# مجموعة الرقابة الفلسطينية



# PALESTINIAN MONITORING GROUP

# **DAILY SITUATION REPORT**

08:00 15 March 2006 - 08:00 16 March 2006

#### **SUMMARY OF EVENTS**

EVENT	WEST BANK	GAZA STRIP	TOTAL	NOTES
Death	1	_	1	1 child in Kharbatha al Misbah village
Injuries	5	_	5	4 in Ramallah and 1 in Nablus
Air Attacks	_	2	2	4 missiles fired by F16 aircrafts
Attacks	8	6	14	Incl. 3 in raids & 6 from military posts
Raids	27	2	29	Incl. 4 in Jenin & 6 in Nablus
Air Patrols	_	2	2	F16 combat aircrafts over N. Gaza
Arrests	21	1	22	Incl. 3 children
Detentions	18	_	18	At checkpoints & in residential areas
Land Levelling	_	1	1	North of the town of Beit Hanun
Wall Construction	28	_	28	Incl. Jer., Raml'h., Qalq., Salfit, Beth.
Destruction of Property	1	_	1	Furniture of 1 house in 'Azzun town
Land Confiscation	1	_	1	766.6 <i>dunums</i> in Bethlehem district
Curfew	1	_	1	Over the town of Huwwara, Nablus
Closure of Checkpoints	3	_	3	Incl. 'Einav & Huwwara checkpoints
Flying Checkpoints	15	_	15	Incl. 3 in Nablus & 6 in Hebron
Closure (per District)	7	1	8	Incl. a buffer zone in Northern Gaza
Closure of Main Roads	24	_	24	Incl. entrance to Al Fawwar RC
Closure of Crossing Points	_	5	5	Incl. Beit Hanun & Rafah partially
School Disruption	2	_	2	Incl. classes disrupted in 2 schools
Settler Violence	1	_	1	1 civilian house stoned in Hebron
Palestinian Attacks	2	3	5	Incl. open fire towards Beit Il
Pal. Security Measure	_	1	1	5 children arrested in Rafah
Demonstrations	5	_	5	Incl. against raid on Jericho prison
TOTAL	170	24	194	

DISTRICT	EVENT	
ALL DISTRICTS	<ul> <li>The Israeli army extended the complete closure it has imposed over the West Bank and Gaza Strip districts since 11 March 2006 due to Jewish holidays. The Israeli army has also continued to prevent civilians, including workers, from crossing into areas inside the Green Line or into the city of Jerusalem, only allowing VIPs and humanitarian cases to cross after prior coordination. The closure will last until 18 March 2006.</li> <li>On 15 March 2006, a general strike was declared throughout all Palestinian districts. Commercial shops were closed and mass demonstrations took place in protest against the Israeli army's raid on the Palestinian civil prison in the city of Jericho and abduction of: Ahmed Sa'adat, the Secretary General of the People's Front for the Liberation of Palestine (PFLP) and member of the Palestinian Legislative Council; Fu'ad ash Shobaki, a</li> </ul>	
	Palestinian Brigadier General; and a number of other prisoners.	

# **WEST BANK**

- <u>Closure of Main Road</u>: The Israeli army continues to close the eastern entrance to the village of Sinjil with dirt barricades.
- <u>Wall Construction</u>: 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.

#### • Flying Checkpoints:

- (i) At 12:05, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the Ramallah-Bir Zeit main road and searched civilians and vehicles.
- (ii) At 06:50, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the junction to the village of Um Safa and searched civilians and vehicles.

#### • Raids:

- (i) At 08:50, the Israeli army raided the village of An Nabi Salih, searched 1 house, and arrested 1 civilian.
- (ii) At 23:00, the Israeli army, including 6 jeeps, raided the town of Beituniya, searched a number of houses, arrested 2 civilians, and withdrew at 24:00.
- (iii) At 01:50, an Israeli army patrol raided the town of Deir Ghassana and the village of Kafr 'Ein and patrolled the area until 02:20.

#### • Arrests:

- (i) The Israeli army arrested Ala' Saleh Fu'ad 'Awwad in the village of An Nabi Salih.
- (ii) The Israeli army arrested 2 civilians in the town of Beituniya, including Ali Mousa Abdul Haleem.

# • <u>Demonstrations</u>:

- (i) At 08:00, a mass demonstration took place in the town of Beit Rima and the village of Kafr 'Ein in protest against the Israeli army's raid on the civil prison in Al Muqata'a in the city of Jericho and arrest of Ahmed Sa'adat, PFLP Secretary General.
- (ii) At 09:00, a mass demonstration took place in the town of Bir Zeit in protest against the Israeli army's raid on the civil prison in Al Muqata'a in the city of Jericho and arrest of Ahmed Sa'adat, PFLP Secretary General. Confrontations took place between the Israeli army and civilian protestors, while they were marching towards the overpass to the town of 'Atara.
- (iii) At 19:50, a mass demonstration took place in the village of Kharbatha al Misbah in protest against land levelling for Wall construction. Confrontations took place between the Israeli army and civilian protestors, during which the Israeli army killed 1 child and injured 4 civilians.
- <u>Killing</u>: The Israeli army killed Khaled 'Isa 'Atiyyeh, 12 years old, in the village of Kharbatha al Misbah.
- <u>Palestinian Attack</u>: At 04:50, armed Palestinian individuals opened fire towards the settlement of Beit II.

# RAMALLAH & EL BIREH

JENIN	<ul> <li>Closure of Road: The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the detour road leading to the town of 'Arraba east of the settlement of Dotan.</li> <li>Checkpoint: The Israeli army continues to intensify its restrictions at Tayasir checkpoint east of the town of Tubas and to impede civilian access.</li> <li>Wall Gates: Passage through the Wall gates is restricted to civilians granted special Israeli permits.</li> <li>Raids: <ol> <li>At 21:30, the Israeli army, including 3 jeeps, raided the town of Ya'bad, opened fire, fired sound grenades, and patrolled the area until 22:00.</li> <li>At 00:30, the Israeli army, including 20 jeeps, raided the city of Jenin and Jenin refugee camp and patrolled the area until 04:30.</li> <li>At 05:30, the Israeli army, including 15 jeeps and 1 bulldozer, raided the city of Jenin and surrounded 1 house. An armed confrontation took place between the Israeli army and an armed Palestinian individual. The Israeli army also arrested 4 civilians.</li> <li>Arrests: The Israeli army arrested 4 civilians in the city of Jenin: <ol> <li>Ahmed Jamal 'Awadh;</li> <li>Dhirgham as Sa'di;</li> <li>Fadi Ali ad Darbi; and</li> <li>Hussein al 'Aqhash.</li> </ol> </li> <li>Detention: At 18:00, Israeli troops positioned at Salim checkpoint detained 3 children and released them at 21:40.</li> </ol></li></ul>
TULKAREM	<ul> <li>Closure: 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.</li> <li>Closure of Main Roads: The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the roads connecting the town of Bal'a to Dahiyat Iktaba, the town of Kafr al Labad to the village of Shufa, and the town of Deir al Ghusun to the town of 'Attil.</li> <li>Checkpoints: <ol> <li>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.</li> <li>The Israeli army continues to intensify its restrictions at Jubara checkpoint south of the city of Tulkarem and to impede civilian access.</li> <li>Wall Gates: Passage through the Wall gates is restricted to civilians granted special Israeli permits.</li> <li>Raids:</li> <li>At 09:30, the Israeli army, including 3 jeeps, raided the city of Tulkarem and patrolled the area until 10:00.</li> <li>At 11:00, an Israeli army patrol raided the town of 'Anabta and patrolled the area.</li> </ol> </li></ul>

#### **Wall Gates:** (i) Passage through the Wall gates is restricted to civilians granted special Israeli permits. The Israeli army continues to intensify its restrictions at 'Azzun 'Atma (ii) Wall gate and to search civilians, including students, with a metal detector. Wall Construction: Land levelling for Wall construction continues in the village of Immatin and east of the towns of Kafr Thulth and 'Azzun. Flying Checkpoints: At 08:10, the Israeli army set up 2 flying checkpoints, one at the eastern entrance to the city of Qalqiliya and the other at the northern entrance to the town of 'Azzun, searched civilian vehicles, and impeded civilian access. **QALQILIYA** Raid/Destruction of Property: At 01:00, the Israeli army raided the town of 'Azzun, searched a number of houses, and arrested 3 civilians. The Israeli army also threw explosives inside 1 house belonging to Shakir Mahmoud Radhwan, causing damage to the furniture. **Arrests:** The Israeli army arrested 3 civilians in the town of 'Azzun: Marwan Rasheed Radhwan: (i) Saddam Husam Radhwan; and (ii) Mohammed Saleem Salah. (iii) **School Disruption:** On 15 March 2006, classes were disrupted at 1 girls' school and 1 boys' school in the village of Kafr Qaddum due to the curfew imposed by the Israeli army over the village. The 2 schools serve 891 students. **Closure of Main Roads:** (i) 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. The Israeli army continues to close the road connecting the villages of (ii) Odala and Beita with dirt barricades. **NABLUS Checkpoints:** (ii) 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. At 06:30, the Israeli army closed Huwwara checkpoint, impeding the (iii) access of civilian vehicles in both directions. **Flying Checkpoints:** At 08:30, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on Al Badhan road (i) east of the city of Nablus, searched civilian vehicles, and impeded

civilian access.

(ii) At 16:55, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint in the area between the town of 'Asira ash Shamaliya and the village of Talluza, searched civilian vehicles, and impeded civilian access.

#### • Raids/Detention:

- (i) At 11:30, the Israeli army raided the village of 'Awarta, searched 1 house, and arrested 1 child. Confrontations took place between the Israeli army and civilians, during which the Israeli army injured 1 civilian.
- (ii) At 12:15, the Israeli army raided the town of Jamma'in, detained 4 children, and released them at a later time. At 17:30, the Israeli army raided the town again, searched 1 house, and arrested 3 civilians, including 2 children. The Israeli army also set up a checkpoint at the entrance to the town and searched civilians and vehicles until 18:10.
- (iii) At 02:10, the Israeli army, including 12 armoured vehicles and 3 jeeps, raided Balata refugee camp, arrested 2 civilians, and withdrew at 03:45.
- (iv) At 03:55, the Israeli army, including 6 jeeps, raided 'Askar refugee camp, searched 1 house, and withdrew at 04:15.

#### • <u>Arrests</u>:

(i) The Israeli army arrested Ahmed 'Issam al Akhras, 15 years old, in the village of 'Awarta.

The Israeli army arrested 3 civilians in the town of Jamma'in:

- (ii) Samer Mahfouth 'Awadh, 14 years old;
- (iii) Hamzeh Mahfouth 'Awadh, 16 years old; and
- (iv) Qussay Abdallah Zeitawi.

The Israeli army arrested 2 civilians in Balata refugee camp:

- (v) Ali Ibrahim Abu Dayyeh; and
- (vi) Ali Jum'ah at Tirawi.
- <u>Palestinian Attack/Raid/Curfew</u>: At 06:30, an armed Palestinian individual opened fire towards an Israeli settler vehicle near the town of Huwwara, injuring 2 Israeli settlers. Consequently, the Israeli army raided the town of Huwwara and imposed curfew.

### • Closure of Main Roads:

- (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 *Intifada* (Uprising).
- (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.
- (iii) The Israeli army continues to close the western entrance to the town of Kafr ad Dik with cement cements.

#### • 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.

#### **SALFIT**

	<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> <li>Flying Checkpoint: At 08:30, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the underpass road to the village of Iskaka, searched civilian vehicles, and impeded civilian access until 09:30.</li> <li>Raid: At 12:15, the Israeli army, including 3 jeeps, raided the village of Marda, searched 1 house, and withdrew at 13:30.</li> </ul>
JERICHO	<ul> <li>Closure: 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.</li> <li>Checkpoints: <ol> <li>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> <li>The Israeli army continues to intensify its restrictions at the checkpoint 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.</li> </ol> </li></ul>
BETHLEHEM	<ul> <li>Closure: 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 municipal boundaries of Jerusalem.</li> <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> <li>Checkpoint: At 10:30, the Israeli army intensified its restrictions at the DCO checkpoint set up at the entrance to the city of Beit Jala, impeding civilian access until 12:00.</li> <li>Wall Construction: 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.</li> <li>Raids: <ol> <li>At 14:20, an Israeli army patrol raided the cities of Beit Sahur and Bethlehem and patrolled the area.</li> <li>At 01:10, the Israeli army, including 14 jeeps, raided the city of Bethlehem and searched 1 house.</li> </ol> </li> </ul>

- <u>Arrest</u>: At 21:40, Israeli troops positioned at As Sawahira ash Sharqiya (the "Container") checkpoint arrested Kamel Mohammed Ahmed Abu 'Umariyyeh, a taxi driver, claiming that he attempted to run over an Israeli soldier at the checkpoint.
- Wall Land Confiscation: The Israeli army issued an order that amends Military Order # T/86/05 to confiscate 766.6 dunums (191.65 acres), instead of 756.5 dunums (189.125 acres), of land belonging to the town of Surif and the villages of Al Walaja, Battir, Husan, and Wadi Fukin for Wall construction.
- <u>Demonstration</u>: At 11:00, a mass demonstration took place in the city of Bethlehem in protest against the Israeli army's raid on the civil prison in Al Muqata'a in the city of Jericho and arrest of Ahmed Sa'adat, PFLP Secretary General. Confrontations took place between the Israeli army and civilian protestors, while they were marching towards the checkpoint set up near Bilal Bin Rabah Mosque (Rachel's Tomb).

#### • <u>Closure</u>:

- (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.
- (iii) At 19:30, the Israeli army closed the iron gate set up at the entrance to Al Fawwar refugee camp.
- Wall Construction: 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'.

#### **HEBRON**

#### • Flying Checkpoints:

- (i) At 17:45, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to Al Fawwar refugee camp and denied access to civilian vehicles in both directions.
- (ii) At 19:30, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the overpass to the town of Halhul and searched civilians and vehicles.

#### • Raids/Detention:

- (i) At 11:45, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the town of Yatta.
- (ii) At 13:00, the Israeli army raided the town of Sa'ir. Confrontations took place between the Israeli army and civilians. At 14:30, the Israeli army withdrew from the area.
- (iii) At 19:20, the Israeli army raided the city of Hebron, patrolled the area, and set up 4 checkpoints in the following areas: Al Hawuz Al Awwal; Al Hawuz ath Thani; Ras al Jora; and As Salam Street. The Israeli army searched civilian vehicles, detained approximately 50 civilians, and arrested 1 civilian on Ash Shalala Street.
- (iv) At 22:00, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the town of As Samoa'.
- (v) At 03:00, the Israeli army raided the town of Dura and arrested 3 civilians.

#### • Arrests:

(i) The Israeli army arrested Murad Mohammed al Muhtaseb on Ash Shalala Street in the city of Hebron.

The Israeli army arrested 3 civilians in the town of Dura:

- (ii) Khalil Fawzi Abu Dosh;
- (iii) Ashraf Mutlag Abu Ras; and
- (iv) Yousef Ahmed Nassar.
- <u>School Disruption</u>: At 12:35, the Israeli army fired tear gas grenades towards Az Zahra' Secondary Girls School in Abu Sneineh neighbourhood in the old city of Hebron.
- <u>Settler Violence</u>: At 11:00, a group of Israeli settlers from the settlement of Ramat Yishai threw stones at 1 house belonging to Sana' Abu 'Eisheh, a female civilian, in the neighbourhood of Tall Rumeida in the old city of Hebron.

#### **GAZA STRIP**

# ALL DISTRICTS

• On the evening of 11 March 2006, the Israeli army re-intensified the closure it has imposed on the Gaza Strip since 16 December 2005 ostensibly due to Jewish holidays and 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.  • Closure of Crossing Point: Beit Hanun (Erez) Crossing is partially open to foreign nationals, VIPs, and humanitarian cases after prior coordination.  • Air Attacks: Between 00:05 and 00:35, Israeli army F16 combat aircrafts fired 4 missiles towards a vacant land in the area of Abu Safiya and towards the vicinity of Al Qarya al Badawiya.  • Attacks:  (i) At 09:25, the Israeli army fired 2 artillery shells from Point 64 on the Green Line east of the town of Jabalya towards Palestinian territory north of the town of Beit Lahiya.  (ii) At 18:15, the Israeli army fired 3 artillery shells from Point 68 on the Green Line east of Gaza city towards Palestinian territory east of the town of Jabalya.  • Raid/Land Levelling: At 12:25, the Israeli army, including 1 tank and 3 bulldozers, raided Palestinian territory between Points 23 and 25 on the Green Line north of the town of Beit Hanun and levelled land near the Green Line.  • Palestinian Attack: At 17:25, 3 unidentified mortars were fired towards the Green Line.
GAZA	<ul> <li>Closure of Crossing Point: Al Muntar (Karnei) Crossing is closed.</li> <li>Attacks: <ol> <li>At 11:30, the Israeli army opened fire from Point 88 on the Green Line towards shepherds east of Gaza city.</li> <li>At 11:35, the Israeli army opened fire from Points 84 and 85 on the Green Line towards Palestinian territory east of Gaza city.</li> </ol> </li> </ul>
CENTRAL GAZA	• Arrest: At 12:25, the Israeli army arrested an unidentified civilian near Point 115 on the Green Line east of Al Bureij refugee camp, claiming that he was in possession of a hand grenade.
KHAN YUNIS	• Palestinian Attack: At 16:00, 3 unidentified mortars were fired towards the Green Line.
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> </ol> </li> <li>Attack: At 02:25, the Israeli army opened fire and fired 1 flare from the area between Points 217 and 218 on the Green Line towards Palestinian territory south of Sufa Crossing.</li> <li>Raid: At 17:50, the Israeli army, including 1 jeep and 3 bulldozers, raided 50 metres into Palestinian territory opposite Karem Shalom gate on the Green Line.</li> </ul>

- <u>Palestinian Attack</u>: At 09:20, armed Palestinian individuals failed to fire 1 unidentified mortar towards the Green Line. The mortar exploded in the area where it was to be launched.
- <u>Palestinian Security Measure</u>: At 22:25, a Palestinian security patrol arrested 5 children near Points 217 and 218 on the Green Line south of Sufa Crossing, while they were attempting to gain access into areas inside the Green Line.

# **GENERAL**

POLITICAL PRISONERS	• <u>Administrative Detention</u> : The Israeli authorities placed Dr. 'Issam al Ashqar, a professor at An Najah University, under administrative detention (arrest without charge or trial) for a period of 6 months.
WORK PERMITS	<ul> <li>West Bank: The Israeli authorities renewed 10,406 work permits for crossing the Green Line. However, none of those possessing work permits were allowed to access areas inside the Green Line due to the imposed closure.</li> <li>Gaza Strip: The Israeli authorities renewed 5,223 work permits for crossing the Green Line. However, none of those possessing work permits were allowed to access areas inside the Green Line due to the imposed closure.</li> </ul>