

مجموعة الرقابة الفلسطينية



PALESTINIAN MONITORING GROUP

DAILY SITUATION REPORT

08:00 18 November 2003 – 08:00 19 November 2003

SUMMARY OF EVENTS

EVENT	WEST BANK	GAZA STRIP	TOTAL	NOTES
Deaths	—	1	1	
Injuries	21	3	24	Incl. women & 13 year-old
Attacks	6	7	13	
Raids	19	7	26	
Air Patrols	1	—	1	
Arrests (per person)	28	—	28	Officer; 16 & 71 yrs; injured
Detentions	4	—	4	
Destruction of Property	1	—	1	>300 Trees cut down
House Demolitions	—	3	3	2 Demolished, 1 burnt
Land Leveling	1	2	3	
Curfews	2	—	2	8 th day in Asira ash Shamaliya
Checkpoints	All	—	All	
Flying Checkpoints	16	—	16	
Closures (per District)	6	—	6	
Closure of Main Roads	Most	(4)	Most	
Closure of Gates	All	—	All	Permits required to cross
Closure of Crossing Points	—	3	3	2 Part-time
University Disruption	2	—	2	Jerusalem University
Medical Obstruction	2	—	2	Ambulance stopped crossing
Religious Obstruction	1	—	1	Prayers stopped in Asira
TOTAL	110	26	136	

DISTRICT	EVENT
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WEST BANK

<p style="text-align: center;">JERUSALEM</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Closure</u>: Jerusalem remains off limits to civilians from other districts without Israeli travel permits. • <u>Checkpoint</u>: The Israeli army continues to close the checkpoint of Wadi Nar (Bethlehem/Jerusalem) completely, even to civilians carrying Israeli permits. • <u>Separation Wall Construction</u>: Israeli authorities continue construction of the separation wall in the area between Al Eizariya and Al Tur. • <u>Attack on University</u>: At 14:00, the Israeli army raided the premises of the University of Jerusalem in Abu Dis where they fired rubber bullets and tear gas grenades towards students injuring 17, including one in critical condition. • <u>Destruction of Property</u>: 2 Israeli bulldozers uprooted over 300 olive and grape groves in the area between the town of Beit Safafa and the settlement of Betar Illit on grounds of expanding the settlement security buffer zone.
<p style="text-align: center;">RAMALLAH & EL BIREH</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Closure</u>: The Israeli army continues to close the entrance of An Nabi Salih, isolating the villages of Bani Zeid. • <u>Checkpoints</u>: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) The Israeli army prevented a Red Crescent ambulance from crossing the Surda checkpoint to Bir Zeit. (ii) The Israeli army set up a checkpoint near the villages of Jab' and Deir Dibwan, obstructing movement of traffic. • <u>Attack</u>: At 09:30, the Israeli army opened fire in the area between the towns of Kafr ad-Dik and Deir Ghassana. • <u>Raids</u>: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 17:55, the Israeli army raided the town of Deir Ghassana and the village of Kafr 'Ein. (ii) At 18:00, the Israeli army entered Dahiyat Kafr 'Aqab where they set up a checkpoint in the center of town and another at the entrance, and arrested 1 civilian. (iii) At 23:00, the Israeli army returned to Dahiyat Kafr 'Aqab and raided a house detaining its residents until 02:50. (iv) At 20:40, the Israeli army raided the city of El Bireh and detained 2 vehicles (taxi cabs) and arrested the drivers before withdrawing towards Bet El. • <u>Attack/Injury</u>: The Israeli army fired at a civilian vehicle near the checkpoint of Surda, lightly injuring Taher Yusif.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Arrest</u>: At 14:15, the Israeli army arrested Ahmad Mahmoud Suleiman at the flying checkpoint erected near the village of Saffa. • <u>Destruction of Property</u>: The Israeli authorities issued orders to demolish several public and private properties, most of which are located in the town of Silwad and the village of 'Ein Yabrud: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) The cemetery of Silwad town on grounds it is located in Area "C". (ii) An inhabited house in the town of Silwad on grounds it lies in Area "C". (iii) A garage in the village of 'Ein Yabrud on justifications it lies in Area "C".
JENIN	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Raids</u>: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 02:00, the Israeli army raided the town of Al Yamun searching several houses and arresting 4 civilians before withdrawing at 05:00. (ii) At 01:45, the Israeli army raided the eastern neighborhood in the city and opened fire randomly. The forces withdrew at 02:30. (iii) An Israeli force raided the town of Tubas and fired sound and tear gas grenades towards a group of children. • <u>Arrests</u>: The Israeli army arrested 4 civilians from the town of Al Yamun: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Ala al Din Abu al Hasan, 25 years old, from Palestinian National security; and his brother, (ii) Baha' al Din Abu al Hasan, 23 years old; (iii) Fadi Nawahda; and (iv) Juhad Nawahda. • <u>Flying Checkpoints</u>: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) A flying military checkpoint, in addition to a tank, near the intersection of Beit Al-Basha. Israeli forces then closed off the road and searched all vehicles and civilians in the area. (ii) A flying military checkpoint near the town of Qabatieh, where Israeli forces detained tens of vehicles and confiscated their keys. (iii) A flying military checkpoint near the entrance to the village of Barqeen, where Israeli forces searches several vehicles. (iv) A flying military checkpoint near the intersection of 'Araba, where traffic came to a standstill.
JERICHO	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Medical Obstruction</u>: The Israeli army continues to obstruct the movement of ambulances transferring patients in and out of the city without applying for a permit beforehand, despite the Israeli authority announcement of easing restrictions. • <u>Detention and Punishment</u>: The Israeli army detained dozens of civilians at the checkpoint in the Jordan Valley near the junction of Jericho/northern districts for several hours, forcing the civilians to break fast at the checkpoint.

BETHLEHEM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Closure</u>: Bethlehem remains a closed military area. The Israeli army tightened the closure grip on Bethlehem as a form of collective punishment following the attack on two Israeli soldiers on the by-pass road near “Al Nafaq” checkpoint. The process of issuing permits for civilians to enter Jerusalem was suspended. All roads in the district were closed to vehicles and to pedestrians. • <u>Curfew</u>: For the 2nd consecutive day, the Israeli army continues to impose curfew over the old town of Al Khadr. • <u>Israeli Restrictions</u>: The Israeli army prevented teachers from reaching their schools in the villages located west of Bethlehem.
TULKAREM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Closure</u>: The city is a closed military zone. • <u>Separation Wall Gates</u>: The Israeli army opened the gates to Al-Kafriyat (separating Tulkarem from all southern villages) and Enav (separating the district from Nablus). • <u>Raids</u>: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Israeli forces raided the town of ‘Anabta and arrested 3 civilians after searching their residences. (ii) Israeli forces raided the villages of ‘Alaar and Seida in the midst of Israeli heavy fire and illumination grenades. It subsequently leveled nearby agricultural land. (iii) Israeli forces raided the village of ‘Ateel and searched several houses. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Arrests</u>: The civilians arrested in the town of ‘Anabta were as follows: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Mouhanned Makhlouf; (ii) Mou’eid Sabhawe; and (iii) Ziad Sabhawe.
NABLUS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Closures</u>: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Nablus remains a closed military area. Only teachers and civilians with medical conditions are allowed to cross checkpoints. (ii) The Israeli army closed the road of Talluza/Asira ash-Shamaliya with dirt barricades. (iii) The Israeli army closed the road of Nisf Jubeil/Beit Imrin with dirt barricades. (iv) The Israeli army closed 3 roads in the village of Sarra and Qusin with dirt barricades. • <u>Checkpoints</u>: The Israeli army set up: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) 3 checkpoints between the junctions of Huwwara and Za’tara; (ii) 3 checkpoints on the road between Deir Yasuf and Nablus city; and (iii) 2 checkpoints between the north and south junctions of Rujeib. • <u>Curfews</u>: For the 8th consecutive day, the Israeli army continues to impose curfew over the town of Asira ash-Shamaliya.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Raids:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 17:00, the Israeli army raided the town of Asira ash-Shamaliya as they opened heavy fire, and surrounded a mosque detaining civilians for over an hour. (ii) At 09:00, the Israeli army returned to Asira ash-Shamaliya and dispatched troops all over the town preventing students from reaching their schools. These Israeli actions have been repeated throughout the past 8 days, as well as preventing basic food and medical supplies, including medical staff, from entering the area. (iii) The Israeli army raided the town of Beit Furik and opened fire and sound grenades in the neighborhoods. (iv) The Israeli army raided the village of Madama and arrested a doctor from his house after searching it. (v) The Israeli army raided the town of Burqa and provoked civilians into confrontations in which the Israeli army used live and rubber bullets and tear gas grenades against the townspeople, injuring 3 civilians and arresting 2. One civilian was wounded. • <u>Arrests:</u> The Israeli army arrested 2 civilians from the village of Burqa: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Munjid Khaled Rida was severely beaten before he was arrested; and (ii) Samir As'ad Salah, 16 years old.
HEBRON	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Closure:</u> Bridge that connects Hebron with Halhoul remains closed with earth barricades and cement blocks. • <u>Confiscation of Identification Cards:</u> Despite Palestinian complaints during several meetings with Israeli officials regarding continued confiscation measures of Palestinian IDs, Israeli forces continue to confiscate personal identification cards from civilians. • <u>Land Leveling:</u> Israeli forces continue to level land in the town of Beit 'Awa. • <u>Raid and Search:</u> Israeli forces raided the town of Izna where they searched several houses, and later arrested two civilians. • <u>Arrests:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Israeli forces arrested a civilian, Yusef Mahmoud Ayesh, near the Ibrahimi Mosque. (ii) After the raid and search in Izna, Israeli forces arrested Abdullah Mohammed Islamieh, 71 years old, and Mahmoud Abdullah Islamieh, 27 years old.
QALQILYA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Separation Wall Gates:</u> Only civilians granted special Israeli permits are being allowed through the iron gates. • <u>Raids:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 01:45, the Israeli army raided the city and patrolled the neighborhoods, accompanied by air patrols overhead.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> (ii) At 02:00, the Israeli army raided the town of ‘Azzun and arrested 10 people before withdrawing at 05:30. • <u>Injuries</u>: The Israeli army injured 10 civilians in the town of ‘Azzun: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Nibal Abdul Rahim Hanun; (ii) Khaled Abdul RAhim Hanun; (iii) Adnan, Abdul Rahim Hanun; (iv) Ramzi Muhammad Deeb; (v) Rafi’ Muhammad Deeb; (vi) Mahmoud Muhammad Deeb; (vii) Misbah Ahmad Radwan; (viii) Abdul Azziz Hazfan Radwan; (ix) Muhammad Abdul Latif Radwan; and (x) Dr. Shahir Mansur.
SALFIT	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Closure</u>: The city of Salfit is a closed military area. • <u>Raid</u>: At 14:50, the Israeli army raided the village of Marda and searched a house, and arrested 1 civilian. • <u>Arrest</u>: The Israeli army arrested Muhammad Naji Bakir, 34 years old, from his house in the village of Marda.

GAZA STRIP

NORTHERN GAZA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Closure</u>: The Erez crossing point is open to workers only.
GAZA CITY	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Closure</u>: Al Shuhada’ junction (Nitzarim) remains closed. • <u>Destruction of Property</u>: At 16:05, Israeli bulldozers, reinforced by 2 tanks, leveled land located inside Palestinian territory, between Al Shuhada’ junction and Wadi Gaza, and was accompanied by random firing.
CENTRAL GAZA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Activity not yet reported.
KHAN YUNIS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Closures</u>: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Abu Ajin road and the western road remain closed. (ii) Abu Holi road is partially open.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Attacks:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 17:50, the Israeli army opened fire from Point 8 towards civilian houses in Al Amal neighborhood. (ii) At 22:50, the Israeli army opened fire from Points 9, 10, 11 towards civilian houses in Al Amal neighborhood, the western neighborhood, and Al Nimsawi neighborhood. (iii) At 00:25, the Israeli army fired 3 shells from tanks from Point 11 towards civilian houses in Al Qatatwa neighborhood. • <u>Raid:</u> At 23:00, approximately 20 Israeli soldiers entered towards the area of Qizan al Najjar in Palestinian territory.
<p>RAFAH</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Closures:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) The Sufa crossing was partially open. (ii) The Gaza International Airport remains closed. • <u>Killing:</u> At 12:00, there was heavy firing from Israeli helicopters over the area of Al Qassas. The firing caused severe panic in the area which led to the death of a 43 year old man, Samir Qishta, from a heart attack. • <u>Raids:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 13:15, an Israeli tank and bulldozer entered Sufa crossing, 50 meters inside Palestinian territory. (ii) At 13:15, the Israeli army, including 2 tanks and 15 jeeps, entered from the settlement of Morag, 200 meters inside Palestinian territory. (iii) At 15:25, 2 Israeli bulldozers, reinforced by 3 tanks, leveled land at Point 6.5 in the neighborhood of Al Barazil. • <u>Destruction of Property:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 18:50, the Israeli army, including 10 tanks and 2 bulldozers, entered the Rafah refugee camp, 260 meters inside Palestinian territory. The Israeli army opened fire while the bulldozers demolished 2 houses belonging to Na'im Abu 'Anza and Bassam, Abu Libda. (ii) The Israeli army set fire to the house of Abdallah Al Qassas. • <u>Injuries:</u> During the destruction of property, the Israeli forces opened fire injuring 3 civilians, including a woman and a child: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Tamam Abu Anza, a 37 year-old woman; (ii) Ibrahim Abu Obeid, 13 years old; and (iii) Muhammad Al Himmus, 22 years old.