# مجموعة الرقابة الفلسطينية



## PALESTINIAN MONITORING GROUP

### **DAILY SITUATION REPORT**

08:00 25 March 2009 - 08:00 26 March 2009

#### **SUMMARY OF EVENTS**

EVENT	WEST BANK	GAZA STRIP	TOTAL	NOTES
Raids	29	_	29	Incl. 4 in Tulkarem and 6 in Hebron
Air Patrols	2	_	2	Troops dispatched by helicopters, Tubas
Arrests (per person)	17	_	17	Incl. 5 children in the city of Nablus
Detentions	15	_	15	Incl. several Palestinian security officers
Wall Construction	25	_	25	Incl. Jer., Raml'h., Salfit, & Qalqiliya
Confiscation of Property	1	_	1	A cellular telephone in 'Aqqaba, Tubas
Attack on Property	*	_	_	Notices to cease construction delivered
House Occupation	1	_	1	Converted into a military post, Hebron
Curfew	1	_	1	Over the village of Haris in Salfit
Closure of Checkpoints	14	_	14	Incl. access impeded at 8 checkpoints
Flying Checkpoints	13	_	13	Incl. 3 in Bethlehem and 5 in Hebron
Closure (per District)	8	_	8	Incl. over the city of Jerusalem
Closure of Main Roads	50	_	50	Incl. 4 in Salfit and 1 in Jericho
Closure of Crossing Points	_	4	4	3 crossing points partially open
School Disruption	1	_	1	A school used as an interrogation centre
Provocation of Pal. Forces	1	_	1	A Police station raided and photographed
TOTAL	178	4	182	

DISTRICT EVENTS
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#### WEST BANK

## ALL DISTRICTS

The Israeli army continues to intensify its restrictions at checkpoints set up on the main roads connecting the West Bank districts, thereby isolating the northern districts from the southern districts as well as the Jericho district and the Jordan Valley from the remainder of the West Bank.

#### • Closure:

- (i) The Israeli army intensified its restrictions at checkpoints located at the entrances to the city of Jerusalem, set up several checkpoints in the old city of Jerusalem and around Al Aqsa Mosque compound, and denied access to civilians above 45 years of age to perform Friday prayers at the Al Aqsa Mosque.
- (ii) On 05 January 2009, the Israeli authorities issued Military Order # S/02/09 on the closure of and denial of civilian access to the "demarcation area" along the Wall in the area surrounding the city of Jerusalem. Accordingly, local residents and civilians holding permits can access this area through crossings and gates set up at the entrances to the city of Jerusalem. (The demarcation area is defined by a set of military orders relating to land confiscation for Wall construction).

#### • Closure of Main Roads:

- (i) The Israeli army continues to close with cement blocks and dirt barricades the entrance to the village of Jaba'.
- (ii) Beginning on 16 February 2009, the Israeli army has continued to close the iron gate along the Wall section, separating the area of Dahiyat al Bareed from the town of Ar Ram.

# • <u>Checkpoint</u>: The Israeli army continues to consider Qalandiya checkpoint a "border crossing point" and has designated a special crossing for holders of Jerusalem IDs and those possessing permits to access the city of Jerusalem.

• Raid: On 25 March 2009, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the village of Kafr 'Aqab.

#### • Wall Gates:

- (i) The Israeli army continues to close the Wall gate in the town of Abu Dis with cement blocks.
- (ii) The Israeli army continues to deny civilian access through the Wall gate on Ash Shayyah road in the area between the villages of As Sawahira ash Sharqiya and As Sawahira al Gharbiya, only allowing civilians holding Jerusalem IDs to cross, after subjecting them to thorough searches using electronic devices.
- Wall Construction: Wall construction continues in the area of Al 'Eizariya to Ash Shayyah, from Beit Surik village to Biddu; in the areas of Al Judeira, Bir Nabala, and Beit Hanina; west of the village of Al Jib; in the vicinity of the village of Qatanna; south of the village of Beit Hanina; and in the area surrounding the checkpoint set up at the entrance to Shu'fat refugee camp.

#### **JERUSALEM**

RAMALLAH & EL BIREH	<ul> <li>Closure of Main Roads: The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades and cement blocks the road connecting the villages of Ras Karkar and Kharbatha Bani Harith; the entrances to the villages of Sinjil, Saffa, and 'Ein Yabrud; and the junction to the villages of Kafr Malik – 'Ein Samiya.</li> <li>Checkpoint: The Israeli army continues to intensify restrictions at the checkpoint on the overpass to 'Atara town and impede civilian access.</li> <li>Raids/Provocation of Palestinian Forces: <ol> <li>At 10:00, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the town of Bir Zeit.</li> <li>At 22:25, the Israeli army raided the village of Khirbet Abu Falah, raided the village's Palestinian Police station, and took photographs of rooms inside the station. At 24:00, the Israeli army withdrew from the area.</li> <li>At 00:45, the Israeli army raided the town of El Bireh, searched 1 house, arrested 1 civilian, and withdrew at 02:00.</li> </ol> </li> <li>Arrests: <ol> <li>At 04:30 on 25 March 2009, the Israeli army arrested Fadhel Wadi' Ahmed Fadhel during its raid into the city of El Bireh.</li> <li>The Israeli army arrested 'Ammar Sidqi Abdul Ghani al Jayyousi in the city of El Bireh.</li> <li>Wall Construction: Wall construction continues west of 'Abud town and in the areas of Al Midya to Ni'lin and Ni'lin to Deir Qaddis.</li> </ol> </li></ul>
JENIN	<ul> <li>Closure of Main Road: The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the road leading to the town of 'Arraba east of the settlement of Dotan.</li> <li>Flying Checkpoint: At 11:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint in the area between the villages of Kafr Qud and Kufeirit and searched civilians and vehicles.</li> <li>Raids: <ol> <li>At 10:50, the Israeli army raided the town of 'Arraba, searched 2 houses, and arrested 16:20.</li> <li>At 00:30, the Israeli army raided the city of Jenin and patrolled the area until 03:30.</li> <li>Wall Gates: Passage through the Wall gates is restricted to civilians granted special Israeli permits, which affects the educational and health conditions of civilians living behind the Wall.</li> </ol> </li></ul>
TUBAS	<ul> <li><u>Checkpoint</u>: The Israeli army continues to close Tayasir checkpoint in the eastern Tubas district, denying civilian access to the Northern Jordan Valley, except for civilians whose IDs indicate that their place of residence is the Northern Jordan Valley.</li> <li><u>Raids/Air Patrols/Confiscation of Property</u>:         <ul> <li>At 16:10, Israeli troops, dispatched by a combat helicopter, raided and combed the village of 'Atuf.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

	<ul> <li>(ii) At 00:15, Israeli troops, dispatched by a combat helicopter, raided and combed the area of Khallet adh Dhahab between the village of Talluza and Al Far'a refugee camp.</li> <li>(iii) At 02:25, the Israeli army raided the town of 'Aqqaba, searched a number of houses, and arrested 4 civilians. The Israeli army also confiscated a cellular telephone from one of the arrested civilians.</li> <li>Arrests: The Israeli army arrested 4 civilians in the town of 'Aqqaba: <ol> <li>Mohammed Ghassan Mahmoud Ghannam;</li> <li>Ra'fat Bassam Abdul Salam al Massri;</li> <li>Mustafa Sayel Abu 'Azzah; and</li> <li>Mohammed Mahmoud Saleem Abu 'Arrah.</li> </ol> </li> </ul>
TULKAREM	<ul> <li>Closure: The Israeli army continues to declare the district of Tulkarm a closed military zone and to impede civilian access to and from the district.</li> <li>Closure of Main Roads: <ol> <li>The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the western entrance to the village of Shufa.</li> <li>The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the road connecting the town of Kafr al Labad to the village of Shufa.</li> <li>Checkpoint: The Israeli army continues to intensify restrictions at Einav checkpoint set up on Tulkarem-Nablus main road.</li> <li>Raids: <ol> <li>At 12:00, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the city of Tulkarem.</li> <li>At 21:10, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the town of Kafr al Labad.</li> <li>At 03:20, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the town of 'Illar and the village of Seida.</li> <li>Wall Gates: Passage through the wall gates is restricted to civilians granted special Israeli permits.</li> </ol> </li> </ol></li></ul>
QALQILYA	<ul> <li>Closure of Roads: The Israeli army continues to close with cement blocks agricultural roads east of the town of 'Azzun.</li> <li>Checkpoint: The Israeli army continues to intensify restrictions at the checkpoint set up at the eastern entrance to the city of Qalqiliya and to impede civilian access.</li> <li>Flying Checkpoint: At 09:30, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint in the area between the town of 'Azzun and the village of 'Izbat at Tabib and searched civilians and vehicles.</li> <li>Raid: At 08:00, the Israeli army raided the city of Qalqiliya and arrested 1 civilian.</li> <li>Detention: At 09:50, Israeli troops positioned at the Wall gate to the village of Ras 'Atiya detained 'Odeh Suleiman Salman Ramadhin and released him at 18:20, after he had paid a bail of ILS 1,700 (approximately USD 409) until he appears before court.</li> <li>Wall Gates:  (i) Passage through the Wall gates is restricted to civilians granted special Israeli permits.</li> </ul>

(ii) The Israeli army continues to intensify its restrictions at 'Azzun 'Atma Wall gate and to search civilians, including students, with a metal detector.

#### • Wall Construction:

- (i) Having completed the Wall-related infrastructure, land levelling for Wall construction ceased in the towns of 'Azzun and Kafr Thulth as well as in the villages of Immatin and Kafr Laqif.
- (ii) Wall construction continues south of the town of Jayyus as well as near the settlement of Alfe Menashe in the villages of Ras Tira, Magharet ad Dab'a, and Wadi ar Rasha south of the city of Qalqiliya.

#### • Closure of Main Roads:

- (i) The Israeli army continues to close with cement blocks the roads of Sarra-Jit; Til-Burin; Beit Furik-Salem; the road between the town of 'Aqraba and the main road; and the eastern entrance to the village of Al Lubban Ash Sharqiya. The Israeli army also continues to close with with dirt barricades the road between the villages of Til and Madama; the southern entrance to the village of Qaryut; the eastern entrance to the village of Al Lubban Ash Sharqiya; the western entrance to the town of 'Aqraba; the southern entrance to the village of Duma; the northern entrance to the town of Qabalan; the western entrance to the village of Majdal Bani Fadil; and the settler bypass road connecting the village of Deir al Hatab to the settlement of Alon Moreh.
- (ii) The Israeli army continues to restrict civilian daily passage along the Jenin-Nablus road between the junction to Deir Sharaf village and the settlement of Shavei Shomron between 06:00 and 21:00.
- <u>Checkpoints</u>: The Israeli army continues to regulate times for crossing checkpoints set up around the city of Nablus:

# (i) At Tur neighbourhood checkpoint (set up on Jerzim Mount) is closed on Fridays and Saturdays as well as during Jewish holidays. On all other days, it is open for civilian residents of the neighborhood only.

- (ii) Beit Furik checkpoint is open to residents of the town of Beit Furik and the neighbouring village of Beit Dajan.
- (iii) Beginning on 15 February 2009, the Israeli army has allowed free access by private vehicles to all residents of the city of Nablus, who are above 50 years of age and in company with their families, through checkpoints set up around the city of Nablus.
- (iv) Having removed Beit Iba checkpoint, the Israeli army installed an iron gate near the junction to the village of Deir Sharaf along the Nablus-Tulkarem main road. The iron gate is open everyday between 05:00 and 24:00 to allow civilian access without permits.

#### Raids:

- (i) At 11:00, the Israeli army raided and patrolled town of Qabalan.
- (ii) At 02:30, the Israeli army raided the city of Nablus as well as the refugee camps of 'Askar and Balata and searched a number of houses. in the refugee camps, the Israeli army arrested 7 civilians, including 5 children.

#### **NABLUS**

	<ul> <li>Arrests: The Israeli army arrested 7 civilians in 'Askar and Balata refugee camps in the city of Nablus:</li> <li>(i) Nihad Rawhi Abu Kishek, 17 years old;</li> <li>(ii) Mohammed Khaled Mahmoud Abu Kishek, 17 years old;</li> <li>(iii) Abdul Latif Marwan 'Assi, 16 years old;</li> <li>(iv) Mohammed Ziyad Harb, 16 years old;</li> <li>(v) Mu'ath al Khatib, 17 years old;</li> <li>(vi) Sameh Fares Mahmoud Abu Kishek; and</li> <li>(vii) Ahmed Bassam Hamed Hashash.</li> </ul>
SALFIT	<ul> <li>Closure of Main Roads: <ol> <li>The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the northern entrance to Salfit city and the eastern entrance to the village of Yasuf.</li> <li>The Israeli army continues to close with cement blocks and iron gates the northern entrance to the town of Bruqin and the western entrance to the town of Kafr Ad Dik.</li> <li>Checkpoints: The Israeli army continues to intensify its restrictions at Deir Ballut and Za'tara checkpoints and prevent civilian vehicles from heading towards the village of Kafr Ad Dik.</li> <li>Raids/Curfew/Detentions/School Disruption:</li> <li>At 10:40, the Israeli army raided the village of Iskaka and patrolled the area until 11:00.</li> <li>At 03:00, the Israeli army raided the village of Haris, imposed curfew, and searched a number of houses. Having converted it into an interrogation centre, the Israeli army also detained residents, including Palestinian security officers, in the boys school in the village. The Israeli army remain positioned in the area as of 08:00 this morning.</li> <li>Wall Construction: Wall construction continues in the area northwest of the city of Salfit, and in the village of Marda and the town of Kafr Hares north of the settlement of Ariel.</li> </ol> </li></ul>
JERICHO	<ul> <li>Closure: The Israeli army continues to close Road # 90 between the city of Jericho and the village of Al 'Auja with cement blocks and to prevent farmers not holding Jericho Governorate IDs from reaching their land, forcing them to apply for access permits. The Israeli army also continues to deny access to the city to holders of Israeli IDs.</li> <li>Checkpoints: The Israeli army continues to intensify its restrictions and impede civilian access at Al Hamra checkpoint set up along Al Badhan road connecting the districts of Jericho and Nablus as well as on the checkpoint set up on the junction to the village of Al 'Auja along Al Mu'arrajat road that connects the districts of Jericho and Ramallah.</li> <li>Flying Checkpoint: At 10:30, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the junction to the village of Al Jiftlik and searched civilians and vehicles.</li> </ul>
BETHLEHEM	• Closure:  (i) 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.

- (ii) According to Military Order # 07/02/S, the Israeli army has continued since 15 September 2007 to deny civilian access to an area measuring 22 *dunums* (5.436 acres) of land in the area of Mazmuriya in the cities of Beit Sahur and Bethlehem. The land was confiscated pursuant to Military Order # 07/31/T.
- Closure of Main Roads: In addition to 2 side roads east and south of the village of Al Walaja, the Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the roads of Beit Jala-Wadi Ahmad; Talita-Nazlet as Sidr in the city of Beit Jala; Al Khadr -Road # 60; Al Khadr -Beit Jala Housing Project; Wadi Rahal-Efrat; and the side road east of the town of Beit Fajjar.

#### • Flying Checkpoints:

- (i) At 13:05, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to the village of Battir and searched civilians and vehicles.
- (ii) At 16:20, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint and searched civilians and vehicles on the junction to the area of An Nashash (the southern entrance to the city of Bethlehem).

#### • Raids

- (i) At 01:30 on 25 March 2009, the Israeli army raided the village of Battir, searched 1 house, and arrested 1 civilian.
- (ii) At 10:00, the Israeli army raided the village of Dar Salah, set up a checkpoint, and searched civilians and vehicles until 11:00.
- (iii) At 17:55, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the town of Al Khadr.
- Arrest: The Israeli army arrested Ala' Mustafa al Qeisi in the village of Battir.
- Wall Construction: Wall construction continues in the area northwest of the town of Al Khadr; northwest of the city of Beit Jala; in the area of Wadi Rahhal east of Ifrat settlement; and in the area surrounding the village of Al Walaja.

#### • Closure:

# (i) The Israeli army continues to close the following locales in the old city of Hebron: Ash Shuhada' Street and the area of As Sahleh with cement blocks and barbed wire; the old gold market with an iron gate; the area of Khuzq al Far near the settlement of Abraham Avino with a dirt barricade and an iron gate; and the entrance to the area of Al Khan with an electronic gate, isolating the area from Al Laban Market and the area of As Sahleh. The Israeli army also continues to install an iron gate at the entrance to the area of Al Hisba (the fruits and vegetables market) in the old city of Hebron, thereby controlling civilian access in the area.

## **HEBRON**

- (ii) The Israeli army continues to prevent civilian vehicles from travelling along the road connecting the settlement of Kiryat Arba' to the Ibrahimi Mosque in the old city of Hebron.
- (iii) On 05 January 2009, the Israeli army issued Military Order # 09/06/S for closure of the area located along the Green Line south of the town of Yatta, evacuation of civilian residents, and prevention of civilian access to the area. According to Military Orders # 05/03/T and 05/04/T, land in this area was confiscated for Wall construction.

#### • Closure of Main Roads:

- (i) The Israeli army continues to close with cement blocks the entrance to the town of As Samoa'; the area of Al Hawawir leading to the town of Halhul; the road connecting the town of Surif to the village of Al Jab'a; the eastern entrance to the village of Kharsa; the entrance to Al Qeisi neighborhood in the old city of Hebron; as well as the entrances to Al 'Arrub refugee camp and the village of At Tuwani.
- (ii) In accordance with Military Order # 378, the Israeli army continues to prohibit Palestinian vehicles from travelling along Ash Shalala Old Street that leads to the old city of Hebron, only allowing Israeli vehicles as well as Israeli army vehicles to travel along this street.
- (iii) The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the road between the villages of Al Karmil and At Tuwani and all roads leading to bypass Road # 60.
- (iv) The Israeli army continues to open the iron gate on the junction of Farsh Al Hawa, which leads to Road # 35 that leads to Tarqumiya Crossing, from 05:00 until 07:00 and from 09:00 until 13:00.
- (v) The Israeli army continues to close with cement blocks the southern entrance to the town of Adh Dhahiriya.

#### • Flying Checkpoints:

- (i) At 10:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint along Road # 60 near the village of Beit Einun and searched civilians and vehicles.
- (ii) At 15:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to the town of Bani Na'im and searched civilians and vehicles.
- (iii) At 15:30, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the overpass to the town of Halhul and searched civilians and vehicles.
- (iv) At 16:50, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to the town of Beit Kahil and searched civilians and vehicles.
- (v) At 22:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint west of the town of Idhna and searched civilians and vehicles.

#### • Raids/House Occupation/Detentions:

- (i) At 03:00 on 25 March 2009, the Israeli army raided the town of Dura, occupied 1 house, and converted it into a military post, after having detained residents in a single room. At 23:30, the Israeli army withdrew from the area.
- (ii) At 16:00, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the city of Hebron. At 18:30, the Israeli army raided the city again, searched a house and butchery, and arrested 2 civilians. At 21:15, the Israeli army withdrew from the area.
- (iii) At 23:00, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the town of Adh Dhahiriya.
- (iv) At 00:20, the Israeli army raided and patrolled Al Fawwar refugee camp.
- (v) At 03:00, the Israeli army raided the town of Yatta, searched 1 house, served a summons to a civilian to report to the Israeli Intelligence agency, and withdrew at 03:20.

- Arrests: The Israeli army arrested 2 civilians in the city of Hebron:
- (i) Bilal Hamdi Abu Rmeileh; and
- (ii) Nour Rassass Dweik.
- <u>Attack on Property</u>: In the village of Beit Einun, the Israeli army distributed notices for cessation of the construction of 2 houses as well as a stone quarry, allegedly because their owners had not obtained the necessary construction licences.
- <u>Wall Construction</u>: Wall construction continues in the section of Tarqumiya checkpoint terminal; in the area between the settlement of Eshkolot and the village of Imneizil southeast of the town of Yatta; and in the village of 'Arab ar Ramadin.

#### **GAZA STRIP**

# ALL DISTRICTS

At 02:00 on 18 January 2009, the unilateral ceasefire declared by the Israeli authorities came into effect. At a later time on the same day, armed Palestinian groups announced an agreement to cease fire for a week. Later, armed Palestinian groups extended the ceasefire until 05 February 2009. Despite the fact that the extension period expired, the ceasefire continues to hold pending negotiations carried out by Egypt.

NORTHERN GAZA	Closure of Crossing Point: Beit Hanun (Erez) Crossing is closed.	
GAZA	<ul> <li>Closure of Crossing Points:         <ul> <li>(i) Al Muntar (Karnei) Crossing is partially open for transportation of wheat and animal feed.</li> <li>(ii) Ash Shuja'iya (Nahal 'Oz) Crossing is partially open for transportation of fuel.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	
CENTRAL GAZA	Activities not reported.	
KHAN YUNIS	Activities not reported.	
RAFAH	<ul> <li>Closure of Crossing Points:         <ul> <li>Yasser 'Arafat International Airport remains closed.</li> <li>Rafah (Al 'Awdah) Crossing is closed.</li> <li>Sufa Crossing is closed.</li> </ul> </li> <li>Karm Abu Salim (Karem Shalom) Crossing is partially open for transportation of food supplies and humanitarian aid.</li> </ul>	