مجموعة الرقابة الفلسطينية



PALESTINIAN MONITORING GROUP

DAILY SITUATION REPORT

08:00 07 January 2004 - 08:00 08 January 2004

SUMMARY OF EVENTS

EVENT	WEST BANK	GAZA STRIP	TOTAL	NOTES
Death	_	1	1	
Physical Assaults	3		3	
Attacks	2	5	7	
Raids	15		15	
Arrests (per person)	11	4	15	Incl. 3 children
Detentions	3	1	4	Incl. 1 officer
Land Leveling	_	2	2	
Land Confiscation	1		1	1500 dunums, sep. wall const.
House Demolitions	_	2	2	
Checkpoints	All	_	All	
Flying Checkpoints	22	_	22	
Closures (per District)	8	_	8	Incl. area of villages, s. Tulk.
Closure of Main Roads	Most	(4)	Most	
Closure of Wall Gates	All	_	All	Permits required to cross
Closure of Crossing Points	_	2	2	1 Partially open to workers
Demonstration	1	_	1	Against separation wall
TOTAL	66	17	83	

DISTRICT	EVENT
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WEST BANK

JERUSALEM	 Closure: The city of Jerusalem remains closed to residents from other districts. Separation Wall Construction: Construction of the separation wall continues in Al Shayyah, Abu Dis, Al Eizariya and Al Sawahira. Physical Assault: At 14:00, Israeli police and settlers severely beat 3 Palestinian laborers near the settlement of Ma'ale Adummim and detained them for several hours. The laborers were transferred to hospital for treatment of injuries sustained during the attack. The 3 laborers are: Muhammad Mahmoud Abdallah; and his 2 brothers: Abdallah Mahmoud Abdallah; and Ahmad Mahmoud Abdallah. Religious Provocation: The Israeli army allowed a group of Jewish worshippers to enter the Al Aqsa Mosque compound to conduct prayers. 	
RAMALLAH & EL BIREH	Closure: At 19:30, the Israeli army closed the entrance to the town of Silwad, detained dozens of civilians in the rain until 23:00. The Israeli army again closed the entrance to the town at 07:00. Separation Wall Construction: Construction of the western portion of the separation wall continues in the areas of Budrus and Rantis. Land Confiscation: The Israeli authorities confiscated 1,500 dunums (375 acres) of land from Betunia, south of Ramallah, for construction of the separation wall. Raids: At 18:00, 2 Israeli jeeps raided the town of Beit Rima and the villages of Kafr 'Ein and An Nabi Salih. At 21:20, an Israeli jeep raided the towns of Beit Rima, Deir Ghassana and the village of Kafr 'Ein. The Israeli army raided the city of El Bireh and arrested 7 civilians after searching their houses. Arrests: The Israeli army arrested 7 civilians in El Bireh city: Fadil Taha; Wisam Salamah; Wisam Salamah; Wisam Shkukani; Ashraf Shkukani; Sari Arabi, college student; and	

	 (vii) Hashim Naser Al Sus. <u>Demonstration</u>: At 11:30, a demonstration took place in the village of Budrus in protest against construction of the separation wall on village land. The Israeli army used force to disperse the protestors.
JENIN	 Separation Wall Gates: Passage through the separation wall gates is restricted to civilians granted special Israeli permits which are based on no specific criteria. The closure continues to negatively impact economic and livelihood activities and impedes access to health facilities. Raid: At 04:00, the Israeli army raided the town of Silat al Harithiya, searched several houses and arrested 3 civilians before withdrawing at 06:00. Arrests: The Israeli army arrested 3 civilians in Silat al Harithiya: (i) Ahmad Tahayna, 28 years old; (ii) Ahmad Jaradat, 22 years old; and (iii) Osama Jaradat, 24 years old. The Israeli army arrested Khalid Washahi during the raid on Jenin refugee camp on 6 January 2004.
JERICHO	Activities not yet reported.
BETHLEHEM	Closure: Entrances to the city in the north, south, northwest and west remain closed to vehicles, cutting Bethlehem off from its southern villages and from Jerusalem.
TULKAREM	 Closure: The Israeli army sealed off the city completely. All entrances to the city are closed. At 08:10, the Israeli army reinforced its troops with 6 additional APCs and 6 tanks at the checkpoint of Nataniya. The Israeli army continues to close the Enav iron gate and Al Kafriyat separation wall gate, separating Tulkarem from the districts of Nablus and Qalqiliya. Flying Checkpoints: At 13:50, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint inside the city near Khadduri University of Agriculture. The Israeli army set up several flying checkpoints at the entrances to the towns and villages of Qaffin, Nazlat Isa, Kafr Al Labad, Baqa ash Sharqiya and Illar, searched vehicles and examined passenger IDs.
	(iii) The Israeli army set up flying checkpoints at the entrances to the

	 villages and towns of Bal'a, Anabta, Kafr Al Labad, Atara and Beit Lid, searched vehicles and examined passenger IDs. (iv) The Israeli army set up several flying checkpoints at the entrances to the towns and villages of Izbat Shufa, Shufa, Kafr Sur, Kafr Jamal, Kur, and Kafr Abbush Separation Wall Gates: Passage through the separation wall gates is restricted to civilians granted special Israeli permits which are based on no specific criteria. The closure continues to negatively impact economic and livelihood activities and impedes access to health facilities. Raids: (i) At 12:30, and again at 13:15 and 23:45, the Israeli army raided the center of the city. (ii) At 13:20, the Israeli army raided Tulkarem refugee camp, took position near a school and prevented vehicles from accessing the city. (iii) At 22:35, the Israeli army again raided Tulkarem refugee camp and opened fire towards civilians. (iv) At 22:55, an Israeli jeep raided Dahiyat Irtah and opened fire.
NABLUS	 Closure: Nablus remains a closed military area. Civilians are prohibited from leaving or entering the city. The Israeli army closed all exits leading to the village of Beit Dajan. Israeli jeeps surrounded the village and prevented civilians from entering or leaving. Flying Checkpoints/Detentions: At 13:25, the Israeli army detained dozens of civilians at the junction of Beit Lid for several hours. The Israeli army detained over 40 civilians at a checkpoint on the Jit/Sarra junction, including children, women and elderly, during a rainstorm.
HEBRON	Activities not yet reported.
QALQILYA	• <u>Separation Wall Gates</u> : Passage through the separation wall gates is restricted to civilians granted special Israeli permits which are based on no specific criteria. The closure continues to negatively impact economic and livelihood activities and impedes access to health facilities.
SALFIT	 <u>Curfew</u>: The Israeli army continues to impose curfew over the town of Jamma'in. <u>Flying Checkpoints</u>:

- (i) At 14:00, the Israeli army set up several flying checkpoints on the main road, west of Za'tara junction, searched vehicles and examined passenger IDs.
 - (ii) At 12:30, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance of the village of Qarawat Bani Hassan, searched vehicles and examined passenger IDs.
 - Raid: At 09:55, the Israeli army, including 4 jeeps, raided the city of Salfit and took position in the city until 12:15.

GAZA STRIP

NORTHERN GAZA	 Closure: The Erez crossing is partially open to workers. Land Leveling: At 22:20, Israeli bulldozers, supported by a large military force, continued leveling agricultural land northwest of Beit Lahia and fenced the area with barbed wire. Arrests: At 11:50, the Israeli army arrested 3 children near Mazari' Abu Safiya, located southeast of Beit Hanoun: Ali Abu Rayya, 16 years old; Abdul Karim Abu Jabal, 15 years old; and Ahmad Awad, 16 years old.
GAZA CITY	Closure: Al Shuhada' junction remains closed.
CENTRAL GAZA	Detention: At 13:45, the Israeli army detained a high-ranking Palestinian National Security officer at the Abu Holi checkpoint, in addition to passengers traveling with him.
KHAN YUNIS	 Closure: Abu al Ajin road (Khan Yunis Al Sharqiya) remains closed. Western road (Khan Yunis) remains closed. Abu Holi road is partially opened. Land Leveling: At 16:05, Israeli bulldozers, supported by a large military force, leveled 50 dunums (12.5 acres) of guava and date palm trees located north of Al Matahin in Al Qarara. Attack: At 10:40, the Israeli army opened intensive fire from its location at Point 10 towards civilian houses in West Khan Yunis refugee camp. Arrest: At 11:00, the Israeli army arrested Ahmad Al Bal'awi at Al Matahin checkpoint.

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	• <u>Closure</u> :		
	(i) The Gaza International Airport remains closed.		
	(ii) Sufa crossing remains partially open to merchants and workers.		
	• Attacks:		
	(i) At 10:10, the Israeli army opened intensive fire from its location at		
	Point 8.5 towards civilian houses in Yebna refugee camp.		
RAFAH	(ii) At 10:10, the Israeli army opened intensive fire from its location at Tel		
	Sultan towards civilian houses in Tel Sultan.		
	(iii) At 01:20, the Israeli army opened fire from its location at Tel Sultan		
	towards the same area, shooting and killing 1 civilian in the head.		
	(iv) At 02:00, Israeli army tanks fired 2 shells towards Rafah cemetery.		
	• Killing: The Israeli army killed Yehya Al Kurd, 40 years old, who was		
	shot in the head.		
	• House Demolitions: At 17:20, Israeli bulldozers demolished 2 houses and		
	leveled the remains of the houses east of Al Awda Crossing in Rafah.		