. 17 yr. old & mother of 7
Injuries	4	5	9	Incl. 1 9 year old child
Physical Assaults	2	—	2	Beating
Attacks	7	2	9	
Raids	25	1	26	
Air Patrol	—	1	1	Helicopter
Arrests (per person)	37	—	37	Incl. 2 children & 1 officer
Detentions	5	1	6	Dozens of civilians at chpnts.
House Demolitions	2	3	5	Duheisha RC & Abasan Kab.
Land Levelling	—	1	1	8 <i>dunums</i>
Wall Construction	13	—	13	Jer, Jenin, Ramallah, Hebron
Land Confiscation	1	—	1	9,000 <i>dunums</i> for Indust. area
Destruction of Property	1	3	4	Infrastructure in Abasan Kab.
House Occupation	1	—	1	Silwad
Curfews	2	—	2	Shufa and Seida
Checkpoints	All	—	All	
Flying Checkpoints	13	—	13	
Closures (per District)	1	1	2	
Closure of Main Roads	Most	(5)	Most	Esp. connecting governorates
Closure of Wall Gates	All	—	All	Permits required to cross
Closure of Crossing Points	—	1	1	
Settler Violence	2	—	2	Incl. attempt to burn mosque
School Disruption	2	—	2	Teachers delayed at chpnts.
Provocation of Forces	—	1	1	Attack on Nat. Security post
Demonstration	1	—	1	Against Wall construction
TOTAL	120	26	146	

DISTRICT	EVENT
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WEST BANK

JERUSALEM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) The Israeli army continues to impose a strict closure on Jerusalem and to prevent residents from other districts from entering the city. (ii) The Israeli army surrounded the town of Al Isawiya, searched houses and arrested 20 civilians. • Flying Checkpoint: The Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the junction of the village of Jaba' and obstructed civilian movement. • Wall Construction: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Wall construction in Al Eizariya, Abu Dis, Al Sawahira, Sur Bahir and along the main road between Dahiyat Al Bareed checkpoint and Qalandiya checkpoint was resumed. (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.
RAMALLAH & EL BIREH	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wall Construction: Construction of the western portion of the Wall in Budrus, Deir Qaddis, Rantis, Beit Liqya, near Beituniya and near the village of Midya was resumed. • Raids: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 15:20, several Israeli army jeeps raided the cities of Ramallah and El Bireh. (ii) At 15:25, an Israeli army jeep raided the town of Beituniya. (iii) At 18:30, the Israeli army raided the town of Silwad, occupied 1 house and detained its residents. (iv) At 19:50, the Israeli army raided the village of Kafr 'Ein, searched 1 house and arrested 1 civilian. (v) The Israeli army raided the village of Abud and fired tear gas towards civilians. • Arrest: The Israeli army arrested Hamza Abdul Rahim in Kafr 'Ein.
JENIN	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wall Gates: 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. • Wall Construction: Construction of the Wall south of Jalbun towards Al

	<p>Mutilla, Raba, Al Mughayyir, Bardala and 'Ein al Beida and towards the Jordan River was resumed.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Land Confiscation: The Israeli army confiscated 9,000 <i>dunums</i> (2,250 acres) of land in the name of the Israeli Council for Settlements from the towns of Silat Al Harithiya, Al Yamun, Al Araqa, Tura, Nazlat Zeid and Al Tarem for the construction of an industrial area.
JERICHO	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Activities not yet reported.
BETHLEHEM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure: The Israeli army continues to close the northern and southern entrances of the city, leading to the cities of Jerusalem and Hebron. • Settler Violence: Israeli settlers from the settlement of Teqoa attacked and injured 3 Palestinian shepherds as they were tending their sheep. • Raids/House Demolitions: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 00:40, the Israeli army, including 14 jeeps, raided the city of Bethlehem, patrolled the area and opened indiscriminate fire. (ii) At 01:00, the Israeli army raided Al Duheisha refugee camp and demolished 2 houses. (iii) At 01:05, Israeli Special Forces raided Al 'Azza refugee camp. (iv) At 03:00, the Israeli army raided the city of Beit Jala and detained 4 civilians.
TULKAREM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure: The Israeli army closed the road between the city of Tulkarem and the village of Shufa. • Flying Checkpoints: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 11:35, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to Izbat Abu Khamis and searched civilian vehicles. (ii) At 12:30, the Israeli army set up 6 flying checkpoints north of the district at the junctions of Shuweika, Al Jarushiya, Deir Ghusun, Attil, Illar and Seida and searched civilian vehicles. (iii) At 13:10, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint east of the district between the towns of Dhinnaba and Kafr Al Labad, Iktaba and Bal'a and at the entrance to the town of Bal'a. The Israeli army prevented civilians from entering the city and detained several civilians at the entrance to the town of Bal'a for 4 hours. (iv) At 14:30, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint between the towns of Iktaba and Deir Ghusun and arrested 1 civilian. • Wall Gates: 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. • Raids: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 11:00, and again at 21:35, an Israeli army jeep raided Tulkarem

	<p>refugee camp and opened indiscriminate fire.</p> <p>(ii) At 11:20, Israeli Special Forces, supported by 4 jeeps, raided the village of Seida, took position in the area, opened indiscriminate fire towards civilians, imposed curfew, arrested 5 civilians and severely beat 1 civilian.</p> <p>(iii) At 13:30, the Israeli army raided the town of Bal'a and arrested 3 civilians, including 1 officer.</p> <p>(iv) At 14:40, the Israeli army raided the village of Shufa, imposed curfew and searched several houses.</p> <p>(v) At 19:15, an Israeli army jeep raided Dahiyat Dhinnaba and the town of Far'un.</p> <p>(vi) At 20:15, the Israeli army raided the city of Tulkarem, opened fire and indiscriminately fired sound bombs.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Arrests:</u> The Israeli army arrested 5 civilians in the village of Seida: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Badran Radad; (ii) Badir Raddad; (iii) Omar Abed Al Nabi; (iv) Nasir Radad; and (v) Obeid Radad. The Israeli army arrested 1 civilian at a flying checkpoint near Deir Ghusun: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (vi) Bassam Judeh. The Israeli army arrested 3 civilians in the town of Bal'a: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (vii) Muthafar Suleiman; (viii) Mahmoud Dhafir; and (ix) Bashar Suleiman, a Palestinian officer. The Israeli army arrested 1 civilian at Far'un checkpoint: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (x) Nash'at Obeid.
<p>NABLUS</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Raids:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 22:00, the Israeli army raided the city of Nablus and Balata refugee camp, opened indiscriminate fire, killing 1 child and injuring a 9-year-old child. (ii) At 13:30, the Israeli army raided 'Askar refugee camp and arrested 6 civilians, including 2 children. • <u>Killing:</u> The Israeli army killed Muhammad Abu Hasana, 17 years old, in the city of Nablus. • <u>Arrests:</u> The Israeli army arrested 1 civilian at Beit Iba checkpoint: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Iyad Hafthi Suwwan. The Israeli army arrested 6 civilians in 'Askar refugee camp: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (ii) Saed Yunis; (iii) Baha' Al Sheikh; (iv) Osama Al Sheikh;

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> (v) Muhammad Sanunu; (vi) Taher Aqil, 16 years old; and (vii) Samih Al Sheikh, 16 years old. • <u>School Disruption:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Israeli restrictions at Huwwara checkpoint have delayed teachers from reaching their schools, disrupting classes in nearby village schools. (ii) Israeli soldiers at Al Tayasir, Al Hamra and Wadi Al Badhan checkpoints have delayed teachers from reaching their schools. • <u>Settler Violence:</u> At 21:10, Israeli settlers raided the town of Huwwara and set fire to the local mosque, after which confrontations took place.
HEBRON	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Wall Construction:</u> The Israeli army began construction of the Wall on the outskirts of the town of Beit Ummar. The Wall, measuring 4 meters in height and 250 meters in width, is being constructed adjacent to the main Jerusalem/Hebron road and will enclose dozens of houses and obstruct movement of traffic. • <u>Raids:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) The Israeli army raided the town of Halhul, set up a flying checkpoint and obstructed movement of traffic. (ii) The Israeli army raided the town of Dura and ran over a civilian car parked on the side of the road.
QALQILYA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Wall Gates:</u> 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.
SALFIT	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Detentions:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 12:00, the Israeli army detained a public taxi near the settlement of Yizhar and will continue to hold the vehicle until 22 March 2004 as a penalty for travelling on an Israeli settler by-pass road. (ii) The Israeli army detained several civilians at Za'tara checkpoint for several hours. • <u>Raids:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 11:45, 2 Israeli army jeeps raided the city of Salfit. (ii) At 13:00, the Israeli army raided the village of Deir Istiya and patrolled the area. • <u>Demonstration:</u> A demonstration organized by various women's organisations, including foreign delegations and international peace activists, took place in the district in protest against Wall construction.

GAZA STRIP

<p>NORTHERN GAZA</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Attack: At 21:30, the Israeli army opened fire from its location within watchtowers located in the Beit Hanoun area towards a Palestinian National Security location.
<p>GAZA CITY</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure: The junction of Nitsareem remains closed. • Killing: At 08:00, Ibrahim Al Hew died due to injuries sustained during an Israeli army attack on 4 March 2004 in Al Shuja'iyah neighbourhood.
<p>CENTRAL GAZA</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Activities not yet reported.
<p>KHAN YUNIS</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Abu al Ajin road (Khan Yunis Al Sharqiya) remains closed. (ii) Western road (Khan Yunis) remains closed. (iii) Al Mawasi/Khan Yunis road (Al Tuffah checkpoint) was open to pedestrians only. (iv) Abu Holi road was partially open. At 11:30, the Israeli army closed the road between Al Tuffah and Abu Holi checkpoints and detained 8 civilians. • Raid/Killings/House Demolitions/Land Levelling: At 03:00, the Israeli army, including 10 APCs, 10 jeeps and 3 bulldozers, and supported by helicopters, raided the town of Abasan Al Kabira, opened intensive fire, killing 5 civilians, including a mother of 7 children, demolished 3 houses and destroyed infrastructure in the area. The Israeli army levelled approximately 8 <i>dunums</i> (2 acres) of agricultural land.
<p>RAFAH</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure: The Gaza International Airport remains closed.

GENERAL

<p>WORK PERMITS</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • West Bank: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) The Israeli army issued 5,737 work permits. (ii) Work permits continue to be held by the Israeli Coordination Committee in Bethlehem. • Gaza Strip: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) 3,619 workers entered the Industrial Area, 73% of a total of 4,997 workers who received permits. (ii) 7,391 workers crossed the Green Line, 63% of a total of 11,787 workers who received permits.
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