# مجموعة الرقابة الفلسطينية



#### PALESTINIAN MONITORING GROUP

#### **DAILY SITUATION REPORT**

08:00 03 January 2006 - 08:00 04 January 2006

#### **SUMMARY OF EVENTS**

EVENT	WEST BANK	GAZA STRIP	TOTAL	NOTES
Death	1		1	1 civilian in Turrama village, Hebron
Physical Assaults	4	_	4	Incl. 3 elections candidates beaten
Injuries	14	_	14	Incl. 11 children & 1 school student
Air Attacks	_	2	2	Missiles fired by F16 combat aircrafts
Attacks	6	3	9	Incl. 4 in raids & 4 from mil. posts
Raids	18	_	18	Incl. 5 in Ramallah & 7 in Hebron
Air Patrols	_	4	4	F16 aircrafts over Gaza and N. Gaza
Arrests	7	_	7	Incl. 2 security officers & 2 students
Detentions	13	_	13	Incl. a pregnant woman
House Demolition	1	_	1	In Al Walaja village, Bethlehem
Wall Construction	28	_	28	Incl. Jer., Raml'h., Qalq., Salfit, Beth.
Destruction of Property	1	1	2	Incl. 1 overpass destroyed in N. Gaza
Confiscation of Property	1	_	1	Pottery ornaments in Al 'Auja
Attacks on Property	2	_	2	Incl. land excavated near Rafah, Salfit
House Occupations	5	_	5	In Jenin and around Jenin RC
Flying Checkpoints	23	_	23	Incl. 4 in Tulkarem & 5 in Hebron
Closure of Checkpoints	3	_	3	Incl. 'Einav & Jubara checkpoints
Closure (per District)	10	1	11	Incl. the area of Tubas closed
Closure of Main Roads	29	_	29	Incl. eastern entrance to Bir Nabala
Closure of Crossing Points	_	3	3	Incl. Beit Hanun Crossing partially
School Disruption	1	_	1	'Anata School raided & bullets fired
Settler Violence	2	_	2	Incl. 1 house set on fire in Hebron
Obstruction of Elections	5	_	5	Incl. elections candidates detained
Provocation of Pal. Forces	1	2	3	Incl. Pal. locations shelled in N. Gaza
Palestinian Attack	1	_	1	Open fire towards 1 watchtower
Pal. Security Measures	2	_	2	5 illegal vehicles handed over
TOTAL	178	16	194	

DISTRICT	EVENT
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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, impeding 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>Flying Checkpoint: The Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint near the 'Atarot Industrial Zone and searched civilians and vehicles.</li> <li>Raid/School Disruption: The Israeli army raided the village of 'Anata, raided the village's secondary school, and fired rubber coated steel bullets, injuring I student and I teacher.</li> <li>Obstruction of Elections/Detention/Physical Assault: The Israeli army detained 7 candidates running for the upcoming Palestinian legislative elections in the Jerusalem electoral constituency, while they were visiting the area of Bab al 'Amud (Damascus Gate) in the old city of Jerusalem. The Israeli army also severely beat Hatem Abdul Qader, a member of the Palestinian Legislative Council, and Dr. Talal Abu 'Afif, after which they fell unconscious. Additionally, the Israeli army dispersed an electoral gathering near Bab As Sahira (Herod's Gate) and beat Dr. Hanan 'Ashrawi.</li> </ul>
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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.</li> <li>Flying Checkpoints:         <ul> <li>The Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on 'Uyun al Haramiya junction on the Ramallah-Nablus main road and searched civilians and vehicles.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

(ii)	The Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to the village		
	of An Nabi Salih, searched civilian vehicles, and impeded civilian		
	access.		

#### • Raids/Obstruction of Elections/Physical Assault:

- (i) At 22:00, the Israeli army raided the village of Deir Abu Mash'al, searched 1 house, and arrested 1 civilian.
- (ii) At 23:50, the Israeli army raided the village of Qarawat Bani Zeid and opened indiscriminate fire, while it was patrolling the area.
- (iii) The Israeli army raided the village of Beit Sira, prevented civilians from hanging campaign posters for candidates running for the upcoming Palestinian legislative elections, and severely beat 1 civilian.
- (iv) The Israeli army raided and patrolled the city of El Bireh.
- (v) The Israeli army raided Al Jalazun refugee camp and searched a number of houses.
- <u>Arrest</u>: The Israeli army arrested Suhayb Ibrahim Zahran in the village of Deir Abu Mash'al.
- <u>Palestinian Attack</u>: At 21:15, armed Palestinian individuals opened fire towards Israeli troops positioned on the surveillance watchtower erected at the entrance to the settlement of Halamish. Israeli troops responded by opening indiscriminate fire.
- <u>Palestinian Security Measure</u>: At 15:00, Palestinian security forces handed over 4 illegal vehicles, seized in the city of Ramallah, to the Israeli authorities (through the DCO).

## • <u>Closure</u>: The Israeli army continues to impose a complete closure on the area of Tubas and prevent civilians from entering or exiting the area.

- <u>Closure of Main Road</u>: The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades Al Jabriyat road, connecting the area south of the city of Jenin to Jenin refugee camp.
- <u>Checkpoint</u>: The Israeli army continues to close Tayasir checkpoint east of the town of Tubas and to deny civilian access.
- <u>Wall Gates</u>: Passage through the Wall gates is restricted to civilians granted special Israeli permits.

#### • Flying Checkpoints:

# (i) At 09:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to the town of Az Zababida and searched civilians and vehicles until 10:00.

- (ii) The Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint between the areas of Wadi al Far'a and Al Badhan and searched civilians and vehicles.
- (iii) The Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint in the area between the town of Tubas and the village of 'Aqqaba and searched civilians and vehicles.
- Raid/House Occupations/Detention: Beginning at 01:20 on 03 January 2006, the Israeli army has remained positioned in the city of Jenin and Jenin refugee camp. The Israeli army occupied 5 houses in the city of Jenin and in the area surrounding Jenin refugee camp, converted them into military

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posts, detained 1 pregnant woman in 1 room in an occupied house, and searched a number of other houses. Confrontations took place between the Israeli army and civilians, during which the Israeli army injured 12 civilians, including 11 children. The Israeli army also took position in front of Jenin Public Hospital. The Israeli army remains positioned in the area as of 08:00 this morning.

- <u>Obstruction of Elections</u>: Israeli troops positioned at Tayasir checkpoint denied access to staff members from the Palestinian Central Elections Commission in the area of Tubas, while they were travelling to the area of the Northern Jordan Valley.
- <u>Closure</u>: 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.

#### • Closure of Main Roads:

- (i) The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the road between the town of Kafr al Labad and the village of Al Hafasa and the entrance to the village of 'Izbat Abu Khmeish.
- (ii) The Israeli army continues to close the road connecting the towns of Bal'a and Deir al Ghusun with cement blocks.
- (iii) The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the roads connecting the town of Bal'a to the village of Al 'Attara, to the town of 'Illar, and to Dahiyat Iktaba in the city of Tulkarem.

#### • Checkpoints:

- (i) The Israeli army continues to close the checkpoint set up near the settlement of 'Einav on the road connecting the districts of Tulkarem and Nablus and to deny access to civilian vehicles in both directions.
- (ii) The Israeli army continues to close Jubara checkpoint south of the city of Tulkarem and to deny civilian access in both directions.
- Wall Gates: Passage through the Wall gates is restricted to civilians granted special Israeli permits.

#### • Flying Checkpoints:

- (i) At 08:00, the Israeli army set up 2 flying checkpoints on the junctions to the village of Al Jarushiya and the town of Bal'a and denied civilian access in all directions.
- (ii) The Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the junction to the village of Far'un, searched civilian vehicles, and impeded civilian access.
- (iii) The Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to the town of 'Illar, searched civilian vehicles, and impeded civilian access.
- Raid/Obstruction of Elections: At 18:00, the Israeli army raided the city of Tulkarem and its suburbs and opened indiscriminate fire towards civilians, while they were hanging electoral posters for candidates running for the upcoming Palestinian legislative elections. The Israeli army also searched a number of houses and patrolled the area.

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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>Flying Checkpoints: The Israeli army set up 3 flying checkpoints: at the entrance to the city of Qalqiliya, in the area between the towns of 'Azzun and Kafr Thulth, and in the vicinity of the village of Al Funduq and searched civilians and vehicles.</li> <li>Arrest: At 02:40 on 03 January 2006, the Israeli army arrested Mohammed Muneer Sadeq, a Palestinian security officer, during its raid on the city of Qalqiliya.</li> </ol> </li></ul>
NABLUS	<ul> <li>Closure of Main Roads: <ol> <li>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>The Israeli army continues to close the road connecting the city of Nablus and the town of 'Asira ash Shamaliya.</li> <li>The Israeli army continues to close the entrance to the village of Beita with dirt barricades.</li> </ol> </li> <li>Checkpoints: <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, with the exception of Huwwara checkpoint where civilians are allowed only entry into the city around the clock.</li> <li>At 21:30, the Israeli army intensified its restrictions at Huwwara checkpoint and denied civilian access in both directions, allowing passage to humanitarian cases only.</li> <li>Arrest: At 12:40, Israeli troops positioned at Huwwara checkpoint arrested Mohammed Ali as Salhi.</li> </ol> </li></ul>
SALFIT	<ul> <li>Closure of Main Roads:         <ul> <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 <i>Intifada</i> (Uprising).</li> </ul> </li> <li>The Israeli army continues to close the entrance to the town of Kafr ad Dik with cement blocks.</li> </ul>

- The Israeli army continues to close the western entrance to the village (iii) of Brugin with dirt barricades. The Israeli army continues to close the entrance to the village of (iv)
  - Qarawat Bani Hassan with an iron gate and cement blocks.
  - Checkpoint: The Israeli army continues to close Deir Ballut checkpoint overnight and open it at various morning hours, impeding civilian access.
  - 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.
  - Flying Checkpoints: At 21:20, the Israeli army set up 2 flying checkpoints at the entrances to the villages of Farkha and Iskaka and searched civilians and vehicles until 22:00.
  - Attack On Property: The Israeli army excavated land in search of archaeological artefacts in the area of Khirbet Kasafa, located behind the Wall and affiliated with the village of Rafat.
  - 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.

#### **Checkpoints:**

- (i) The Israeli army continues to intensify its restrictions at Al Hamra checkpoint on the road connecting the districts of Jericho and Nablus and to impede civilian access.
- (ii) At 13:20, the Israeli army intensified its restrictions at the DCO checkpoint set up at the southern entrance to the city of Jericho, impeding civilian access.

#### **Flying Checkpoints:**

### (i)

- At 18:00, and again at 20:30, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint near the junction to the settlement of Vered Yericho and searched civilians and vehicles.
- At 06:40, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to (ii) the village of 'Ein ad Duyuk and searched civilians and vehicles.
- Raid/Provocation of Palestinian Forces/Destruction of Property: At 09:50, the Israeli army raided the village of Al 'Auja, demanded that Palestinian National Security forces not leave their positions, and levelled vendors' stalls on both sides of Road # 90 in the centre of the village. The Israeli army also notified vendors to relocate their stalls 12 metres away from both sides of Road # 90, confiscated the contents of 4 stalls selling pottery ornaments, and withdrew at 11:50.
- Attack on Property: The Israeli army continues to implement a military order to close commercial shops on both sides of Road # 90 in the centre of the village of Al 'Auja. The order is valid until 08 January 2006.

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#### **Closure:** The Israeli army continues to close the road to the village of An (i) Nu'man in the north-eastern Bethlehem district, isolating 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. The Israeli army continues to close the entrances to the villages of (ii) Husan and Nahhalin with cement blocks. 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. **BETHLEHEM** 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. Raid: At 07:20, the Israeli army raided the village of Al Walaja and demolished a 2-storey house, claiming that it was built without the required House Demolition: The Israeli army demolished a 2-storey house in the village of Al Walaja, belonging to Ali Saleem Abu Rizq. Arrest: At 15:30, Israeli troops positioned at As Sawahira ash Sharqiya (the "Container") checkpoint arrested Iyad Fat'hi Isteiti, a Palestinian National Security officer. **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. The Israeli army continues to implement a military order to close (ii) 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. **HEBRON** (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. The Israeli army continues to close the entrance to the area of Al Khan (iv) 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:** Beginning on 16 December 2005, the Israeli army has continued to (i) close with dirt barricades the entrances to the village of Beit 'Einun, Al Fawwar refugee camp, the area of Al Hawawir leading to the town of Halhul, and the area of Al Fahs south of the city of Hebron. The Israeli army has also continued to close with dirt barricades Zif junction to the

- town of Yatta and the junction to the area of Farsh al Haw leading to Road # 35 northwest of the city of Hebron.
- (ii) Beginning on 16 December 2005, the Israeli army has continued to close the entrance to Al 'Arrub refugee camp with an iron gate.
- (iii) Beginning on 16 December 2005, the Israeli army has continued to close the entrance to the town of Idhna 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 Al Burj, and south of the towns of Adh Dhahiriya and As Samoa'.

#### • Flying Checkpoints:

- (i) At 11:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the main road along Al 'Arrub refugee camp and denied civilian access, claiming that stones were thrown at Israeli vehicles.
- (ii) The Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the overpass to the town of Halhul and searched civilians and vehicles.

#### • Raids:

- (i) On 02 January 2006, the Israeli army raided the town of Dura and arrested 3 civilians, including 2 university students.
- (ii) At 20:50, the Israeli army raided the town of town of Dura, searched 2 houses, and withdrew at 21:50.
- (iii) At 00:35, the Israeli army raided the town of Yatta, searched 1 house, and withdrew at 01:30.
- (iv) At 02:00, the Israeli army raided the village of Turrama south of the town of Dura. An armed confrontation took place between 1 armed Palestinian individual and Israeli troops, while they were searching his house. As a result, the Israeli troops killed the Palestinian individual.
- (v) The Israeli army raided the village of Al Karmel and searched 6 houses.
- (vi) The Israeli army raided the town of Sa'ir, set up a checkpoint at its entrance, searched civilians and vehicles, and patrolled the area.
- (vii) The Israeli army raided the city of Hebron, set up 2 checkpoints near Hebron University and on As Salaam Street, searched civilians and vehicles, and patrolled the area.
- <u>Killing</u>: The Israeli army killed Mustafa Ibrahim Salem in the village of Turrama.
- Arrests: The Israeli army arrested 3 civilians in the town of Dura:
- (i) Shadi Fayez an Nammourah;
- (ii) Muhannad Musallam Abu as Sundus; and
- (iii) 'Azzam 'Izzu Jad Allah.

#### • Settler Violence:

- (i) At 10:20, a group of Israeli settlers threw empty bottles at civilians and overturned vendors' stalls in the old city of Hebron.
- (ii) At 13:50, a group of Israeli settlers threw empty bottles at 1 house and set fire to the first floor of another house.
- <u>Palestinian Security Measure</u>: At 16:00, Palestinian security forces handed over 1 illegal vehicle, seized in the city of Hebron, to the Israeli authorities (through the DCO).

#### **GAZA STRIP**

ALL DISTRICTS	<ul> <li>Beginning on 16 December 2005, the Israeli army has continued to impose a complete closure on the Gaza Strip, ostensibly due to Palestinian individuals' firing of mortars towards the Green Line. The Israeli army has prevented civilians and workers from crossing the Green Line.</li> </ul>
NORTHERN GAZA	<ul> <li>Closure: Beginning at 18:00 on 28 December 2005, the Israeli army has continued to impose a buffer zone (through artillery and air attacks) in the area near the Green Line, including the areas of evacuated settlements, in the district of Northern Gaza. Prior to imposing the buffer zone, Israeli army combat aircrafts dropped fliers warning that civilians would put their lives in danger if they enter the designated area.</li> <li>Closure of Crossing Point: Beit Hanun (Erez) Crossing is partially open to foreign nationals, VIPs, and humanitarian cases only.</li> <li>Air Attacks/Destruction of Property/Provocation of Palestinian Forces: <ol> <li>At 03:40, an Israeli army F16 combat aircraft fired 1 missile towards and destroyed an overpass at the western entrance to the town of Beit Hanun.</li> <li>At 04:10, an Israeli army F16 combat aircraft fired 3 missiles towards Palestinian territory in the area between 2 Palestinian National Security locations around the evacuated settlement of Dugit northwest of the town of Beit Lahiya.</li> <li>Attacks/Provocation of Palestinian Forces:</li> <li>At 10:30, the Israeli army fired 1 artillery shell from Point 64 on the Green Line towards Palestinian territory near 2 Palestinian National Security locations in the area of the evacuated settlement of Eli Sinai northwest of the town of Beit Lahiya.</li> <li>Between 23:00 and 23:30, the Israeli army fired 11 artillery shells from its location inside the Green Line towards Palestinian territory east of the town of Jabalya.</li> <li>Air Patrol: At 02:00, Israeli army F16 combat aircrafts patrolled the skies over the district of Northern Gaza.</li> </ol> </li> </ul>
GAZA	• <u>Air Patrol</u> : At 02:00, Israeli army F16 combat aircrafts patrolled the skies over Gaza city.
CENTRAL GAZA	Activities not reported.
KHAN YUNIS	• Attack: At 16:20, the Israeli army opened fire from the area between Points 147 and 156 on the Green Line towards Palestinian territory east of the area of Al Qarara.

# • Closure of Crossing Points: (i) Yasser Arafat International Airport remains closed. (ii) Rafah Crossing is partially open in both directions from 08:00 to 16:00 to passengers holding Palestinian IDs, humanitarian cases, and Arab and foreign diplomatic missions.

#### **GENERAL**