

مجموعة الرقابة الفلسطينية



PALESTINIAN MONITORING GROUP

DAILY SITUATION REPORT

08:00 22 January 2004 – 08:00 23 January 2004

SUMMARY OF EVENTS

EVENT	WEST BANK	GAZA STRIP	TOTAL	NOTES
Death	—	1	1	12 yr. old, live fire to head
Physical Assault	2	—	2	Incl. teacher and female
Injuries	3	—	3	
Attacks	4	4	8	
Raids	5	—	5	
Air Patrols	3	—	3	
Arrests (per person)	2	2	4	Incl. Nat. Security officer
Detentions	2	—	2	Dozens of civilians at chpnts.
House Demolitions	5	2	7	Incl. 4 near Separation Wall
Land Leveling	—	1	1	9 <i>dunums</i> near Rafah
Separation Wall Const.	3	—	3	Jerusalem, Jenin & Ramallah
Destruction of Property	3	—	3	Incl. attack on kindergarten
House Occupation	2	—	2	
Curfew	1	—	1	
Checkpoints	All	—	All	
Flying Checkpoints	11	—	11	
Closures (per District)	9	—	9	Incl. Qalq., Tulk. & Ram. isol.
Closure of Main Roads	Most	(4)	Most	
Closure of Wall Gates	All	—	All	Permits required to cross
Closure of Crossing Points	—	3	3	2 Partially open to workers
School Disruption	3	—	3	Incl. raid on school & college
TOTAL	58	13	71	

DISTRICT	EVENT
WEST BANK	
JERUSALEM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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. • Separation Wall Construction: Construction of the separation wall continues in Al Eizariya, Abu Dis and Al Sawahira. • Flying Checkpoint: The Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to the village of Jaba'. • School Disruption: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) The Israeli army raided an UNRWA vocational college in Qalandiya refugee camp, searched the premises and examined student IDs. (ii) The Israeli army raided a school in the village of Jaba', prevented students from continuing their physical education class on the school field, forced students inside their classrooms, severely beat the Physical Education instructor, Abdul Samad Awwad, and detained him at a police station located in the settlement of Neve Ya'aqov.
RAMALLAH & EL BIREH	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) 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 and has prevented civilians from using alternative dirt roads. (ii) The Israeli army closed the bridge of Atara, separating the northern villages of the Ramallah district from one another and sealing off the road from Ramallah to Salfit. • Separation Wall Construction: Construction of the western portion of the separation wall in Budrus and Rantis continues. • Raids: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 12:15, the Israeli army raided the city of Ramallah and occupied 2 buildings in Dahiyat Al Tira. The Israeli army remains positioned in the buildings as of 08:00 this morning. (ii) The Israeli army raided the town of Deir Abu Mash'al, imposed curfew and indiscriminately opened fire.
JENIN	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Separation Wall Gates: Passage through the separation wall gates is restricted to civilians granted special Israeli permits. The closure

	<p>continues to negatively impact education, economic and livelihood activities and impedes access to health facilities.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Separation Wall Construction:</u> Construction in the northern valleys (Bardala, and 'Ein al Beida) and east of Tubas (Al Mutilla, Al Mughayyir, Raba, and Al Buqei' plateau) continues. • <u>House Demolitions / Destruction of Property:</u> The Israeli army demolished 2 houses, measuring 120-150 square meters each, a livestock barracks, and a cement block factory in the village of Jalbun because of their proximity to the separation wall.
JERICHO	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Closure:</u> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 08:00, the Israeli army sealed off the city and declared it a closed military area. (ii) The Israeli army closed Al Karama (Alenby) Bridge to civilians between the ages of 16- 45 years attempting to cross into Jordan. • <u>School Disruption:</u> Teachers were unable to reach their schools in the village of 'Ojai due to checkpoints set up at the entrances to the village.
BETHLEHEM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Closure:</u> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (i) The Beit Jala/Al Walaja road remains closed by dirt and rock mounds. (ii) The southern entrance to the city remains closed. (iii) The western road is open to pedestrians only. • <u>Attack:</u> At 10:30, the Israeli army, located near 'Ayda refugee camp, opened fire with rubber coated steel bullets towards a kindergarten bus, injuring the driver and terrifying the children traveling on the bus.
TULKAREM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Closure:</u> 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. • <u>Flying Checkpoint:</u> At 08:10, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance of the town of Bal'a, harassed civilians and obstructed the movement of traffic. • <u>Separation Wall Gates:</u> Passage through the separation 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. • <u>House Demolition:</u> At 12:30, 2 Israeli bulldozers, supported by 6 jeeps, dug a road on land belonging to the village of Far'un and demolished 2 houses because of their proximity to the separation wall being constructed in the area. The Israeli house demolitions were followed by confrontations with civilians, in which the Israeli army fired sound bombs and tear gas grenades and detained dozens of civilians in the village school for over 2

	<p>hours.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Raids:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 20:00, the Israeli army, including 5 jeeps, raided the city of Tulkarem, searched houses and arrested 2 civilians before withdrawing at 06:30. (ii) At 21:10, the Israeli army raided the town of Anabta and Kafr al Labad. • <u>Air Patrol:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 07:45, Israeli helicopters and reconnaissance aircraft patrolled the skies over the city and refugee camps at low altitude throughout the day. (ii) At 14:05, Israeli helicopters patrolled the skies over the town of Bal'a and Nur Shams refugee camp. • <u>Arrests:</u> The Israeli army arrested 2 civilians in the city of Tulkarem: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Nael Suwes, 22 years old; and (ii) Murad Abu Khatir, 24 years old.
NABLUS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Closure:</u> Nablus remains a closed military area. Civilians are prohibited from leaving or entering the city. • <u>Raid / Physical Assault:</u> At 08:00, confrontations took place between civilians and the Israeli army and spread throughout several neighborhoods, injuring at 2 Palestinian civilians, including Maha Abu Zant, 45 years old, who was several beaten by the Israeli army. • <u>Arrest:</u> At 10:00, the Israeli army arrested Muhammad Ghanim, a Palestinian National Security officer, at a checkpoint set up near the village of Beit Iba. • <u>House Demolition:</u> The Israeli army demolished a building that was shelled yesterday in the process of arresting Yehya Aquba.
HEBRON	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Closure:</u> At 09:00, the Israeli army closed the entrances to Al 'Arrub refugee camp and prevented civilians from leaving or entering the area.
QALQILYA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Closure:</u> The Israeli army continues to close the entrances to the town of 'Azzun and the iron gate at the northern entrance cutting access from Qalqilya to all villages located in the north, south, and east and completely isolating the district from Tulkarem. • <u>Flying Checkpoints:</u> At 07:40, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the road between Jayyus and the village of Kafr Jamal, harassed civilians, obstructed movement of traffic, and set up 5 more flying checkpoints near the town of 'Azzun, the village Immatin, the village of Jinsafut and the village of Al Nabi Elyas.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Separation Wall Gates: Passage through the separation 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.
SALFIT	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Flying Checkpoints: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 8:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to the village of Qarawat Bani Hassan, obstructing movement of traffic. (ii) At 08:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint near the entrance to the settlement of Ariel, obstructed movement of traffic and searched vehicles. (iii) At 08:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to the village of Haris, obstructing movement of traffic.

GAZA STRIP

NORTHERN GAZA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure: The Erez crossing was partially open to workers. • Attack: At 10:00, the Israeli army opened fire from Point 63 towards civilian houses east of Jabaliya refugee camp, killing 1 child. • Killing: The Israeli army killed 12-year-old Muhsin Al Da'ur by live fire to the head in Jabaliya refugee camp.
GAZA CITY	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure: Al Shuhada' junction (Nitsareem) remains closed.
CENTRAL GAZA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Activities not yet reported.
KHAN YUNIS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Abu al Ajin road (Khan Yunis Al Sharqiya) remains closed. (ii) Western road (Khan Yunis) remains closed. (iii) Abu Holi road is partially open (closed several times after 15:30). (iv) Al Tuffah checkpoint, connecting the city of Khan Younis to Al Mawasi, is closed for the 5th consecutive day and will remain closed for another 2 days. • Attack: At 08:00, the Israeli army opened intensive fire from Points 9, 10, 11, and 12 towards civilian houses in Al Amal and Al Nimsawi neighborhoods and West Khan Yunis refugee camp. • Arrest: At 12:50, the Israeli army arrested 2 civilians and forced them to take strip from the waist up near Point 150.

<p>RAFAH</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Closure:<ul style="list-style-type: none">(i) The Gaza International Airport remains closed.(ii) Sufa crossing was partially open to workers.• House Demolition: At 05:00, Israeli tanks withdrew from Al Barazil neighborhood after partially demolishing 2 houses and leveling approximately 9 <i>dunums</i> (2.25 acres) of olive groves.
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GENERAL

<p>POLITICAL PRISONERS</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Medical Negligence:</u> Palestinian prisoners being held at military detention prisons have been subject to severe medical negligence by the Israeli Authorities. Over 200 prisoners of 1,200 being held at Megiddo Military Prison Camp have complained of complications from minor medical conditions leading to permanent damage. Abdul Fattah Ishteyya, 19 years old, suffers from a neurological disorder; 23 year old Khalil Zawayta suffers from gangrene in his right leg; 28 year old Muhammad Assaf requires an eye operation to repair damage to his cornea; Wael Abu Al Siba' requires an operation to repair damage caused to his vocal cords after being shot in the throat; Abed Amin requires an operation to remove his right eye as a result of being severely beaten by Israeli soldiers during his arrest. Additionally, 42 Palestinian detainees being held at the Negev Military Prison Camp require immediate medical attention. • <u>Conditions of Detention</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Palestinian detainees held at Ofer Military Prison Camp near Ramallah are subject to extreme overcrowding and a lack of adequate hygiene supplies, which has led to the eruption of skin disorders amongst detainees. (ii) The Israeli Prisons Authority refused to allow a shipment of food supplies for Palestinian prisoners into Shatte Prison and have continued to prohibit family visits for the past 2 months.
<p>PERMITS</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>West Bank:</u> 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. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (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. • <u>Gaza Strip:</u> Permits were issued to 6095 workers, 36% of a total of 16,993 workers. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) 1,106 workers crossed the Green Line into Israel. (ii) 4,989 workers entered the Erez Industrial Area. • <u>Attack on Workers:</u> Israeli soldiers fired tear gas grenades towards Palestinian workers as they tried to access crossings into the Green Line. Many workers suffered from tear gas suffocation, preventing them from working.