

مجموعة الرقابة الفلسطينية



PALESTINIAN MONITORING GROUP

DAILY SITUATION REPORT

08:00 19 November 2003 – 08:00 20 November 2003

SUMMARY OF EVENTS

EVENT	WEST BANK	GAZA STRIP	TOTAL	NOTES
Injuries	1	3	4	Incl. 1 9 year-old
Physical Assaults	4	—	4	
Attacks	2	7	9	
Raids	8	2	10	
Arrests (per person)	13	7	20	Incl. director of a school
Detentions	4	—	4	
House Demolition	1	—	1	
Western Separation Wall	(1)	—	(1)	Court halts Al Eizariya constr.
Eastern Separation Wall	2	—	2¹	
Curfews	1	—	1	9 th day in Asira ash Shamaliya
Checkpoints	All	—	All	
Closures (per District)	6	—	6	Incl. Jerusalem & 2 areas
Closure of Main Roads	Most	(4)	Most	1 Part-time in Gaza
Closure of Gates	All	—	All	Permits required to cross
Closure of Crossing Points	—	2	2	1 Part-time
Settler Violence	1	—	1	
School Disruption	1	—	1	
Religious Obstruction	1	—	1	
Demonstration	1	—	1	
TOTAL	46	21	67	

¹ 1000 dunums of land bulldozed; Israeli army closed Al Baqe'a' plateau for separation wall construction.

DISTRICT	EVENT
WEST BANK	
JERUSALEM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Closure</u>: Jerusalem remains closed to civilians from other districts without Israeli travel permits. • <u>Separation Wall Construction</u>: The High Court in Jerusalem issued orders temporarily suspending construction of the separation wall in the area of Al Eizariya. • <u>Religious Obstruction</u>: The Israeli army closed the gates of Al Aqsa Mosque throughout the night for “security reasons”, locking inside more than 1000 Palestinians who had been praying. The Israeli army then imposed restrictions on civilians leaving the grounds of Al Aqsa mosque to cleanse before the following prayers. The group was divided and allowed out at 2 different intervals, locking them in the Mosque again.
RAMALLAH & EL BIREH	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Raid</u>: The Israeli army raided the town of Kafr ‘Ein and surrounded the house of Imad Al Rifa’I, a 32 year-old civilian. The Israeli army detained his family for several hours, aware that his wife was previously arrested in order to pressure Imad Al Rifa’I into turning himself in to Israeli authorities. • <u>Settler Violence</u>: A settler stole olive products from the land of Al Mughayyir and Turmusayya villages.
JENIN	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Eastern Separation Wall Construction</u>: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Israeli bulldozers leveled more than 1000 dunums of land with olive groves belonging to the village of Al Mutilla, east of Jenin city, and occupied several houses on grounds that they are situated along the route of the separation wall. (ii) The Israeli army continues to close the plateau of “Al Baqe’a” where Israeli bulldozers continue to level land, dig ditches as well as set up fences in some areas. The Israeli army threatened shepherds that they would be shot if they entered the area that is usually used by them. • <u>Detentions</u>: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) The Israeli army detained several civilians near Silat al Harithiya at night. (ii) The Israeli army detained a household in the village of ‘Aba, using their house to monitor the adjacent by-pass road. • <u>Raids</u>: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 18:00, the Israeli army raided the town of Tubas, surrounded the house of

	<p>a civilian and fired sound bombs inside the house to force the residents to come outside. One hour later, the Israeli army arrested 1 civilian who was trapped inside the house.</p> <p>(ii) At 02:30, the Israeli army, heavily reinforced with tanks and jeeps, raided the Jenin refugee camp, searched several houses, detained until 05:00 around 70 civilians in “Al Jabriyat” neighborhood, which overlooks the refugee camp, and arrested several civilians.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Arrests:</u> The Israeli army arrested 1 civilian from Tubas: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Muhammad Rafiq al Taj, 31 years old. <p>The Israeli army arrested several civilians from the refugee camp of Jenin, the following six were identified:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (ii) Shuqeiri Jamal Nashrati, 17 years old; and his brother, (iii) Khaled Jamal Nashrati, 20 years old; (iv) Doya’ Samih Abu al Siba’, 18 years old; (v) Bashir Matahin, 22 years old; (vi) Ibrahim Abu Khalifa, 24 years old; and (vii) Jihad Kamil Abu Kamil, 25 years old.
JERICHO	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Activity not yet reported.
BETHLEHEM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Closures:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Bethlehem remains a closed military area. The Israeli army tightened their closure on Bethlehem. Civilians are not allowed in or out of the area, even on foot. (ii) Wadi Nar road (Bethlehem/Jerusalem) remains closed. • <u>Raid:</u> At 01:15, the Israeli army raided Ayda refugee camp, searched a number of houses, amidst open fire that lasted until 04:00, during which time the Israeli army arrested 2 civilians. • <u>Attack/Assault:</u> The Israeli army raided the school of Al Khadr, where they physically assaulted students and arrested the school's principal. • <u>Arrests:</u> The Israeli army arrested 2 civilians from Al Duheisha refugee camp: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Ala’ Abdul Rahman Jundiya, 21 years old; and (ii) Muhannad Abdul Fattah Abu Odeh, 18 years old. • <u>Demonstration:</u> At 19:00, a small group of Palestinians organized a demonstration that marched from Al Duheisha refugee camp towards “Al Muqata’a” in solidarity with Jabir Al Akhras, who was arrested by the Palestinian National Security yesterday on grounds of suspicion of being involved with the killing of 2 Israeli soldiers at “Al Nafaq” checkpoint yesterday morning. • <u>Prevention of Waste Disposal:</u> The Israeli army continues to prevent city municipality trucks from transporting waste products to the official dump site

	located outside the city, threatening contamination of the area.
TULKAREM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <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 of Tulkarem from Nablus).
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 road of Talluza/Asira ash Shamaliya is closed with dirt barricades. (iii) The road of Nisf Jubeil/Beit Imrin is closed with dirt barricades. (iv) 3 roads in the village of Sarra and Qusin are closed with dirt barricades. • <u>Curfew</u>: For the 9th consecutive day, the Israeli army continues to impose curfew over the town of Asira ash Shamaliya. • <u>Raid</u>: At 16:45, the Israeli army opened fire at the entrance of Balata refugee camp, injuring a 9 year-old boy. • <u>Arrest</u>: The Israeli army arrested Muhammad Mahmoud Sawalha from the village of Asira ash Shamaliya. • <u>Injury</u>: Ahmad Abdul Hakim Kharub, 9 years old, was wounded in the head from Israeli firing at the entrance of Balata refugee camp.
HEBRON	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Raids/Assault</u>: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) The Israeli army raided the town of Yatta and imposed curfew on one of its neighborhoods. (ii) The Israeli army raided 4 houses in the area of Bayyar al Muhawir, located near the settlement of Kiryat Arba, and physically assaulted 4 civilians. • <u>House Demolition</u>: The Israeli army demolished a house in the town of Yatta.
QALQILYA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Closure</u>: The DCO checkpoint, the only eastern entrance to Tulkarem, is open to civilians. • <u>Arrests</u>: The Israeli army arrested 2 civilians, in addition to 10 arrested the previous day, in the town of 'Azzun: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Ahamd Khirfan, 21 years old; and (ii) Adli Ahmad Khirfan, 37 years old.
SALFIT	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Closure</u>: At 19:00, the Israeli army surrounded the village of Deir Ballut and closed all entrances, preventing civilians from leaving or entering the village. • <u>Raids</u>: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 13:00, the Israeli army, including 2 APC's and 3 jeeps, raided the village

	<p>of Marda and searched a house before withdrawing an hour later.</p> <p>(ii) At 09:30, the Israeli army, including 2 jeeps, raided the village of Iskaka and took position in the eastern part, where Israeli officers carrying maps took photographs, possibly in preparation to annex the area (which is adjacent to the settlement of Ariel).</p>
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GAZA STRIP

<p>NORTHERN GAZA</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Closure</u>: The Erez crossing was open to 9999 workers. The Erez industrial area was opened to 3858 workers and 230 civilians who entered to apply for an Israeli magnetic ID. • <u>Raid</u>: Israeli naval forces fired at and then detained the boats of 7 fishermen who were also arrested. • <u>Arrests</u>: At 15:00, Israeli naval forces arrested: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Rajab Al Hiss, a fisherman, while he was sailing in the area opposite to Al Sudaniya; (ii) Nihad Al Hissi; (iii) Khaled Al Hissi; (iv) Rami al Habil; (v) Muhib Bakir; (vi) Fowzi Al Najjar; (vii) Mahmoud Bakir; and (viii) Muhammad Bakir.
<p>GAZA CITY</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Closure</u>: Al Shuhada' junction (Nitsareem) remains closed. • <u>Attacks</u>: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 08:30, the Israeli army opened fire towards a number of civilians east of the Preventative Security towers, located south of the settlement of Nitsareem, injuring one civilian. (ii) At 22:25, the Israeli army fired 3 shells and opened fire towards the Palestinian Preventative Security building in the city of Al Zahra'. (iii) The Israeli army fired at a civilian driving a tractor injuring him. • <u>Injury</u>: The Israeli army injured Zakaria al Hilu as they opened fire at 08:30.
<p>CENTRAL GAZA</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Raid</u>: At 01:40, the Israeli army, including 20 soldiers, entered towards "Al Masha'la" neighborhood in the city of Deir al Balah.

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. • <u>Attacks:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 22:30, the Israeli army opened fire from Point 9 towards civilian houses in Al Amal neighborhood and fired 2 shells at 02:15. (ii) At 01:15, the Israeli army fired 2 shells from tanks positioned at Point 8 in the area of "Al 'Araysha". • <u>Raid:</u> At 23:00, 20 Israeli soldiers entered Palestinian territory towards the area of Qizan al Najjar.
RAFAH	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Closures:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) 147 workers and 12 businessmen were allowed through the Sufa crossing. (ii) The Gaza International Airport remains closed. • <u>House Demolition:</u> During the Israeli incursion in block "O" on November 19, 2003, the Israeli army demolished 11 houses, 6 of which were totally destroyed (they are uninhabitable or irreparable). • <u>Attack/Injury:</u> At 16:20, the Israeli army opened fire at Point 7 towards the area of Al Shu'ara' market, injuring Ahmad Al Bis, 19 years old, who was hit by a bullet in the head.