

مجموعة الرقابة الفلسطينية



PALESTINIAN MONITORING GROUP

DAILY SITUATION REPORT

08:00 21 November 2003 – 08:00 22 November 2003

SUMMARY OF EVENTS

EVENT	WEST BANK	GAZA STRIP	TOTAL	NOTES
Attacks	2	1	3	
Raids	10	—	10	
Air Patrols	4	—	4	
Arrests (per person)	11	—	11 ¹	
Detentions	2	—	2	
Settlement Activity	1	—	1	Tunnel under the Jer. Old City
Curfews	2	—	2	11 th day Asira ash Shamaliya
Checkpoints	All	—	All	
Flying Checkpoints	1	—	1	
Closures (per District)	4	—	4	
Closure of Main Roads	Most	(4)	Most	
Closure of Gates	All	—	All	Permits required to cross
Closure of Crossing Points	—	2	2	1 Part-time
Religious Obstruction	1	—	1	
Demonstration	1	—	1	Solidarity with prisoner
TOTAL	39	3	42	

¹ Including 1 Al'Awkaf judge and 1 19 year-old female.

DISTRICT	EVENT
WEST BANK	
JERUSALEM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Religious Obstruction</u>: Israeli authorities did not grant thousands of Palestinians permits to reach Al Aqsa mosque in Jerusalem for prayers on the last Friday of the holy month of Ramadan. Thousands of Israeli soldiers were deployed at the entrances, the main roads and sub-roads of Jerusalem city to prevent Palestinians from entering the city, forcing Palestinians to perform prayers at checkpoints. Israeli helicopters patrolled over the city and specifically over Al Aqsa Mosque at low altitude, interfering with the prayer ceremonies in the Mosque. • <u>Illegal Construction Activities</u>: The Jerusalem Municipality has agreed with a company, Israeli Neighborhood Renovation and Development, to dig 13 meters under the Old City.
RAMALLAH & EL BIREH	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Closure</u>: The Israeli army added stones and dirt to existing barricades, making it exceedingly difficult for civilians to travel by foot. • <u>Raids</u>: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) The Israeli army raided the town of Beit Rima and arrested 1 civilian. (ii) The Israeli army raided the town of Kharbatha Bani Harith and arrested the Sheikh of the local mosque. • <u>Checkpoint</u>: The Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the southern entrance to the city of El Bireh, where vehicles were stopped and detained and passenger IDs were examined.
JENIN	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Closure</u>: The Israeli army closed the entrance to the town of Tammun and prevented civilians from traveling. The Israeli army also detained dozens of farmers, preventing them from reaching their homes until after the hour for breaking the Ramadan fast. • <u>Raids</u>: At 04:50, the Israeli army raided the town of Ya'bad and arrested 2 civilians. • <u>Arrests</u>: The Israeli army arrested 2 civilians from Ya'bad: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Samer Muhammad Farid, 22 years old; and (ii) Mahdi Mahmoud Hamdan, 24 years old. <p>At 15:00, Israeli soldiers located at the checkpoint of Deir Sharaf arrested a woman:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (iii) Manal Ziyad Saba'na, 19 years old, from Qabatiya and a student in Al Najah University in Nablus.

JERICHO	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Activity not yet reported.
BETHLEHEM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Closures</u>: Bethlehem remains a closed military area. The Israeli army tightened their closure on Bethlehem as a form of collective punishment. All main roads, sub-roads and dirt passages are closed. The Israeli army prevented thousands of Palestinian Muslims from reaching Al Aqsa Mosque to perform prayers on the last Friday in Ramadan, forcing people to pray at checkpoints. Meanwhile, several military aircraft patrolled over the city. • <u>Detention</u>: At 14:05, the Israeli army detained several vehicles in the old town of Al Khadr. • <u>Demonstration</u>: At 18:35, a Palestinian demonstration marched from Ayda refugee camp through the city streets towards “Al Muqata’a” in protest against the arrest of a Palestinian suspected by Palestinian security of involvement in the killing of the 2 Israeli soldiers on Al Nafaq checkpoint.
TULKAREM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Air Patrol</u>: At 08:10, Israeli helicopters, including reconnaissance helicopters, patrolled over the city at low latitude. • <u>Raids</u>: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 02:00, the Israeli army raided the city and took position at the western entrance to Tulkarem refugee camp. (ii) At 03:00, the Israeli army raided the city and took position at the northern entrance to Tulkarem refugee camp. (iii) At 04:00, the Israeli army raided the center of the city and took position at the entrance of Izbat Shufa. <p>All jeeps withdrew at 05:00 from the city of Tulkarem.</p>
NABLUS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Closures</u>: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Nablus remains a closed military area. City residents continue to lack basic food supplies, medical services as well as basic services. The educational process continues to be suspended. (ii) For the 11th day consecutively, the town of Asira ash Shamaliya remains a closed military zone. • <u>Curfew</u>: For the 11th consecutive day, the Israeli army continues to impose curfew over the town of Asira ash Shamaliya. • <u>Raids</u>: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 05:00, the Israeli army raided the town of Asira ash Shamaliya, surrounded and searched several houses, and arrested 4 civilians. (ii) The Israeli army raided the town of Beita and imposed curfew over the area while opening fire randomly. (iii) The Israeli army raided the village of Sebastia and imposed curfew on the

	<p>area.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Arrests</u>: The Israeli army arrested 4 civilians from Asira ash Shamaliya: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Omar Husni Sawalha, 19 years old; (ii) Muhannad Murshid Akamna, an 18 year-old college student; (iii) Abdallah Yusif Al Shuli, 22 years old; and (iv) Muhannad Muhammad Jara'a, 26 years old. <p>At 10:00, the Israeli army arrested 1 civilian at the checkpoint of Beit Furik:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (v) Mustafa Suleiman Amir, a 24 year old resident of the village of Beit Dajan attaining his Master's degree.
HEBRON	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Arrest</u>: The Israeli army in H2 area arrested Sheikh Yehya Al Qasrawi, the head of the Appeals Court of Al 'Awqaf, on his way to the Abraham Mosque for prayers.
QALQILYA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Raid</u>: At 01:30, the Israeli army raided the city of Qalqiliya, patrolled its neighborhoods and took position at several junctions until 04:30.
SALFIT	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Attack</u>: At 00:35, the Israeli army opened fire from their post at Tel Irsal towards Wadi Abdul Rahman, near the city. • <u>Checkpoint</u>: The Israeli army closed the checkpoint of Deir Ballut completely.

GAZA STRIP

NORTHERN GAZA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Closure</u>: The Erez crossing was partially open to workers. • <u>Attack</u>: At 04:10, the Israeli army opened fire from their post located at Point 40 towards Beit Hanoun.
GAZA CITY	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Closure</u>: Al Shuhada' junction (Nitsareem) remains closed.
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 was partially opened.
RAFAH	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• <u>Closure:</u> The Gaza International Airport remains closed.