مجموعة الرقابة الفلسطينية



PALESTINIAN MONITORING GROUP

DAILY SITUATION REPORT

08:00 1 March 2004 - 08:00 2 March 2004

SUMMARY OF EVENTS

EVENT	WEST BANK	GAZA STRIP	TOTAL	NOTES
Death	1	_	1	
Physical Assault	3	_	3	
Injury	1		1	10 year old child
Attacks	7	8	15	
Raids	22	3	25	
Air Patrols	2	_	2	Reconnaissance & helicopter
Arrests (per person)	8	3	11	Incl. 1 female
Detentions	4	1	5	Incl. journalists
Land Leveling	_	1	1	East of Abasan al Saghira
Separation Wall Const.	10	_	10	Jer. (3), Jenin (3) & Ram. (4)
Destruction of Property	1	_	1	Destruction of house contents
House Occupation	1	_	1	Conv. into military post, Beita
Curfews	4	_	4	Marda, Arura, Bizariya, Yatta
Checkpoints	All	_	All	
Flying Checkpoints	5	_	5	
Closures (per District)	2	1	3	Incl. Jerusalem & Bethlehem
Closure of Main Roads	Most	(4)	Most	Esp. connecting governorates
Closure of Wall Gates	All	_	All	Permits required to cross
Closure of Crossing Points	_	2	2	Erez partially open to workers
School Disruption	3		3	Incl. evac. students from sch.
Settlement Activity	1		1	6 caravans placed at Enav
Provocation of Pal. Forces	2	2	4	Incl. attack on 2 Nat Sec posts
Demonstrations	2		2	Incl. against separation wall
TOTAL	79	21	100	

WEST BANK

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JERUSALEM	 Closure: The Israeli army prevented civilians from other districts from entering Jerusalem. The Israeli authorities continue to intensify restrictions at the entrances of the city. Separation Wall Construction: Construction of the separation wall continues in Al Eizariya, Abu Dis, Al Sawahira and Sur Bahir. Preparatory work, including land levelling, for construction of the separation wall in Beit Surik and Qatanna remains suspended by order of the Israeli Supreme Court as a result of petitions lodged by residents of the area. Physical Assault: Israeli soldiers, positioned at the Biddu/Al Nabi Samuel checkpoint physically assaulted several civilians, detained journalists and peace activists and denied them access to the area in order to protest against construction of the separation wall.
RAMALLAH & EL BIREH	 Flying Checkpoints: At 08:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the gate of the village of Al Nabi Salih and obstructed movement of traffic. At 11:30, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to the village of Arura and obstructed civilian movement. Separation Wall Construction: Construction of the western portion of the separation wall continues in Budrus, Rantis, Beit Liqya, near Beituniya and near the village of Midya. Raids: At 08:50, an Israeli army jeep raided village of Kafr 'Ein and patrolled the area. At 09:00, the Israeli army raided the cities of Ramallah and El Bireh and patrolled the area. At 11:40, the Israeli army raided the cities of Ramallah and El Bireh and provoked Palestinian National Security officers. At 19:40, the Israeli army raided the town of Arura, patrolled the area and opened fire towards civilians. At 08:00, the Israeli army imposed curfew on the town. At 04:00, 20 Israeli jeeps raided the village of Deir Al Sudan and arrested 2 civilians. Arrests:
	(i) At 09:00, the Israeli army arrested Fadi Al Rimawi at the Atara

	checkpoint. (ii) The Israeli army arrested Falah Shehadeh and Bahjat Shehadeh in the village of Deir Al Sudan. (iii) The Israeli army arrested Diya Ziyadeh in the village of Beitillu. • Demonstration: At 12:00, a demonstration coordinated by medical personnel, including ambulance drivers, took place in protest against Israeli restrictions on access imposed on medical personnel at checkpoints.
JENIN	 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 impede access to health facilities. Separation Wall Construction: Construction of the separation wall continues in the northern valleys (Bardala, and 'Ein al Beida) and east of Tubas (Al Mutilla, Al Mughayyir, the outskirts of Raba, and Al Buqei' plateau).
JERICHO	Activities not reported.
BETHLEHEM	 Closure: For the 10th consecutive day, the Israeli army has continued to seal off the Bethlehem area and has prevented food supplies from entering the city and its refugee camps. Raids: At 13:30, the Israeli army raided the village of Battir and arrested 2 civilians. At 21:50, the Israeli army raided the city of Beit Sahur. At 23:35, the Israeli army raided the city of Beit Jala and patrolled the area. At 05:45, the Israeli army raided the area of Al Jadawil, near Ayda refugee camp, and searched 1 house. The Israeli army raided the town of Husan and beat civilians as they were leaving the mosque after completing evening prayers. Arrests: The Israeli army arrested 2 civilians in the village of Battir: Mahmoud Oweinati; and Said Mamar.
TULKAREM	 <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 impede access to health facilities. <u>Attack</u>: At 12:30, the Israeli army opened fire from its location at the DCO towards civilian houses.

Raids: At 12:50, the Israeli army jeep raided the western neighbourhood of (i) Tulkarem city, took position near a school and opened fire towards students. At 20:50, the Israeli army raided the town of Kafr al Labad. (ii) Air Patrol: At 08:15, Israeli reconnaissance aircraft and helicopters intermittently patrolled the skies over the district of Tulkarem. Settlement Activity: At 12:45, Israeli trucks transported 6 caravans to the settlement of Enav and placed them in an area overlooking the town of Beit Lid, near a settlement outpost. **Demonstration:** At 13:30, a demonstration took place in the village of Zeita in protest against construction of the separation wall. Confrontations erupted between civilians and the Israeli army. The Israeli army opened fire and fired tear gas grenades towards civilians. Flying Checkpoint: At 15:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the road of Wadi Al Badhan and detained civilians travelling to Jericho for 5 hours. **Raids:** (i) At 21:00, the Israeli army raided the village of Barga, north of Nablus city, and opened indiscriminate fire towards civilians, injuring 10year-old Husam Abu Omar. At 23:00, the Israeli army raided the village of Beita, occupied 1 house (ii) and converted it into a military post. (iii) At 01:00, the Israeli army raided Balata refugee camp, arrested 1 **NABLUS** civilian and beat another civilian. At 03:00, the Israeli army raided the village of Kafr Qalil and arrested (iv) 1 civilian. (v) At 08:00, the Israeli army raided the village of Bizzariya, re-imposed curfew over the village, and forced students to vacate their schools. The curfew has been imposed on the village for 2 consecutive days. The Israeli army raided the village of Osarin, searched a house (vi) belonging to the head of the Village Council, and destroyed the contents of the house. **Arrests:** (i) The Israeli army arrested Omar Abu Leil in Balata refugee camp. (ii) The Israeli army arrested Loay Abid in the village of Kafr Qalil. **Raids:** (i) At 03:30, the Israeli army, including 1 bulldozer, raided the town of **HEBRON** Yatta, imposed curfew, surrounded 1 house, opened intensive fire and killed 1 civilian. At 08:20, the Israeli army raided the town of Bani Na'im and raided (ii)

	the police station. • <u>Killing</u> : The Israeli army killed Muhammad Rajab in the town of Yatta.
QALQILYA	 Flying Checkpoint: At 17:10, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the eastern entrance (the only entrance) to Qalqiliya city and obstructed movement of traffic. 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 impede access to health facilities.
SALFIT	 Curfew: At 07:00, the Israeli army raided the village of Marda, imposed curfew for the 5th consecutive day, opened fire and fired tear gas grenades towards civilians, including students, a number of journalists and peace activities, who were in the area when the curfew was re-imposed. Flying Checkpoints: At 21:45, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to Bruqin and searched vehicles. Raid: At 12:30, the Israeli army raided the village of Kafr Al Dik. Air Patrol: At 04:45, Israeli helicopters patrolled the skies over the cities of Salfit and Beit Rima.

GAZA STRIP

NORTHERN GAZA	 Closure: The Erez crossing was partially open to workers. Attack: At 21:20, and again at 23:40, the Israeli army opened intensive fire towards civilian houses in Al Nada towers, east of Beit Lahia. Raid: At 23:55, 5 tanks and 2 bulldozers raided the western area of the town of Beit Lahia and opened fire towards Palestinian National Security locations.
GAZA CITY	• <u>Closure</u> : The junction of Nitsareem remains closed.
CENTRAL GAZA	Activities not reported.
KHAN YUNIS	 Closure: (i) Abu al Ajin road (Khan Yunis Al Sharqiya) remains closed. (ii) Western road (Khan Yunis) remains closed.

	 (iii) Al Mawasi/Khan Yunis road (Al Tuffah checkpoint) was open to civilians entering the area. (iv) Abu Holi road was closed twice. The Israeli army arrested 3 civilians at the Abu Holi checkpoint. • Raids: (i) At 01:00, the Israeli army raided east of Al Amal neighbourhood and opened fire. (ii) At 08:35, the Israeli army, including 2 tanks and 1 bulldozer, raided east of Abasan al Saghira and levelled land. • Attack: At 01:00, the Israeli army opened intensive fire from Points 6, 8, 9, and 12 towards civilian houses in Al Nimsawi neighbourhood, Al Satir al Gharbi, Al Amal neighbourhood and West Khan Yunis refugee camp. • Arrest: The Israeli army arrested 3 civilians at the Abu Holi checkpoint, 2 of whom remain unidentified: (i) Samir Inshati.
RAFAH	Closure: The Gaza International Airport remains closed.

WORK PERMITS

WEST BANK	Permits were approved for 4,916 workers. However, the exact number of workers who received permits and crossed the Green Line is not available. (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 12,213 workers: (i) 9,176 workers crossed the Green Line into Israel, 78% of a total of 11,788 workers. (ii) 3,037 work permits were issued, 61% of a total of 5003 workers.