# مجموعة الرقابة الفلسطينية



## PALESTINIAN MONITORING GROUP

#### **DAILY SITUATION REPORT**

08:00 18 January 2005 – 08:00 19 January 2005

#### **SUMMARY OF EVENTS**

EVENT	WEST BANK	GAZA STRIP	TOTAL	NOTES
Death	_	1	1	1 civilian south of Sufa Crossing
Injury	1	_	1	1 civilian in the city of Nablus
Attacks	2	3	5	Incl. 3 during raids, 1 from mil. post
Raids	16	3	19	Incl. 5 in Ramallah and 4 in Nablus
Air Patrol	_	1	1	Helicopters north of Beit Lahiya
Arrests (per person)	24		24	Incl. 2 female civilians in Nablus
Detentions	2	3	5	Incl. at checkpoints
House Demolitions	2	_	2	In Nablus, incl. a 3-storey house
Land Levelling	1	1	2	Incl. near Kifl Haris and Haris
Wall Construction	20	_	20	Incl. Jer., Jenin, Ram'lah, Beth., Salfit
Destruction of Property	3	1	4	Incl. 1 shop burned in Nablus
Confiscation of Property	2	_	2	1 public vehicle and 1 taxi
Curfew	1		1	The town of Beit 'Awwa
Checkpoints	(All)		(All)	
Flying Checkpoints	4	_	4	In the district of Tulkarem
Closure (per District)	6		6	Incl. Jerusalem and Jericho (partially)
Closure of Main Roads	(Unidentified)	(6)		Roads connecting districts
Closure of Wall Gates	(All)		(All)	Permits required to cross
Closure of Crossing Points		5	5	Incl. 1 partially open
Medical Obstruction	1	_	1	Ambulance denied access
School Disruption	2	_	2	Incl. 1 school occupied in Nablus
Settlement Activity	1		1	Trans-Samaria Highway expanded
Provocation of Pal. Forces	1	2	3	Incl. 1 Pal. Police vehicle confiscated
Palestinian Attacks		1	1	Mil. operation at Matahin Checkpoint
TOTAL	89	21	110	

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	<ul> <li>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.</li> <li>Checkpoints: The Israeli army continues to intensify its measures at An Nabi Samwil and Qalandiya checkpoints, which control movement between the districts of Jerusalem and Ramallah, and impeded civilian movement.</li> <li>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.</li> <li>Wall Construction: Wall construction continues 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.</li> </ul>
RAMALLAH & EL BIREH	<ul> <li>Wall Construction: Wall construction continues in Budrus, Midya, Ni'lin, Deir Qaddis, Bil'in, Beit Liqya, and Beituniya.</li> <li>Raids/Provocation of Palestinian Forces: <ol> <li>At 13:00, the Israeli army raided the town of Beit Rima and searched a number of houses.</li> <li>At 00:25, the Israeli army raided the cities of Ramallah and El Bireh. At 02:15, the Israeli army raided the city of Ramallah again and patrolled the area.</li> <li>At 01:10, an Israeli army patrol raided the town of Beituniya, surrounded the house of 1 Palestinian Police officer, and confiscated 1 Palestinian Police vehicle and 1 rental vehicle.</li> <li>Arrest: At 21:50, Israeli troops positioned at the checkpoint set up on the 'Atara overpass arrested Mohammed 'Eid 'Abed Al Barghouthi.</li> </ol> </li> </ul>
JENIN	<ul> <li>Wall Gates: Passage through the Wall gates is restricted to civilians granted special Israeli permits.</li> <li>Wall Construction: Land levelling for Wall construction continues in Jalbun towards Al Mutilla, Raba, Al Mughayyir, Bardala and 'Ein al</li> </ul>

Beida, and towards the Jordan River.
• Raid: At 01:00, the Israeli army, including 3 jeeps, raided the town of Al
Yamun, patrolled the area, and withdrew at 05:00.
<ul> <li>Closure: The Israeli army continues to close Al Kafriyyat road and 'Einav gate, preventing civilian vehicles from crossing.</li> <li>Closure of Main Road: At 09:30, the Israeli army closed the main road connecting the city of Tulkarem to the town of Baqa Ash Sharqiya.</li> <li>Wall Gates: Passage through the Wall gates is restricted to civilians granted special Israeli permits.</li> <li>Flying Checkpoints: <ul> <li>(i) At 15:50, the Israeli army set up 2 flying checkpoints on Al Jarushiya junction and the junction to town of Zeita, searched civilians and vehicles.</li> <li>(ii) At 14:30, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the junction to the town of Qaffin, searched civilians and vehicles, and withdrew at 16:00.</li> <li>(iii) At 19:10, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to the town of Bal'a and searched civilians and vehicles.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
Wall Gates: Passage through the Wall gates is restricted to civilians granted special Israeli permits.
<ul> <li>Raids/Medical Obstruction/Destruction of Property: <ul> <li>(i) At 21:40, the Israeli army, including 4 tanks, several armoured vehicles, and jeeps, raided the city of Nablus and 'Ein Beit El Ma' refugee camp, opened fire, and fired sound grenades while surrounding 5 civilian buildings and a number of houses in several neighbourhoods, after detaining their residents, injuring 1 civilian. The Israeli army prevented ambulances from accessing the injured civilian, raided Samir Sa'd Ad Din School, after destroying its doors (using explosives), and converted Ibn Al Haytham School into an interrogation centre. The Israeli army also demolished 2 houses, including a 3-storey house, set fire to 1 commercial shop, and arrested 18 civilians, including 2 female civilians. At 08:00, the Israeli army withdrew from the area.</li> <li>(ii) At 01:30, the Israeli army raided the village of Beit Dajan and arrested 1 civilian.</li> <li>(iii) At 01:35, the Israeli army, including 5 jeeps, raided the village of Kafr Qalil and patrolled the area.</li> <li>Arrests: The Israeli army arrested 18 civilians in the city of Nablus and 'Ein Beit El Ma' refugee camp:</li> <li>(i) Ranya Al Hinnawi, a female civilian;</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

	(iii) Ayman Ash Shak'ah;
	(iv) Fat'hi Kamal;
	(v) Kamal Ar Ratrout;
	(vi) Maher Halawah;
	(vii) Firas 'Ahed At Taher;
	(viii) Ghassan Husni Ash Shantir;
	(ix) Nidhal Husni Ash Shantir;
	(x) Ihab Husni Ash Shantir;
	(xi) Midhat 'Ahed At Taher;
	(xii) Ahmed Abdul Latif Al Beireh;
	(xiii) Qays 'Uweiss;
	(xiv) Hamed Al 'Amoudi;
	(xv) Qassem Al Qabanja;
	(xvi) Khaled 'Uweiss;
	(xvii) Samer 'Ubeid; and
	(xviii) Issam Mustafa 'Odeh.
	(xix) The Israeli army arrested Bashir Abdul Rahman Abu Jeish in the
	village of Beit Dajan.
	House Demolitions: The Israeli army demolished 2 houses in the city of
	Nablus belonging to:
	(i) Amjad Hinnawi; and
	(ii) Wassef Ash Shak'ah.
	Wall Construction:  (i) Lond levelling for Well construction continues in the village of Dair.
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	Ballut along the Green Line and in the area southwest of the village of Kafr Ad Dik.
	(ii) Land levelling for Wall construction west of the village of Iskaka,
SALFIT	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.
	• Settlement Activity: At 08:20, Israeli army bulldozers levelled civilian land
	cultivated with olive trees in the vicinity of the town of Kifl Haris and the
	village of Haris for the expansion of the Trans-Samaria Highway.
	Closure: The Israeli army closed all entrances to the city and roads
IEDICHO	connecting towns and villages and prevented Israeli ID card holders from
JERICHO	entering the city.
	• Raid: At 12:30, the Israeli army raided the village of Al 'Auja, searched a number of houses, and withdrew at 13:45.
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	Closure: The Israeli army continues to close the only road leading to the
BETHLEHEM	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

	<ul> <li>the jurisdiction of the Jerusalem municipality. The Israeli army considers the civilian presence in the villages illegal.</li> <li>Wall Construction: Construction of the Wall continues north of the district of Bethlehem, along 'Ayda refugee camp, along the tunnel road (Gilo), and west of the village of Husan.</li> <li>Raid: At 14:30, an Israeli army patrol raided the town of Al Khadr and patrolled the area until 20:30.</li> </ul>
HEBRON	<ul> <li>Closure: The Israeli army continues to close Al Shuhada' Street and the area of As Sahleh in the area of H2 in the city of Hebron with cement blocks and barbed wire, denying civilians and vehicles access.</li> <li>Wall Construction: Land levelling for Wall construction continues 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.</li> <li>Raids/Curfew: <ol> <li>At 09:00, the Israeli army raided the town of Beit 'Awwa, imposed curfew, searched a number of houses, and arrested 4 civilians. The Israeli army remains positioned in the town as of 08:00 this morning.</li> <li>At 02:00, the Israeli army raided the villages of Al Burj, Deir Al 'Asal, and As Sikka and searched a number of houses.</li> <li>Arrests: The Israeli army arrested 4 civilians in the town of Beit 'Awwa: <ol> <li>Bassem Yousef Masalmeh;</li> <li>Isma'il Hassan 'Awadh;</li> <li>Malek Subhi Masalmeh; and</li> <li>Farid Mousa.</li> </ol> </li> </ol></li></ul>

## **GAZA STRIP**

NORTHERN GAZA	<ul> <li><u>Closure</u>: Beit Hanun Crossing is partially open to foreign diplomatic vehicles and ill civilians only.</li> <li><u>Attack</u>: At 17:15, Israeli army helicopters opened machinegun fire towards Palestinian territory opposite Point 25 on the Green Line north of the town of Beit Hanun.</li> </ul>	
GAZA	<ul> <li>Closure: <ol> <li>At 16:20, the Israeli army closed Sheikh 'Ajlin road south of Sheikh 'Ajlin junction with dirt barricades. At 08:45, the road was reopened.</li> <li>Nitsareem junction remains closed.</li> <li>Al Muntar (Karni) Crossing is closed.</li> </ol> </li> <li>Raids/Provocation of Palestinian Forces: <ol> <li>At 02:20, the Israeli army raided Palestinian territory in the area</li> </ol> </li> </ul>	

	surrounding Ash Shuhada' junction, after ordering Palestinian National Security forces (through the DCO) not to leave their locations.  (ii) At 07:40, the Israeli army raided the area extending from the vicinity of Al Muntar Crossing to Salah Ad Din road towards the west, south of Gaza city, after ordering Palestinian National Security forces (through the DCO) not to leave their locations. The Israeli army also levelled agricultural land in the area surrounding Al Muntar (Karni) Crossing.
CENTRAL GAZA	Activities not reported.
KHAN YUNIS	<ul> <li>Closure: <ol> <li>Abu Al 'Ajin road (Khan Yunis Al Sharqiya) is closed.</li> <li>Western road (Khan Yunis) remains closed.</li> <li>Al Mawasi/Khan Yunis road (Al Tuffah checkpoint) is closed.</li> <li>Abu Holi road is closed. At 15:50, the Israeli army closed Salah Ad Din road between Al Matahin and Abu Holi checkpoints and searched civilian vehicles travelling between the 2 checkpoints. At 19:55, the Israeli army closed the road again. The Israeli army continues to close Salah Ad Din road as of 08:00 this morning.</li> </ol> </li> <li>Palestinian Attack: At 19:55, a Palestinian individual carried out a suicide bombing at the Israeli checkpoint of Al Matahin, during which the Palestinian individual was killed and several Israeli soldiers injured. The Israeli army closed Salah Ad Din road between Al Matahin and Abu Holi checkpoints following the incident, detained civilians, and interrogated them.</li> </ul>
RAFAH	<ul> <li>Closure: <ol> <li>Yasser Arafat International Airport remains closed.</li> <li>Rafah Crossing remains closed for the 2<sup>nd</sup> consecutive month.</li> <li>Sufa Crossing is closed.</li> <li>Al Mawasi/Rafah road is closed.</li> </ol> </li> <li>Attack: At 17:25, the Israeli army opened intensive fire towards a group of children near a mosque in the area surrounding Salah Ad Din gate.</li> <li>Raid: At 10:30, an Israeli army tank raided 600 meters into Palestinian territory south of Sufa Crossing and opened indiscriminate fire, killing 1 civilian in the area.</li> <li>Killing: The Israeli army killed an unidentified civilian south of Sufa Crossing.</li> </ul>