## مجموعة الرقابة الفلسطينية



### PALESTINIAN MONITORING GROUP

### DAILY SITUATION REPORT

08:00 07 March 2006 - 08:00 08 March 2006

### **SUMMARY OF EVENTS**

EVENT	WEST BANK	GAZA STRIP	TOTAL	NOTES
Injury	1	_	1	1 civilian in the city of Tulkarem
Attacks	1	3	4	Incl. 26 tank shells fired, N. Gaza
Raids	16	_	16	Incl. 5 in Ramallah & 4 in Bethlehem
Arrests	10	1	11	Incl. 2 Palestinian security officers
Detentions	15	_	15	At checkpoints & in residential areas
Wall Construction	29	_	29	Incl. Jer., Raml'h., Qalq., Salfit, Beth.
Attack on Property	*	_		*Notices to halt constructing 5 houses
House Occupation	1	_	1	Converted into a mil. post in Dura
Closure of Checkpoints	3	_	3	Incl. Einav & Ein Duyuk checkpoints
Flying Checkpoints	7	_	7	Incl. 1 in Jerusalem & 3 in Hebron
Closure (per District)	7	1	8	Incl. a buffer zone in Northern Gaza
Closure of Main Roads	26	_	26	Incl. entrance to the village of Sinjil
Closure of Crossing Points	_	5	5	Incl. Beit Hanun & Rafah partially
Provocation of Pal. Forces	1	1	2	Incl. shelling near security locations
TOTAL	117	11	128	

DISTRICT EVENT

### **WEST BANK**

JERUSALEM	<ul> <li>Closure: The Israeli army continues to intensify its restrictions at checkpoints located at the entrances to the city of Jerusalem and has set up checkpoints in the old city of Jerusalem and around Al Aqsa Mosque compound.</li> <li>Closure of Main Road: The Israeli army continues to close the eastern entrance to Dahiyat Bir Nabala northwest of the city of Jerusalem with cement blocks.</li> <li>Checkpoints: The Israeli army continues to intensify its restrictions at Qalandiya and Beit Iksa checkpoints and to impede civilian access.</li> <li>Wall Gates: The Israeli army continues to close the Wall gate in the town of Abu Dis with cement blocks.</li> <li>Wall Construction: Wall construction continues in Dahiyat al Aqbat, from the village of Hizma to 'Anata, along the Hizma-Jaba' road, the area of Al 'Eizariya to Ash Shayyah, near Al Quds University, in the town of As Sawahira ash Sharqiya, from the village of Beit Surik to Biddu, in the areas of Al Judeira, Bir Nabala, and Beit Hanina, around the settlement of Ma'ale Adumim, and west of the village of Al Jib.</li> <li>Flving Checkpoint: The Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the junction to 'Atarot Industrial Zone in Dahiyat ar Ram and searched civilian vehicles.</li> <li>Arrests: At 13:00, Israeli troops positioned at Qalandiya checkpoint arrested 2 civilians, claiming that they were in possession of rifle accessories and a knife:</li> <li>(i) Sami Samer al Hanafi; and</li> <li>(ii) Saddam Tayseer al Asmar.</li> </ul>
RAMALLAH & EL BIREH	<ul> <li>Closure of Main Road: The Israeli army continues to close the eastern entrance to the village of Sinjil with dirt barricades.</li> <li>Wall Construction: Wall construction continues in the areas of Al Midya to Budrus, Al Midya to Ni'lin, Bil'in to Saffa, in the village of Beit Liqya, in the town of Beituniya, and west of the town of 'Abud and the village of Beit Sira.</li> <li>Flying Checkpoint: At 14:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the junction to the settlement of Halamish, searched civilian vehicles, and impeded civilian access until 16:00.</li> <li>Raids: <ol> <li>At 11:55, the Israeli army, including 10 jeeps, raided and patrolled the city of El Bireh.</li> <li>At 16:15, the Israeli army raided the city of Ramallah and the town of Beituniya and arrested 1 Palestinian National Security officer in the city of Ramallah.</li> <li>At 24:00, the Israeli army, including 8 jeeps, raided the village of Qarawat Bani Zeid, arrested 1 civilian, and withdrew at 02:00.</li> </ol> </li></ul>

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	• Arrests:
	(i) The Israeli army arrested Fares al 'Assar, a Palestinian National
	Security officer, in the city of Ramallah.
	(ii) The Israeli army arrested Tareq Mohammed Jaber in the village of
	Qarawat Bani Zeid.
	• <u>Closure of Road</u> : The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the
	detour road leading to the town of 'Arraba east of the settlement of Dotan.
	• <u>Checkpoint</u> : The Israeli army continues to intensify its restrictions at
	Tayasir checkpoint east of the town of Tubas and to impede civilian access.
	• <u>Wall Gates</u> : Passage through the Wall gates is restricted to civilians granted special Israeli permits.
	• Raid: At 03:30, the Israeli army, including 4 jeeps, raided and patrolled the
JENIN	city of Jenin until 04:30.
	• Arrests:
	(i) At 03:00 on 07 March 2006, the Israeli army arrested Mohammed
	Taher Tahayneh during its raid on the town of Silat al Harithiya, in
	addition to those reported yesterday.
	(ii) At 15:00, Israeli troops positioned at Salim checkpoint arrested 17-
	year-old Hijazi Wael Zyoud, claiming that he was in possession of a homemade explosive device.
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	• <u>Closure</u> : The Israeli army continues to impose a complete closure on the district of Tulkarem and to declare it a closed military zone following a
	suicide attack carried out on the junction to the village of Far'un. The
	Israeli army continues to impede civilian access to and from the district.
	• Closure of Main Roads:
	(i) The Israeli army continues to close the road connecting the town of
	Bal'a to Dahiyat Iktaba with dirt barricades.
	(ii) The Israeli army continues to close the road connecting the town of
	Kafr al Labad to the village of Shufa with dirt barricades.
	(iii) The Israeli army continues to close the road connecting the towns of 'Attil and Deir al Ghusun with dirt barricades.
	• Checkpoints:
TULKAREM	(i) The Israeli army continues to intensify its restrictions at the checkpoint
	set up near the settlement of 'Einav on the road connecting the districts
	of Tulkarem and Nablus, denying access to civilian vehicles.
	(ii) The Israeli army continues to intensify its restrictions at Jubara
	checkpoint south of the city of Tulkarem, impeding civilian access.
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	special Israeli permits.  • Raids:
	(i) At 11:35, the Israeli army, including 2 jeeps, raided the city of
	Tulkarem, searched 1 house, and opened fire, injuring Fawwaz al
	Qareeb. The Israeli army also took footage of the house rooms.
	(ii) At 13:35, the Israeli army raided and combed the area surrounding the
	village of Seida.

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QALQILIYA	<ul> <li>Closure of Main Road: The Israeli army continues to close the western entrance to the town of 'Azzun with dirt barricades.</li> <li>Wall Gates: <ol> <li>Passage through the Wall gates is restricted to civilians granted special Israeli permits.</li> <li>The Israeli army continues to intensify its restrictions at 'Azzun 'Atma Wall gate and to search civilians, including students, with a metal detector.</li> <li>Wall Construction: Land levelling for Wall construction continues in the village of Immatin and east of the towns of Kafr Thulth and 'Azzun.</li> <li>Raid: At 09:55, the Israeli army, including 2 jeeps, raided the city of Qalqiliya and arrested 1 civilian.</li> <li>Arrest: The Israeli army arrested Mahmoud Akram Dawoud in the city of Qalqiliya.</li> </ol> </li></ul>
NABLUS	<ul> <li>Closure of Main Roads: <ol> <li>The Israeli army continues to close the main road leading to the district of Jenin between the junction to the village of Deir Sharaf and the settlement of Shavei Shomron. Instead, the Israeli army has forced civilians to travel along an unpaved 1.5-km-long road, which branches off from the Nablus-Tulkarem road and intersects with the Nablus-Jenin road opposite the village of Sabastiya.</li> <li>The Israeli army continues to set up an iron gate on the road connecting the town of Jamma'in to the village of Zeita.</li> <li>The Israeli army continues to close the road connecting the villages of Odala and Beita with dirt barricades.</li> </ol> </li> <li>Checkpoints: <ol> <li>The Israeli army continues to regulate times for crossing Huwwara, Beit Iba, At Tur Mountain, and Beit Furik checkpoints around the city of Nablus. The Israeli army closes the checkpoints overnight and reopens them at various morning hours.</li> <li>At 12:00, the Israeli army closed Huwwara checkpoint and denied civilian access in both directions, claiming to be investigating a suspicious object. At 14:30, the checkpoint was reopened.</li> <li>Arrest: At 09:00, the Israeli army arrested Ra'ed Suleiman Marshoud on Al Badhan road, while he was travelling to the district of Jericho.</li> <li>Detention: At 09:10, Israeli troops positioned at Beit Iba checkpoint west of the city of Nablus detained Mohammed Hussein 'Uthman, a Palestinian National Security officer, until 14:40.</li> </ol> </li> </ul>
SALFIT	<ul> <li>Closure of Main Roads:         <ul> <li>(i) The Israeli army continues to close the main north-western entrance to the city of Salfit with dirt barricades. The road has been closed since the beginning of the current <i>Intifada</i> (Uprising).</li> </ul> </li> <li>(ii) The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the western entrances to the town of Bruqin and the village of Marda and the road connecting the town of Deir Istiya to the village of Haris.</li> </ul>

	(iii) The Israeli army continues to close the western entrance to the town of Kafr ad Dik with cement cements.
	(iv) The Israeli army continues to close the iron gate set up at the entrance to the town of Qarawat Bani Hassan.
	• Checkpoints:
	(i) The Israeli army continues to close Deir Ballut checkpoint overnight and open it at various morning hours. The Israeli army also prevents civilians from crossing eastwards towards the town of Kafr ad Dik.
	(ii) The Israeli army continues to intensify its restrictions at the Za'tara junction checkpoint and to impede civilian access.
	<ul> <li>Wall Construction: Wall construction continues near the Green Line in the town of Deir Ballut and the villages of Az Zawiya and Rafat, northwest of the city of Salfit, and in the village of Marda and the town of Kifl Haris north of the settlement of Ari'el.</li> </ul>
	• <u>Closure</u> : Road # 90 between the city of Jericho and the village of Al 'Auja is closed with cement blocks. The Israeli army prevents farmers not holding Jericho ID cards from reaching their land, forcing them to apply for access permits. The Israeli army also sporadically impedes civilian movement into the city of Jericho, except for Jerusalem and Jericho ID holders.
JERICHO	<ul> <li>Checkpoints:         <ul> <li>(i) The Israeli army continues to intensify its restrictions at Al Hamra checkpoint on the road connecting the districts of Jericho and Nablus, impeding civilian access.</li> </ul> </li> <li>(ii) The Israeli army continues to intensify its restrictions at the checkpoint</li> </ul>
	set up at the entrance to the village of 'Ein Ad Duyuk on the road connecting the districts of Jericho and Ramallah, to search civilians and vehicles, and to deny civilian access in both directions between 20:00 and 05:00 on a daily basis.
	(iii) At 11:50, the Israeli army intensified its restrictions at the DCO checkpoint set up at the southern entrance to the city of Jericho, impeding civilian access.
	• Flying Checkpoint: At 14:30, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the junction to the village of Al 'Auja on Al Mu'arrajat road connecting the districts of Jericho and Ramallah and searched civilians and vehicles.
	<ul> <li>Raid: At 03:20, the Israeli army, including 10 jeeps, raided 'Aqbat Jaber refugee camp, searched 1 house, arrested 1 civilian, and withdrew at 04:50.</li> <li>Arrest: The Israeli army arrested Khaled 'Izz ad Din al 'Ajjouri in 'Aqbat</li> </ul>
	Jaber refugee camp.
ВЕТНГЕНЕМ	• <u>Closure</u> : The Israeli army continues to close the roads to the village of An Nu'man, with the exception of the road leading to the Wall gate in the south-eastern area of the village. The Israeli army considers the civilians' residence in the village illegal because they hold West Bank identity cards while their village is located within the Israeli-defined
	<ul> <li>Closure of Main Roads: The Israeli army continues to close all roads to Road # 60 leading to the city of Jerusalem, thereby isolating the city of Bethlehem from its towns and villages located west of Road # 60.</li> </ul>

• <u>Wall Construction</u>: Wall construction continues north of 'Ayda refugee camp towards the area north of the city of Beit Jala and in the Everest area, northwest of the city of Beit Jala.

### • Raids:

- (i) At 12:20, the Israeli army, including 2 jeeps, raided the village of Dar Salah, set up a checkpoint, and searched civilians and vehicles until 14:00.
- (ii) At 17:35, an Israeli army patrol raided the town of Al Khadr and patrolled the area.
- (iii) At 22:30, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the city of Beit Jala until 02:30.
- (iv) At 02:30, the Israeli army, including 19 jeeps, raided the city of Bethlehem, searched a number of houses, and arrested 1 Palestinian General Intelligence officer. At 04:50, the Israeli army withdrew from the area.
- <u>Arrest</u>: The Israeli army arrested Ahmed Hassan, a Palestinian General Intelligence officer, in the city of Bethlehem.
- <u>Attack on Property</u>: The Israeli army distributed notices to halt construction of 5 houses in the village of An Nu'man northeast of the city of Bethlehem.

### • Closure:

- (i) The Israeli army continues to close with cement blocks and barbed wire Ash Shuhada' Street and the area of As Sahleh and with an iron gate the old gold market, all in the H2 section of the city of Hebron, denying access to civilians and vehicles.
- (ii) The Israeli army continues to implement a military order to close civilian commercial shops on both sides of the road connecting the settlement of Kiryat Arba' to the Ibrahimi Mosque in the old city of Hebron from 06 November 2005 until 07 May 2006. Civilian vehicles are prohibited from travelling along the road unless they possess access permits. Only Israeli settler vehicles are allowed unrestricted access on the road.

# (iii) The Israeli army continues to close with a dirt barricade the area of Khuzq al Far near the settlement of Abraham Avino in the old city of Hebron, in addition to the iron gate that has been set up in the area.

(iv) The Israeli army continues to close the entrance to the area of Al Khan in the old city of Hebron with an electronic gate, isolating the area from Al Laban Market and the area of As Sahleh.

### • Closure of Main Roads:

- (i) The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the area of Al Hawawir leading to the town of Halhul, the area of Al Fahs south of the city of Hebron, the junction to the area of Farsh al Hawa leading to Road # 35 northwest of the city of Hebron, and the entrance to the village of 'Arab ar Ramadin.
- (ii) The Israeli army continues to close the main entrance to Al 'Arrub refugee camp with cement blocks.

### **HEBRON**

- <u>Wall Construction</u>: Wall construction continues west of the town of Surif to Beit Ula, in the town of Idhna, from the village of Deir Samit to the village of Beit 'Awwa, from Beit 'Awwa to the village of Al Burj, and south of the towns of Adh Dhahiriya and As Samoa'.
- Flying Checkpoints/Detention:
- (i) At 08:15, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to the village of Beit 'Einun and searched civilians and vehicles.
- (ii) At 08:45, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the overpass to the town of Beit Kahil and searched civilians and vehicles.
- (iii) At 11:45, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint in the area between the towns of Beit Ummar and Surif, searched civilian vehicles, and detained 1 civilian until 16:30.
- Raids/House Occupation/Detention/Provocation of Palestinian Forces:
- (i) At 18:50, the Israeli army raided the town of Dura, occupied 1 house, and converted it into a military post after detaining residents in 1 room.
- (ii) At 01:45, the Israeli army raided the city of Hebron and demanded that a group of Palestinian National Security officers, who guard the offices of the Temporary International Presence in Hebron (TIPH), keep only 2 officers to guard TIPH offices. This is despite of prior coordination (through the DCO) to allow 4 officers to guard the offices. At 02:00, the Israeli army withdrew from the area.
- <u>Detention</u>: At 17:00, the Israeli army detained 4 shepherds while they were tending sheep near the settlement of Hagai and released them at 21:30.

#### **GAZA STRIP**

## ALL DISTRICTS

• The Israeli army partially eased the closure it has imposed on the Gaza Strip since 16 December 2005 ostensibly due to Palestinian individuals' firing of mortars towards the Green Line.

### NORTHERN GAZA

- <u>Closure</u>: Beginning at 18:00 on 28 December 2005, the Israeli army has continued to impose a buffer zone (through open fire as well as artillery and air attacks) in the area near the Green Line, including the area of the debris of evacuated settlements, in the district of Northern Gaza. The Israeli army has also warned that civilians would put their lives in danger if they enter the designated area.
- <u>Closure of Crossing Point</u>: Beit Hanun (Erez) Crossing is partially open to foreign nationals, VIPs, civilians holding special permits, humanitarian cases, and workers.
- Attacks/Provocation of Palestinian Forces:
- (i) At 15:55, and again at 19:55, Israeli troops positioned at Beit Hanun (Erez) Crossing opened fire, claiming to be organising the exit of workers from the crossing.

	<ul> <li>(ii) Between 18:15 and 20:35, the Israeli army fired 26 tank shells from Point 64 on the Green Line east of the town of Jabalya towards Palestinian territory near 4 Palestinian National Security locations north of the town of Beit Lahiya. 4 tank shells did not explode.</li> <li>Arrest: At 15:45, Israeli troops positioned at Beit Hanun (Erez) Crossing arrested Sameeh Maher al Haddad while he was travelling to an Israeli hospital for medical treatment.</li> </ul>
GAZA	• <u>Closure of Crossing Point</u> : Al Muntar (Karnei) Crossing is closed.
CENTRAL GAZA	Activities not reported.
KHAN YUNIS	Activities not reported.
RAFAH	<ul> <li>Closure of Crossing Points: <ol> <li>Yasser 'Arafat International Airport remains closed.</li> <li>Rafah Crossing is partially open in both directions to passengers holding Palestinian IDs, humanitarian cases, and Arab and foreign diplomatic missions.</li> <li>Sufa Crossing is closed.</li> <li>Arrests: The 2 civilians, who had been arrested by the Israeli army at 00:45 on 07 March 2006 while they were attempting to gain access into the Green Line near Point 217 on the Green Line, were identified as the following 2 children:</li> <li>Abdul Karim Jum'ah as Soufi, 17 years old; and</li> <li>As'ad Mohammed as Soufi, 15 years old.</li> </ol> </li> </ul>