

مجموعة الرقابة الفلسطينية



PALESTINIAN MONITORING GROUP

DAILY SITUATION REPORT

08:00 20 March 2005 – 08:00 21 March 2005

SUMMARY OF EVENTS

| EVENT | WEST BANK | GAZA STRIP | TOTAL | NOTES |
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| Physical Assaults | 5 | — | 5 | Incl. 1 child (broken arm) |
| Injuries | 4 | — | 4 | 3 children and 1 civilian |
| Attacks | 7 | 3 | 10 | Incl. 3 during raids & 4 from posts |
| Raids | 31 | 2 | 33 | Incl. 1 in Jerusalem & 7 in Ramallah |
| Arrests (per person) | 16 | — | 16 | 4 children and 1 elderly civilian |
| Detentions | 9 | 2 | 11 | Incl. at checkpoints |
| Land Levelling | — | 2 | 2 | Incl. in Rafah refugee camp |
| Wall Construction | 22 | — | 22 | Incl. Jer., Jenin, Ram'lah, Beth., Salfit |
| Destruction of Property | 1 | — | 1 | 1 civilian vehicle destroyed |
| House Occupations | 6 | — | 6 | In the town of 'Illar in Tulkarem |
| Curfews | 2 | — | 2 | In 'Illar and Husan |
| Checkpoints | (All) | — | (All) | |
| Flying Checkpoints | 16 | — | 16 | Incl. 4 in Jerusalem & 4 in Bethlehem |
| Closure (per District) | 5 | — | 5 | Incl. Jerusalem and Jericho (partially) |
| Closure of Main Roads | (Unidentified) | (9) | — | Incl. 2 partially |
| Closure of Wall Gates | (All) | — | (All) | Incl. supplies denied access |
| Closure of Crossing Points | — | 3 | 3 | Incl. 2 partially open |
| School Disruption | 3 | — | 3 | Incl. Burqa School surrounded |
| Settlement Activity | — | 1 | 1 | Barbed wire fence erected |
| Settler Violence | 2 | — | 2 | Incl. civilians denied access to land |
| Provocation of Pal. Forces | 3 | — | 3 | Incl. position near 1 Pal. post |
| Palestinian Attacks | — | 2 | 2 | 2 unidentified mortars fired |
| Pal. Security Measures | — | 2 | 2 | Incl. Qassam launch pad confiscated |
| Demonstrations | 3 | — | 3 | In Saffa, Bil'in, and Bethlehem |
| TOTAL | 135 | 17 | 152 | |

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| ALL DISTRICTS | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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. |
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WEST BANK

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| JERUSALEM | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Closure: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 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. The Israeli army continues to close Ar Ram junction leading to the town of Bir Nabala. Wall Gates: The Israeli army continues to close the Wall gate in the town of Abu Dis with cement blocks, completely preventing civilians from crossing. Wall Construction: Wall construction continues 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. Checkpoints: The Israeli army intensified its restrictions at Qalandiya and An Nabi Samwil checkpoints and obstructed civilian movement, allegedly to conduct thorough searches. Raid: The Israeli army raided the village of Jaba' northeast of the city of Jerusalem, searched a number of houses, and arrested 4 children. Arrests: The Israeli army arrested 4 unidentified children in the village of Jaba'. |
| RAMALLAH & EL BIREH | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Wall Construction: Wall construction continues in Budrus, Midya, Ni'lin, Deir Qaddis, Bil'in, Saffa, Beit Liqya, and Beituniya. Flying Checkpoints: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> At 09:30, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint between the town of Bir Zeit and the junction to Bir Zeit University and searched civilians and vehicles. At 20:40, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the junction to the village of An Nabi Salih and searched civilians and vehicles. At 22:10, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint between the city of Ramallah and the town of Bir Zeit, searched civilian vehicles, and obstructed civilian movement. At 22:20, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to the village of Ras Karkar and searched civilians and vehicles. |

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| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Raids/Provocation of Palestinian Forces:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 01:00 on 20 March 2004, the Israeli army raided the village of Budrus and arrested 6 civilians. (ii) At 10:00, the Israeli army, including 3 jeeps, raided the villages of Al Mazra'a Al Gharbiya and Abu Shukheidim and patrolled the area. (iii) At 10:50, the Israeli army raided the village of Qarawat Bani Zeid and patrolled the area. (iv) At 13:00, the Israeli army, including 3 jeeps, raided the village of Kobar and patrolled the area. (v) At 20:40, the Israeli army raided the town of Bir Zeit and patrolled the area. (vi) At 21:25, the Israeli army, including 2 jeeps, raided the city of Ramallah and patrolled the area surrounding 1 Palestinian National Security location. (vii) The Israeli army raided the village of 'Arura, opened fire, and fired tear gas grenades while patrolling the area. • <u>Arrests:</u> The Israeli army arrested 6 civilians in the village of Budrus: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Baha' Abdullah; (ii) Mu'ayyad Abdul Rahman 'Awadh; (iii) Abdul Rahman 'Awadh; (iv) Hassan 'Awadh; (v) Abdul 'Aziz 'Awadh; and (vi) Mohammed Shukri 'Awad. • <u>Demonstrations:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) A mass demonstration took place in the village of Bil'in in protest against Wall construction. Confrontations took place between the Israeli army and civilians, during which the Israeli army injured 2 children. (ii) A mass demonstration took place in the village of Saffa against Wall construction. Confrontations took place between the Israeli army and civilians, during which the Israeli army injured 1 child. |
| JENIN | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Wall Gates:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Passage through the Wall gates is restricted to civilians granted special Israeli permits. (ii) The Israeli army intensified its restriction at the Wall gate to the village of Barta'a, obstructing civilian movement. Israeli troops positioned at the Wall gate also prevented the entry of food supplies into the village. • <u>Wall Construction:</u> Land levelling for Wall construction continues in Jalbun towards Al Mutilla, Raba, Al Mughayyir, Bardala and 'Ein al Beida, and towards the Jordan River. • <u>Flying Checkpoint:</u> The Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint between the town of Tubas and the village of 'Aqqaba, searched civilian vehicles, and obstructed civilian movement. |

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| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Raid:</u> The Israeli army raided the village of Bardala in the area of the Jordan Valley in the eastern Jenin district and detained a number of civilians for several hours. |
| TULKAREM | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Closure:</u> The Israeli army continues to close ‘Einav gate, which controls the road between the cities of Tulkarem and Nablus, preventing civilian vehicles from crossing. • <u>Wall Gates:</u> Passage through the Wall gates is restricted to civilians granted special Israeli permits. • <u>Flying Checkpoints/Physical Assault:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 11:15, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint near the village of Seida, searched civilians and vehicles, and detained 2 civilians after severely beating them. At 12:35, the Israeli army withdrew from the area. (ii) At 11:40, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to the town of ‘Illar, searched civilians and vehicles, and obstructed civilian movement until 19:00. • <u>Raids/Curfews/House Occupations/Physical Assault:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Beginning at 04:00 on 19 March 2005, the Israeli army remains positioned in the town of ‘Illar and continued to impose curfew and to occupy 6 houses, which it had converted into military posts. Israeli troops severely beat 12-year-old Ayman Maharibah, breaking his arm. At 11:40, the Israeli army withdrew from the area. (ii) At 10:20, the Israeli army raided the village of Seida and severely beat 2 civilians while patrolling the area. (iii) At 21:00, the Israeli army, including 2 jeeps, raided the town of ‘Anabta. Confrontations took place between the Israeli army and civilians. (iv) At 01:15, the Israeli army raided the town of ‘Illar again and patrolled the area until 03:00. (v) At 03:30, the Israeli army raided Nur Shams refugee camp, searched a number of houses, and arrested 5 civilians, including 1 elderly civilian. At 04:30, the Israeli army withdrew from the area. (vi) At 04:20, the Israeli army, including 4 jeeps, raided Dahiyat Izbat Al Jarad in the city of Tulkarem and patrolled the area until 04:30. • <u>Arrests:</u> The Israeli army arrested 5 civilians in Nur Shams refugee camp: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) 60-year-old Mahmoud Suleiman Khalifah; (ii) Firas Mahmoud Khalifah; (iii) Majd ‘Odeh; (iv) Rateb ‘Odeh; and (v) Nihad Abu Harb. |
| QALQILYA | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Wall Gates:</u> Passage through the Wall gates is restricted to civilians granted special Israeli permits. |

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| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Flying Checkpoint:</u> At 07:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint between the towns of ‘Azzun and Kafr Thulth and searched civilians and vehicles. • <u>Arrest:</u> Israeli troops positioned at Wall gate # 26 arrested Bakr Mustafa from the town of Jayyus. |
| NABLUS | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Flying Checkpoint:</u> At 10:50, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the junction to the village of Bizzariya and searched civilians and vehicles. • <u>Attack:</u> At 20:15, the Israeli army opened fire while pursuing an illegal vehicle on the junction to the village of Bizzariya. • <u>Raids/Curfew:</u> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 09:40, the Israeli army raided the village of Burqa and surrounded its secondary school, allegedly because a number of students threw stones at the Israeli army. (ii) At 20:30, the Israeli army, including 1 tank and 2 jeeps, raided the town of Beit Iba, set up a checkpoint on the junction to the village of Zawata, and searched civilians and vehicles. At 22:50, the Israeli army withdrew from the area. |
| SALFIT | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Wall Construction:</u> Land levelling for Wall construction continues in the town of Deir Ballut and the village of Az Zawiya near the Green Line. • <u>Flying Checkpoints:</u> The Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the overpass to the village of Iskaka and searched civilians and vehicles. • <u>Raids/Provocation of Palestinian Forces:</u> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 11:30, the Israeli army raided the city of Salfit, took position near 1 Palestinian National Security location, set up a checkpoint at the eastern entrance to the city, and searched civilians and vehicles. At 14:30, the Israeli army withdrew from the area. (ii) At 23:00, the Israeli army raided the town of Deir Istiya, set up a checkpoint at its western entrance, and patrolled the area. |
| JERICHO | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Closure:</u> 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. • <u>Detention:</u> The Israeli army prevented farmers who do not hold Jericho IDs from accessing their land, thereby forcing them to apply for special permits. • <u>Settler Violence:</u> A group of Israeli settlers (including a settler known as ‘Omri) prevented civilians (at gunpoint) from accessing and grazing their sheep on their land in the village of Al ‘Auja Al Foqa. |
| BETHLEHEM | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Closure:</u> 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 |

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| | <p>the jurisdiction of the Jerusalem municipality. The Israeli army considers the civilian presence in the villages illegal.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wall Construction: Construction of the Wall continues 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. • Attack: At 08:30, Israeli troops positioned at a checkpoint set up in the southern Bethlehem district opened fire towards Maher 'Issa Al Qeimari, allegedly because he had attempted to steal an Israeli soldier's weapon. • Raids/Curfew: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 08:30, the Israeli army raided the village of Al 'Asakira and searched the Girls Secondary School after raiding it. (ii) At 12:30, the Israeli army raided the village of 'Ilit Ali and raided Jannat Grils Secondary School. (iii) At 16:10, the Israeli army raided the village of Husan and imposed curfew. The Israeli army remains positioned in the area as of 08:00 this morning. (iv) At 16:55, an Israeli army patrol raided the town of Al Khadr. At 20:25, the Israeli army raided the town again, set up a checkpoint in the centre of the town, searched civilian vehicles, and examined civilians' IDs. (v) At 19:30, the Israeli army raided the village of Nahhalin. Confrontations took place between the Israeli army and civilians, during which the Israeli army injured 1 female civilian as a result of tear gas inhalation. (vi) At 02:00, an Israeli army patrol raided the city of Bethlehem and patrolled the area until 02:15. (vii) At 07:20, an Israeli army patrol raided the village of Dar Salah, set up a checkpoint, and searched civilians and vehicles. • Settler Violence: On 20 March 2005, a group of Israeli settlers from the settlement of Tekoa' prevented Hassan 'Eid 'Asakira from accessing his land south of the settlement and erected a barbed wire fence around a section of his land. • Demonstration: At 10:40, a children's rally, including international peace activists, took place in the city of Bethlehem in protest against Wall construction. The Israeli army responded by raiding the city of Bethlehem and setting up a checkpoint near Al Karitas Hospital, thereby preventing the rally from approaching Bilal Bin Rabah Mosque (Rachel's Tomb). |
| HEBRON | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure: 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. • Wall Construction: Land levelling for Wall construction continues 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. |

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| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Raids/Destruction of Property:</u> (i) At 17:10, an Israeli army patrol raided the city of Hebron, took position near the city's Police station, and patrolled the area. (ii) An Israeli army patrol raided the village of Beit Ar Rush At Tahta and destroyed 1 civilian vehicle which was parked in a gas station. |
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| NORTHERN GAZA | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Closure:</u> Beit Hanun Crossing is partially open. • <u>Palestinian Attack:</u> At 18:30, 1 unidentified mortar was fired towards the Green Line. • <u>Palestinian Security Measures:</u> At 20:50, Palestinian security forces combed the area opposite Points 27 and 50 on the Green Line east and northeast of the town of Beit Hanun, discovered 2 Qassam launch pads, along with 1 Qassam mortar on a launch pad (ready to be fired), which it dismantled. |
| GAZA | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Closure:</u> (i) Nitsareem junction remains closed. (ii) Al Shuhada Junction-Al Muntar Crossing road is closed. |
| CENTRAL GAZA | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Settlement Activity:</u> At 12:00, the Israeli army erected a barbed wire fence extending from the settlement of Kfar Darom to Abu Nahiyah Building to the south, thereby isolating 18 civilian houses southwest of the city of Deir Al Balah. The Israeli army also allotted specific times for civilians to enter and exit the area. • <u>Palestinian Attack:</u> At 19:00, 1 unidentified mortar was fired towards the settlement bloc of Gosh Katif. |
| KHAN YUNIS | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Closure:</u> (i) Abu Al 'Ajin road (Khan Yunis Al Sharqiya) is closed. (ii) Western road (Khan Yunis) remains closed. (iii) Al Mawasi/Khan Yunis road (Al Tuffah checkpoint) is partially open. (iv) Abu Holi road is open. At 20:25, the Israeli army closed Salah Ad Din road between Al Matahin and Abu Holi checkpoints. At 20:45, the Israeli army reopened the road. (v) Alon checkpoint (entrance to Al Mawasi/Khan Yunis) south of Deir Al Balah is closed. (vi) Deir Al Balah junction to Abu Holi checkpoint (Kfar Darom road) is closed. (vii) Morag road, which connects Khan Yunis' eastern and western roads, is closed. • <u>Raid/Land Levelling:</u> At 00:35, an Israeli army bulldozer raided Palestinian territory near An Namsawi neighbourhood opposite Point 12 and levelled land. |

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| RAFAH | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Closure:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Yasser Arafat International Airport remains closed. (ii) Al Mawasi/Rafah road is partially open. (iii) Sufa Crossing is partially open to construction cargo only. • <u>Attacks:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 08:40, the Israeli army opened fire from Tall Zu'rub military post towards civilian houses in Bloc (J) in Rafah refugee camp. (ii) At 21:50, the Israeli army opened fire from its location at Point 8.5 along the Palestinian-Egyptian border towards Palestinian territory in the neighbourhood of Yabna in Rafah refugee camp. (iii) At 07:30, the Israeli army opened fire from its location at Point 10 along the Palestinian-Egyptian border towards civilian houses in the neighbourhood of Zu'rub in Rafah refugee camp. • <u>Palestinian Security Measures:</u> At 23:40, Palestinian security forces discovered, and demolished, 1 tunnel in an uninhabited house in Al Barazil neighbourhood in Rafah refugee camp. |
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| WORK PERMITS | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>West Bank:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Israeli authorities renewed 8,521 work permits to cross the Green Line. The total number of those allowed to cross is unknown. (ii) Israeli authorities restricted the issuing of work permits to civilians who are married with children and over the age of 30. • <u>Gaza Strip:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Israeli authorities renewed 735 work permits for workers to enter the Industrial Zones. However, only 577 workers (approximately 79% of those possessing work permits) were allowed access into the Industrial Zones. (ii) Israeli authorities renewed 2,908 work permits for workers in the construction and agriculture sectors to cross the Green Line. However, only 2,004 workers (approximately 69% of those possessing work permits) were allowed access into the Green Line. |
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