

مجموعة الرقابة الفلسطينية



PALESTINIAN MONITORING GROUP

DAILY SITUATION REPORT

08:00 28 March 2011 – 08:00 29 March 2011

SUMMARY OF EVENTS

EVENT	WEST BANK	GAZA STRIP	TOTAL	NOTES
Physical Assaults	4	—	4	Incl. a child severely beaten, Qalqiliya
Attacks	4	2	6	3 in raids and 3 during confrontations
Raids	26	2	28	Incl. 2 in Jerusalem and 4 in Ramallah
Air Patrols	—	2	2	By reconnaissance aircraft
Arrests (per person)	9	—	9	Incl. 4 children and a Police officer
Detentions	14	—	14	Incl. a Palestinian security officer
Land Levelling	—	2	2	In Northern Gaza and Khan Yunis
Wall Construction	13	—	13	Incl. in Jerusalem, Qalqiliya, & Hebron
Destruction of Property	14	—	14	Incl. 12 makeshift houses demolished
Attacks on Property	*	—	—	Notices to evacuate 6 houses, Tubas
House Occupation	1	—	1	Converted into a mil. post, Bethlehem
Closure of Checkpoints	8	—	8	Incl. access impeded at 5 checkpoints
Flying Checkpoints	23	—	23	Incl. 4 in Qalqiliya and 6 in Nablus
Closure (per District)	7	—	7	Incl. Jerusalem & 2 areas in Bethlehem
Closure of Main Roads	46	—	46	Throughout the West Bank districts
Closure of Crossing Points	—	4	4	Incl. humanitarian cases allowed access
Attack on Religious Site	1	—	1	A mosque raided and searched, Hebron
Settler Violence	4	—	4	Incl. olive trees cut down, Bethlehem
Provocation of Pal. Forces	2	—	2	Incl. security offices photographed
TOTAL	177	12	189	

DISTRICT	EVENTS
----------	--------

WEST BANK

JERUSALEM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) The Israeli army continues to intensify restrictions at checkpoints located at the entrances to Jerusalem city and to prevent civilians from other districts from entering the city, only allowing access to civilians holding special permits. (i) The Israeli army continues to close the ‘demarcation area’ along the Wall in the area surrounding Jerusalem city and restrict access to the area to local residents as well as to civilians holding special permits. (ii) The Israeli army continues to impose a blockade and deny civilian access to a hill between Biddu and Beit Ikksa villages. • Closure of Main Roads: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) The Israeli army continues to close with cement blocks and dirt barricades the entrance to the village of Jaba’. (ii) The Israeli army continues to close the iron gate along the Wall section, separating the area of Dahiyat al Bareed from the town of Ar Ram. (iii) The Israeli army continues to close with an iron gate the eastern entrance to Beit Ikksa village and force civilians to access Jerusalem city through Qalandiya checkpoint. • Checkpoint: The Israeli authorities continue to consider Qalandiya checkpoint a “border crossing point” and designates a special crossing lane for holders of Jerusalem IDs and those possessing permits to access Jerusalem city. • Attack/Raid: While raiding Silwan neighbourhood in Jerusalem city in the evening of 28 March 2011, the Israeli army fired rubber-coated steel bullets as well as tear gas and sound grenades on civilians, allegedly for throwing stones. • Raids: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 12:45, the Israeli army raided Ar Ram town and patrolled the area until 13:50. (ii) At 00:30, the Israeli army raided and patrolled Abu Dis town. • Wall Gates: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) The Israeli army continues to close with cement blocks the Wall gate in Abu Dis town. (ii) The Israeli army continues to deny civilian access through the Wall gate on Ash Shayyah road in the area between As Sawahira ash Sharqiya and As Sawahira al Gharbiya villages, 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 north of Qalandiya village; south of Az Za’ayyem village; and in Wadi al ‘Eizariya west of Ma’ale Adumim settlement.
-----------	---

<p style="text-align: center;">RAMALLAH & EL BIREH</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure of Main Roads: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) The Israeli army continues to close the entrances to Sinjil town and Saffa village as well as the junction to Kafr Malik and ‘Ein Samiya villages. (ii) Although it removed the dirt barricade, the Israeli army continues to close with an iron gate the eastern entrance to An Nabi Salih village. • Raids: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 09:20, the Israeli army raided ‘Arura town and patrolled the area until 13:20. (ii) At 11:50, the Israeli army raided Um Safa village. While patrolling the area, Israeli troops took photographs of a number of houses. (iii) At 21:55, the Israeli army raided and patrolled El Bireh city. (iv) At 01:15, the Israeli army raided Bir Zeit town and patrolled it until 02:55. • Wall Construction: Wall construction continues in the area west of ‘Abud town in the area surrounding ‘Ofarim settlement and north of Al Lubban al Gharbi and Rantis villages.
<p style="text-align: center;">JENIN</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure of Main Road: The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the road leading to the town of ‘Arraba east of Dotan settlement. • Raids: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 10:00, the Israeli army raided and patrolled Deir Abu Da’if village. (ii) At 15:00, the Israeli army raided the Haddad Tourist Village, made a tour inside, and took photographs of its environs. • 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.
<p style="text-align: center;">TUBAS</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Checkpoint: Though allowing civilian access to the Northern Jordan Valley between 06:00 and 22:00, the Israeli army continues to intensify restrictions at Tayasir checkpoint east of the city of Tubas. At 16:40, Israeli troops intensified restrictions and impeded civilian access at the checkpoint. • Raids/Attacks on Property: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 09:40, the Israeli army raided Khirbet Samra in the Northern Jordan Valley and distributed notices for the evacuation of six houses belonging to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Mahyoub Naji Daraghmeh; (ii) Abed ‘Awadh Abu ‘Amer; (iii) Na’im Jamil Abu ‘Amer; (iv) Fawzi Abed Daraghmeh; (v) Ziyad Abed Daraghmeh; and (vi) Anees Abed Daraghmeh. (ii) At 10:25, the Israeli army raided ‘Ein al Beida village and patrolled it until 11:30. (iii) At 12:30, the Israeli army raided Bardala village, took photographs of a number of houses and the village’s mosque, and withdrew at 13:30. (iv) At 00:40, the Israeli army raided Khirbet as Sudi area near Al Far’a village, searched a house, and withdrew at 04:45.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Land Levelling: At 15:15, the Israeli army levelled land in Al Buqei'a plain east of Tammun town, narrowing a rural road to civilians' farmland.
TULKAREM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure of Main Roads: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the road connecting Kafr al Labad town to Shufa village as well as the road connecting Shufa and 'Izbat Shufa villages. (ii) The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades a detour road leading to Ramin village along the Tulkarem-Nablus main road. • Checkpoint: At 20:15, the Israeli army intensified restrictions and impeded civilian access at 'Einav checkpoint on the Tulkarem-Nablus main road. • Raids: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 17:00, the Israeli army raided Ramin village and searched a house. (ii) At 23:45, the Israeli army raided and patrolled Tulkarem city and Nur Shams refugee camp. Meantime, Israeli troops took photographs of a house and commercial premise. • Wall Gates: Passage through the wall gates is restricted to civilians granted special Israeli permits.
QALQILYA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure of Roads: The Israeli army continues to close with cement blocks agricultural roads east of the town of 'Azzun. • Flying Checkpoints: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 10:30, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the junction to Jit village and searched civilians and vehicles. (ii) At 14:15, and again at 20:15, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to 'Azzun town and searched civilians and vehicles. (iii) At 18:40, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint near 'Azzun town on the Qalqiliya-Nablus main road and searched civilians and vehicles. • Arrest/Physical Assault: At 20:00, the Israeli army arrested 16-year-old Omar 'Umran Hasan in the area between 'Azzun town and 'Izbat at Tabib village, allegedly for throwing stones. Israeli troops severely beat Hasan while arresting him. • Provocation of Palestinian Forces: At 21:10, Israeli troops fired flares over Al Munshar area in 'Azzun town while a Palestinian National Security patrol was preserving public order. As a result, the Palestinian patrol was forced to withdraw. • Wall Gates: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) The Israeli army continues to intensify its restrictions at 'Azzun 'Atma Wall gate and to search civilians, including students, with a metal detector. (ii) The Israeli army continues close with an iron gate the entrance to the village of Wadi ar Rasha and to deny civilian access. The Israeli army allows residents to access the village through Gate #109. Having removed the iron gate at the entrance to the village of Ras 'Atiya, the Israeli army only allows students to cross to their schools outside the village through the Habla gate.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wall Construction: Wall construction continues in Kafr Laqif village north of Karnei Shomron settlement; in Immatin village northeast of Imanuel settlement; and east of Kafr Thulth town near Ma'ale Shomron settlement.
NABLUS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure of Main Roads: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) The Israeli army continues to close the roads of Till-Burin and Beit Furik-Salem; the settler bypass road connecting the village of Deir al Hatab to the settlement of Alon Moreh; the road connecting the town of 'Aqraba to the village of Osarin; and the detour road between the town of Qabalan and the village of Osarin. (ii) The Israeli army continues to close the northern entrance to the town of Qabalan; the southern entrances to the town of Jamma'in and the villages of Duma and Qaryut; and the western entrance to An Naqura village opposite the settlement of Shavei Shomron. • Checkpoints: The Israeli army continues to regulate times for crossing checkpoints set up around the city of Nablus: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At Tur neighbourhood checkpoint (set up on Jerzim Mount) is closed on Fridays and Saturdays as well as during Jewish holidays. On all other days, it is open for civilian residents of the neighbourhood only between 07:00 and 02:00. (ii) At 'Awarta commercial checkpoint, civilians are allowed to cross between 05:00 and 20:00, but between 05:00 and 15:00 on Fridays. All civilian vehicles are allowed to access the city of Nablus, but only commercial vehicles and ambulances can leave the city through the checkpoint. • Flying Checkpoints/Detention: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 09:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the junction to Qusin village and searched civilians and vehicles. (ii) At 09:25, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the junction to Beita town, searched civilians and vehicles, detained Ahmed Abu Hamdan, a Palestinian National Security officer, and released him at a later time. (iii) At 12:10, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to Beit Furik town. At 21:10, the Israeli army set up another checkpoint and searched civilians and vehicles until 22:30. (iv) At 14:10, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint in the area between Nablus city and 'Asira ash Shamaliya town and searched civilians and vehicles. (v) At 06:45, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to 'Azmut village and searched civilians and vehicles. • Raids: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 00:40, the Israeli army raided and patrolled Deir Sharaf village. (ii) At 02:50, the Israeli army raided 'Awarta village, searched a number of houses, and arrested a Palestinian Police officer. • Arrest: The Israeli army arrested Sameeh Elyas al Qadhi, a Palestinian Police officer, in 'Awarta village.

<p style="text-align: center;">SALFIT</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure of Main Roads: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades and cement blocks the northern entrance to the Bruqin town. (ii) The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the entrances to two detour roads connecting Marda village to its respective farmland. (iii) Beginning on 14 November 2010, the Israeli army has continued to open the northern entrance to Salfit city to civilian buses only. The entrance had been closed for seven years. • Checkpoint: The Israeli army continues to intensify restrictions at the Za'tara junction checkpoint and impede civilian access. • Flying Checkpoint: At 17:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to Yasuf village and searched civilians and vehicles. • Wall Construction: Wall construction continues in the area north of Deir Istiya town southeast of Emmanuel settlement.
<p style="text-align: center;">JERICHO</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure of Main Road: The Israeli army continues to close Road # 90 between Jericho city and Al 'Auja village with cement blocks. • Checkpoints: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) The Israeli army continues to intensify restrictions at Al Hamra checkpoint set up along Al Badhan road connecting Jericho and Nablus districts, only allowing access to residents of Jericho district of the Jordan Valley area. (ii) The Israeli army continues to intensify restrictions at the checkpoint set up on the junction to Al 'Auja village along Al-Mu'arrajat road connecting Jericho and Ramallah districts, only allowing access to residents of Jericho district as well as to others holding access permits. • Flying Checkpoints: At 08:45, and again at 11:25, and at 17:05, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the southern entrance to Jericho city and searched civilian vehicles. • Raids/Provocation of Palestinian Forces: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 08:00, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the western quarter of Jericho city. (ii) At 05:10 on 29 March 2011, the Israeli army raided and patrolled Jericho city. Meanwhile, Israeli troops photographed a training camp of the Palestinian Presidential Guard as well as a National Security headquarters and checkpoint. At 06:40, the Israeli army withdrew from the area.
<p style="text-align: center;">BETHLEHEM</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) 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. (ii) According to Military Order # S/02/07, the Israeli army has continued since 15 September 2007 to deny civilian access to an area measuring 22 <i>dunums</i> of land in the area of Mazmuriya in the cities of Beit Sahur and Bethlehem. The land was confiscated pursuant to Military Order T/31/07.

	<p>(iii) Beginning on 20 January 2011, the Israeli army has continued to close the detour road connecting Wadi Fukin and Al Jab'a villages.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure of Main Roads: The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the Beit Jala-Wadi Ahmad road; a road east of Beit Fajjar town; and a rural road connecting Tuqu' town to Khirbet al Baq'a village. • Flying Checkpoints: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 18:20, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the western entrance to Husan village and arrested a civilian. (ii) At 19:55, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on An Nashash junction (the southern entrance to Bethlehem city) and searched civilians and vehicles. (iii) At 20:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to Beit Fajjar town and searched civilians and vehicles until 23:45. • Raids/House Occupation: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 11:00, the Israeli army raided Dar Salah village and served summonses on two civilians to report to the Israeli Intelligence agency: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Nidhal Mohammed Rabay'ah; and (ii) Mohammed Ghazi Salah. (ii) At 11:00, the Israeli army raided Jorat ash Sham'a village and took photographs of a house under construction, belonging to Basem 'Adnan Abu Hammad. (iii) At 19:30, the Israeli army raided Husan village, searched two houses, occupied another house, and converted it into a military post. The Israeli army also set up a checkpoint at the village's entrance, denied access to civilian vehicles, and withdrew at 21:45. (iv) At 19:50, the Israeli army raided Dar az Zir village and patrolled the area until 20:00. • Arrest: Israeli troops positioned at the flying checkpoint set up at the western entrance to Husan village arrested Marwan Hasan Hamamreh. • Settler Violence/Destruction of Property: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 12:00, a group of Israeli settlers gained access to farmland belonging to Jaber Taha Hasan Hamamreh in Husan village and cut down a number of olive trees. (ii) At 18:45, an Israeli settler vehicle ran over a herd of sheep along the main road near Tuqu' town, injuring 10 sheep. The herd belonged to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) 'Adnan Salman Mohammed az Zir; and (ii) Falah Abed Ibrahim al Tannouh. • Wall Construction: Wall construction continues in the area northwest of Beit Jala city; around Al Walaja village; and east of Efrat settlement.
<p style="text-align: center;">HEBRON</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) The Israeli army continues to close Ash Shuhada' Street, As Sahleh and Khuzq al Far areas, and the old gold market in the old city of Hebron. In addition to closing the entrance to Al Qeisi neighbourhood, the Israeli army continues to close the entrances to the area of Al Hisba (the fruits and vegetables market) with an iron gate and Al Laban Market with iron plates.

- (ii) Beginning on 05 January 2009, the Israeli army has continued to close and deny civilian access to the area located along the Green Line south of Yatta town for Wall construction. The Israeli army evacuated residents from the area.
- **Closure of Main Roads:**
 - (i) The Israeli army continues to close the entrances to As Samoa' and Adh Dhahiriya towns, Al 'Arrub refugee camp, and At Tuwani and Al Karmil villages.
 - (ii) The Israeli army continues to prohibit Palestinian vehicles from travelling along Ash Shalala Old Street in the old city of Hebron.
 - (iii) The Israeli army continues to close all roads leading to Road # 60 as well as detour roads along the settler bypass road leading to Yatta town.
 - (iv) Beginning at 08:00 on 24 March 2011, the Israeli army has continued to close with dirt barricades all detour roads leading to Beit Ummar town.
 - **Flying Checkpoints:**
 - (i) At 11:25, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the overpass to Halhul town and searched civilians and vehicles.
 - (ii) At 18:40, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on Al Fawwar junction and searched civilians and vehicles.
 - (iii) At 22:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the northern entrance to Hebron city (along Road # 35 near the overpass to Halhul town) and searched civilians and vehicles.
 - **Raids/Attack on Religious Site/Attack:**
 - (i) At 20:40, the Israeli army raided Shuyukh al 'Arrub village and searched a house.
 - (ii) At 00:20, the Israeli army raided Halhul town. Having forced the mayor to accompany them, Israeli troops raided and searched the An Nabi Yunis Mosque. Meantime, confrontations took place between the Israeli army and civilians.
 - (iii) At 00:55, the Israeli army raided As Samoa' town, patrolled the area, fired sound grenades, and withdrew at 02:10.
 - **Arrests:** At 03:10 on 28 March 2011, the Israeli army arrested six civilians, including three children, during its raid into Beit Ummar town, in addition to those reported yesterday:
 - (i) Malek Hammad Salibi, 16 years old;
 - (ii) 'Allam Bader 'Awadh, 16 years old;
 - (iii) Hasan Majed Salibi, 16 years old;
 - (iv) Ahmed Mohammed Abul Jawwad Ikhlayyel;
 - (v) Muntaser Ibrahim Ikhlayyel; and
 - (vi) Sharif Fat'hi Breighith.
 - **Destruction of Property/Attack/Physical Assaults:** At 07:30, the Israeli army demolished 12 makeshift houses in Um Nir area near Sussia settlement east of Yatta town and fired tear gas grenades on civilians, while they were attempting to stop demolitions. Israeli troops also severely beat three civilians, leaving them with contusions.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Settler Violence:</u> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 12:00, a group of Israeli settlers attacked the Al Buweib School east of Yatta town. Consequently, the Israeli army evacuated settlers from the area. (ii) At 16:30, a group of Israeli settlers from Otni'el settlement seized a donkey belonging to Ibrahim Abu Sheikah, a resident of Karma village. Abu Sheikah was collecting firewood near the settlement. • <u>Wall Construction:</u> Wall construction continues in the area surrounding Eshkolot settlement west of Adh Dhahiriya town.
--	---

GAZA STRIP

ALL DISTRICTS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • At 02:00 on 18 January 2009, the unilateral ceasefire declared by the Israeli authorities came into effect. At a later time on the same day, armed Palestinian groups announced an agreement to cease fire for a week. Later, armed Palestinian groups extended the ceasefire until 05 February 2009. The ceasefire continues to hold. • <u>Violation of the Ceasefire:</u> The Israeli army raided Palestinian territory and opened fire on civilian houses and property in Northern Gaza and Khan Yunis district.
--------------------------	---

NORTHERN GAZA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Closure of Crossing Point:</u> Beit Hanun (Erez) Crossing was partially open to previously-coordinated critically ill civilians, foreign journalists, international organisations staff, merchants, businesspeople, and civilians intending to travel to Jordan through Al Karama (Allenby) Bridge in the West Bank. • <u>Raid/Air Patrol/Attack/Land Levelling:</u> In the evening of 28 March 2011, the Israeli army, including eight tanks, 14 armoured vehicles and six bulldozers covered by reconnaissance aircraft, raided Palestinian territory northwest of Beit Lahiya town. While levelling land, the Israeli army opened fire intensively on civilian houses and property.
GAZA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Closure of Crossing Points:</u> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Al Muntar (Kanei) Crossing is closed. Beginning on 02 March 2011, the Crossing has been effectively closed upon an Israeli unilateral decision. (ii) Ash Shuja'iya (Nahal 'Oz) Crossing is closed. Beginning on 04 January 2010, the Crossing has been closed upon an Israeli unilateral decision.
CENTRAL GAZA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Activities not reported.

KHAN YUNIS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Raid/Air Patrol/Attack/Land Levelling:</u> In the morning of 29 March 2011, the Israeli army, including three tanks and four bulldozers covered by reconnaissance aircraft, raided Palestinian territory east of Al Qarara town. While levelling land, the Israeli army opened fire intensively on civilian houses and property.
RAFAH	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Closure of Crossing Points:</u> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Yasser ‘Arafat International Airport remains closed. (ii) Rafah (Al ‘Awdah) Crossing was open to allow civilians, patients, students, and civilians holding visas and residence cards abroad to depart the Gaza Strip. Access was also allowed to patients, who had received medical attentions at Egyptian hospitals. (iii) Sufa Crossing is closed. (iv) Karm Abu Salem (Karem Shalom) Crossing was partially open for transportation of food supplies, humanitarian aid, and cooking gas. In addition to 20 vehicles imported by the private sector, 37 truckloads of wheat and seven truckloads of cement designated to UNRWA projects were transported to the Gaza Strip.

GENERAL

POLITICAL PRISONERS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Hunger Strike:</u> On 28 March 2011, political prisoners held in five Israeli prisons declared a one-day hunger strike in protest against humiliating searches of prisoners’ relatives during family visits, solitary confinement, and negligence of prisoners’ demands. • <u>Sentence:</u> The Israeli military court at the ‘Ofar Detention and Interrogation Centre sentenced Hanan Ahmed al Humouz, a female resident of Bethlehem city, to an imprisonment term of two and a half years as well as a fine of ILS 3,000 (approximately US\$ 850).
----------------------------	---