# مجموعة الرقابة الفلسطينية



## PALESTINIAN MONITORING GROUP

## **DAILY SITUATION REPORT**

08:00 20 January 2004 - 08:00 21 January 2004

#### **SUMMARY OF EVENTS**

EVENT	WEST BANK	GAZA STRIP	TOTAL	NOTES
Injuries	_	2	2	Incl. 15 yr. old by live fire
Attacks	6	5	11	
Raids	14	1	15	
Air Patrols	1	2	3	
Deportation	1		1	From Jenin to Gaza Strip
Arrests (per person)	16	3	19	Incl. 16 year old child
Detentions	2	_	2	Dozens of civilians at chpnts.
House Demolitions	3	6	9	Incl. 3 Jer., 6 Rafah r.c. yest.
Land Leveling	1	2	3	Incl. 25 dunums & 700 trees
Separation Wall Const.	3	_	3	Jerusalem, Jenin & Ramallah
Land Confiscation	_	1	1	Near Kfar Daroom settlement
House Occupation	1	_	1	
Checkpoints	All	_	All	
Flying Checkpoints	3	_	3	
Closures (per District)	9	_	9	Incl. isol. of Qalq. & W. Ram.
Closure of Main Roads	Most	(4)	Most	
Closure of Wall Gates	All	_	All	Permits required to cross
Closure of Crossing Points	_	3	3	1 Partially open to workers
TOTAL	60	25	85	

## **WEST BANK**

JERUSALEM	<ul> <li>Closure: The old city of Jerusalem remains closed to all civilians from other districts. The Israeli authorities continue to intensify restrictions on the city, close checkpoints and detain dozens of civilians in the eastern part of the city.</li> <li>Separation Wall Construction: Construction of the separation wall continues in Al Eizariya, Abu Dis and Al Sawahira.</li> <li>House Demolitions: <ol> <li>The Israeli authorities demolished 2 houses in Beit Hanina. The first house, measuring 230 square meters, housed 12 civilians and the second house, measuring 138 square meters, housed 9 civilians.</li> <li>The Israeli authorities demolished 1 house in Ras al 'Amud.</li> </ol> </li> </ul>
RAMALLAH & EL BIREH	<ul> <li>Closure: The Israeli army continues to seal off the villages of Kafr Ni'ma, Ras Karkar, Deir Ammar, and Al Janiya, west of Ramallah city, with dirt mounds. The Israeli army continues to prevent civilians from using alternative dirt roads to reach their destinations.</li> <li>Separation Wall Construction: Construction of the western portion of the separation wall in Budrus and Rantis continues.</li> <li>Attack: At 16:00, the Israeli army opened fire with live fire and threw tear gas grenades from Qalandiya checkpoint towards civilians.</li> <li>Raids: <ol> <li>At 12:00, the Israeli army raided the city of Ramallah and occupied 1 house in Al Masyun neighborhood.</li> <li>At 17:00, the Israeli army raided the town of Betunia and searched 1 house.</li> <li>At 22:00, and again at 02:50, the Israeli army raided the village of Kafr 'Ein, searched 1 house, detained 2 brothers and then arrested 1 of the brothers.</li> <li>At 01:30, the Israeli army raided the city of El Bireh and took position opposite the to Al Muqata'a.</li> <li>At 08:00, the Israeli army raided the city of Ramallah, searched a civilian building and arrested 2 civilians.</li> </ol> </li> <li>Arrests:  The Israeli army arrested 1 civilian in the village of Kafr 'Ein:  <ol> <li>Basim Al Rifa'i.</li> </ol> </li> <li>The Israeli army arrested 2 brothers in Ramallah city:</li> </ul>

	(ii) Fowzi Arar; and
	(iii) Rami Arar.
JENIN	<ul> <li>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 education, economic and livelihood activities and impedes access to health facilities.</li> <li>Separation Wall Construction / Land Leveling: Land leveling in the northern valleys (Bardala, and 'Ein al Beida) and east of Tubas (Al Mutilla, Al Mughayyir, Raba, and Al Buqei' plateau) continues.</li> <li>Raid: At 09:00, the Israeli army raided the village of 'Anza, surrounded 1 house, opened intensive fire towards the house, demanded residents turn themselves in and arrested 3 workers employed in the house.</li> <li>Deportation: At 19:30, the Israeli army deported Anwar Abdul Latif Zuhur, a 29-year-old resident of Jenin city, to the Gaza Strip.</li> <li>Arrest: The Israeli army arrested 3 civilians in the village of 'Anza: <ol> <li>Muhammad Salih Sadaqa, 30 years old;</li> <li>Bilal Barahma, 32 years old; and</li> <li>Mufid Khalaf. 34 years old.</li> </ol> </li> </ul>
JERICHO	Activities not yet reported.
BETHLEHEM	<ul> <li>Closure:</li> <li>(i) The Beit Jala/Al Walaja road remains closed by dirt and rock mounds.</li> <li>(ii) The southern entrance to the city remains closed.</li> <li>(iii) The western road is open to pedestrians only</li> </ul>
TULKAREM	<ul> <li>Closure: 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.</li> <li>Flying Checkpoints: <ol> <li>At 10:45, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the junction of the village of Kafr Jamal, detained dozens of civilians and forced them to remain seated on the ground for several hours.</li> <li>At 18:15, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the junction of Al Maslakh inside the city.</li> <li>At 20:45, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the junction of the town of Bal'a on the road connecting Tulkarem city with the district of Nablus, obstructed the movement of traffic, searched vehicles and examined passenger IDs.</li> </ol> </li> </ul>
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	restricted to civilians granted special Israeli permits which are based on no specific criteria. The closure continues to negatively impact education, economic and livelihood activities and impedes access to health facilities.  • Raids:  (i) At 20:40, the Israeli army, including 10 jeeps, raided the city of Tulkarem, searched dozens of houses, opened intensive fire, and arrested 2 bothers who had been released from Israeli custody 2 days earlier before withdrawing from the city at 05:45.  (ii) At 23:10, the Israeli army, including several jeeps, raided Tulkarem
	refugee camp, searched houses and arrested 1 civilian. The Israeli army engaged in confrontations with civilians, opened fire and fired sound grenades before withdrawing from the refugee camp at 05:15.  (iii) At 04:00, the Israeli army raided Dahiyat Dhinnaba and indiscriminately opened fire.  • Air Patrol: At 09:00, Israeli military and reconnaissance aircraft patrolled
	the skies over Tulkarem city and refugee camp.  • Arrests:  The Israeli army arrested 2 civilians in Tulkarem city:  (i) Ahamd Khadra, 16 years old; and  (ii) Salah Khadra, 18 years old.  The Israeli army arrested 1 civilian in Tulkarem refugee camp:  (iii) Suleiman Fawaz'a, 22 years old.
NABLUS	<ul> <li>Closure: Nablus remains a closed military area. Civilians are prohibited from leaving or entering the city.</li> <li>Raids: <ol> <li>At 05:20, the Israeli army raided the village of Kafr Qalil, searched several houses and arrested 3 civilians.</li> <li>(ii) The Israeli army raided 'Askar refugee camp, searched several houses and arrested 2 civilians.</li> </ol> </li> <li>Arrests: <ol> <li>Ayrests:</li> <li>Ayman Rushdi Mansur, 30 years old;</li> <li>Buraq Awwad, 18 years old;</li> </ol> </li> </ul>
HEBRON	(iii) Sanad Mansur, 19 years old; The Israeli army arrested 2 civilians in 'Askar refugee camp, including: (iv) Hasan Faruq; and (v) Amir Abu Daoud.  . Closure: The Israeli army closed the town of Bani Na'im.

## **Closure:** The Israeli army continues to close the entrances to the town of 'Azzun and the iron gate at the northern entrance. The Israeli army set up a checkpoint under the bridge leading to the northern villages, cutting **QALQILYA** access from Qalqilya to all villages located in the north, south, and east and completely isolating the district from Tulkarem. **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 education, economic and livelihood activities and impedes access to health facilities. Land Leveling / Uprooting of Trees: At 14:30, the Israeli army leveled 15 dunums (3.75 acres) of land north of Deir Ballut and 10 dunums (2.50 acres) of land south west of the town of Rafat, and uprooted 700 olive and almond trees in both areas. Landowners did not receive land confiscation orders, nor were they notified that the land would be leveled. The Israeli **SALFIT** army gave no explanation to villagers as to why the land was being leveled. Attack: At 13:30, the Israeli army opened fire from their location on Tel Irsal towards the western section of the city of Salfit. **Raid:** At 23:30, the Israeli army, including 3 jeeps, raided the town of Kafr ad Dik searched 1 house and arrested 1 civilian. **Arrests:** (i) The Israeli army arrested Salah Nayif ad Dik in Kafr ad Dik. At 18:00, the Israeli army arrested Amir Barqawi, a 26-year-old (ii) college student and resident of Tulkarem city, at the Za'tara checkpoint.

#### **GAZA STRIP**

NORTHERN GAZA	<ul> <li>Closure: The Erez crossing was partially open to workers.</li> <li>Land Leveling: At 10:15, the Israeli army leveled agricultural land near in the west of Beit Lahia and began opening a road in that area.</li> <li>Attack: At 09:55, the Israeli army opened fire towards a shepherd near the location of the Palestinian National Security.</li> <li>Raid: At 14:00, the Israeli army coming from Point 58 raided the area of Beit Hanoun and arrested 2 live stock shepherds.</li> </ul>
GAZA CITY	Closure: Al Shuhada' junction (Nitsareem) remains closed.

#### **<u>Land Confiscation</u>**: At 09:30, the Israeli authorities issued a military order confiscating Palestinian lands near the settlement of Kfar Daroom for construction of a wall enclosing the settlement. The Israeli army verbally CENTRAL warned Ahmad Saleh Sweidan to evacuate his house located in the same **GAZA** area. Attack: At 14:15, the Israeli army opened intensive fire from the settlement of Kfar Daroom towards civilian houses south of Deir al Balah. **Air Patrol:** At 10:10, Israeli combat aircraft patrolled the skies over the district. (i) At 10:10, Israeli helicopters patrolled the skies over Maghazi refugee (ii) camp for several hours. **Closure:** (i) Abu al Ajin road (Khan Yunis Al Sharqiya) remains closed. Western road (Khan Yunis) remains closed. (ii) Abu Holi road is partially open (was closed once). (iii) Al Tuffah checkpoint, connecting the city of Khan Younis to Al (iv) Mawasi, is closed for the 3<sup>rd</sup> day and will remain closed for another 4 **KHAN YUNIS** days. Land Leveling: At 16:45, an Israeli bulldozer, supported by 1 tank, leveled agricultural land in the area of Abu al Ajin, 70 meters from the border. Attack: At 12:30, the Israeli army opened intensive fire from Abu Holi checkpoint towards a civilian vehicle, injuring 1 civilian passenger. **Arrest:** The Israeli army arrested 1 civilian whose identity is not yet confirmed at Abu Holi checkpoint. **Closure:** (i) The Gaza International Airport remains closed. (ii) Sufa crossing was partially open to workers. House Demolitions: At 09:55, it was confirmed that 18 houses in total, rather than the 12 originally report, were demolished by the Israeli army **RAFAH** yesterday in Rafah refugee camp. **Attacks:** (i) At 09:45, the Israeli army opened intensive fire from the settlement of Morag towards civilian houses in the area of Qizan al Najjar. At 08:00, the Israeli army opened intensive fire towards civilian (ii) houses in Al Barazil neighborhood, injuring 1 child. **Injury**: The Israeli army injured 15-year-old Bilal Shehadeh by live fire to the head.

PERMITS	
WEST BANK	Permits were approved for 6,802 workers. However, only 2,652 work permits, 38% of the total number approved, were given to Ministry of Labor offices.  (i) Permits were issued to civilians over the age of 35 who are married with children.  (ii) Permits were only issued to workers in the agricultural sector.
GAZA STRIP	Permits were issued to 4,599 workers, 27% of a total of 16,884 workers.  (i) 3,154 workers crossed the Green Line into Israel.  (ii) 1,445 workers entered the Erez Industrial Area.