# مجموعة الرقابة الفلسطينية



# PALESTINIAN MONITORING GROUP

# DAILY SITUATION REPORT 08:00 06 March 2005 – 08:00 07 March 2005

#### **SUMMARY OF EVENTS**

EVENT	WEST BANK	GAZA STRIP	TOTAL	NOTES
Attacks	5	4	9	Incl. 3 during raids and 3 from posts
Raids	10	3	13	Incl. 3 in Ramallah & 3 in Nablus
Air Patrol	_	1	1	Reconnaissance over Al Barakah area
Arrests (per person)	2	2	4	Incl. 2 children
Detentions	5	_	5	Incl. in residential compounds
Land Levelling	_	1	1	In the neighbourhood of Yabna
Wall Construction	20	_	20	Incl. Jer., Jenin, Ram'lah, Beth., Salfit
Destruction of Property	2	_	2	Incl. 1 vehicle damaged in Madama
Land Confiscation	1	_	1	2 dunums in the area of Ash Shayyah
Checkpoints	(All)	_	(All)	
Flying Checkpoints	10	_	10	Incl. 2 in Bethlehem & 2 in Hebron
Closure (per District)	5	_	5	Incl. Jerusalem and Jericho (partially)
Closure of Main Roads	(Unidentified)	(9)	_	Incl. 2 partially
Closure of Wall Gates	(All)	_	(All)	Permits required to cross
Closure of Crossing Points	_	3	3	Incl. 2 partially open
Medical Obstruction	1	_	1	Incl. medics denied access
Settler Violence	2	_	2	Incl. open fire towards 1 taxi
Provocation of Pal. Forces	1	_	1	Incl. 4 Police officers detained
Demonstration	1	_	1	In Beit Surik against the Wall
TOTAL	65	14	79	

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: <ul> <li>(i) The Israeli army continues to impose strict restrictions 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>(ii) The Israeli army continues to close Ar Ram junction leading to the town of Bir Nabala.</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, in the town of As Sawahira Ash Sharqiya, the village of Beit Surik, and in the section of Al Judeira, Bir Nabala, and Beit Hanina.</li> <li>Checkpoints: The Israeli army intensified its restrictions at Qalandiya and An Nabi Samwil checkpoints and obstructed civilian movement, allegedly to conduct thorough searches.</li> <li>Land Confiscation: Israeli authorities issued an order for the confiscation of 2 dunums (0.5 acres) of land in the area of Ash Shayyah in the town of Al 'Eizariya for erecting a Wall gate.</li> <li>Demonstration: A mass demonstration took place in the village of Beit Surik in protest against Wall construction. Village residents also submitted a lawsuit before the Israeli Supreme Court demanding a halt to the construction of the Wall in the village.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
RAMALLAH & EL BIREH	<ul> <li>Wall Construction: Wall construction continues in Budrus, Midya, Ni'lin, Deir Qaddis, Bil'in, Saffa, Beit Liqya, and Beituniya.</li> <li>Flying Checkpoints: <ol> <li>At 13:30, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on 'Atara overpass and obstructed civilian movement in both directions, allegedly to conduct thorough searches.</li> <li>The Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to the village of Deir Abu Mash'al and searched civilians and vehicles.</li> </ol> </li> <li>Raids: <ol> <li>At 00:45, the Israeli army, including 15 jeeps, raided the cities of</li> </ol> </li> </ul>

	Ramallah and El Bireh and patrolled the area.  (ii) The Israeli army raided the village of Kafr Ni'ma, searched 1 house after detaining its residents, and arrested 1 civilian.  • Arrest: The Israeli army arrested Abdul Hakeem Abu 'Adi in the village of Kafr Ni'ma in the village of Kafr Ni'ma.  • Settler Violence: At 14:30, an Israeli settler parked his vehicle outside 1 school in the village of Al Lubban Ash Sharqi, halted 1 female civilian, confiscated her ID, and fled away.
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 Beida, and towards the Jordan River.</li> </ul>
TULKAREM	<ul> <li>Closure: The Israeli army continues to close 'Einav gate, which controls the road between the cities of Tulkarem and Nablus, preventing civilian vehicles from crossing.</li> <li>Wall Gates: Passage through the Wall gates is restricted to civilians granted special Israeli permits.</li> <li>Flying Checkpoints: <ol> <li>At 21:15, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint between the towns of 'Anabta and Kafr Al Labad, searched civilian vehicles, and examined civilians' IDs. Israeli troops positioned at the checkpoint also fired sound grenades towards civilians and withdrew at 22:30.</li> <li>The Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint in the area of Ash Sha'rawiya, searched civilian vehicles, and examined civilians' IDs.</li> <li>Raids/Provocation of Palestinian Forces:</li> <li>At 21:00, the Israeli army raided the area north of the village of Seida and combed the area. The Israeli army remains positioned in the area as of 08:00 this morning.</li> <li>At 21:30, an Israeli army patrol raided the town of 'Anabta. Confrontations took place between the Israeli army and civilians. At 23:30, the Israeli army withdrew from the area.</li> <li>At 21:30, an Israeli army patrol raided the town of 'Attil and detained 4 Palestinian Police officers while they were examining a suspicious object reported found in the town. At 24:00, the Israeli army released the 4 Police officers.</li> <li>Detention: At 16:00, Israeli troops positioned at the checkpoint set up at 'Einav gate detained 'Amer Yasser Issa until 18:00.</li> </ol> </li> </ul>
QALQILYA	<ul> <li>Wall Gates/Medical Obstruction:         <ul> <li>(i) Passage through the Wall gates is restricted to civilians granted special Israeli permits.</li> <li>(ii) Israeli troops positioned at the Wall gate to the village of 'Azzun</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

	<ul> <li>'Atma prevented a medical team from entering the village to vaccinate children in the village.</li> <li>Flying Checkpoint: The Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint near the village of Jit, searched civilian vehicles, and obstructed civilian movement. Israeli troops positioned at the checkpoint also forced drivers of trucks (loaded with food supplies) to unload their trucks for searches.</li> </ul>
NABLUS	<ul> <li>Raids: <ol> <li>At 20:45, the Israeli army raided the village of Salim, opened fire, and fired sound grenades while patrolling the area.</li> <li>At 02:35, the Israeli army, including 8 jeeps, raided the village of Till and searched 2 houses.</li> <li>The Israeli army raided the village of Burqa, opened fire, and fired sound grenades while patrolling the area.</li> </ol> </li> <li>Arrest: At 16:40, the Israeli army arrested Tahseen Abdul Latif Sawalhah from the town of 'Asira Ash Shamaliya, allegedly for driving an illegal vehicle.</li> <li>Settler Violence: An Israeli settler opened fire towards a public vehicle transporting workers near the village of Madama in the eastern Nablus district, causing damage to the vehicle.</li> </ul>
SALFIT	<ul> <li>Wall Construction: Land levelling for Wall construction continues in the town of Deir Ballut and the village of Az Zawiya near the Green Line.</li> <li>Flying Checkpoint: At 08:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint near the overpass to the village of Iskaka, searched civilian vehicles, and examined civilians' IDs until 10:30.</li> </ul>
JERICHO	Closure: The Israeli army set up dozens of checkpoints throughout the city, closing all entrances to the city and roads connecting towns and villages, and prevented civilians from crossing. The Israeli army only permitted residents of the city of Jericho to enter the city.
BETHLEHEM	<ul> <li>Closure: The Israeli army continues to close the only road leading to the 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 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>Flying Checkpoint: At 13:45, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to the city of Beit Sahur and searched civilians and vehicles.</li> <li>Raid: At 13:40, an Israeli army patrol raided the town of Al Khadr, set up a checkpoint, and searched civilians and vehicles.</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 Idhna and Beit 'Awwa, in the area extending from the village of Deir Samit, the town of Beit 'Awwa, and towards the village of Al Burj.</li> <li>Flving Checkpoints: <ol> <li>At 12:10, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint in the area of Wadi Al Quf along the road to the town of Tarqumiya, searched civilian vehicles, and examined civilians' IDs.</li> <li>At 14:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on Al Fawwar junction, searched civilian vehicles, and prevented civilians from accessing the town of Dura until 15:00.</li> <li>Destruction of Property: The Israeli army continues to prevent civilians from accessing and ploughing their land near the settlement of Asfar, thereby depriving them from their source of income and damaging crops cultivated on their land.</li> </ol> </li> </ul>

# **GAZA STRIP**

NORTHERN GAZA	<u>Closure</u> : Beit Hanun Crossing is partially open.
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CENTRAL GAZA	<ul> <li>Raid/Air Patrol: At 01:30, an Israeli army tank raided 150 meters into Palestinian territory in the area of Al Barakah south of the city of Deir Al Balah and fired flares. An Israeli army reconnaissance aircraft patrolled the skies over the area.</li> <li>Arrests: At 13:30, the Israeli army arrested 2 children near the border line east of Wadi As Salqa:         <ul> <li>Yasser Abu Ghurabeh, 15 years old; and</li> <li>Bassam Abu Ghurabeh, 16 years old.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
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 partially open.</li> <li>Alon checkpoint (entrance to Al Mawasi/Khan Yunis) south of Deir Al Balah is closed.</li> <li>Deir Al Balah junction to Abu Holi checkpoint (Kfar Darom road) is closed.</li> </ol> </li></ul>

	<ul> <li>(vi) Morag road, which connects Khan Yunis' eastern and western roads, is closed.</li> <li>Attacks: <ul> <li>(i) At 12:30, the Israeli army opened fire from its location at Point 9 towards civilian houses in West Khan Yunis refugee camp.</li> <li>(ii) At 14:40, the Israeli army opened fire from its location at Point 5.5 towards civilian houses east of the area of Al Qarara.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
RAFAH	<ul> <li>Closure: <ol> <li>Yasser Arafat International Airport remains closed.</li> <li>Al Mawasi/Rafah road is partially open.</li> <li>Sufa Crossing is partially open to construction cargo only.</li> </ol> </li> <li>Raids/Land Levelling: <ol> <li>At 14:40, the Israeli army, including 1 tank and 1 bulldozer, raided 200 meters into Palestinian territory in the neighbourhood of Yabna in Rafah refugee camp, opened intensive fire, and levelled land on which they had demolished houses during previous incursions. At 17:30, the Israeli army withdrew from the area.</li> <li>At 07:45, an Israeli army tank raided 30 meters into Palestinian territory in Al Barazil neighbourhood in Rafah refugee camp.</li> </ol> </li></ul>