# مجموعة الرقابة الفلسطينية



# PALESTINIAN MONITORING GROUP

# **DAILY SITUATION REPORT**

08:00 11 February 2009 - 08:00 12 February 2009

# **SUMMARY OF EVENTS**

EVENT	WEST BANK	GAZA STRIP	TOTAL	NOTES
Physical Assault	1		1	A 15-year-old child beaten in Hebron
Injury	1	_	1	A civilian in Al 'Arrub RC, Hebron
Air Attack	_	1	1	2 missiles fired by F16 aircraft, K. Yunis
Attacks	5	2	7	Incl. 2 in raids and 1 from a military post
Raids	35	_	35	Incl. 4 in Ramallah and 6 in Bethlehem
Air Patrol	_	1	1	By F16 combat aircraft over Khan Yunis
Arrests	21	_	21	Incl. 2 university students in Nablus
Detentions	18	_	18	At checkpoints and in residential locales
Wall Construction	24	_	24	Incl. Jer., Raml'h., Salfit, & Qalqiliya
Curfews	2	_	2	Over 2 compounds, Jenin & Qalqiliya
Closure of Checkpoints	15	_	15	Incl. access impeded at 9 checkpoints
Flying Checkpoints	16	_	16	Incl. 3 in Bethlehem and 2 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. humanitarian aid transported
Settler Violence	1	_	1	Civilian vehicles stoned in Nablus
Palestinian Attack	_	1	1	1 mortar fired towards the Green Line
TOTAL	200	9	209	

DISTRICT	EVENTS
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#### WEST BANK

# 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.

#### • Closure:

- (i) 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.
- (ii) On 05 January 2009, the Israeli authorities issued Military Order # S/02/09 on the closure of and denial of civilian access to the "demarcation area" along the Wall in the area surrounding the city of Jerusalem. Accordingly, local residents and civilians holding permits can access this area through crossings and gates set up at the entrances to the city of Jerusalem. (The demarcation area is defined by a set of military orders relating to land confiscation for Wall construction).

# • Closure of Main Roads:

- (i) 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.
- (ii) The Israeli army continues to close with cement blocks and dirt barricades the entrance to the village of Jaba'.
- <u>Checkpoint</u>: 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.

# • Wall Gates:

- (i) The Israeli army continues to close the Wall gate in the town of Abu Dis with cement blocks.
- (ii) 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.

# **JERUSALEM**

	Closure of Main Roads: The Israeli army continues to close with dirt
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	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 on the overpass to 'Atara town and impede civilian access.
	• Flying Checkpoints:
	(i) At 14:30, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint underneath the
	overpass to the town of Deir Dibwan and searched civilians and
	vehicles.
	(ii) At 20:15, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the overpass to
	the town of Silwad and searched civilians and vehicles.
	• Raids:
RAMALLAH	(i) At 20:00, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the city of El Bireh.
&	At 01:15, the Israeli army raided the city again, searched 1 building,
EL BIREH	and arrested 1 civilian.
	(ii) At 21:30, the Israeli army raided the town of Beit Liqya. While
	searching 2 houses, confrontations took place between the Israeli
	army and civilians. The Israeli army also served summons to 2 civilians to report to the Israeli Intelligence agency.
	(iii) At 01:30, the Israeli army raided the town of Silwad and arrested 3
	civilians.
	• Arrests:
	(i) The Israeli army arrested Mohammed Qasem Mas'oud in the city of El
	Bireh.
	The Israeli army arrested 3 civilians in the town of Silwad:
	(ii) Fat'hi Jabr 'Ayyad;
	(iii) Mahmoud Wael Abdul Qader Hammad; and
	(iv) Seif Mohammed Saleem.
	Wall Construction: 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.
	• Flying Checkpoints:
	(i) At 11:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to
	the town of Kafr Ra'i, searched civilians and vehicles, arrested 1
<b>JENIN</b>	civilian, and withdrew at 11:45.  (ii) At 16:10, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to
	(ii) At 16:10, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to the village of Rummana and searched civilians and vehicles.
	Raids/Attacks/Detentions/Curfew:
	(i) At 08:30, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the town of 'Arraba.
	(ii) At 10:00, the Israeli army raided the town of Kar Ra'i and searched a
	toys shop. At 01:30, the Israeli army raided the town again, patrolled
	the area, opened indiscriminate fire, and withdrew at 05:00.

	(iii) At 01:30, the Israeli army raided the village of Fahma, opened fire,
	fired sound grenades, and imposed curfew. Having detained
	residents, the Israeli army also searched a number of houses.
	Additionally, the Israeli army arrested 11 civilians and withdrew at
	05:00.
	• Arrests:
	(i) Israeli troops positioned at the checkpoint set up at the entrance to the
	town of Kafr Ra'i arrested an unidentified civilian.
	The Israeli army arrested 11 civilians in the village of Fahma:
	(ii) Yousef Ali Yousef Nawassrah;
	(iii) Hasan Mohammed Wadee' Sa'abneh;
	(iv) Ali Tawfeeq Sa'abneh;
	(v) Ibrahim Anwar Abdul Fattah Nawassrah;
	(vi) Wadee' Mohammed Wadee' Sa'abneh;
	(vii) Abdullah Mohammed Ahmed Sa'abneh;
	(viii) Yousef Mohammed Ahmed Sa'abneh;
	(ix) Saed Mohammed Yousef Nawassrah;
	(x) Ibrahim Mohammed Yousef Nawassrah;
	(xi) Mohammed Mahmoud Yousef Nawassrah; and
	(xii) Mohammed Mash'hour Subhi Sa'abneh.
	• <u>Wall Gates</u> : 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.
	• <u>Checkpoint</u> : 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
TUBAS	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.
	• Raids: At 21:30, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the areas of Al
	Buqei'a and Ras al Ahmar Mountain east of the city of Tubas.
	• <u>Closure</u> : The Israeli army continues to declare the district of Tulkarm
	a closed military zone and to impede civilian access to and from the district.
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	(i) The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the western
	entrance to the village of Shufa.
	(ii) The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the road
TULKAREM	<ul> <li>connecting the town of Kafr al Labad to the village of Shufa.</li> <li><u>Checkpoints</u>: The Israeli army continues to intensify restrictions at 'Einav</li> </ul>
IULKAKEN	checkpoint set up on Tulkarem-Nablus main road and at Jubara checkpoint
	(the southern entrance to the city of Tulkarem).
	• Wall Gates: Passage through the wall gates is restricted to civilians granted
	special Israeli permits.
	• Flying Checkpoints:
	(i) At 09:10, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the junction to
	the town of 'Attil and searched civilians and vehicles.
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(ii) At 09:20, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint in the area between the town of Bal'a and the village of Al 'Attara and searched civilians and vehicles.

#### • Raids:

- (i) At 08:40, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the town of 'Anabta.
- (ii) At 09:30, the Israeli army raided and patrolled Dahiyat Iktaba in the city of Tulkarem.
- (iii) At 09:35, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the village of Ramin. At 22:50, the Israeli army raided the village again, searched a number of houses, and arrested 1 civilian. The Israeli army also served summons to 9 civilians to report to the Israeli Intelligence agency.
- <u>Arrest</u>: The Israeli army arrested Abdul Karim Ahmed Suleiman in the village of Ramin.
- <u>Closure of Roads</u>: The Israeli army continues to close with cement blocks agricultural roads east of the town of 'Azzun.
- <u>Checkpoint</u>: 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.

# • Raids/Curfew:

- (i) At 14:30, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the town of Jayyus. At 18:30, the Israeli army raided the town again. Confrontations took place between the Israeli army and civilians, after the Israeli army imposed curfew over the town. At 21:00, the Israeli army withdrew from the area.
- (ii) At 17:25, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the town of 'Azzun.
- (iii) At 23:00, the Israeli army raided the city of Qalqiliya and patrolled the area until 01:00.

### • Wall Gates:

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- (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.

#### • Wall Construction:

- (i) 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.
- (ii) On 10 February 2009, the Israeli army began implementation of Military Order # T/04/02 on confiscation of civilian land for adjustment of the Wall route near the settlement of Alfe Menashe south of the city of Qalqiliya. The new Wall route will remove the villages of Ras Tira, Magharet adh Dhab'a, and Wadi ar Rasha from the closed zone behind the Wall. However, the route will also isolate these villages from their respective land, which will be located behind the Wall.

# **QALQILYA**

#### • 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.
- **Flying Checkpoint:** At 09:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the junction to the village of Bizzariya and searched civilians and vehicles.

#### • Raids:

- (i) At 09:20, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the town of 'Asira ash Shamaliya.
- (ii) At 09:40, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the village of Beit Imrin.
- (iii) At 11:00, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the village of Burqa.
- Arrests: At 10:30, Israeli troops positioned at the Za'tara junction checkpoint arrested 2 university students, including Mahmoud Abu 'Eisheh.
- <u>Detentions</u>: At 21:50, Israeli troops positioned at Beit Iba checkpoint detained and released at a later time 3 civilians:
- (i) Mu'taz Adeeb Isma'il;
- (ii) Ahmed Sameer Isma'il; and
- (iii) Isma'il Abdul Hafeth Isma'il.
- <u>Settler Violence</u>: At 13:00, a group of Israeli settlers threw stones at civilian vehicles parked at the parking lot near Huwwara checkpoint. Consequently, the Israeli army evacuated settlers from the area.

#### **SALFIT**

#### • Closure of Main Roads:

(i) The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the northern entrance to Salfit city and the eastern entrance to the village of Yasuf.

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	<ul> <li>(ii) 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>• Flying Checkpoint: At 12:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to the village of Marda and searched civilians and vehicles.</li> <li>• Raid: At 05:00, the Israeli army raided the village of Marda, searched a number of houses, arrested 2 civilians, and withdrew at 05:20.</li> <li>• Arrests: The Israeli army arrested 2 civilians in the village of Marda: <ol> <li>Ihab Abdullah 'Awadh Ibdah; and</li> <li>Nael Ahmed Najeh Khuffash.</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>Flving Checkpoint: At 12:50, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to the village of 'Ein ad Duyuk and searched civilians and vehicles.</li> <li>Raids/Detentions: <ul> <li>(i) At 16:40, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the village of Al 'Auja.</li> <li>(ii) At 21:20, the Israeli army raided the villages of Az Zubeidat, Marj Na'ja, and Marj Ghazal. In the latter village, the Israeli army searched a number of houses, detained residents, and registered their ID numbers.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
BETHLEHEM	<ul> <li>Closure: <ol> <li>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.</li> <li>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.</li> </ol> </li></ul>

- <u>Closure of Main Roads</u>: 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.
- **Flying Checkpoint:** At 10:05, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint in the area of Khalayil al Loz and searched civilians and vehicles.

#### • Raids:

- (i) At 09:55, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the town of Al Ubeidiya.
- (ii) At 17:10, the Israeli army raided the village of Dar Salah, set up a checkpoint, and searched civilians and vehicles. At 00:15, the Israeli army raided the village again, set up another checkpoint, and searched civilians and vehicles. At 01:00, the Israeli army withdrew from the area.
- (iii) At 19:00, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the city of Bethlehem.
- (iv) At 20:00, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the town of Al Khadr.
- (v) At 23:15, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the town of Beit Fajjar.
- 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.

# • <u>Closure</u>:

- (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

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- 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 15:45, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to the town of Idhna and searched civilians and vehicles.
- (ii) At 22:50, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to the town of Tarqumiya and searched civilians and vehicles.
  - Physical Assault: At 17:30, Israeli troops beat Ma'moun 'Adnan ar Rajabi, 15 years old, in the old city of Hebron.

# • Raids/Attack/Injury:

- (i) At 23:00, the Israeli army raided Al 'Arrub refugee camp. Confrontations took place between the Israeli army and civilians, during the Israeli army injured 1 civilian.
- (ii) At 24:00, the Israeli army raided the town of As Samoa', searched 2 houses, and served summons to 2 civilians to report to the Israeli Intelligence agency.
- (iii) At 00:05, the Israeli army raided the town of Sa'ir and searched greenhouses.
- <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.

• Attacks: Violating the ceasefire, the Israeli army fired 2 tank shells from
its location on the Green Line and navy boats opened intensive fire
towards civilians and property. Israeli combat aircraft also fired missiles
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>Al Muntar (Karnei) Crossing is partially open for transportation of food supplies and humanitarian aid.</li> <li>Ash Shuja'iya (Nahal 'Oz) Crossing is partially open for transportation of limited quantities of fuel. However, the Israeli army prevented transportation of cooking gas.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
CENTRAL GAZA	Activities not reported.
KHAN YUNIS	<ul> <li>Air Attack: At dawn on 12 February 2009, Israeli F16 combat aircraft fired 2 missiles towards a location belonging to an armed Palestinian group in the city of Khan Yunis.</li> <li>Attack: At dawn on 12 February 2009, Israeli navy boats opened intensive fire towards the beach of the city of Khan Yunis.</li> <li>Palestinian Attack: At 16:00, 1 mortar was fired towards the Green Line.</li> </ul>
RAFAH	<ul> <li>Closure of Crossing Points: <ol> <li>Yasser 'Arafat International Airport remains closed.</li> <li>Rafah (Al 'Awdah) Crossing is closed.</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> </ol> </li> <li>Attack: At dawn on 12 February 2009, the Israeli army fired 2 tank shells from its location on the Green Line towards armed Palestinian individuals east of the city of Rafah.</li> </ul>