مجموعة الرقابة الفلسطينية



PALESTINIAN MONITORING GROUP

DAILY SITUATION REPORT

08:00 04 February 2005 – 08:00 05 February 2005

SUMMARY OF EVENTS

EVENT	WEST BANK	GAZA STRIP	TOTAL	NOTES
Deaths		2	2	2 civilians east of Beit Hanun
Injury	_	1	1	3-year-old female child in Rafah RC
Attacks	1	4	5	1 during a raid and 4 from mil. posts
Raids	5	1	6	Incl. in Nablus, Salfit and Hebron
Arrests (per person)	1	1	2	In Nablus and Khan Yunis
Detention	1	_	1	At checkpoints
Destruction of Property	1	_	1	Maintenance works impeded
Checkpoints	(All)		(All)	
Flying Checkpoints	2		2	In Tulkarem and Salfit
Closure (per District)	6	_	6	Incl. Jerusalem & Jericho (partially)
Closure of Main Roads	(Unidentified)	(6)	_	Incl. 2 partially
Closure of Wall Gates	(All)	_	(All)	Permits required to cross
Closure of Crossing Points	_	5	5	Incl. 2 partially open
Settler Violence	1	_	1	1 civilian run over at Jit junction
Provocation of Pal. Forces	_	2	2	Incl. position near 1 Pal. post
TOTAL	18	16	34	

DISTRICT	EVENT	
ALL DISTRICTS	Beginning on 11 November 2004, the Israeli army has imposed a total closure on the West Bank and Gaza Strip, preventing civilians and workers from crossing the Green Line, following the official announcement of the death of President Yasser Arafat.	

WEST BANK

JERUSALEM	 Closure: The Israeli army continues to impose strict restrictions at checkpoints set up at the entrances to the city of Jerusalem and dispatched patrols to prevent civilians from other districts from entering the city. Checkpoints: The Israeli army continues to impose strict restrictions at An Nabi Samwil and Qalandiya checkpoints, which control movement between the districts of Jerusalem and Ramallah, and impeded civilian movement. Wall Gates: The Israeli army continues to close the Wall gate in the town of Abu Dis with cement blocks, completely preventing civilians from crossing. Wall Construction: Wall construction was suspended for the weekend in Dahiyat Al Aqbat, the villages of Hizma and 'Anata, the Hizma-Jaba' road, the area of Al 'Eizariya, near Al Quds University, the area of Ash Shayyah, and in the town of As Sawahira Ash Sharqiya.
RAMALLAH & EL BIREH	 Closure: The Israeli army continues to close the entrance to the village of Al Mughayyir with dirt barricades. Wall Construction: Wall construction was suspended for the weekend in Budrus, Midya, Ni'lin, Deir Qaddis, Bil'in, Beit Liqya, and Beituniya. Raid: At 14:00, the Israeli army raided the villages of Qarawat Bani Zeid and Kafr 'Ein and patrolled the area.
JENIN	 Wall Gates: Passage through the Wall gates is restricted to civilians granted special Israeli permits. Wall Construction: Land levelling for Wall construction was suspended for the weekend in Jalbun towards Al Mutilla, Raba, Al Mughayyir, Bardala and 'Ein al Beida, and towards the Jordan River.
TULKAREM	 <u>Closure</u>: The Israeli army continues to close 'Einav gate which controls the road between the cities of Tulkarem and Nablus, preventing civilian vehicles from crossing. <u>Wall Gates</u>: Passage through the Wall gates is restricted to civilians granted special Israeli permits.

	 Flying Checkpoint: At 17:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to the town of 'Illar and searched civilians and vehicles. Destruction of Property: On the morning of 04 February 2005, the electricity network in the area of the DCO was damaged, cutting off electricity supply to the city of Tulkarem. The Israeli army prevented electricity maintenance workers from repairing the damage until 20:40.
QALQILYA	 Wall Gates: Passage through the Wall gates is restricted to civilians granted special Israeli permits. Settler Violence: At 08:30, an Israeli settler vehicle ran over Nidhal Abdul Rahim Yamin on the junction to the village of Jit, after which he was transported to Balanson Israeli Hospital for injuries sustained.
NABLUS	 Raid: At 02:30, the Israeli army, including 7 jeeps, raided the city of Nablus, arrested 1 civilian, and withdrew at 04:30. Arrest: The Israeli army arrested Mohammed Bashir Ad Damouni in the city of Nablus.
SALFIT	 Wall Construction: Land levelling for Wall construction was suspended for the weekend in the village of Deir Ballut along the Green Line, in the area southwest of the village of Kafr Ad Dik, west of the village of Iskaka, and north of city of Salfit. Flying Checkpoint: At 08:30, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint near the overpass to the village of Iskaka and prevented civilians from entering or exiting the city of Salfit until 13:40. Raid: At 13:00, an Israeli army patrol raided the village of Marda. Confrontations took place between the Israeli army and civilians. At 13:40, the Israeli army withdrew from the area.
JERICHO	Closure: The Israeli army continues to close all entrances to the city and roads connecting towns and villages and prevented Israeli ID card holders from entering the city.
BETHLEHEM	 Closure: The Israeli army continues to close the only road leading to the village of Al Nu'man, northeast of the Bethlehem district, isolating the village and placing it, together with the adjacent village of Al Khas, under the jurisdiction of the Jerusalem municipality. The Israeli army considers the civilian presence in the villages illegal. Wall Construction: Construction of the Wall was suspended for the weekend north of the district of Bethlehem, along 'Ayda refugee camp, along the tunnel road (Gilo), and west of the village of Husan. Raid: At 14:30, an Israeli army patrol raided the town of Al Khadr and patrolled the area until 15:00.

HEBRON

- <u>Closure</u>: The Israeli army continues to close Al Shuhada' Street and the area of As Sahleh in the area of H2 in the city of Hebron with cement blocks and barbed wire, denying civilians and vehicles access.
- Wall Construction: Land levelling for Wall construction was suspended for the weekend west of the towns of Surif, Beit Ula, Idhna, and Beit 'Awwa, in the area extending from the village of Deir Samit, Beit 'Awwa, and towards the village of Al Burj.
- Raid: At 22:00, the Israeli army raided the town of Adh Dhahiriya, searched a number of houses, patrolled the area, and withdrew at a later time.

GAZA STRIP

NORTHERN GAZA	 Closure: Beit Hanun Crossing is partially open to foreign nationals and humanitarian cases only. Attack: At 21:30, the Israeli army opened intensive fire towards, and killed, 2 civilians while they were attempting to infiltrate into areas inside the Green Line near Point 42 on the Green Line east of the town of Beit Hanun. Killing: The Israeli army killed 2 unidentified civilians east of the town of Beit Hanun.
GAZA	 Closure: (i) Nitsareem junction remains closed. (ii) Al Muntar (Karni) Crossing is closed.
CENTRAL GAZA	Activities not reported.
KHAN YUNIS	 Closure: Abu Al 'Ajin road (Khan Yunis Al Sharqiya) is closed. Western road (Khan Yunis) remains closed. Al Mawasi/Khan Yunis road (Al Tuffah checkpoint) is partially open. Abu Holi road is closed. Attacks: At 17:55, the Israeli army fired 1 tank shell towards the area of Al Maqaber near An Namsawi neighbourhood. At 23:00, the Israeli army opened intensive fire from its location at Point 12.5 towards civilian houses in An Namsawi neighbourhood. Raid/Provocation of Palestinian Forces: At 21:40, an Israeli army tank raided Salah Ad Din road and took position 200 meters away from 1 Palestinian National Security location.

	 Arrest: At 09:30, the Israeli army arrested Hussam Farid Khadr in the area of Al Mawasi/Khan Yunis. Provocation of Palestinian Forces: At 21:35, the Israeli army, positioned near Point 8.5, focused spotlights and aimed 1 tank gun in the direction of 1 Palestinian National Security location set up near Al Amal neighbourhood.
RAFAH	 Closure: Yasser Arafat International Airport remains closed. Rafah Crossing is partially open to arrivals and departures above the age of 35 only. Sufa Crossing is closed. Al Mawasi/Rafah road is partially open to workers only. Attack: At 17:45, the Israeli army opened intensive fire from its location at Point 8 along the Palestinian-Egyptian border towards civilian houses in the neighbourhood of Yabna in Rafah refugee camp, injuring 3-year-old female Isra' Abu Jazar.

GENERAL

POLITICAL PRISONERS	• <u>Israeli Army Measures Against Female Political Prisoners</u> : The Israeli administration of Ar Ramlah (Neve Tertza) Prison continues to force 26 female political prisoners to strip for searches while they travel back and forth from Israeli courts. The Israeli prison administration has also searched female prisoners' personal belongings, threw personal belongings to the ground, confiscated their documents and letters, and prohibited entry of clothes to the prisoners.		
WORK PERMITS	 West Bank: Israeli authorities renewed 5,169 work permits to cross the Green Line. The total number of those allowed to cross is unknown. Israeli authorities restricted the issuing of work permits to civilians who are married with children and over the age of 30. Gaza Strip: Israeli authorities renewed 524 work permits for workers to enter the Industrial Zone. However, workers were not allowed access to the Industrial Zone due to the imposed closure. Israeli authorities renewed 3,119 work permits for workers to cross the Green Line. However, workers were not allowed access into the Green Line due to the imposed closure. Israeli authorities cancelled all permits issued to 2,375 construction workers to remain overnight inside the Green Line. 		