مجموعة الرقابة الفلسطينية



PALESTINIAN MONITORING GROUP

DAILY SITUATION REPORT

08:00 18 December 2003 – 08:00 19 December 2003

SUMMARY OF EVENTS

EVENT	WEST BANK	GAZA STRIP	TOTAL	NOTES
Physical Assault	1	_	1	National Security member
Attacks	4	6	10	1 Security position in Gaza
Raids	10	2	12	
Arrests (per person)	8		8	1 17 year old
Detentions	2		2	
House Occupations	7		7	
Land Confiscation	1	_	1	8,000 dunums in Beit 'Anan
Checkpoints	All		All	
Flying Checkpoints	5		5	
Closures (per District)	2		2	
Closure of Main Roads	Most	(4)	Most	
Closure of Wall Gates	All		All	
Closure of Crossing Points		2	2	
TOTAL	40	10	50	

WEST BANK

JERUSALEM	 <u>Closure</u>: The city of Jerusalem remains closed to residents from other districts. <u>Land Confiscation</u>: Israeli authorities issued confiscation orders for 8,000 dunums (2000 acres) from Beit 'Anan, an estimated 2/3 of the village lands.
RAMALLAH & EL BIREH	 Closure: The iron gate near An Nabi Salih village remains closed, isolating the northern and northwestern villages from the city of Ramallah. Flying Checkpoint: At 12:30, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint between the two villages of Kafr 'Ein and An Nabi Salah. Vehicles were searched and passenger ID's were checked. Raids: At 09:40, the Israeli army, including 1 jeep, raided the village of Deir Ghassana. At 18:30, the Israeli army, including 1 jeep, raided the village of Kafr 'Ein. At 20:00, the Israeli army, including 1 jeep, raided the villages of Kafr 'Ein and Beit Rima. Between 07:30 and 09:30, the Israeli army raided the town of Beituniya, positioned itself at the 'Ein Arik junction and surrounded and searched one building. Arrest: The Israeli army arrested Omar Shehadah, 40 years old, while attempting to enter Ramallah city.
JENIN	• <u>Separation Wall Gates</u> : Passage through the separation wall gates is restricted to civilians granted special Israeli permits which are based on no specific criteria. This Israeli closure continues to harm the education process since teachers, amongst others, are not granted access through the gates particularly in areas located behind the separation wall.
JERICHO	Activity not yet reported.

BETHLEHEM	Closure: The southern entrance (Al Nashash area) of the city remains closed, cutting Bethlehem off from Hebron district.
TULKAREM	 Closure: Al-Kafriyat gate remains closed, cutting off Tulkarem from Qalqilya. Flying Checkpoints: At 08:15, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint south of Tulkarem city and searched vehicles. At 09:40, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint between the town of Bal'a and Atara village. At 12:15, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint near the entrance of Shuweika neighborhood. At 18:00, the Israeli army, including APCs, set up a flying checkpoint at Road 57, stopped vehicles, detained civilians in the rain, and indiscriminately opened fire. Raids: At 19:40, the Israeli army, including 1 APC and 3 jeeps, raided Tulkarem city and indiscriminately opened fire at Tulkarem refugee camp. Between 02:00 and 05:30, the Israeli army raided Tulkarem refugee camp and indiscriminately opened fire. Physical Assault: At 19:30, Israeli soldiers severely beat Ahmad el Gharab, a member of the Palestinian National Security forces. Detention: Between 12:30 and 17:00, the Israeli army detained a university student in Shuweika neighborhood.
NABLUS	 Closures: The city of Nablus remains a closed military area. For the 4th consecutive day, Balata refugee camp remains under military siege from all directions. House Occupation: The Israeli army occupied 7 houses at the entrance of Balata refugee camp.
HEBRON	 Raids: The Israeli army raided the town of Dhahiriya, searched several civilian houses, and arrested 1 civilian who was deported to Jordan. The Israeli army raided the town of Bani Na'im, searched several houses, and arrested 3 civilians. The Israeli army raided the town of Beit 'Ora and arrested 1 civilian after conducting a house search.

	• Arrests: The Israeli army arrested and deported to Jordan: (i) Mohammad 'Abed el Riziq, 20 years old, from Dhahriiya. The Israeli army arrested in Bani Na'im: (ii) Mohammad Farah; (iii) Mahmoud el Manasrah; and (iv) Abdelkareem Ahmad Sbeh The Israeli army arrested in the town of Beit 'Ora: (v) Mujahid Mahmoud el Suwati, 26 years old. The Israeli army arrested after questioning in Hebron city. (vi) Ali Abdelghafar Dufish, university student; and (vii) Ra'fat Isa Abu 'Aysha, 17 years old.
QALQILYA	Separation Wall Gates: Passage through the separation wall gates is restricted to civilians granted special Israeli permits which are based on no specific criteria. This Israeli closure continues to harm the education process since teachers, amongst others, are not granted access through the gates, particularly in areas located behind the separation wall.
SALFIT	• <u>Attack</u> : At 00:15, the Israeli army indiscriminately opened fire towards the city of Salfit from its position at Talet el Irsal.

GAZA STRIP

NORTHERN GAZA	• <u>Closure</u> : The Erez crossing is partially open to workers: (i) 4,505 crossed the Green Line into Israel. (ii) 870 workers entered the Erez Industrial Area.
GAZA CITY	 <u>Closure</u>: Shuhada' junction (Nitsareem) remains closed. <u>Attack</u>: At 16:30, the Israeli army, located at Point 74 on the Green Line, opened fire indiscriminately at a Palestinian security post east of Gaza city.
CENTRAL GAZA	 Attacks: (i) At 19:05, the Israeli army, located at Kfar Daroom settlement, opened fire from the west side of the settlement. (ii) At 20:30, the Israeli army, located at a military post southeast of the Maqbolah area, opened fire at Palestinian territories east of Bureij refugee

	camp.
KHAN YUNIS	 Closures: Abu al Ajin road (Khan Yunis Al Sharqiya) remains closed. Western road (Khan Yunis) remains closed. Abu Holi road was partially opened. Attack: At 12:05, the Israeli army located at Points 8 and 9 on the Security Line opened fire at civilian houses in Al Iskan and Al Amal neighborhoods.
RAFAH	 Closure: Sufa crossing remains partially open to merchants and workers. 212 workers and 3 merchants crossed the Green Line into Israel. Raids: At 11:00, the Israeli army, including 3 APCs and 1 jeep, located at Point 8 on the Egyptian border, entered 30 meters into Palestinian areas towards Yabna refugee camp and opened fire at civilian houses in Yabna refugee camp. At 17:45, the Israeli army, including 3 APCs and 1 bulldozer, located at Point 7 on the Egyptian border, entered Palestinian territories near the entrance of Salah ed Dein and began digging in the area.