مجموعة الرقابة الفلسطينية



PALESTINIAN MONITORING GROUP

DAILY SITUATION REPORT

08:00, 23 March 2010 - 08:00, 24 March 2010

SUMMARY OF EVENTS

| EVENT | WEST BANK | GAZA STRIP | TOTAL | NOTES |
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| Injuries | _ | 2 | 2 | 2 armed Palestinian individuals in N. Gaza |
| Arrests (per person) | 2 | _ | 2 | Incl. 15-year-old child |
| Detentions | 14 | _ | 14 | Incl. 13-year-old girl taken to Kiryat Arba' |
| Raids | 9 | 2 | 11 | Incl. 2 in Jenin & 2 in Nablus |
| Checkpoints | 8 | _ | 8 | Access impeded at 5 checkpoints |
| Flying Checkpoints | 13 | _ | 13 | Incl. 3 in Qalqiliya & 2 in Jerusalem |
| Attacks | 4 | 3 | 7 | Incl. 1 by navy boats & 1 by settlers |
| Air Attack | _ | 1 | 1 | 2 missiles fired by helicopter gunships |
| Air Patrols | _ | 3 | 3 | 2 by reconnaissance & 1 by gunships |
| Provocation of Pal. Forces | 2 | _ | 2 | Incl. detaining a police vehicle |
| Attack on Property | 1 | _ | 1 | Force workers to stop house renovation |
| Destruction of Property | _ | 3 | 3 | Damaging buildings during airstrikes |
| Land Leveling | _ | 2 | 2 | Areas of land in Northern Gaza & Rafah |
| Wall Construction | 22 | _ | 22 | Jer., Raml'h., Qalq., Salfit, Heb., Beth. |
| Closure (per District) | 7 | _ | 7 | Incl. Jerusalem city & areas in Hebron city |
| Closure of Main Roads | 40 | _ | 40 | Incl. 3 in Ramallah & 2 in Jerusalem |
| Closure of Crossing Points | _ | 5 | 5 | Partial opening of 2 crossings only |
| Settlement Activity | 1 | _ | 1 | Resuming construction in a settlement |
| Settler Violence | 2 | | 2 | Incl. firing at children in Nablus district |
| Demonstrations | 1 | 1 | 2 | Incl. in Northern Gaza against buffer zone |
| Palestinian Attack | | 1 | 1 | 1 mortar fired towards the Green Line |
| TOTAL | 126 | 23 | 149 | |

DISTRICT EVENTS

WEST BANK

| JERUSALEM | Closure: The Israeli army continues to intensify restrictions at checkpoints set up at entrances to the city of Jerusalem and Al Aqsa Mosque. On 05 January 2009, the Israeli army issued military order #S/02/09 closing the seam line area, an extension of the Wall. The Israeli army continues to impose a blockade and deny civilian access to a hill located in an area between the villages of Biddu and Beit Iksa. Closure of Main Roads: The Israeli army continues to close with cement blocks and dirt barricades the entrance to the village of Jaba'. The Israeli army continues to close the iron gate along the Wall section separating the area of Dahiyat Al Bareed in Jerusalem city from the town of Ar Ram. Checkpoint: The Israeli army continues to consider Qalandiya checkpoint a "border crossing point" and only allows holders of Jerusalem IDs to access the city of Jerusalem. Wall Gates: The Israeli army continues to close the Wall gate in the town of Abu Dis with cement blocks. The Israeli army continues to deny civilian access through the Wall gate on al-Shayyah road in the area between the villages of al-Sawahira al-Sharqiya and al-Sawahira al-Gharbiya, only allowing civilians holding Jerusalem IDs to cross, after subjecting them to thorough searches using electronic devices. Wall Construction: Wall construction continues in the area of al-'Eizariya to al-Shayyah, from Beit Surik village to Biddu, in the areas of al-Judeira, Bir Nabala, and Beit Hanina, west of al-Jib village, in the vicinity of the village of Qatanna, south of Beit Hanina village, and in the area surrounding the checkpoint set up at the entrance to Shu'fat refugee camp. |
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| RAMALLAH & EL BIREH | Closure of Main Roads: The Israeli army continues to close the entrances to Sinjil village, Safa village and the junction to the villages of Kafr Malik – Ein Samiya. On 15 March 2010, the Israeli army issued military order declaring the area located between civilian houses and the Wall in the town of Ni'lin and the village of Bil'in as closed military zones from 08:00 until 20:00 every Friday and for a period of 6 months. Civilian access is denied during the mentioned period without a special permit in order to prevent the weekly demonstrations against the Wall. Settler Violence: At 11:00, a group of Israeli settlers from the settlement of Ma'aleh Livona attacked a number of farmers working on their land |

| | that belong to the town of Sinjil. Consequently, the Israeli army intervened and evacuated the settlers from the area. • Wall Construction: Wall construction continues west of the towns and villages of 'Abud and Bil'in, and in the areas of al-Midya to Ni'lin and Ni'lin to Deir Qaddis. |
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| JENIN | Closure of Main Roads: The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the road leading to 'Arraba town, east of the settlement of Dotan. Raids: At 16:00, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the town of Ya'bad until 16:20. At 16:10, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the village of Zabda until 17:00. Wall Gates: Passage through the Wall gates is restricted to civilians granted special Israeli permits, which affects the educational and health conditions of civilians living behind the Wall. |
| TOUBAS | Checkpoint: The Israeli army continues to intensify restrictions at Tayasir checkpoint, east of the city of Tubas, allowing civilian access from 06:00 to 22:00. Detentions: At 16:40, the Israeli army detained the civilians Mahmoud Hamdan and Yousef Abu Mtawe' while grazing sheep near the settlement of Mihula in the area of the Northern Jordan valley and released them at a later time. |
| TULKAREM | Closure of Main Roads: The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the road between the town of Kafr Al Labad and the village of Shofeh and the road between the villages of Shofeh and Izbat Shofeh. Checkpoints: The Israeli army continues to intensify restrictions at Einav checkpoint that is set up on Tulkarm-Nablus main road. Settlement Activity: On 22 March 2010, the Israeli army resumed construction work in the southern area of the settlement of Evni Haifetz after ceasing work there for a number of months. Wall Gates: Passage through the wall gates is restricted to civilians granted special Israeli permits, which affects the educational and health conditions of civilians living behind the Wall. |
| QALQILYA | Closure of Roads: The Israeli army continues to close with cement blocks the agricultural roads east of the town of 'Azzun. Flying Checkpoints: At 11:15, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the junction leading to the village of Jit and searched civilians and vehicles. At 16:45, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint near the village of An Nabi Elias and searched civilians and vehicles. At 22:50, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to the village of Izbat At-Tabib. Provocation of Palestinian Forces: At 21:00, the Israeli army detained at |

the Wall gate leading to the village of Azzun Atma a civil police vehicle carrying police officers on their way to distribute summons to a number of civilians. The Israeli army released them after detaining their IDs and the vehicle's license so as to hand them over to the DCO at a later time.

- <u>Demonstration</u>: At 10:00, a sit in demonstration by families of political prisoners took place opposite the ICRC in the city of Qalqiliya in solidarity with their children in Israeli jails and demanding their release.
- <u>Wall Gates</u>: The Israeli army continues to intensify its restrictions at 'Azzun 'Atma Wall gate and to search civilians, including students, with a metal detector.
- Wall Construction: Wall construction continues south of the town of Jayyus as well as near the settlement of Alfeh Minesheh in the villages of Ras Tira, Magharet Ad Dab'a and Wadi Ar Rasha, located south of Qalqiliya city.

• <u>Closure of Main Roads</u>:

- (i) The Israeli army continues to close with cement blocks the roads of Tel-Burin, Beit Furik-Salem, and the eastern entrance to the village of Al Lubban Ash Sharqiya; and with dirt barricades the southern entrance to the village of Duma, the eastern entrance to the village of Al Lubban Ash Sharqiya, the western entrances to the town of Aqraba and the village of Majdal Bani Fadil, the northern entrance to the town of Qabalan, as well as the settler bypass road connecting the village of Deir al-Hatab to Alon Moreh settlement.
- (ii) The Israeli army continues to close by an iron gate the western entrance to An Naqura village, opposite Shavi Shomron settlement.
- (iii) The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the southern entrance to the village of Qaryut and the road connecting the town of Aqraba to the village of Osarin.

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• Checkpoints:

- (i) At Tur neighborhood checkpoint (set up on Jerzim Mount) is closed on Fridays and Saturdays as well as during Jewish holidays. On other days, it is open for civilian residents of the neighborhood only from 07:00 until 02:00.
- (ii) Awarta commercial checkpoint is open for civilians from 05:00 until 20:00 and on Friday from 05:00 until 15:00.
- **Flying Checkpoint:** At 16:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to the town of Beita and searched civilians and vehicles until 17:00.

• Raids:

- (i) At 15:15, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the village of Einabus.
- (ii) At 19:30, the Israeli army raided the town of Beit Furik and patrolled the area until 21:00.
- <u>Settler Violence</u>: At 17:45, an Israeli settler opened fire indiscriminately

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| | while driving his vehicle in the main road in the town of Huwwara |
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| | towards a number of children who allegedly threw stones at his vehicle. |
| SALFIT | Closure of Main Roads: The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the northern entrance to the city of Salfit, and continues to close with cement blocks and iron gates the northern entrance to the town of Bruqin and the western entrance to the town of Kafr Ad Dik. Checkpoint: The Israeli army continues to intensify its restrictions at Za'tara checkpoint and impede civilian access. Flving Checkpoint: At 08:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint near the entrance to the town of Deir Istiya on Wadi Qana road (which connects the districts of Salfit and Qalqiliya) and prevented civilian access until 09:00 under the pretext of detonating a suspicious object. Provocation of Palestinian Forces: At 08:30, the Israeli army at Za'tara junction checkpoint detained 2 Palestinian National Security vehicles on their way from the city of Qalqiliya to the city of Ramallah. They were allowed to pass following DCO intervention. Wall Construction: Wall construction continues in the area northwest of the city of Salfit, and in the village of Marda and the town of Kifl Hares north of the settlement of Ariel. |
| JERICHO | Closure: The Israeli army continues to close Road # 90 between the city of Jericho and the village of al-'Auja with cement blocks. Checkpoints: The Israeli army continues to intensify its restrictions at al-Hamra checkpoint and allow civilian access from 06:00 until 22:00. The Israeli army continues to intensify its restrictions on the checkpoint set up on the junction to the village of al-'Auja and allow access only to civilians holding Jericho and Jordan Valley IDs and those possessing permits. Flying Checkpoint: At 08:30, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the southern entrance to the city of Jericho. |
| ВЕТНІЕНЕМ | Closure: The Israeli army continues to close the roads to the village of An Nu'man, with the exception of the road leading to the Wall gate in the south-eastern area of the village. The Israeli army continues to prevent civilian access to an area that is located in the cities of Beit Sahur and Bethlehem. Closure of Main Roads: The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the roads of Beit Jala-Wadi Ahmad, the sideway east of Beit Fajjar town and the agricultural road that is located between the town of Taqu'a and the village of Khirbet Al Baq'a. Flying Checkpoints: At 19:35, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to the town of Beit Fajjar and searched civilians and vehicles. At 23:20, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on An Nashash |

area junction (the southern entrance to the city of Bethlehem) and searched civilians and vehicles.

• Raids:

- (i) At 11:35, the Israeli army raided the town of Al Khadr, searched 2 houses, fired stun grenades in 1 of the houses and arrested a civilian.
- (ii) At 18:40, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the village of Husan.
- <u>Arrest</u>: The Israeli army arrested in the town of Al Khadr the civilian Ziyad Muhammad Hussein Issa.
- <u>Wall Construction</u>: Wall construction continues in the area northwest of the town of al-Khadr and Beit Jala city; in the area of Wadi Rahhal east of Ephrata settlement; and in the area surrounding al-Walaja village.

• <u>Closure</u>:

- (i) The Israeli army continues to close the following locales in the old city of Hebron: al-Shuhada' Street and the area of al-Sahleh with cement blocks and barbed wire; the old gold market with an iron gate; the area of Khuzq al-Far near the settlement of Abraham Avino with a dirt barricade and an iron gate; and the entrance to the area of al-Khan with an electronic gate, isolating the area from al-Laban Market and the area of al-Sahleh. The Israeli army continues to close the entrance to al Laban Market by iron boards. The Israeli army also continues to install an iron gate at the entrance to the area of al-Hisba (the fruits and vegetables market) in the old city of Hebron, thereby controlling civilian access in the area.
- (ii) The Israeli army continues to close the area located near the Green Line, south of Yatta town, evacuating the area of those inside it and denying them access to it.

• Closure of Main Roads:

- (i) The Israeli army continues to close with cement blocks the following locales: the entrance to the town of al-Samoa'; the area of al-Hawawir leading to the town of Halhoul; the road connecting the town of Surif to the village of al-Jab'a; and the eastern entrance to the village of Kharsa; the entrance to al-Qeisi neighborhood in the old city of Hebron; the main entrance to al-'Arrub refugee camp; the village of At Tuwani as well as the entrance to the town of Adh Dhahiriya.
- (ii) The Israeli army continues to prohibit Palestinian vehicles from traveling along Shalala Old Street that leads to the old city of Hebron, only allowing Israeli vehicles as well as Israeli army vehicles to travel along this street.
- (iii) The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the road between the villages of Al Karmil and At Tuwani and all roads leading to bypass Road # 60.

Flying Checkpoints:

(i) At 09:30, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to the town of Idhna and searched civilians and vehicles.

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- (ii) At 10:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to Al Arrub refugee camp and searched civilians and vehicles.
- (iii) At 17:35, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the junction leading to the village of Kharsa and searched civilians and vehicles.

• Raids:

- (i) At 16:40, the Israeli army raided the town of Beit Ummar where confrontations took place with civilians while patrolling the area. The Israeli army withdrew at 17:30.
- (ii) At 17:15, the Israeli army raided the village of At Tabaqa where confrontations took place with civilians while patrolling the area. Again at 19:00, the Israeli army raided the area, searched a number of houses and arrested a child.
- <u>Arrest</u>: The Israeli army arrested in the village of At Tabaqa the civilian Basel Faisal Hammad Ad-Darabe', 15-year-old.
- <u>Detention</u>: At 18:40, the Israeli army detained in the old city of Hebron female child Suhad Nidal Al 'Ewaiwi, 13-year-old, after storming the house of her father under the pretext of throwing stones. The Israeli army took her to Israel police station at Kiryat Arba' settlement and released her at 24:00 (after forcing her father to sign a pledge that she will not throw stones another time.
- Attack on Property: On 22 March 2010, the Israeli army forced workers belonging to the reconstruction committee in the neighborhood of Jaber in the old city of Hebron to cease the renovation of 3 houses near the road leading to Al Ibrahimi Mosque, which is used as a settler road.
- Wall Construction: Wall construction continues in the section of Tarqumiya checkpoint terminal, in the periphery of Eshkolot settlement southwest of Adh Dhahiriya town and between southwest of Arab Ar Ramadin village and the village of Imneizil.

GAZA STRIP

ALL DISTRICTS

- At 02:00 on 18 January 2009, the Israeli army declared a unilateral ceasefire. In the meantime, armed Palestinian groups declared a one-week-long ceasefire. Meanwhile, the ceasefire was extended until 05 February 2009. The ceasefire is holding despite the end of the specified period.
- The Israeli army violated the ceasefire by raiding Palestinian territory, opening fire intensively in Northern Gaza and Rafah districts and opening fire intensively towards Palestinian fishing boats at sea opposite Rafah city beach. In addition to firing 2 missiles from helicopter gunships in Northern Gaza district injuring 2 armed Palestinian individuals.
- Armed Palestinian groups breached the ceasefire by firing a mortar towards the Green Line.

| NORTHERN GAZA | Closure of Crossing Point: Beit Hanun (Erez) Crossing is partially open for previously coordinated humanitarian cases and foreign nationals. Raid: In the morning of 23 March 2010, the Israeli army, including a number of armored vehicles and bulldozers covered by reconnaissance aircrafts, raided the periphery of Beit Hanun (Erez) industrial zone north of Beit Hanun town, opened fire intensively and leveled areas of agricultural land. Air Attack: At dawn on 24 March 2010, Israeli helicopter gunships fired 2 missiles towards armed Palestinian individuals east of Jabalya town injuring 2 of them. In addition to damaging a number of nearby buildings. Demonstration: On 23 March 2010, a mass demonstration took place northeast of Beit Hanun town against the buffer zone near the border fence where the Israeli army deny access to farmers and land owners for cultivation. Palestinian Attack: In the evening of 23 March 2010, 1 unidentified mortar was fired towards the Green Line. |
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| GAZA | Closure of Crossing Points: Al-Muntar (Karni) Crossing is closed. Al-Shuja'iya (Nahal 'Oz) Crossing for fuel transport is closed since 04 January 2010 by an Israeli unilateral decision. |
| CENTRAL GAZA | Activities not reported. |
| KHAN YOUNIS | Activities not reported. |
| RAFAH | Closure of Crossing Points: Yasser 'Arafat International Airport remains closed. Rafah (Al Awdah) Crossing is closed. Sufa Crossing is closed. Karm Abu Salim (Karem Shalom) Crossing is partially open for the transport of food, humanitarian assistance, a quantity of industrial diesel for the electricity plant, cooking gas, and for the export of 3 truckloads of flower. Raid: In the afternoon of 23 March 2010, the Israeli army, including a number of armored vehicles and 2 bulldozers covered by reconnaissance aircrafts, raided Palestinian territory in the periphery of Sufa Crossing northeast of Rafah city, opened fire intensively and leveled areas of agricultural land. Attack: In the evening of 23 March 2010, Israeli navy boats opened fire intensively towards Palestinian fishing boats at sea opposite Rafah city beach. |

GENERAL

• <u>Prison Sentence</u>: The Israeli military court at Ofer Military Camp sentenced political prisoner Othman Yaser Othman Abu 'Aram from the town of Yatta in the district of Hebron to 5 years in prison.

• Abuse of Political Prisoners:

POLITICAL PRISONERS

- (i) The family of political prisoner Raed Muhammad Jamal Darabaih, who has cancer, appealed to human rights organizations and the ICRC to intervene to save the life of their son, as he underwent 6 unsuccessful surgeries in his back, and the last surgery was conducted 2 months ago. It was preceded a year ago by a surgery removing 2 arteries from around the spine and replacing them by plastic pipes. The failure of these surgeries led to the appearance of the spine's bone as a result of flesh corrosion around the spine. He currently uses a wheelchair because he does not feel the nerves of his feet
- (ii) On 23 March 2010, a special police force belonging to Israel prison authority stormed section # 3 in Hadarim prison and searched thoroughly the cells of the section from 15:00 to 20:00 under the pretext of searching for cell phones.