مجموعة الرقابة الفلسطينية



PALESTINIAN MONITORING GROUP

DAILY SITUATION REPORT

08:00 3 March 2004 - 08:00 4 March 2004

SUMMARY OF EVENTS

EVENT	WEST BANK	GAZA STRIP	TOTAL	NOTES
Assassinations	_	3	3	By missile attack
Physical Assaults	2	_	2	Incl. breaking hand of pris.
Injuries	7	_	7	
Attacks	3	5	8	Incl. several tank shells
Air Raid	_	1	1	On vehicle, killing 3 civilians
Raids	26	3	29	
Air Patrols	1	4	5	Recon., helicopter & combat
Deportation	_	1	1	From Bethlehem to Gaza Strip
Arrests (per person)	26	_	26	Incl. 2 officers
Detentions	2	_	2	
Land Leveling	2	1	3	Incl. for mil. watchtower
Separation Wall Const.	10	_	10	Jer. (3), Jenin (3) & Ram. (4)
Destruction of Property	3	_	3	Incl. 2 tents & house door
Land Confiscation	2	_	2	Incl. for military post
House Occupation	1	_	1	Converted to mil. post, Tulk.
Curfews	2	_	2	Husan & Ramadin
Checkpoints	All	_	All	
Flying Checkpoint	1	_	1	
Closures (per District)	5	1	6	Incl. Jerusalem & Bethlehem
Closure of Main Roads	Most	(5)	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	1	_	1	2 schools closed, Ramadin
Settler Violence	4		4	Incl. land leveling & conf.
Provocation of Pal. Forces	3	_	3	Against Police & Mil. Intel.
Palestinian Attack		1	1	Mortar towards Green Line
TOTAL	101	22	123	

DISTRICT EVENT

WEST BANK

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.
RAMALLAH & EL BIREH	 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: 00:35, the Israeli army raided the village of Kafr 'Ein and Qarawat Bani Zeid. At 02:00, the Israeli army raided the village of Kafr 'Ein. At 05:00, the Israeli army the village of Deir Sudan and arrested 1 civilian. The Israeli army raided the village of Beit Urr al Tahta and arrested 3 civilians Arrest: The Israeli army arrested Bahjat Shehadeh in the village of Deir Al Sudan.
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 south of Jalbun towards Al Mutilla, 'Ein al Beida and towards the Jordan valley. Raids: At 03:00, the Israeli army raided the southern part of Jenin and opened indiscriminate fire towards civilians. At 03:30, the Israeli army raided the town of Bruqin and searched several houses.

JERICHO	Activities not reported.
BETHLEHEM	 Closure: For the 12th consecutive day, the Israeli army continues to seal off the Bethlehem area and prevent food supplies from entering the city and its refugee camps. Curfew: The Israeli army continues to impose curfew over the village of Husan. Raids: At 23:15, the Israeli army, including 4 jeeps, raided the city of Beit Jala and provoked officers at a Palestinian checkpoint. At 03:45, the Israeli army, including 12 jeeps, raided the city of Bethlehem, forced entry into 1 house using explosives and arrested 1 civilian. At 05:45, the Israeli army, including 14 jeeps, raided the town of Al Ubeidiya and took up position. The Israeli army raided the village of Battir and arrested 3 civilians. Arrests: The Israeli army arrested 1 civilian in the city of Bethlehem: Ayman Darwish Salah, 26 years old. The Israeli army arrested 3 civilians in the village of Battir: George Mu'ammar; Hakim Muammar; and Muhammad Oweina. Destruction of Property: The Israeli army raided the town of Al Khadr and destroyed 2 tents housing 2 families whose homes were demolished by the Israeli army on 12 February 2004. The Red Crescent Society had given the tents to the families as temporary shelters. Settler Violence: Israeli settlers from the settlement of Allon Shevut levelled a large area of land belonging to the village of Artas. The settlers confiscated 25 dunums (6.25 acres) of land from the village of Sakariya and cut down 110 trees.
TULKAREM	 Flying Checkpoint: At 12:50, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the junction of Enav and detained and obstructed movement of civilians. 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. Air Patrol: At 10:00, Israeli reconnaissance aircraft patrolled the skies over the city of Tulkarem. Arrest: The Israeli army arrested 3 civilians in the city of Tulkarem: Hisham Al Tannuri;

	(ii) Husam Fathi; and
	(iii) Muhannad Abdul Raouf.
NABLUS	 Raids: At 23:00, the Israeli army and settlers raided the city of Nablus and positioned themselves near Josef's tomb. At 04:00, the Israeli army raided the city of Nablus, forced entry into a Palestinian Police station and Military Intelligence location, and arrested 2 civilians. The Israeli army raided the village of Kafr Qalil, arrested 2 civilians,
NABLUS	 and beat 1 civilian. Arrests: The Israeli army arrested 4 civilians in the city of Nablus and the village of Kafr Qalil: Ehab Mansur; Loay Mansur; Ziyad Al Najjar; and Riziq Al Masimi. Land Levelling: The Israeli army levelled a dirt road connecting the villages of Bizzariya, Burqa, Atara and Silat al Dhaher.
HEBRON	 Curfew/School Disruption: At 08:00, the Israeli army raided the village of Al Ramadin and imposed curfew, forcing the suspension of 2 schools serving 262 students. The Israeli army conducted a census of residents of the village. Raids: At 01:00, the Israeli army raided the town of Dura and arrested 7 civilians. At 02:00, the Israeli army raided the town of Idhna and arrested 4 civilians. Arrests: Arresteli army arrested 7 civilians in the town of Dura: Abdul Karim Abu Zeid; Salim Al Darawish; Muammar Khllaf; Ala Hantash; Ghassan Amir; Yasir Abu Sharar; and Najih Hantash.
	The Israeli army arrested 4 civilians in the town of Idhna: (viii) Ayman Tanina; (ix) Abdul Hafith al Shamali; (x) Muhammad Al Shamali; and (xi) Hani Al Tumeizi.

	Land Levelling: Israeli bulldozers levelled land at the entrance to the town of Idhna in preparation for the building a military watchtower.
QALQILYA	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	 Raids: At 02:00, the Israeli army raided the town of Turmus'ayya, searched 1 house and detained 2 civilians. At 15:15, the Israeli army, including 3 jeeps, raided the city of Salfit and the villages of Farkha and Qarawat Bani Zeid. At 16:40, the Israeli army raided the city of Salfit. At 20:45, the Israeli army raided the village of Bruqin and opened indiscriminate fire. At 03:20, the Israeli army raided the villages of Mazari' an Nubani and Khirbet Qeis. Arrest: At 11:30, the Israeli army arrested Ghassan Abu Salim at a checkpoint near Al Zawiya and Mas-ha.

GAZA STRIP

NORTHERN GAZA	 Closure: The Erez crossing was partially open to workers. Air Patrols: At 11:00, Israeli helicopters patrolled the skies over the district. At 21:00, Israeli combat aircraft patrolled the skies over the district. Deportation: The Israeli army deported Muhammad Atallah Taftafat from Bethlehem to the Gaza Strip. Palestinian Attack: At 20:00, 1 Qassam mortar was fired towards the Green Line.
GAZA CITY	 Closure: The junction of Nitsareem remains closed. Air Raid: At 14:30, Israeli F16s targeted a vehicle transporting 3 civilians, killing all three civilians. Assassinations: The Israeli army assassinated 3 civilians in Gaza city: Ibrahim Al Deiri; Tarrad al Jamali; and Imad Hussein.

	Attack: At 06:30, the Israeli army opened intensive fire and fired tank shells from the outskirts of the settlement of Nitsareem.
CENTRAL GAZA	Attack: At 12:00, the Israeli army opened fire from the outskirts of the settlement of Kfar Daroom towards Palestinian Territory.
KHAN YUNIS	 Closure: Abu al Ajin road (Khan Yunis Al Sharqiya) remains closed. Western road (Khan Yunis) remains closed. Al Mawasi/Khan Yunis road (Al Tuffah checkpoint) was open to pedestrians only. Abu Holi road was partially open. Attacks: At 21:30, the Israeli army opened intensive fire towards civilians in Al Nimsawi neighbourhood. At 08:30, the Israeli army opened fire towards workers at the Sufa crossing. Raid: At 21:30, the Israeli army raided the western area of Khan Yunis.
RAFAH	 <u>Closure</u>: The Gaza International Airport remains closed. <u>Attack</u>: At 21:30, the Israeli army opened fire towards civilian houses near the Rafah crossing. <u>Raid/Land Levelling</u>: At 02:10, the Israeli army, including 30 tanks and jeeps, raided Al Salaam neighbourhood and Tel Zu'rob. Israeli helicopters patrolled the skies over the area as bulldozers levelled land.

GENERAL

POLITICAL PRISONERS	The Israeli military unit "Nahshon", responsible for the transfer of prisoners, physically assaulted Palestinian prisoner Ashraf Samara, breaking his hand.
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