# مجموعة الرقابة الفلسطينية



#### PALESTINIAN MONITORING GROUP

#### **DAILY SITUATION REPORT**

08:00 15 February 2006 - 08:00 16 February 2006

#### **SUMMARY OF EVENTS**

EVENT	WEST BANK	GAZA STRIP	TOTAL	NOTES
Death	1	_	1	1 mentally challenged civilian, Jenin
Injury	_	1	1	1 armed Pal. individual in N. Gaza
Attacks	1	5	6	1 in a raid & 5 from military posts
Raids	10	_	10	Incl. 3 in Jenin & 3 in Bethlehem
Arrests	15	4	19	Incl. 6 children & 1 female civilian
Detentions	11	_	11	At checkpoints & in residential areas
House Demolitions	*	_	_	*Notices issued to demolish 3 houses
Wall Construction	29	_	29	Incl. Jer., Raml'h., Qalq., Salfit, Beth.
Destruction of Property	*	_	_	Incl. notices issued to destroy tents
Land Confiscation	1	_	1	6.5 dunums of land in Bil'in village
House Occupations	4	_	4	Converted into mil. posts in Qabatiya
Closure of Checkpoints	3	_	3	Incl. Deir Ballut checkpoint, Salfit
Flying Checkpoints	10	_	10	Incl. 2 in Salfit & 2 in Hebron
Closure (per District)	7	1	8	Incl. a buffer zone in Northern Gaza
Closure of Main Roads	20	_	20	Incl. entrances to Idhna & 'Arrub RC
Closure of Crossing Points	_	3	3	Incl. Beit Hanun & Rafah partially
Settler Violence	1	_	1	Attempt to infiltrate to 'Aqsa Mosque
Provocation of Pal. Forces	_	1	1	Shelling near 3 Pal. security locations
Palestinian Attacks	_	3	3	Incl. 3 unidentified mortars fired
TOTAL	113	18	131	

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#### **WEST BANK**

JERUSALEM	<ul> <li>Closure: The Israeli army continues to intensify its restrictions at checkpoints located at the entrances to the city of Jerusalem and has set up checkpoints in the old city of Jerusalem and around Al Aqsa Mosque compound.</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: The Israeli army continues to intensify its restrictions at Qalandiya and Beit Iksa checkpoints 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 continues in Dahiyat al Aqbat, from the village of Hizma to 'Anata, along the Hizma-Jaba' 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, around the settlement of Ma'ale Adumim, 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 Dahiyat ar Ram and searched civilian vehicles.</li> <li>Settler Violence: A group of Israeli settlers in possession of digging tools attempted to infiltrate from Ar Rahma cemetery into Al Aqsa Mosque compound. The Israeli settlers evacuated the area after they had been</li> </ul>
RAMALLAH & EL BIREH	<ul> <li>Closure of Main Road: The Israeli army continues to close the eastern entrance to the village of Sinjil with dirt barricades.</li> <li>Wall Construction: Wall construction continues 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 Checkpoint: The Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the overpass to the town of 'Atara and searched civilians and vehicles.</li> <li>Raid: The Israeli army, including 2 jeeps, raided and patrolled the city of El Bireh.</li> <li>Land Confiscation: The Israeli army issued Military Order # T/10/06 to confiscate 6.5 dunums (1.625 acres) of land belonging to the village of Bil'in for construction of a military surveillance point.</li> </ul>
JENIN	<ul> <li>Closure of Road: 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>Checkpoint: The Israeli army continues to intensify its restrictions at Tayasir checkpoint east of the town of Tubas and to impede civilian access.</li> </ul>

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	• <u>Wall Gates:</u> Passage through the Wall gates is restricted to civilians granted special Israeli permits.
	• <u>Flying Checkpoint</u> : At 09:30, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to the village of Kafr Dan, searched civilians and vehicles, and arrested 3 children.
	• Raids/House Occupations:
	<ul> <li>(i) Beginning at 02:00 on 15 February 2006, the Israeli army remained positioned in the town of Qabatiya, occupied 3 houses, and converted them into military posts. The Israeli army also opened fire towards civilians, killing 1 mentally challenged civilian, while he was carrying a plastic rifle. At 16:00, the Israeli army withdrew from the area.</li> <li>(ii) At 19:00, the Israeli army raided the town of Qabatiya, occupied 1 house, and converted it into a military post.</li> <li>(iii) At 22:30, the Israeli army, including 15 jeeps, raided and patrolled the city of Israeli army post.</li> </ul>
	city of Jenin until 02:00.  • <u>Killing</u> : The Israeli army killed Mjahed Amin as Samadi, a mentally
	<ul> <li>challenged civilian, in the town of Qabatiya.</li> <li>Arrests: Israeli troops positioned at the flying checkpoint set up at the entrance to the village of Kafr Dan arrested 3 children:</li> <li>(i) Salem Mohammed Soudi, 16 years old;</li> </ul>
	(ii) Qassam Fayeq Abu Hasan, 16 years old; and
	(iii) Jihad Ghassan Abu Hasan, 16 years old.
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 Road: The Israeli army continues to close the road connecting the town of Bal'a to Dahiyat Iktaba with dirt barricades.</li> <li>Checkpoints: <ol> <li>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.</li> <li>The Israeli army continues to intensify its restrictions at Jubara checkpoint south of the city of Tulkarem, impeding civilian access.</li> <li>Wall Gates: Passage through the Wall gates is restricted to civilians granted special Israeli permits.</li> </ol> </li> </ul>
QALQILIYA	<ul> <li>Wall Gates: <ol> <li>Passage through the Wall gates is restricted to civilians granted special Israeli permits.</li> <li>The Israeli army continues to intensify its restrictions at 'Azzun 'Atma Wall gate and to search civilians, including students, with a metal detector.</li> <li>Wall Construction: Land levelling for Wall construction continues in the village of Immatin and east of the towns of Kafr Thulth and 'Azzun.</li> <li>Raid: At 03:00, the Israeli army raided the city of Qalqiliya and arrested 1 civilian.</li> </ol> </li></ul>

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	Arrests:     (i) The Israeli army arrested Mohammed Hilal in the city of Qalqiliya.     (ii) At 23:00, the Israeli army arrested Jihad Hatem Abdul Raheem, while he was reporting to the Israeli Intelligence Service in the settlement of Kedumim.
NABLUS	<ul> <li>Closure of Main Road: 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.</li> <li>Checkpoints/Detention:         <ol> <li>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.</li> <li>At 17:00, the Israeli army closed Huwwara and Beit Furik checkpoints, detaining a number of civilians on both sides of each checkpoint. The Israeli army reopened the checkpoints at a later time, after coordination through the DCO.</li> <li>Flying Checkpoint: At 08:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on Al Badhan road, searched civilian vehicles, and impeded civilian access.</li> <li>Arrest: At 21:20, Israeli troops positioned at Huwwara checkpoint arrested an unidentified female civilian, claiming that she was in possession of a knife.</li> </ol> </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 the western entrances to the town of Bruqin and the village of Marda with dirt barricades.</li> <li>The Israeli army continues to close the western entrance to the town of Kafr ad Dik with cement cements.</li> </ol> </li> <li>Checkpoints: <ol> <li>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>The Israeli army continues to intensify its restrictions at the Za'tara junction checkpoint and to impede civilian access.</li> <li>Wall Construction: Wall construction continues 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>Flving Checkpoints:</li> <li>The Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint in the area between the town of Biddya and the village of Mas'ha and searched civilians and vehicles.</li> </ol> </li> </ul>

	(ii) The Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the eastern entrance to the village of Yasuf and searched civilians and vehicles.
JERICHO	<ul> <li>Closure: Road # 90 between the city of Jericho and the village of Al 'Auja is 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 sporadically impedes civilian movement into the city of Jericho, except for Jerusalem and Jericho ID holders.</li> <li>Checkpoints: <ol> <li>The Israeli army continues to intensify its restrictions at Al Hamra checkpoint on the road connecting the districts of Jericho and Nablus, impeding civilian access.</li> <li>On 15 February 2006, the Israeli army set up an iron gate at the entrance to the village of 'Ein Ad Duyuk on the road connecting the districts of Jericho and Ramallah. The Israeli army also announced a decision to prevent civilians from crossing in both directions between 20:00 and 05:00 on a daily basis.</li> <li>Flying Checkpoint: At 10:10, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the junction to the settlement of Vered Yericho.</li> <li>Raid: At 20:45, an Israeli army patrol raided the village of Al 'Auja and served summons to a number of civilians to report to the Israeli Intelligence Service.</li> </ol> </li></ul>
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 continues north of 'Ayda refugee camp towards the area north of the city of Beit Jala and in the Everest area, northwest of the city of Beit Jala.</li> <li>Raids: <ol> <li>At 13:30, the Israeli army, including 3 jeeps, raided and patrolled the town of Al Khadr.</li> <li>At 18:10, an Israeli army patrol raided the village of Dar Salah, set up a checkpoint, and searched civilians and vehicles until 00:30.</li> <li>An Israeli army patrol raided the city of Bethlehem and patrolled the area.</li> </ol> </li> <li>Arrests: At 11:20, it was ascertained that the Israeli army had arrested 3 children from the Ad Duheisha and 'Ayda refugee camps: <ol> <li>Mohammed 'Isa al Mahseeri, 16 years old;</li> <li>Firas Hatem az Zaghari, 17 years old; and</li> <li>'Arafeh 'Abed Abu Srour, 14 years old.</li> </ol> </li> </ul>

	<ul> <li>House Demolitions: At 14:00, the Israeli army distributed notices to demolish 3 houses in the town of Tuqu', claiming that they were built without the required licenses. The houses belong to:         <ol> <li>Mohammed Khalil Safi;</li> <li>Ibrahim Mohammed Safi; and</li> <li>Khalaf Ahmed al Badan.</li> </ol> </li> </ul>
HEBRON	Closure:  (i) 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.  (ii) 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.  (iii) 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.  (iv) 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.  • 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, and the junction to the area of Farsh al Hawa leading to Road # 35 northwest of the city of Hebron. The Israeli army also continues to close with dirt barricades the entrances to the town of Idhna and 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 continues west of the town of Surif to Beit Ula, in the town of Idhna, from the village of Deir Samit to the village of Beit 'Awwa, from Beit 'Awwa to the village of Deir Samit to the village of Beit 'Awwa, from Beit 'Awwa to the village of Al Burj, and south of the towns of Adh Dhahiriya and As Samoa'.  • Flying Checkpoints:  (i) The Israeli army set up a flying che

- (i) Anwar Salman al Joulani;
- (ii) Mohammed Kayed Imam;
- (iii) Karam Ali al Joulani; and
- (iv) Ayman Abdul Jaleel Abdul Baset.

On 14 February 2006, the Israeli army arrested 2 civilians during its raid on the town of Bani Na'im:

- (v) Yousef Abdullah 'Uweissat; and
- (vi) Sa'eed Zyadat.
- <u>Detention</u>: At 08:00, the Israeli army detained Mu'ayyad Burhan 'Abed al Muhtaseb while he was reporting to the Israeli Intelligence Service according to a summons he had been served earlier. At 17:00, the Israeli army released the detained civilian.
- <u>Destruction of Property</u>: The Israeli army distributed notices to destroy tents and greenhouses in the town of Yatta, claiming that they are in close proximity to an Israeli army checkpoint.

#### **GAZA STRIP**

### ALL DISTRICTS

• The Israeli army partially eased the closure it has imposed on the Gaza Strip since 16 December 2005 ostensibly due to Palestinian individuals' firing of mortars towards the Green Line. The Israeli army allowed 3,115 workers and 116 merchants to cross the Green Line. Additionally, the Israeli army allowed civilians holding special permits to enter and exit the Gaza Strip.

### 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.
- <u>Closure of Crossing Point</u>: Beit Hanun (Erez) Crossing is partially open to foreign nationals, VIPs, civilians holding special permits, and humanitarian cases.
- Attacks/Provocation of Palestinian Forces:
- (i) At 17:05, the Israeli army fired 3 artillery shells and 3 sound mortars from Points 64 and 82 on the Green Line east of Gaza city and the town of Jabalya towards Palestinian territory near 3 Palestinian National Security locations north of the town of Beit Lahiya.
- (ii) Between 17:05 and 20:55, the Israeli army fired 11 artillery shells from its location inside the Green Line towards Palestinian territory north of the town of Beit Lahiya. Of these, 5 artillery shells did not explode.

	• Palestinian Attack: At 19:20, an armed confrontation took place between the Israeli army and armed Palestinian individuals near Point 24 on the Green Line north of the town of Beit Hanun, during which the Israeli army injured 1 armed Palestinian individual.
GAZA	Palestinian Attack: At 19:30, 2 unidentified mortars were fired towards the Green Line.
CENTRAL GAZA	• <u>Palestinian Attack</u> : At 17:20, 1 unidentified mortar was fired towards the Green Line.
KHAN YUNIS	Activities not reported.
RAFAH	<ul> <li>Closure of Crossing Points: <ol> <li>Yasser 'Arafat International Airport remains closed.</li> <li>Rafah Crossing is partially open.</li> <li>Attack: At 24:00, the Israeli army opened fire from a military post near Karem Shalom gate east of the city of Rafah towards 4 civilians, while they were attempting to gain access into areas inside the Green Line. The Israeli army also arrested the civilians.</li> <li>Arrests: The Israeli army arrested 4 civilians near Karem Shalom gate east of the city of Rafah:</li> <li>Mohammed Abdallah ash Shanti;</li> <li>Akram Abdallah Abu Snan;</li> <li>'Adel Abdallah at Tarabeen; and</li> <li>Anwar Abu Jeed.</li> </ol> </li></ul>

## **GENERAL**

WORK PERMITS	<ul> <li>West Bank: The Israeli authorities renewed 6,894 work permits for crossing the Green Line. However, the number of permit-holding workers who were allowed to access areas inside the Green Line is unknown.</li> <li>Gaza Strip: The Israeli authorities renewed 5,177 work permits for crossing the Green Line. However, only 3,115 workers (approximately 60% of those possessing work permits) were allowed to access areas inside the Green Line.</li> </ul>
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