مجموعة الرقابة الفلسطينية



PALESTINIAN MONITORING GROUP

DAILY SITUATION REPORT

08:00 14 January 2005 – 08:00 15 January 2005

SUMMARY OF EVENTS

EVENT	WEST BANK	GAZA STRIP	TOTAL	NOTES
Deaths	_	2	2	Incl. 1 civilian of injuries sustained
Physical Assault	1	_	1	1 civilian severely beaten
Attacks	1	8	9	2 during raids and 7 from mil. posts
Raids	22	2	24	Incl. 1 in Jerusalem & 5 in Ramallah
Arrests (per person)	18	_	18	Incl. 2 children and 1 officer
Detentions	5	2	7	Incl. at checkpoints
Land Levelling	_	1	1	Agricultural land in Al Qarara
Destruction of Property		1	1	Crops in the village of Al Qarara
House Occupation	1	_	1	1 building in Nablus
Curfews	2	_	2	Silat Adh Dhahr and Tarqumiya
Flying Checkpoints	5	_	5	Incl. 1 in Jenin & 3 in Tulkarem
Closure (per District)	4	1	5	Incl. Jerusalem and Jericho (partially)
Closure of Main Roads	(Unidentified)	(6)	_	Incl. 1 partially
Closure of Wall Gates	(All)	_	(All)	Permits required to cross
Closure of Crossing Points	_	6	6	Incl. 1 partially open
Provocation of Pal. Forces	1	1	2	Incl. open fire towards 1 Pal. post
Palestinian Attacks	2	4	6	Incl. open fire towards 2 Israeli buses
Demonstration	1	_	1	In Jamrura against land confiscated
TOTAL	63	28	91	

DISTRICT	EVENT		
ALL DISTRICTS	Beginning on 11 November 2004, the Israeli army has imposed a total closure on the West Bank and Gaza Strip, preventing civilians and workers from crossing the Green Line, following the official announcement of the death of President Yasser Arafat.		

WEST BANK

JERUSALEM	 Closure: The Israeli army intensified its measures at checkpoints set up at the entrances to the city of Jerusalem and dispatched patrols to prevent civilians from other districts from entering the city. Checkpoints: The Israeli army intensified its measures at An Nabi Samwil and Qalandiya checkpoint, which control movement between the districts of Jerusalem and Ramallah, and impeded civilian movement. Wall Gates: The Israeli army continues to close the Wall gate in the town of Abu Dis with cement blocks, completely preventing civilians from crossing. Wall Construction: Wall construction was suspended for the weekend in Dahiyat Al Aqbat, the villages of Hizma and 'Anata, the Hizma-Jaba' road, the area of Al 'Eizariya, near Al Quds University, the area of Ash Shayyah, and in the town of As Sawahira Ash Sharqiya. Raid: The Israeli army raided the neighbourhood of Wadi Al Joz in the city of Jerusalem and raided the Higher National Commission for the Reduction of the Spread of Illegal Drugs, while its board of directors was assembling. The Israeli army also searched the offices of the Commission, detained 4 members of the board of directors, and released them after interrogating them in Al Muscobiya (the Russian Compound) Interrogation Centre, allegedly for carrying out activities for the benefit of the Palestinian National Authority.
RAMALLAH & EL BIREH	 Wall Construction: Wall construction was suspended for the weekend in Budrus, Midya, Ni'lin, Deir Qaddis, Bil'in, Beit Liqya, and Beituniya. Raids/Provocation of Palestinian Forces: At 08:00, the Israeli army, including 3 jeeps, raided the city of Ramallah, patrolled several neighbourhoods, and detained 1 Palestinian National Security officer. At 14:30, and again at 21:00, the Israeli army raided the city again, searched 1 civilian building after detaining its residents, and withdrew after an extended period of time. At 21:20, an Israeli army patrolled raided the village of Kafr 'Ein, patrolled the area, and withdrew at 04:00.

	 (iii) At 21:25, the Israeli army, including 4 jeeps, raided the village of Deir Ghassana, fired sound grenades, and patrolled the area until 23:00. (iv) At 21:30, the Israeli army raided the village of Deir Abu Mash'al and arrested 1 Palestinian National Security officer. Arrest: The Israeli army arrested Taher Isma'il Al Barghouthi, a Palestinian National Security officer, in the village of Deir Abu Mash'al.
JENIN	 Wall Gates: Passage through the Wall gates is restricted to civilians granted special Israeli permits. The closure continues to negatively impact education, economic and livelihood activities and impedes access to health facilities. Wall Construction: Land levelling for Wall construction was suspended for the weekend in Jalbun towards Al Mutilla, Raba, Al Mughayyir, Bardala and 'Ein al Beida, and towards the Jordan River. Raids/Curfew: (i) At 10:00, the Israeli army raided the town of Silat Adh Dhahr, forced the owners of commercial shops to close their shops, and imposed curfew, claiming that Palestinian armed individuals opened fire towards an Israeli bus while it was travelling in the centre of the town. The Israeli army also set up a checkpoint at the entrance to the town and prevented civilians from entering or exiting the town. At 02:00, the Israeli army withdrew from the area. (ii) The Israeli army raided the village of Deir Abu Da'if and arrested 1 civilian. Arrest: The Israeli army arrested Abdul Salam Mahmid in the village of Deir Abu Da'if. Palestinian Attack: At 19:30, armed individuals opened fired towards an Israeli bus travelling along the settler bypass road near the village of Al Jalama.
TULKAREM	 Closure: The Israeli army continues to close Al Kafriyyat road and 'Einav gate, preventing civilian vehicles from crossing. Wall Gates: Passage through the Wall gates is restricted to civilians granted special Israeli permits. The closure continues to negatively impact education, economic and livelihood activities and impedes access to health facilities. Flying Checkpoint: At 08:45, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to the town of Bal'a. At 14:15, the Israeli army set up the checkpoint again, searched civilian vehicles, and examined civilians' IDs. Raid: At 16:00, the Israeli army raided the city of Tulkarem, set up a checkpoint in Shuweika neighbourhood, and searched civilians and vehicles.

QALQILYA	 Wall Gates: Passage through the Wall gates is restricted to civilians granted special Israeli permits. The closure continues to negatively impact education, economic and livelihood activities and impedes access to health facilities. Flying Checkpoint: At 09:30, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to the town of 'Azzun, searched civilian vehicles, and examined civilians IDs.
NABLUS	 Raids/House Occupation: At 19:05, the Israeli army raided the city of Nablus, occupied 1 civilian building, and converted it into a military post. At 21:15, the Israeli army raided the city again and patrolled the area. At 00:30, the Israeli army raided the village of Deir Al Hatab and arrested 1 civilian. Arrests: At 19:45, Israeli troops positioned at Za'tara checkpoint arrested Usamah Burhan Ahmed Abed Rabbu. The Israeli army arrested Suleiman Dawoud 'Odeh in the village of Deir Al Hatab.
SALFIT	 Wall Construction: Land levelling for Wall construction was suspended for the weekend in the village of Deir Ballut along the Green Line and in the area southwest of the village of Kafr Ad Dik. Land levelling for Wall construction west of the village of Iskaka, north of the city of Salfit (around the settlement of Ariel), and in the village of Az Zawiya, remains suspended due to changes in the Wall route following an Israeli Supreme Court order. Raid: At 21:25, the Israeli army raided the outskirts of the town of Kafr Ad Dik and patrolled the area until 23:00.
JERICHO	 Closure: The Israeli army closed all entrances to the city and roads connecting towns and villages and prevented Israeli ID card holders from entering the city. Raid: At 02:15, the Israeli army, including 2 tanks and 14 jeeps, raided the city of Jericho and ordered Palestinian security forces not leave their locations. The Israeli army raided 1 hotel and examined the IDs of hotel residents after detaining them. The Israeli army also searched a number of houses, arrested 2 civilians, and withdrew at 04:35. Arrests: The Israeli army arrested 2 civilians in the city of Jericho: Imad Khamis Bahup; and Ali Ruhoub.

<u>Closure</u>: The Israeli army continues to close the only road leading to the village of Al Nu'man, northeast of the Bethlehem district, isolating the village and placing it, together with the adjacent village of Al Khas, under the jurisdiction of the Jerusalem municipality. The Israeli army considers the civilian presence in the villages illegal. Wall Construction: Construction of the Wall was suspended for the weekend north of the district of Bethlehem, along 'Ayda refugee camp, along the tunnel road (Gilo), and west of the village of Husan. Flying Checkpoint: At 13:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint near the settlement of Ma'ale Adumim, searched civilian vehicles, and arrested 1 civilian. Raids: (i) An Israeli army patrol raided the town of Al Khadr and patrolled the **BETHLEHEM** area. An Israeli army patrol raided the town of Al 'Ubeidiya and arrested 1 (ii) civilian. The Israeli army raided the village of Husan, searched 1 house, and (iii) arrested 2 civilians, including 1 child. **Arrests:** (i) Israeli troops positioned at the checkpoint set up near the settlement of Ma'ale Adumim arrested Mohammed Issa Is'haq. The Israeli army arrested Ayman Ya'qoub Al 'Asa in the town of Al (ii) 'Ubeidiya. The Israeli army arrested 2 civilians in the village of Husan: Mohammed Issa Hamamreh, 15 years old; and (iii) Shadi Issam Hamamreh. (iv) Israeli troops positioned at the checkpoint set up near the DCO offices (v) arrested Fadi Najajreh after severely beating him. Wall Construction: Land levelling for Wall construction was suspended for the weekend west of the towns of Surif. Beit Ula, Idhna, and Beit 'Awwa, in the area extending from the village of Deir Samit, Beit 'Awwa, and towards the village of Al Burj. Raids/Curfew: Beginning at 11:00 on 11 January 2005, the Israeli army remains (i) **HEBRON** positioned in the towns of Idhna and Tarqumiya. The Israeli army imposed curfew over the town of Tarqumiya and arrested 4 civilians, including 1 child. The Israeli army also arrested 1 civilian in the town of Idhna. At 07:30, the Israeli army withdrew from the 2 towns. At 01:30, the Israeli army raided the town of Yatta and arrested 1 (ii) (iii) The Israeli army raided the city of Hebron and arrested 1 civilian.

- Arrests: The Israeli army arrested 4 civilians in the town of Tarqumiya:
- (i) Walid Kathem Fataftah, 17 years old;
- (ii) Iyad Hashem Qabajeh;
- (iii) Mohammed Kamel Fataftah; and
- (iv) Ali Ibrahim Ja'afreh.
- (v) The Israeli army arrested Bassam Mohammed Az Zir in the town of Idhna.
- (vi) The Israeli army arrested Mohammed Talab Abu Fanous in the town of Yatta.
- (vii) The Israeli army arrested Khalil Mihsen in the city of Hebron.
- <u>Demonstration</u>: Civilians in the village of Jamrura, northwest of the town of Tarqumiya, held a sit-in protest on land to be confiscated by the Israeli army for Wall construction. The Israeli army severely beat a number of civilians, detained a delegation of international peace activists, and prevented them from participating in the sit-in.

GAZA STRIP

Closure: Beit Hanun Crossing is partially open to foreign diplomatic vehicles and ill civilians only. • Attack: At 15:10, the Israeli army opened intensive fire from its location in the area surrounding the Industrial Zone of Beit Hanun towards Al Qaraya Al Badawiya and An Nada towers north of the town of Beit Hanun. **NORTHERN Raid:** At 21:10, the Israeli army, including several tanks, raided the area of **GAZA** Abu Safiyyeh east of the town of Beit Hanun. Killing: At 11:50, 'Adel Sharaf died of injuries sustained during the Israeli army incursion into the district of Northern Gaza during the month of September 2004. **Closure:** (i) At 17:00, the Israeli army denied civilians access to the sea and prevented fishermen from sailing until further notice. Nitsareem junction remains closed. (ii) Al Muntar (Karni) Crossing is closed. (iii) (iv) Nahal 'Oz Crossing is closed. **Attack:** At 15:10, the Israeli army opened intensive fire towards 1 **GAZA** Palestinian National Security checkpoint at the entrance to Al Muntar (Karni) Crossing east of Gaza city. Raid/Land Levelling: At 07:55, the Israeli army, including several tanks, raided Palestinian territory north of Ash Shuhada' junction south of Gaza city, opened intensive fire, and levelled agricultural land in the village of Al Mughraga. The Israeli army remains positioned in the area as of 08:00 this morning.

CENTRAL GAZA	 Palestinian Attacks: (i) At 08:30, 1 Qassam mortar was fired towards the Green Line. (ii) At 02:10, 2 Qassam mortars were fired towards the settlement of Kfar Darom. The Israeli army positioned in the area surrounding the settlement responded by open fire towards civilian houses in the area of Al Barakah. 	
KHAN YUNIS	 Closure: Abu Al 'Ajin road (Khan Yunis Al Sharqiya) is closed. Western road (Khan Yunis) remains closed. Al Mawasi/Khan Yunis road (Al Tuffah checkpoint) is closed. Abu Holi road is partially open. At 09:45, the Israeli army frequently closed Salah Ad Din road between Al Matahin and Abu Holi checkpoints and searched civilians and vehicles. Attacks: At 21:25, the Israeli army opened intensive fire from its location at Point 9 towards civilian houses in Al Amal neighbourhood, killing 1 civilian. At 07:50, the Israeli army opened intensive fire from its location at Point 4.5 towards civilian houses in Al Qarara. Killing: The Israeli army killed Mohammed Hamed Al Ustath in Al Amal neighbourhood. Palestinian Attack: At 20:00, 1 mortar was fire towards the settlement of Gadid. The Israeli army responded by opening intensive fire towards civilian houses in West Khan Yunis refugee camp. 	
RAFAH	 Closure: Yasser Arafat International Airport remains closed. Rafah Crossing remains closed for the 2nd consecutive month. Sufa Crossing is closed. Al Mawasi/Rafah road is closed. Palestinian Attack: At 14:40, 2 unidentified mortars were fired towards the settlement of Rafiah Yam. 1 mortar landed on Palestinian territory. 	

GENERAL

POLITICAL PRISONERS	Israeli Measures Against Political Prisoners: Political prisoners in As Sabe' Prison suffer from severe cold as no adequate heaters, winter clothes, and	
	blankets have been provided for them. The prison administration only permits 1 doctor into the prison once a week. The prison administration	

has also prevented political prisoners from performing Friday prayers together and prohibits them from moving among the prison sections. Cancellation of Family Visits: The Israeli army cancelled visits of families from the district of Jenin to their relatives held in Israeli prisons. Family visits were scheduled to take place on 17 January 2005. Israeli Army Restrictions on Family Visits: Jalboa' Prison administration limited the number of political prisoners whose families are permitted to visit them to only 70 and deprived the other prisoners from family visits despite the fact that their families possess valid permits. The prison administration also opened 2 new sections (6 and 7) due to overcrowding in the prison. The prison administration relocated 120 political prisoners to Section 6 and 90 to Section 7. West Bank: Israeli authorities renewed 5,169 work permits to cross the Green Line. (i) The total number of those allowed to cross is unknown. (ii) Israeli authorities restricted the issuing of work permits only to civilians who are married with children and over the age of 30. Gaza Strip: WORK (i) Israeli authorities renewed 524 work permits for workers to enter the Industrial Zone. However, workers were not allowed access to the **PERMITS** Industrial Zone due to the imposed closure. (ii) Israeli authorities renewed 3,119 work permits for workers to cross the Green Line. However, workers were not allowed access into the Green Line due to the imposed closure. (iii) Israeli authorities cancelled all permits issued to 2,375 construction workers to remain overnight inside the Green Line.