# مجموعة الرقابة الفلسطينية



#### PALESTINIAN MONITORING GROUP

#### DAILY SITUATION REPORT 08:00 30 March 2011 – 08:00 31 March 2011

#### **SUMMARY OF EVENTS**

EVENT	WEST BANK	GAZA STRIP	TOTAL	NOTES
Physical Assaults	5	_	5	Civilians beaten, incl. in Qalqiliya
Injury	1		1	A 3-year-old girl by a settler vehicle
Attacks	1	1	2	During raids, Hebron & Northern Gaza
Raids	20	1	21	Incl. 3 in Tubas and 6 in Hebron
Air Patrol	_	1	1	Reconnaissance aircraft, Northern Gaza
Arrests (per person)	16	_	16	Incl. 2 children and a PLC member
Detentions	13	_	13	At checkpoints and in residential areas
Land Levelling	_	1	1	In Northern Gaza
Wall Construction	13	_	13	Incl. in Jerusalem, Qalqiliya, & Hebron
Destruction of Property	2	_	2	Vehicle windshields, Ramallah & Jenin
Closure of Checkpoints	9	_	9	Incl. access impeded at 6 checkpoints
Flying Checkpoints	28	_	28	Incl. 4 in Ramallah and 5 in Bethlehem
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
Settler Violence	4	_	4	Incl. 2 civilians severely beaten
Provocation of Pal. Forces	1	_	1	A Police vehicle detained in Jericho
Demonstration	1	_	1	In solidarity with prisoners, Bethlehem
TOTAL	168	8	176	

DISTRICT EVENTS

## WEST BANK

<ul> <li>Closure: <ul> <li>(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.</li> <li>(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.</li> <li>(ii) The Israeli army continues to impose a blockade and deny civilian access to a hill between Biddu and Beit Iksa villages.</li> <li>Closure of Main Roads:</li> <li>(i) The Israeli army continues to close with cement blocks and dirt barricades the entrance to the village of Jaba'.</li> <li>(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.</li> <li>(iii) The Israeli army continues to close with an iron gate the eastern entrance to Beit Iksa village and force civilians to access Jerusalem city through Qalandiya checkpoint.</li> <li>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.</li> <li>Raid: At 23:30, the Israeli army raided and patrolled Ar Ram town.</li> <li>Wall Gates:</li> <li>(ii) The Israeli army continues to close with cement blocks the Wall gate in Abu Dis town.</li> <li>(iii) 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.</li> <li>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 A</li></ul></li></ul>
<ul> <li>Closure of Main Roads:         <ul> <li>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.</li> <li>Although it removed the dirt barricade, the Israeli army continues to close with an iron gate the eastern entrance to An Nabi Salih village.</li> <li>Flying Checkpoints:</li></ul></li></ul>

	(ii) At 09:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the junction to Silwad and Al Mazra'a ash Sharqiya towns and searched civilians and vehicles.
	(iii) At 13:45, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to An Nabi Salih village and searched civilians and vehicles.
	(iv) At 20:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to Burqa village, searched civilian vehicles, and arrested a civilian.
	• Raids: At 04:25, the Israeli army raided El Bireh city, searched a house, arrested three civilians (brothers), and withdrew at 06:15.
	• Arrests:
	(i) Israeli troops positioned at the flying checkpoint set up at the entrance to Burqa village arrested Tamir Ziyad Hussein 'Awwad.
	The Israeli army arrested three civilians in El Bireh city:
	(ii) Ali Mohammed 'Ammar;
	(iii) Nael Mohammed 'Ammar; and
	(iv) Qays Mohammed 'Ammar.
	Settler Violence/Destruction of Property: At 22:00, a group of Israeli settlers    Settler Violence/Destruction of Property: At 22:00, a group of Israeli settlers
	threw stones at civilian vehicles travelling near Halamish settlement, breaking the windshield of a vehicle belonging to Rula Fayez Dawoud al
	Qawasmi, a female civilian. Having sustained contusions, Rula was
	admitted to hospital for medical treatment.
	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.
	• 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:
	(i) At 11:15, the Israeli army raided and patrolled Dahiyat Sabah al Kheir
	in Jenin city.  (ii) At 01:00, the Israeli army raided Fahma village and patrolled the area
	until 03:15.
	(iii) At 02:20, the Israeli army raided and patrolled 'Arraba town.
	• Settler Violence/Destruction of Property/Physical Assaults: At 17:00, a group
<b>JENIN</b>	of Israeli settlers threw stones at civilian vehicles travelling near the
	evacuated settlement of Homesh along the Jenin-Nablus main road,
	breaking the windshield of a concrete mixer truck. Israeli settlers also
	severely beat the truck driver and his colleague:
	<ul><li>(i) Ala' Abu ar Rub; and</li><li>(ii) Saleh Suleiman Ahmed Abu al Mashayikh.</li></ul>
	Both civilians sustained contusions.
	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.
	<u>Checkpoint</u> : Though allowing civilian access to the Northern Jordan Valley
<b>TUBAS</b>	between 06:00 and 22:00, the Israeli army continues to intensify restrictions
	at Tayasir checkpoint east of the city of Tubas.

	<ul> <li>Raids: <ol> <li>At 11:30, the Israeli army raided and patrolled Al 'Aqaba village.</li> <li>At 20:00, the Israeli army raided and patrolled Tayasir village.</li> <li>At 20:30, the Israeli army raided Al Malih village and searched a residential tent.</li> </ol> </li> <li>Land Levelling: At 16:50, the Israeli army levelled land and dag another trench southeast of Khirbet 'Atuf village. To replace an old one, the trench will deny access to livestock and civilian vehicles to areas near Pequot settlement.</li> </ul>
TULKAREM	<ul> <li>Closure of Main Roads: <ol> <li>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.</li> <li>The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades a detour road leading to Ramin village along the Tulkarem-Nablus main road.</li> <li>Checkpoint: At 14:55, and again at 17:30, the Israeli army intensified restrictions and impeded civilian access at 'Einav checkpoint on the Tulkarem-Nablus main road.</li> <li>Flying Checkpoints: <ol> <li>At 09:30, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on Al Kafriyat road and searched civilians and vehicles.</li> <li>At 18:40, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to Beit Lid town and searched civilians and vehicles.</li> <li>Wall Gates: Passage through the wall gates is restricted to civilians granted special Israeli permits.</li> </ol> </li> </ol></li></ul>
QALQILYA	<ul> <li>Closure of Roads: The Israeli army continues to close with cement blocks agricultural roads east of the town of 'Azzun.</li> <li>Flving Checkpoints: <ol> <li>At 09:40, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint near Jinsafut village and searched civilians and vehicles.</li> <li>At 12:20, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to 'Azzun town and searched civilians and vehicles.</li> <li>At 14:20, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint and searched civilians and vehicles near Otniel settlement on the Wadi Qana road connecting Qalqiliya and Salfit districts.</li> <li>At 16:40, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the junction to Jit village and searched civilians and vehicles.</li> <li>Physical Assault: At 01:20 on 30 March 2011, Israeli troops severely beat Bakr Sa'id Ahmed Abu Haniyyeh while searching his house during a raid into 'Azzun town, as was reported yesterday.</li> <li>Raid: At 03:00, the Israeli army raided Jayyus town and searched a house.</li> <li>Wall Gates:</li> <li>The Israeli army continues to intensify its restrictions at 'Azzun 'Atma Wall gate and to search civilians, including students, with a metal detector.</li> </ol> </li> </ul>

	<ul> <li>(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.</li> <li>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.</li> </ul>
NABLUS	<ul> <li>Closure of Main Roads: <ol> <li>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; and the detour road between 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.</li> <li>Checkpoints: The Israeli army continues to regulate times for crossing checkpoints set up around the city of Nablus: <ol> <li>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.</li> <li>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.</li> <li>Flving Checkpoints:</li> <li>At 14:15, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint in the area between Nablus city and 'Asira ash Shamaliya town and searched civilians and vehicles.</li> <li>At 17:55, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to Beita town and searched civilians and vehicles.</li> <li>Raids:</li> <li>At 10:15, the Israeli army raided and patrolled Zawata village.</li> <li>At 00:10, the Israeli army raided Nablus city and patrolled the area until 05:50.</li> </ol> </li> </ol></li></ul>
SALFIT	Closure of Main Roads:     The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades and cement blocks the northern entrance to the Bruqin town.     The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the entrances to two detour roads connecting Marda village to its respective farmland.

	<ul> <li>(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.</li> <li>• Checkpoint: The Israeli army continues to intensify restrictions at the Za'tara junction checkpoint and impede civilian access.</li> <li>• Flying Checkpoint: At 10:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the eastern entrance to Haris village and searched civilians and vehicles.</li> <li>• Raid: At 03:00, the Israeli army raided Haris village and arrested two civilians.</li> <li>• Arrests: <ol> <li>(i) At 09:00, Israeli troops positioned at the Za'tara junction checkpoint arrested Hani Najeh al Hajj Ali, after spraying gas in his face.</li> </ol> </li> <li>The Israeli army arrested two civilians in Haris village: <ol> <li>(ii) Husam Subhi Rashid Souf; and</li> <li>(iii) Saber 'Imad Subhi Souf.</li> </ol> </li> <li>• Wall Construction: Wall construction continues in the area north of Deir Istiya town southeast of Emmanuel settlement.</li> </ul>
JERICHO	<ul> <li>Closure of Main Road: The Israeli army continues to close Road # 90 between Jericho city and Al 'Auja village with cement blocks.</li> <li>Checkpoints: <ol> <li>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.</li> <li>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.</li> <li>Flving Checkpoints:</li> <li>At 09:35, and again at 19:45, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the southern entrance to Jericho city and searched civilians and vehicles.</li> <li>At 19:45, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to Fasayil village and searched civilians and vehicles.</li> <li>Raids: At 01:20, the Israeli army raided Jericho city and 'Ein as Sultan refugee camp. Israeli troops searched a house in the refugee camp and patrolled both areas until 04:15.</li> <li>Provocation of Palestinian Forces: At 18:25, Israeli troops positioned at the Al 'Auja checkpoint detained a Palestinian Police vehicle and allowed it to cross at 19:50 after coordination with the Israeli authorities (through the DCO).</li> </ol> </li> </ul>
BETHLEHEM	Closure:  (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 *dunums* 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.
- (iii) Beginning on 20 January 2011, the Israeli army has continued to close the detour road connecting Wadi Fukin and Al Jab'a villages.
- <u>Closure of Main Roads</u>: 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.
- <u>Checkpoint</u>: At 15:45, the Israeli army intensified restrictions and impeded access at the As Sawahira ash Sharqiya (the 'Container') checkpoint.

#### • Flying Checkpoints:

- (i) At 09:45, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to Beit Fajjar town and searched civilians and vehicles.
- (ii) At 11:35, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to Tuqu' town and searched civilians and vehicles.
- (iii) At 13:15, and again at 17:40, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to Husan village and searched civilians and vehicles.
- (iv) At 14:40, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint near the junction to Kfar 'Etzion settlement on the Bethlehem-Hebron main road and denied civilian access, ostensibly for investigation of a suspicious object. The Israeli army removed the checkpoint at 15:45.

#### • Physical Assaults:

- (i) At 09:45, Israeli troops positioned at the As Sawahira ash Sharqiya (the 'Container') checkpoint detained and severely beat three civilians. Israeli troops released all detained civilians after coordination with the Israeli authorities (through the DCO).
- (ii) At 11:30, Israeli troops severely beat Khaled Hussein Hamamreh and forced him out of his land near Beitar 'Ilit settlement in Husan village.
- Arrests: At 02:10 on 30 March 2011, the Israeli army arrested three civilians, including a child, during its raid into Ad Duheisha refugee camp in Bethlehem city, in addition to those reported yesterday:
- (i) Hasan Mohammed Zaghari, 16 years old;
- (ii) Muneer Ma'rouf al Masri; and
- (iii) Mohammed Yousef Abdul Qader Zaghari.
- (iv) On 30 March 2011, Israeli troops arrested Salem Qasem Ahmed al Masri, a resident of Ad Duheisha refugee camp in Bethlehem city, while he was reporting to the Israeli Intelligence agency in Kfar 'Etzion settlement.
- <u>Demonstration</u>: At 12:00, families of political prisoners held a sit-in demonstration on the Church of Nativity yard in solidarity with their relative prisoners. Protestors also demanded that all political prisoners be released from Israeli jails.
- <u>Wall Construction</u>: Wall construction continues in the area northwest of Beit Jala city; around Al Walaja village; and east of Efrat settlement.

#### • Closure:

- (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 detour roads leading to Beit Ummar town.

#### • Flying Checkpoints:

- (i) At 08:10, and again at 16:30, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to Beit Ummar town and searched civilians and vehicles.
- (ii) At 10:15, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the northern entrance to Sa'ir town and searched civilians and vehicles.
- (iii) At 11:30, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to Deir Samit village and searched civilians and vehicles.
- (iv) At 16:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on Ash Shalala Street in the old city of Hebron and searched civilians and vehicles.

#### • Raids/Attack:

- (i) At 11:40, the Israeli army raided and patrolled Huneina area in Dura town.
- (ii) At 11:40, the Israeli army raided Tarusa village and searched a number of houses.
- (iii) At 11:50, the Israeli army raided Beit 'Awwa town and searched a house.
- (iv) At 13:50, the Israeli army raided Hebron city and searched a number of houses. At 00:55, the Israeli army raided the city again and fired sound grenades while searching two houses. Israeli troops also arrested two civilians, including a member of the Palestinian Legislative Council (PLC).
- (v) At dawn on 31 March 2010, the Israeli army raided Beit Ummar town, searched a number of houses, and arrested three civilians, including a child.

#### **HEBRON**

- Arrests: The Israeli army arrested two civilians in Hebron city:
- (i) Mohammed Mahir Badr, a PLC member; and
- (ii) Tamir Hafeth al Heimouni.

The Israeli army arrested three civilians in Beit Ummar town:

- (iii) Mohammed Hussein az Za'aqiq, 16 years old;
- (iv) Nidhal Husni az Za'aqiq; and
- (v) Shihdeh Yousef Ja'far 'Adi.
- <u>Settler Violence</u>: At 14:55, an Israeli settler vehicle ran over Lamya' Bassam al Ja'bari, a 3-year-old girl, near Kiryat Arba' settlement in the old city of Hebron, leaving her with injuries and contusions. Consequently, Lamya' was transported to hospital for medical treatment.
- <u>Wall Construction</u>: Wall construction continues in the area surrounding Eshkolot settlement west of Adh Dhahiriya town.

#### **GAZA STRIP**

### ALL DISTRICTS

- 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 district.

## NORTHERN GAZA

- <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.
- Raid/Air Patrol/Attack/Land Levelling: In the morning of 30 March 2011, the Israeli army, including five armoured vehicles and three bulldozers covered by reconnaissance aircraft, raided Palestinian territory north of Beit Lahiya town. While levelling land, the Israeli army opened intensive fire on civilian houses and property.

## GAZA

#### • Closure of Crossing Points:

- (i) Al Muntar (Karnei) 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	Activities not reported.
KHAN YUNIS	Activities not reported.
RAFAH	<ul> <li>Closure of Crossing Points:         <ul> <li>Yasser 'Arafat International Airport remains closed.</li> <li>Rafah (Al 'Awdah) Crossing was open to allow 237 civilians, patients, students, and civilians holding visas and residence cards abroad to depart the Gaza Strip. Access was also allowed to 185 civilians and patients, who had received medical attentions at Egyptian hospitals.</li> <li>Sufa Crossing is closed.</li> <li>Karm Abu Salem (Karem Shalom) Crossing was partially open for transportation of food supplies, humanitarian aid, and cooking gas. Access was also allowed 39 truckloads of animal feed and eight truckloads of construction iron designated to projects implemented by the Palestinian Water Authority.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>