# مجموعة الرقابة الفلسطينية



## PALESTINIAN MONITORING GROUP

## **DAILY SITUATION REPORT**

08:00 05 February 2009 - 08:00 06 February 2009

#### **SUMMARY OF EVENTS**

EVENT	WEST BANK	GAZA STRIP	TOTAL	NOTES	
Death	_	1	1	An armed Palestinian individual, K. Yunis	
Attacks	7	4	11	Incl. 2 in raids and 1 from a checkpoint	
Raids	29	_	29	Incl. 5 in Jenin and 7 in Bethlehem	
Arrests	13	_	13	Incl. 4 in Jenin and 6 in Nablus	
Detentions	15	_	15	At checkpoints and in residential locales	
Wall Construction	23	_	23	Jer., Raml'h., Salfit, Hebron, and Beth.	
Destruction of Property	1	_	1	Olive trees cut down in Qalqiliya	
Confiscation of Property	1	_	1	Agricultural fertilisers in Jenin	
Curfews	2	_	2	Over 2 villages, Qalqiliya & Bethlehem	
Closure of Checkpoints	15	_	15	Incl. access impeded at 9 checkpoints	
Flying Checkpoints	17	_	17	Incl. 3 in Bethlehem and 3 in Hebron	
Closure (per District)	8	_	8	Incl. Jerusalem, Tulkarem & Hebron	
Closure of Main Roads	53	_	53	Incl. 9 in Bethlehem and 14 in Hebron	
Closure of Crossing Points	_	4	4	Incl. injured civilians allowed access	
Settler Violence	2	_	2	Incl. Ministry staff denied access to land	
Settlement Activity	1	_	1	15 caravans installed in a settlement	
Palestinian Attack	_	1	1	1 mortar fired towards the Green Line	
Pal. Security Measure	1	_	1	An Israeli settler handed over, Jericho	
Demonstrations	2	_	2	In solidarity with political prisoners	
TOTAL	190	10	200		

DISTRICT EVENTS
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#### WEST BANK

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ALL DISTRICTS	The Israeli army continues to intensify its restrictions at checkpoints set up on the main roads connecting the West Bank districts, thereby isolating the northern districts from the southern districts as well as the Jericho district and the Jordan Valley from the remainder of the West Bank.
JERUSALEM	Closure: The Israeli army continues to intensify its restrictions at checkpoints located at the entrances to the city of Jerusalem. The Israeli army also continues to close the entrances to Al Aqsa Mosque compound in the old city of Jerusalem and impede civilian access to the mosque.  Closure of Main Roads:  The Israeli army continues to close with barbed wire and cement blocks the entrance opposite the junction to Dahiyat al Bareed in the city of Jerusalem, after levelling the area, and to deny civilian access.  The Israeli army continues to close with cement blocks and dirt barricades the entrance to the village of Jaba'.  Checkpoint: The Israeli army continues to consider Qalandiya checkpoint a "border crossing point" and has designated a special crossing for holders of Jerusalem IDs and those possessing permits to access the city of Jerusalem.  Flying Checkpoint: At 21:30, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint near the area of Al Khan al Ahmar along the Jerusalem-Jericho road, searched civilians and vehicles, and impeded civilian access until 22:40.  Raid: On 05 February 2009, the Israeli army raided the town of Abu Dis and searched 1 house.  Wall Gates:  The Israeli army continues to close the Wall gate in the town of Abu Dis with cement blocks.  The Israeli army continues to deny civilian access through the Wall gate on Ash Shayyah road in the area between the villages of As Sawahira ash Sharqiya and As Sawahira al Gharbiya, only allowing civilians holding Jerusalem IDs to cross, after subjecting them to thorough searches using electronic devices.  Wall Construction: Wall construction continues in the area of Al 'Eizariya to Ash Shayyah, from Beit Surik village to Biddu; in the areas of Al Judeira, Bir Nabala, and Beit Hanina; west of the village of Al Jib; in the vicinity of the village of Qatanna; south of the village of Beit Hanina; and in the area surrounding the checkpoint set up at the entrance to Shu'fat refugee camp.
RAMALLAH & EL BIREH	• Closure of Main Roads: The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades and cement blocks the road connecting the villages of Ras Karkar and Kharbatha Bani Harith; the entrances to the villages of Sinjil, Saffa, and Ein Yabrud; and the junction to the villages of Kafr Malik – Ein Samiya.

•	Checkpoint:	The	Israeli	army	continues	to	intensify	restrictions	at	the
	checkpoint o	n the	overpa	ss to 'A	Atara town	and	l impede c	ivilian acces	s.	

- <u>Flying Checkpoint</u>: At 15:15, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to the village of Rafat and searched civilians and vehicles.
- Raids:
- (i) At 20:30, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the town of Bir Zeit.
- (ii) At 21:10, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the village of Deir Jarir
- (iii) At 02:30, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the town of Al Mazra'a al Qibliya.
- Arrest: At 19:00, Israeli troops positioned at the checkpoint set up on the overpass to the town of 'Atara arrested Farhan Yaseen Abdullah as Sa'di, a civilian resident of of the city of Jenin.
- <u>Wall Construction</u>: Wall construction continues west of 'Abud town and in the areas of Al Midya to Ni'lin and Ni'lin to Deir Qaddis.

# • Closure of Main Road: The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the road leading to the town of 'Arraba east of the settlement of Dotan.

- <u>Flying Checkpoint</u>: At 16:30, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to the village of Kafr Dan and searched civilians and vehicles.
- Raids/Confiscation of Property/Attack:
- (i) At 00:30, , the Israeli army raided the village of Deir Abu Da'if, searched a number of commercial shops, and confiscated a quantity of agricultural fertilisers. At 02:40, the Israeli army withdrew from the area.
- (ii) At 02:00, the Israeli army raided the city of Jenin and Jenin refugee camp and arrested 1 civilian in the city.
- (iii) At 02:00, the Israeli army raided the town of Qabatiya. While searching 3 houses, the Israeli army opened fire and fired sound grenades. The Israeli army also arrested 2 civilians.
- (iv) At 03:00, the Israeli army raided the village of Kafr Dan, searched 1 house, and arrested 1 civilian.

#### • Arrests:

(i) The Israeli army arrested Mohammed Khaled 'Arqawi in the city of Jenin

The Israeli army arrested 2 civilians in the town of Qabatiya:

- (ii) Thaer Jamal Abu Zeid; and
- (iii) 'Awni 'Adnan Kmeil.
- (iv) The Israeli army arrested Mohammed Mazen Lutfi 'Aabed in the village of Kafr Dan.
- <u>Demonstration</u>: At 10:00, political prisoners' families held a sit-in demonstration in front of offices of the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) in the city of Jenin in solidarity with prisoners and demanding that they be released from Israeli prisons.

#### **JENIN**

	Wall Gates: Passage through the Wall gates is restricted to civilians granted special Israeli permits, which affects the educational and health conditions of civilians living behind the Wall.
TUBAS	<ul> <li>Checkpoint: The Israeli army continues to close Tayasir checkpoint in the eastern Tubas district, denying civilian access to the Northern Jordan Valley, except for civilians whose IDs indicate that their place of residence is the Northern Jordan Valley. At 17:00, Israeli troops positioned at the checkpoint served summons to a number of civilians to report to the Israeli Intelligence agency.</li> <li>Flying Checkpoint: At 15:30, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the junction to the town of Tammun and searched civilians and vehicles until 16:15.</li> <li>Raid: At 22:00, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the town of Tammun.</li> </ul>
TULKAREM	<ul> <li>Closure: The Israeli army continues to declare the district of Tulkarm a closed military zone and 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 western entrance to the village of Shufa.</li> <li>The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the road connecting the town of Kafr al Labad to the village of Shufa.</li> <li>Checkpoints: The Israeli army continues to intensify restrictions at 'Einav checkpoint set up on Tulkarem-Nablus main road and at Jubara checkpoint (the southern entrance to the city of Tulkarem).</li> <li>Raids:</li> <li>At 11:45, the Israeli army raided Dahiyat Shuweika in the city of Tulkarem and searched 1 house as well as a commercial shop selling vehicle spare parts. The Israeli army also set up a checkpoint and searched civilians and vehicles until 13:00.</li> <li>At 12:20, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the town of 'Anabta.</li> <li>Wall Gates: Passage through the wall gates is restricted to civilians granted special Israeli permits.</li> </ol> </li></ul>
QALQILYA	<ul> <li>Closure of Roads: The Israeli army continues to close with cement blocks agricultural roads east of the town of 'Azzun.</li> <li>Checkpoint: The Israeli army continues to intensify restrictions at the checkpoint set up at the eastern entrance to the city of Qalqiliya and to impede civilian access.</li> <li>Raids/Curfew: <ul> <li>(i) At 15:10, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the city of Qalqiliya.</li> <li>(ii) At 16:00, the Israeli army raided the town of Jayyus. Confrontations took place between the Israeli army and civilians. The Israeli army also imposed curfew, arrested 1 civilian, and withdrew at 20:00.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

- Arrest: The Israeli army arrested Fadi Mohammed Beidhah in the town of Jayyus.
- <u>Settler Violence</u>: At 18:30, a group of Israeli settlers cut down a number of olive trees east of the town of 'Azzun.

#### • 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>: Having completed the Wall-related infrastructure, land levelling for Wall construction ceased in the towns of 'Azzun and Kafr Thulth as well as in the villages of Immatin and Kafr Laqif.

#### • Closure of Main Roads:

- (i) The Israeli army continues to close with cement blocks the roads of Sarra-Jit; Til-Burin; Beit Furik-Salem; the road between the town of 'Aqraba and the main road; and the eastern entrance to the village of Al Lubban Ash Sharqiya. The Israeli army also continues to close with with dirt barricades the road between the villages of Til and Madama; the southern entrance to the village of Qaryut; the eastern entrance to the village of Al Lubban Ash Sharqiya; the western entrance to the town of 'Aqraba; the southern entrance to the village of Duma; the northern entrance to the town of Qabalan; the western entrance to the village of Majdal Bani Fadil; and the settler bypass road connecting the village of Deir al Hatab to the settlement of Alon Moreh.
- (ii) The Israeli army continues to restrict civilian daily passage along the Jenin-Nablus road between the junction to Deir Sharaf village and the settlement of Shavei Shomron between 06:00 and 21:00.

# • <u>Checkpoints</u>: The Israeli army continues to regulate times for crossing checkpoints set up around the city of Nablus:

- (i) At Tur neighborhood checkpoint (set up on Jerzim Mount) is closed on Fridays and Saturdays as well as during Jewish holidays. On all other days, it is open for civilian residents of the neighborhood only.
- (ii) Beit Furik checkpoint is open to civilian residents of the town of Beit Furik and the nearby village of Beit Dajan.
- Raid: At 02:15, the Israeli army raided the city of Nablus and patrolled the area until 03:00.
- Arrests: At 03:30 on 05 February 2009, the Israeli army arrested 6 civilians in the village of Til, in addition to those reported yesterday:
- (i) Fakhri Mohammed Hamad, 17 years old;
- (ii) Wael Mohammed Hamad;
- (iii) Nimer Khaled Hamad;
- (iv) Nizar Mohammed Silwadi;
- (v) 'Ameed Abdul Fattah Isma'il; and
- (vi) Ahmed Tayseer Wahhabi.

#### **NABLUS**

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SALFIT	<ul> <li>Closure of Main Roads: <ol> <li>The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the northern entrance to Salfit city and the eastern entrance to the village of Yasuf.</li> <li>The Israeli army continues to close with cement blocks and iron gates the northern entrance to the town of Bruqin and the western entrance to the town of Kafr Ad Dik.</li> <li>Checkpoints: The Israeli army continues to intensify its restrictions at Deir Ballut and Za'tara checkpoints and prevent civilian vehicles from heading towards the village of Kafr Ad Dik.</li> <li>Flving Checkpoints:</li> <li>At 16:40, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to the village of Iskaka and searched civilians and vehicles.</li> <li>At 21:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint in the area between the town of Kifl Haris and the village of Haris and searched civilians and vehicles.</li> <li>At 23:30, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to the town of Kafr ad Dik and searched civilians and vehicles.</li> <li>Raids:</li> <li>At 16:20, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the town of Deir Istiya.</li> <li>At 22:00, the Israeli army raided the village of Haris and patrolled the area until 22:15.</li> <li>At 02:20, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the city of Salfit.</li> <li>Wall Construction: Wall construction continues in the area northwest of the city of Salfit, and in the village of Marda and the town of Kafr Hares north of the settlement of Ariel.</li> </ol> </li></ul>
JERICHO	<ul> <li>Closure: The Israeli army continues to close Road # 90 between the city of Jericho and the village of Al 'Auja with cement blocks and to prevent farmers not holding Jericho Governorate IDs from reaching their land, forcing them to apply for access permits. The Israeli army also continues to deny access to the city to holders of Israeli IDs.</li> <li>Checkpoints: The Israeli army continues to intensify its restrictions and impede civilian access at Al Hamra checkpoint set up along Al Badhan road connecting the districts of Jericho and Nablus as well as on the checkpoint set up on the junction to the village of Al 'Auja along Al Mu'arrajat road that connects the districts of Jericho and Ramallah.</li> <li>Flying Checkpoint: At 06:50, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to the village of Fasayil and searched civilians and vehicles.</li> <li>Palestinian Security Measure: At 15:30, Palestinian security forces handed over to the Israeli authorities (through the DCO) an Israeli settlers, while he was attempting to gain access to the city of Jericho.</li> </ul>

#### • Closure:

- (i) 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.
- (ii) According to Military Order # 07/02/S, the Israeli army has continued since 15 September 2007 to deny civilian access to an area measuring 22 *dunums* (5.436 acres) of land in the area of Mazmuriya in the cities of Beit Sahur and Bethlehem. The land was confiscated pursuant to Military Order # 07/31/T.
- Closure of Main Roads: The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the two sideways east and south of Al Walaja village and the roads of Beit Jala-Wadi Ahmad, Talita-Nazlet as Sidr in the city of Beit Jala, Al Khadr town-Road # 60, Al Khadr town-Beit Jala housing, Wadi Rahal-Efrat and the side road east of the town of Beit Fajjar.
- <u>Flying Checkpoint</u>: At 17:20, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to the village of Ash Shawawra and searched civilians and vehicles.
- Attack: At 16:35, Israeli troops positioned in the area surrounding As Sawahira ash Sharqiya (the 'Container') opened fire towards a number of workers, while they were attempting to surpass the checkpoint through a side road.

#### • Raids/Curfew:

- (i) At 08:00, the Israeli army raided the village of Dar Salah, set up a checkpoint, and searched civilians and vehicles. At 16:40, the Israeli army raided the village again, set up another a checkpoint, and searched civilians and vehicles until 17:45.
- (ii) At 10:35, the Israeli army raided the village of Husan. While patrolling the area, confrontations took place between the Israeli army and civilians. At 19:45, the Israeli army raided the village again. For the second time, confrontations took place between the Israeli army and civilians. The Israeli army also imposed over the village.
- (iii) At 15:35, the Israeli army raided the village of Dar az Zir and patrolled the area until 16:55.
- (iv) At 22:45, the Israeli army raided the village of Artas and searched a number of houses.
- (v) At 01:30, the Israeli army raided the city of Beit Jala and searched 1 house.
- <u>Settler Violence</u>: At 14:30, a group of Israeli settlers from the settlement Efrat expelled as well as prevented a delegation from the Palestinian Ministry of Agriculture and Al Khadr Municipal Council from making a field tour for construction of an agricultural road near the settlement.
- Wall Construction: Wall construction continues in the area northwest of the town of Al Khadr; northwest of the city of Beit Jala; in the area of Wadi Rahhal east of Ifrat settlement; and in the area surrounding the village of Al Walaja.

#### **BETHLEHEM**

#### • Closure:

- (i) The Israeli army continues to close the following locales in the old city of Hebron: Ash Shuhada' Street and the area of As Sahleh with cement blocks and barbed wire; the old gold market with an iron gate; the area of Khuzq al Far near the settlement of Abraham Avino with a dirt barricade and an iron gate; and the entrance to the area of Al Khan with an electronic gate, isolating the area from Al Laban Market and the area of As Sahleh. The Israeli army also continues to install an iron gate at the entrance to the area of Al Hisba (the fruits and vegetables market) in the old city of Hebron, thereby controlling civilian access in the area.
- (ii) The Israeli army continues to prevent civilian vehicles from travelling along the road connecting the settlement of Kiryat Arba' to the Ibrahimi Mosque in the old city of Hebron.
- (iii) On 05 January 2009, the Israeli army issued Military Order # 09/06/S for closure of the area located along the Green Line south of the town of Yatta, evacuation of civilian residents, and prevention of civilian access to the area. According to Military Orders # 05/03/T and 05/04/T, land in this area was confiscated for Wall construction.

#### • Closure of Main Roads:

- (i) The Israeli army continues to close with cement blocks the entrance to the town of As Samoa'; the area of Al Hawawir leading to the town of Halhul; the road connecting the town of Surif to the village of Al Jab'a; the eastern entrance to the village of Kharsa; the entrance to Al Qeisi neighborhood in the old city of Hebron; as well as the entrances to Al 'Arrub refugee camp and the village of At Tuwani.
- (ii) In accordance with Military Order # 378, the Israeli army continues to prohibit Palestinian vehicles from travelling along Ash Shalala Old Street that leads to the old city of Hebron, only allowing Israeli vehicles as well as Israeli army vehicles to travel along this street.
- (iii) The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the road between the villages of Al Karmil and At Tuwani and all roads leading to bypass Road # 60.
- (iv) The Israeli army continues to open the iron gate on the junction of Farsh Al Hawa, which leads to Road # 35 that leads to Tarqumiya Crossing, from 05:00 until 07:00 and from 09:00 until 13:00.
- (v) The Israeli army continues to close with cement blocks the southern entrance to the town of Adh Dhahiriya.

#### • Flying Checkpoints:

- (i) At 09:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to the town of Bani Na'im and searched civilians and vehicles.
- (ii) At 09:45, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to the area of Al Fahs south of the city of Hebron and searched civilians and vehicles.
- (iii) At 18:30, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to the town of Idhna and searched civilians and vehicles.

#### **HEBRON**

#### • Raids/Attacks:

- (i) At 15:45, the Israeli army raided the village of 'Abda and opened indiscriminate fire while patrolling the area.
- (ii) At 21:25, the Israeli army raided the town of Idhna. While patrolling the area, confrontations took place between the Israeli army and civilians.
- (iii) At 20:30, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the city of Hebron.
- (iv) At 02:20, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the town of Yatta.
- <u>Arrest</u>: The Israeli army arrested Shaher Mohammed Abdul Rahman ash Sharawneh in the town of Dura.
- <u>Settlement Activity</u>: At 17:30, Israeli settlers from the settlement of Otni'el installed 15 caravans in the settlement.
- <u>Demonstration</u>: At 09:00, political prisoners' families held a sit-in demonstration in front of the ICRC offices in the city of Hebron in solidarity with prisoners. Demonstrators also demanded that the Israeli authorities release Fayez Abdul Muhdi Ziyadat, who suffers from cancer.
- <u>Wall Construction</u>: Wall construction continues in the section of Tarqumiya checkpoint terminal; in the area between the settlement of Eshkolot and the village of Imneizil southeast of the town of Yatta; and in the village of 'Arab ar Ramadin.

#### **GAZA STRIP**

# ALL DISTRICTS

- At 02:00 on 18 January 2009, the unilateral ceasefire declared by the Israeli authorities came into effect. At a later time on the same day, armed Palestinian groups announced an agreement to cease fire for a week. Later, armed Palestinian groups extended the ceasefire until 05 February 2009. Despite the fact that the extension period expired, the ceasefire continues to hold pending negotiations carried out by Egypt.
- <u>Attack</u>: Violating the ceasefire, the Israeli army opened fire towards Palestinian territory. Also breaching the ceasefire, armed Palestinian groups fired 1 mortar towards the Green Line.

NORTHERN GAZA	Closure of Crossing Point: Beit Hanun (Erez) Crossing is closed.			
GAZA	<ul> <li>Closure of Crossing Points:         <ul> <li>(i) Al Muntar (Karnei) Crossing is partially open for transportation of food supplies and humanitarian aid.</li> <li>(ii) Ash Shuja'iya (Nahal 'Oz) Crossing is partially open for transportation of limited quantities of fuel.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>			
CENTRAL GAZA	Activities not reported.			

KHAN YUNIS	<ul> <li>Attacks: <ol> <li>In the morning of 05 February 2009, the Israeli army opened fire and fired 1 tank shell from its location on the Green Line towards territory east of the town of Al Qarara.</li> <li>At 22:30, the Israeli army opened intensive fire from its location on the Green Line towards and killed an armed Palestinian individual, who had approached the Green Line in the area of Birket Abu Daqqa east of the town of Khuza'a. In the morning of 06 February 2009, the Israeli army opened fire towards the area again.</li> <li>Killing: The Israeli army killed, Fu'ad Hamdan, and armed Palestinian individual, in the area of Birket Abu Daqqa east of the town of Khuza'a.</li> <li>Palestinian Attack: At dawn on 06 February 2009, 1 mortar was fired towards the Green Line.</li> </ol> </li></ul>
RAFAH	<ul> <li>Closure of Crossing Points:         <ul> <li>Yasser 'Arafat International Airport remains closed.</li> <li>Rafah (Al 'Awdah) Crossing is open on an exceptional basis for entry into the Gaza Strip of medial equipment and medicine. Injured civilians were also allowed access to Egypt for medical treatment.</li> <li>Sufa Crossing is closed.</li> <li>Karm Abu Salim (Karem Shalom) Crossing is partially open for transportation of food supplies and humanitarian aid.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

## **GENERAL**

POLITCAL PRISONERS	• <u>Sentence</u> : The Israeli military court at 'Ofar Detention and Interrogation Centre sentenced Mohammed Tahseen Shawar to imprisonment for 48 months as well as a fine of ILS 8,000 (approximately USD 2,000).
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