# مجموعة الرقابة الفلسطينية



## PALESTINIAN MONITORING GROUP

# DAILY SITUATION REPORT 08:00 31 March 2006 – 08:00 01 April 2006

#### **SUMMARY OF EVENTS**

EVENT	WEST BANK	GAZA STRIP	TOTAL	NOTES
Death	1	_	1	1 civilian buried alive by bulldozers
Physical Assaults	2	_	2	Incl. 1 female civilian's arm broken
Injury	1	_	1	An 8-year-old child in Jenin district
Air Attacks	_	2	2	4 missiles fired by F16 combat aircrafts
Attacks	9	6	15	Incl. 58 artillery shells fired, N. Gaza
Raids	15	_	15	Incl. 4 in Tulkarem & 3 in Hebron
Air Patrols	_	3	3	Incl. helicopters over Northern Gaza
Arrests	5	_	5	Incl. 1 in Jerusalem & 2 in Nablus
Detentions	14	_	14	At checkpoints & in residential areas
Attacks on Property	1	2	3	Incl. civilian vehicles stoned in Beit Jala
House Occupation	1	_	1	Converted into a mil. post in Hebron
Closure of Checkpoints	5	_	5	Incl. Tayasir & Al Hamra checkpoints
Flying Checkpoints	21	_	21	Incl. 5 in Qalqiliya & 4 in Hebron
Closure (per District)	6	1	7	Incl. the city of Jerusalem partially
Closure of Main Roads	32	_	32	Incl. entrance to Al Lubban al Gharbi
Closure of Crossing Points	_	7	7	Incl. Beit Hanun and Rafah partially
Provocation of Pal. Forces	_	4	4	Shelling near Pal. security locations
Palestinian Attack	_	1	1	2 unidentified mortars fired
Demonstrations	2	_	2	In Bil'in & Beit Sira against the Wall
TOTAL	115	26	141	

DISTRICT	EVENT		
ALL DISTRICTS	<ul> <li>Beginning on 11 March 2006, the Israeli army has continued to impose a complete closure over the West Bank and Gaza Strip districts. The Israeli army has prevented civilians with permits, including workers, from crossing into areas inside the Green Line or into the city of Jerusalem, only allowing VIPs and humanitarian cases to cross after prior coordination.</li> </ul>		

## **WEST BANK**

JERUSALEM	<ul> <li>Closure: The Israeli army intensified its restrictions at checkpoints located at the entrances to the city of Jerusalem, set up several checkpoints in the old city of Jerusalem and in the area surrounding Al Aqsa Mosque compound, and impeded the access of civilians to Al Aqsa Mosque to perform Friday prayers.</li> <li>Closure of Main Road: The Israeli army continues to close the eastern entrance to Dahiyat Bir Nabala northwest of the city of Jerusalem with cement blocks.</li> <li>Checkpoints: <ol> <li>The Israeli army continues to intensify its restrictions at Qalandiya checkpoint, after having announced that it would be converted into a border crossing point beginning on 27 March 2006. The Israeli army, however, postponed the conversion of the checkpoint until a later time.</li> <li>The Israeli army continues to intensify its restrictions at Beit Iksa checkpoint and to impede civilian access.</li> <li>Wall Gates: The Israeli army continues to close the Wall gate in the town of Abu Dis with cement blocks.</li> <li>Wall Construction: Wall construction was suspended for the weekend in Dahiyat al Aqbat, from the village of Hizma to 'Anata, along the HizmaJaba' road, the area of Al 'Eizariya to Ash Shayyah, near Al Quds University, in the town of As Sawahira ash Sharqiya, from the village of Beit Surik to Biddu, in the areas of Al Judeira, Bir Nabala, and Beit Hanina, and west of the village of Al Jib.</li> <li>Flving Checkpoint: The Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the junction to 'Atarot Industrial Zone in the town of Ar Ram and searched civilians and vehicles.</li> <li>Arrest: At 13:45, the Israeli army arrested Fadhl al Fayyoumi in the city of Jerusalem, allegedly for locating an explosive belt in his possession.</li> </ol></li></ul>
RAMALLAH & EL BIREH	<ul> <li>Closure of Main Roads:         <ul> <li>(i) The Israeli army continues to close the eastern entrance to the village of Sinjil with dirt barricades.</li> <li>(ii) The Israeli army continues to close the entrance to the village of Al Lubban al Gharbi with dirt barricades.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

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	<ul> <li>Wall Construction: Wall construction was suspended for the weekend in the areas of Al Midya to Budrus, Al Midya to Ni'lin, Bil'in to Saffa, in the village of Beit Liqya, in the town of Beituniya, and west of the town of 'Abud and the village of Beit Sira.</li> <li>Flying Checkpoints: <ol> <li>At 17:50, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to the village of Deir Abu Mash'al and searched civilians and vehicles.</li> <li>At 19:30, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint in the area between the villages of Kafr Ni'ma and Ras Karkar and searched civilians and vehicles.</li> <li>Raid: At 22:30, the Israeli army raided the town of Turmus'ayya, closed its entrances with checkpoints, and prevented civilians from entering or exiting the town. The Israeli army also combed the agricultural areas around the town and detained the ID card of Mohammed Waleed Abu 'Awwad.</li> <li>Demonstrations: Two mass demonstrations, including international peace activists, took place in the villages of Beit Sira and Bil'in in protest against Wall construction. Confrontations took place between the Israeli army and protestors.</li> </ol> </li></ul>
JENIN	<ul> <li>Closure of Roads: <ol> <li>The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the detour road leading to the town of 'Arraba east of the settlement of Dotan.</li> <li>The Israeli army continues to close the entrance to the village of Fahma with dirt barricades.</li> <li>Checkpoint: At 08:00, the Israeli army closed Tayasir checkpoint east of the town of Tubas with dirt barricades.</li> <li>Wall Gates: Passage through the Wall gates is restricted to civilians granted special Israeli permits.</li> <li>Flying Checkpoint: At 22:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint in the area between the town of Tubas and the village of 'Aqqaba and searched civilians and vehicles.</li> <li>Raids: At 01:00, the Israeli army raided the city of Jenin and Jenin refugee camp and searched a number of houses. An armed confrontation took place between the Israeli army and armed Palestinian individuals, during which the Israeli army injured an 8-year-old child. At 05:30, the Israeli army withdrew from the area.</li> </ol> </li> </ul>
TULKAREM	<ul> <li>Closure: The Israeli army continues to impose a complete closure on the district of Tulkarem and to declare it a closed military zone following a suicide attack carried out on the junction to the village of Far'un. The Israeli army continues to impede civilian access to and from the district.</li> <li>Closure of Main Roads: <ol> <li>The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the roads connecting the town of Bal'a to Dahiyat Iktaba, the town of Kafr al Labad to the village of Shufa, and the town of Deir al Ghusun to the town of 'Attil.</li> </ol> </li> </ul>

- (ii) The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the roads connecting Dahiyat Dhinnaba to the village of 'Izbat Abu Khamish and Dahiyat Dhinnaba to the town of Kafr al Labad.
- (iii) The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the road connecting the towns of Bal'a and Deir al Ghusun.
- (iv) The Israeli army closed the road connecting the town of Beit Lid to the village of Kur with cement blocks.

#### • Checkpoints:

- (i) The Israeli army continues to intensify its restrictions at the checkpoint set up near the settlement of 'Einav on the road connecting the districts of Tulkarem and Nablus, denying access to civilian vehicles.
- (ii) The Israeli army continues to intensify its restrictions at Jubara checkpoint south of the city of Tulkarem and to impede civilian access.
- <u>Wall Gates</u>: Passage through the Wall gates is restricted to civilians granted special Israeli permits.
- **Flying Checkpoints:** At 08:00, the Israeli army set up 2 flying checkpoints on the junctions to the towns of Bal'a and Deir al Ghusun and searched civilians and vehicles.
- Attack: At 22:20, the Israeli army fired flares over the village of 'Izbat Shufa and opened fire east of Jubara checkpoint south of the city of Tulkarem.

#### • Raids:

- (i) At 20:00, the Israeli army raided and patrolled Dahiyat Irtah in the city of Tulkarem.
- (ii) At 22:00, the Israeli army raided the city of Tulkarem and opened fire while it was patrolling the area. At 04:00, the Israeli army withdrew from the area.
- (iii) At 00:40, the Israeli army raided and patrolled Dahiyat Iktaba in the city of Tulkarem until 02:00.
- (iv) At 02:05, the Israeli army raided the town of 'Attil and opened fire while it was patrolling the area.

# • <u>Closure of Main Road</u>: The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the road connecting the town of 'Azzun and the village of 'Izbat at Tabib.

#### • Wall Gates:

# (i) Passage through the Wall gates is restricted to civilians granted special Israeli permits.

- (ii) The Israeli army continues to intensify its restrictions at 'Azzun 'Atma Wall gate and to search civilians, including students, with a metal detector.
- <u>Wall Construction</u>: Land levelling for Wall construction was suspended for the weekend in the village of Immatin and east of the towns of Kafr Thulth and 'Azzun.

#### • Flying Checkpoints:

(i) At 14:00, the Israeli army set up 2 flying checkpoints at the entrances to the villages of Hajia and Immatin and searched civilians and vehicles.

### **QALQILIYA**

- (ii) At 14:00, the Israeli army set up 2 flying checkpoints, one on the junction to the village of Jit and the other at the entrance to the village of Kafr Laqif, and prevented civilians from travelling along the Qalqiliya-Nablus main road.
- (iii) At 18:00, the Israeli army set up several flying checkpoints on the Qalqiliya-Nablus main road and searched civilians and vehicles.

#### • Raids:

- (i) At 13:15, the Israeli army, including 2 jeeps, raided the city of Qalqiliya. Confrontations took place between the Israeli army and civilians. At 13:35, the Israeli army withdrew from the area.
- (ii) At 18:00, the Israeli army raided the village of Jinsafut and arrested 1 civilian.
- Arrest: The Israeli army arrested Anas Mustafa Mahmoud in the village of Jinsafut.
- **<u>Detention</u>**: At 17:30, the Israeli army detained 2 civilians until 20:00, while they were tending sheep near the village of Kafr Qaddum:
- (i) Ameen Mohammed 'Eid; and
- (ii) 'Ubeid Suleiman 'Ubeid.

#### • Closure of Main Roads:

- (i) The Israeli army continues to close the main road leading to the district of Jenin between the junction to the village of Deir Sharaf and the settlement of Shavei Shomron. Instead, the Israeli army has forced civilians to travel along an unpaved 1.5-km-long road, which branches off from the Nablus-Tulkarem road and intersects with the Nablus-Jenin road opposite the village of Sabastiya.
- (ii) At 08:00, the Israeli army closed Al Badhan road east of the city of Nablus with dirt barricades.

#### • Checkpoints:

- (i) The Israeli army continues to regulate times for crossing Huwwara, Beit Iba, At Tur Mountain, and Beit Furik checkpoints around the city of Nablus. The Israeli army closes the checkpoints overnight and reopens them at various morning hours.
- (ii) At 13:00, the Israeli army intensified its restrictions at Huwwara checkpoint and denied access to civilians between 15 and 30 years of age.

#### • Flying Checkpoints:

- (i) At 16:40, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to the village of Talluza and prevented civilians from entering or exiting the village.
- (ii) At 22:45, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint in the area between the city of Nablus and the village of Till, searched civilian vehicles, and impeded civilian access.

#### • Physical Assaults:

(i) At 16:00, Israeli troops positioned at Al Badhan checkpoint east of the city of Nablus severely beat Yasser Ahmed Bani 'Odeh, a physically-disabled civilian, after which an ambulance transported him to Nablus Public Hospital for medical treatment.

#### **NABLUS**

	<ul> <li>(ii) At 21:00, Israeli troops positioned at Beit Iba checkpoint severely beat Shafeeqah Hasan Dardouk, a female civilian, breaking her arm.</li> <li>• Raid: At 01:50, the Israeli army raided the town of 'Asira ash Shamaliya, searched 1 house, arrested 1 civilian, and withdrew at 02:35.</li> <li>• Arrests: <ul> <li>(i) At 16:00, Israeli troops positioned at Huwwara checkpoint arrested Salah Ahmed Abu Ghalyoun, ostensibly for locating live ammunition in his possession.</li> <li>(ii) The Israeli army arrested Suleiman Salameh Yaseen in the town of 'Asira ash Shamaliya.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
SALFIT	<ul> <li>Closure of Main Roads: <ol> <li>The Israeli army continues to close the main north-western entrance to the city of Salfit with dirt barricades. The road has been closed since the beginning of the current Intifada (Uprising).</li> <li>The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the western entrances to the town of Bruqin and the village of Marda and the road connecting the town of Deir Istiya to the village of Haris.</li> <li>The Israeli army continues to close the western entrance to the town of Kafr ad Dik with cement blocks.</li> <li>Checkpoint: The Israeli army continues to close Deir Ballut checkpoint overnight and open it at various morning hours. The Israeli army also prevents civilians from crossing eastwards towards the town of Kafr ad Dik.</li> <li>Wall Construction: Wall construction was suspended for the weekend near the Green Line in the town of Deir Ballut and the villages of Az Zawiya and Rafat, northwest of the city of Salfit, and in the village of Marda and the town of Kifl Haris north of the settlement of Ari'el.</li> <li>Flying Checkpoints:</li> <li>At 20:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint in the area between the towns of Kafr ad Dik and Bruqin and searched civilians and vehicles.</li> <li>The Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the southern entrance to the village of Qarawat Bani Hassan and searched civilians and vehicles.</li> </ol> </li> </ul>
JERICHO	<ul> <li>Closure: The Israeli army intensified the closure imposed over the district of Jericho. Road # 90 between the city of Jericho and the village of Al 'Auja continues to be closed with cement blocks. The Israeli army prevents farmers not holding Jericho ID cards from reaching their land, forcing them to apply for access permits. The Israeli army also impedes civilian movement into the city of Jericho, except for Jerusalem ID holders.</li> <li>Closure of Main Road: At 08:00, the Israeli army closed Al Hamra checkpoint set up on the road connecting the districts of Jericho and Nablus with dirt barricades.</li> <li>Checkpoints:</li> <li>(i) At 08:00, the Israeli army closed Al Hamra checkpoint set up on the road connecting the districts of Jericho and Nablus with dirt barricades.</li> </ul>

	(ii) The Israeli army continues to intensify its restrictions at the checkpoint set up at the entrance to the village of 'Ein Ad Duyuk on the road connecting the districts of Jericho and Ramallah, to search civilians and vehicles, and to deny civilian access in both directions between 20:00 and 05:00 on a daily basis.	
BETHLEHEM	<ul> <li>Closure: 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. The Israeli army considers the civilians' residence in the village illegal because they hold West Bank identity cards while their village is located within the Israeli-defined municipal boundaries of Jerusalem.</li> <li>Closure of Main Roads: The Israeli army continues to close all roads to Road # 60 leading to the city of Jerusalem, thereby isolating the city of Bethlehem from its towns and villages located west of Road # 60.</li> <li>Wall Construction: Wall construction was suspended for the weekend north of 'Ayda refugee camp and in the Everest area, northwest of the city of Beit Jala.</li> <li>Raids/Detention: <ol> <li>At 15:45, the Israeli army raided 'Ayda refugee camp. Confrontations took place between the Israeli army and civilians.</li> <li>At 16:30, an Israeli army patrol raided the town of Al Khadr, set up a checkpoint, searched civilians and vehicles, and detained 2 civilians.</li> </ol> </li> <li>Arrest: At 10:30, Israeli troops positioned at a flying checkpoint arrested 'Awadh 'Aadel 'Asakreh, while he was travelling to the city of Ramallah.</li> <li>Attack on Property: At 22:30, Israeli troops positioned at the DCO checkpoint set up at the entrance to the city of Beit Jala threw stones at civilian vehicles travelling through the checkpoint in both directions.</li> </ul>	
HEBRON	<ul> <li>Closure: <ol> <li>The Israeli army continues to close with cement blocks and barbed wire Ash Shuhada' Street and the area of As Sahleh and with an iron gate the old gold market, all in the H2 section of the city of Hebron, denying access to civilians and vehicles.</li> <li>The Israeli army continues to implement a military order to close civilian commercial shops on both sides of the road connecting the settlement of Kiryat Arba' to the Ibrahimi Mosque in the old city of Hebron from 06 November 2005 until 07 May 2006. Civilian vehicles are prohibited from travelling along the road unless they possess access permits. Only Israeli settler vehicles are allowed unrestricted access on the road.</li> <li>The Israeli army continues to close with a dirt barricade the area of Khuzq al Far near the settlement of Abraham Avino in the old city of Hebron, in addition to the iron gate that has been set up in the area.</li> <li>The Israeli army continues to close the entrance to the area of Al Khan in the old city of Hebron with an electronic gate, isolating the area from Al Laban Market and the area of As Sahleh.</li> </ol> </li></ul>	

#### • Closure of Main Roads:

- (i) The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the area of Al Hawawir leading to the town of Halhul, the area of Al Fahs south of the city of Hebron, the junction to the area of Farsh al Hawa leading to Road # 35 northwest of the city of Hebron, and the entrance to the village of 'Arab ar Ramadin.
- (ii) The Israeli army continues to close the main entrance to Al 'Arrub refugee camp with cement blocks.
- Wall Construction: Wall construction was suspended for the weekend west of the towns of Surif and Beit Ula, south of the towns of Adh Dhahiriya and As Samoa', and southeast of the town of Yatta. The Israeli army has also completed construction of most sections of the Wall in the town of Idhna, from the village of Deir Samit to the town of Beit 'Awwa, from Beit 'Awwa to the village of Al Burj, and in the village of Ar Ramadin.

#### • Flying Checkpoints/Detention:

- (i) At 18:40, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on Al Fawwar junction, searched civilian vehicles, and detained a number of civilians.
- (ii) The Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to the town of Halhul and searched civilians and vehicles.
- <u>Death</u>: At 15:15, Hashem Mohammed as Samaheen died after Israeli army bulldozers buried him alive in a junk yard near the village of 'Ajjur inside the Green Line.

#### • Raids:

- (i) At 15:00, the Israeli army raided the city of Hebron, set up a checkpoint in the area of Farsh al Hawa, searched civilians and vehicles, and patrolled the area.
- (ii) At 16:00, the Israeli army, including 2 jeeps, raided the town of Bani Na'im, set up a checkpoint, searched civilians and vehicles, and patrolled the area.
- (iii) At 23:25, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the town of Dura.
- <u>House Occupation/Detention</u>: At 18:15, the Israeli army occupied 1 house belonging to Abdul Ghaffar Idrees in Jaber neighbourhood in the old city of Hebron and converted it into a military post after detaining residents.

### **GAZA STRIP**

# ALL DISTRICTS

• Beginning on 16 December 2005, the Israeli army has continued to impose a complete closure on the Gaza Strip ostensibly due to Palestinian individuals' firing of mortars towards the Green Line.

## NORTHERN GAZA

• <u>Closure</u>: Beginning at 18:00 on 28 December 2005, the Israeli army has continued to impose a buffer zone (through open fire as well as artillery and air attacks) in the area near the Green Line, including the area of the debris of evacuated settlements, in the district of Northern Gaza. The Israeli army has also warned that civilians would put their lives in danger if they enter the designated area.

	<ul> <li>Closure of Crossing Point: Beit Hanun (Erez) Crossing is partially open to foreign nationals, VIPs, and humanitarian cases after prior coordination.</li> <li>Air Attack: At 00:20, an Israeli army F16 combat aircraft fired 2 missiles towards the area of Al Waha northwest of the town of Beit Lahiya.</li> <li>Attacks/Provocation of Palestinian Forces:</li> </ul>
	(i) At 14:00, the Israeli army fired 2 artillery shells from Point 64 on the Green Line east of the town of Jabalya towards Palestinian territory near 1 Palestinian National Security location north of the town of Beit Lahiya.
	(ii) Between 14:00 and 17:45, the Israeli army fired 56 artillery shells from Point 64 on the Green Line east of the town of Jabalya towards Palestinian territory near 4 Palestinian National Security locations north and northwest of the town of Beit Lahiya.
	(iii) At 14:50, Israeli naval boats fired 22 shells towards Palestinian territory near Palestinian National Security locations northwest of the town of Beit Lahiya.
	(iv) Between 06:30 and 08:40, Israeli naval boats fired 14 shells towards Palestinian territory near Palestinian National Security locations northwest of the town of Beit Lahiya.
	<ul> <li><u>Air Patrol</u>: At 05:15, Israeli army combat helicopters patrolled the skies over the northern area of the district of Northern Gaza and dropped fliers warning that the Israeli army will launch a violent military action if mortars are fired towards the Green Line.</li> <li><u>Palestinian Attack</u>: At 23:30, 2 unidentified mortars were fired towards the Green Line.</li> </ul>
GAZA	<ul> <li>Closure of Crossing Points:         <ul> <li>Al Muntar (Karnei) Crossing is closed.</li> <li>Nahal 'Oz Crossing is closed.</li> </ul> </li> <li>Air Attack/Destruction of Property: At 00:40, an Israeli army F16 combat aircraft fired 2 missiles towards and damaged 1 playground and a street in</li> </ul>
GAZZA	<ul> <li>An Nasr neighbourhood in Gaza city.</li> <li>Attack: At 05:45, the Israeli army fired flares from Point 69 on the Green Line over Palestinian territory north of Nahal 'Oz Crossing east of Gaza city.</li> </ul>
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 Crossing is partially open in both directions to passengers holding Palestinian IDs, humanitarian cases, and Arab and foreign diplomatic missions.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

(iii) Sufa Crossing is closed.
(iv) Karem Shalom Crossing is closed.

#### **GENERAL**

# WORK PERMITS

- West Bank: Valid work permits that have been issued by the Israeli Authorities for crossing the Green Line total 10,406. However, none of those possessing work permits were allowed to access areas inside the Green Line due to the imposed closure.
- Gaza Strip: Valid work permits that have been issued by the Israeli Authorities for crossing the Green Line total 5,223. However, none of those possessing work permits were allowed to access areas inside the Green Line due to the imposed closure.