مجموعة الرقابة الفلسطينية



PALESTINIAN MONITORING GROUP

DAILY SITUATION REPORT

08:00 17 November 2003 - 08:00 18 November 2003

SUMMARY OF EVENTS

EVENT	WEST BANK	GAZA STRIP	TOTAL	NOTES
Deaths	1	_	1	
Injuries	8	9	17	6 under 18; 9, 11, 13 year-olds
Attacks	11	7	18	Incl. 1 military position
Raids	26	_	26	
Air Patrols	2	1	3	
Arrests (per person)	14	_	14	Incl. 1 soldier, 1 17 year-old
Detentions	3	_	3	
House Occupation	1	_	1	
Land Leveling	1		1	
Curfews	7	_	7	7 th day in Asira ash Shamaliya
Checkpoints	All	_	All	
Flying Checkpoints	3	_	3	
Closures (per District)	9	_	9	Incl. 3 areas
Closure of Main Roads	Most	(3)	Most	
Closure of Gates	All	_	All	Permits required to cross
Closure of Crossing Points	_	3	3	2 Part-time
Settler Violence	1	_	1	
Medical Obstruction	1		1	
Demonstration	3		3	Against wall, army in Tulk.
TOTAL	91	20	111	

DISTRICT	EVENT
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WEST BANK

JERUSALEM	 <u>Closure</u>: Jerusalem remains off limits to civilians from other districts without Israeli travel permits. <u>Checkpoint</u>: The Israeli army closed the checkpoint of Wadi Nar (Bethlehem/Jerusalem) road completely, even to civilians carrying Israeli permits. <u>Separation Wall Construction</u>: Israeli authorities continue construction of the separation wall in the area between Al Eizariya and Al Tur.
RAMALLAH & EL BIREH	 Closures: The Israeli army closed the eastern area of Ramallah. The Israeli army continues to close the entrance of An Nabi Salih, isolating the villages of Bani Zeid. Checkpoint: The Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the southern entrance to El Bireh city, near the junction of Kafr Aqab. Raids: At 13:30 and again at 03:10, the Israeli army, including 3 jeeps, raided the town of Mazari' an Nubani and searched a house. At 04:00, the Israeli army entered the village of Kafr 'Ein. At 07:05, the Israeli army, including 2 jeeps, entered the town of Arura and Mazari' an Nubani. The Israeli army raided the village of Deir Jarir and arrested a member of Palestinian National Security after searching his house, among other houses, and detained his father and brother until the early hours of the following morning. The Israeli army, including a number of Israeli jeeps, raided the cities of Ramallah and El Bireh and patrolled the neighborhoods of Al Tira, Um ash Sharayit, Samir Amiss and the town of Petunia. Air Patrol: Since 11:30, Israeli reconnaissance aircraft patrolled over the city of Ramallah.
JENIN	 <u>Closures</u>: The town of Ya'bad remains a closed military area. <u>Checkpoint</u>: The Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the southern entrance of the village of Birqin, where they searched vehicles and examined ID's of passengers.

	 <u>Separation Wall</u>: The Israeli army continues to prevent public repair crews and teachers from entering areas behind the separation wall without prior arrangement. <u>Raid</u>: The Israeli army raided the town of Al Yamun and used explosives to destroy nearby mountain caves in the area.
JERICHO	Medical Obstruction: The Israeli army continues to obstruct the movement of ambulances transferring patients in and out of the city of Jericho without applying for a permit beforehand, despite the Israeli authority announcement of easing restrictions.
BETHLEHEM	 <u>Closures</u>: Bethlehem remains a closed military area. <u>Curfew</u>: At 07:00, the Israeli army imposed curfew over the old town of Al Khadr and the town of Husan following the killing of an Israeli on the bi pass road near "Al Nafaq" checkpoint. <u>Raid</u>: At 06:25, the Israeli army raided the old town of Al Khadr where searched the area. <u>Attacks</u>: At 07:55, the Israeli army fired tear gas grenades and sound bombs towards the Palestinian National Security in the town of Al Khadr.
TULKAREM	 Closure: The city of Tulkarem is a closed military zone. Curfew: The Israeli army continues to impose curfew over the city and its refugee camps. Separation Wall Gates: At 08:30, the Israeli army closed the gates to Al Kafriyat (separating Tulkarem from all southern villages) and Enav (separating the district of Tulkarem from Nablus), and prevented students and teachers from crossing through. Raids: (i) At 08:15, 2 Israeli APC's took position on the main road in the center of Tulkarem refugee camp. (ii) At 11:00, 2 Israeli jeeps took position near the eastern entrance to the Muqata'a in the center of the city. (iii) At 11:25, the Israeli army raided the center of Tulkarem city, opened fire randomly and arrested 1 civilian. (iv) At 12:15 and again at 12:50, the Israeli army raided Tulkarem refugee camp and provoked civilians into harsh confrontations, in which the Israeli army opened fire killing 1 civilian and injuring 4 civilians. (v) At 21:00, the Israeli army entered Nur Shams refugee camp, where they searched a house and arrested a boy. (vi) At 00:30, the Israeli army raided the town of Anabta and arrested 3 civilians
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- (vii) At 00:50, the Israeli army, including 3 jeeps, raided the towns of Illar and Seida, where they opened fire randomly.
- (viii) At 02:00, the Israeli army raided Nur Shams refugee camp again, arrested 1 civilian, and opened fire and fired shells from tanks during their withdrawal.
- <u>Military Activity</u>: At 08:10, the Israeli army withdrew from Tulkarem refugee camp leaving a force located at the northern entrance to the refugee camp and another on Route 57.
- <u>Attack</u>: At 08:25, the Israeli army took position at "Dewar as Salaam" in the center of the city as they opened random fire.
- Arrests:

The Israeli army arrested 1 civilian from the city of Tulkarem:

(i) Salih Abu Salah, a businessman.

The Israeli army arrested 2 civilians from Nur Shams refugee camp:

- (ii) Bajis Nasir Zandiq, 17 years old; and
- (iii) Walid Zandiq.

The Israeli army arrested 3 civilians, including 2 brothers, from the town of Anabta:

- (iv) Ziyad Mahmoud Ahmad, from the Palestinian DCO in Tulkarem;
- (v) Muhammad Makhluf; and
- (vi) Mu'ayad Makhluf.
- <u>Killing</u>: The Israeli army shot dead Yusif Taleb Abu Diyab, a 21 year old.
- <u>Injuries</u>: The Israeli army injured 4 individuals, including 3 children, in Tulkarem refugee camp:
- (i) Imad Nabil Qur'an, 11 years old, was hit by shrapnel in the leg;
- (ii) Mahmoud Mustafa Basha, 15 years old, was hit by shrapnel in the head;
- (iii) Ma'mun Salih Sharrim, 17 years old, was hit by a bullet in the back; and
- (iv) Hadil Musa Al Saruji, a 39 year-old woman, was hit by a bullet in the arm.
- Occupation of Private Property: At 11:15, the Israeli army occupied the house of a civilian in Tulkarem refugee camp, turning it into an Israeli military post.
- Demonstrations:
- (i) At 12:15, refugees of Tulkarem refugee camp demonstrated against the Israelis in protest against the unbearable Israeli measures imposed on them. The Israeli army used tear gas grenades and sound bombs in an attempt to scatter the demonstrators but the demonstrators returned again at 16:45 after the burial ceremonies of a civilian killed previously by the Israeli army.
- (ii) At 13:40, Palestinians and foreign peace activists in the village of Zeita organized a demonstration in protest against the separation wall. The Israeli army used tear gas grenades and sound bombs to scatter the demonstrators.

NABLUS

- <u>Closures</u>: Nablus remains a closed military area. Only teachers and civilians with medical conditions are allowed to cross checkpoints.
- Curfews:
- (i) For the 7th consecutive day, the Israeli army continues to impose curfew over the town of Asira ash Shamaliya.

	 (ii) The Israeli army imposed curfew over the village of Osarin. Attack: At 16:00, the Israeli army taking position in the town of Asira ash Shamaliya engaged in confrontations with residents, injuring 1civilian. Injury: The Israeli army shot 17 year-old Ala' Hamadna in his leg during the confrontations in Asira ash Shamaliya. Raids: The Israeli army raided the village of Osarin, east Nablus city, and arrested 7 civilians and injured a boy. The Israeli army raided the village of Burqa where they fired rubber bullets and tear gas grenades, injuring 2 civilians. The Israeli army raided the town of Beit Furik, where they searched the house of Ahmad Hanani, who was previously killed by the Israeli army 2 days ago.
HEBRON	 <u>Destruction of Property</u>: The Israeli army uprooted dozens of olive trees from land adjacent to the road that connects with the settlement of Negohot. The land belongs to Palestinians from the town of Beit Awwa. This same land was bulldozed 2 days ago, when 300 olive trees were uprooted. <u>Settler Violence</u>: Settlers of the Otni'el settlement continue to prevent civilians from harvesting their olive crop from their property located near the settlement.
QALQILYA	 <u>Separation Wall Gates</u>: Only civilians granted special Israeli permits are being allowed through the iron gates. <u>Closure</u>: The Israeli army surrounded the town of Azzun, preventing civilians from both entering and leaving the area. <u>Checkpoint</u>: The Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the road of Qalqiliya/Nablus, where they are detaining vehicles for inspection.
SALFIT	 Closure: The city of Salfit is a closed military area. Curfews: At 15:00, the Israeli army imposed curfew over the village of Iskaka until 20:25. At 15:15, the Israeli army imposed curfew over the village of Yasuf until 20:25. Raids: At 15:00, the Israeli army, including 3 jeeps, raided the village of Iskaka and Yasuf, preventing civilians from entering both villages. At 16:50, the Israeli army, including 2 jeeps, raided the village of Kifl Haris. At 03:10, the Israeli army, including 2 jeeps, raided the village of Khirbet Qeis, where they searched several houses before they withdrew an hour later. Detention: At 15:00, the Israeli army detained a number of civilians, including a

member of Palestinian National Security, trying to enter the village of Iskaka.

- Air Patrol: At 15:00, Israeli aircraft patrolled over the city of Salfit.
- <u>Attack</u>: At 16:40, the Israeli army opened fire from its location on Tel Irsal towards civilian houses in Salfit city.

GAZA STRIP

NORTHERN GAZA	 Closure: The Erez crossing was partially opened. Attacks: At 18:45 and again at 00:25, the Israeli army opened fire from Point 34 towards Beit Hanoun. At 18:45, the Israeli army opened fire from Point 59, east of Jabaliya, towards the west. At 07:45, the Israeli army opened fire from Point 28, north Beit Hanoun, towards Beit Hanoun.
GAZA CITY	 Closures: Al Shuhada' junction (Nitsareem) remains closed. Al Mintar crossing (Karni) was opened between 08:00 and 15:00. Attack: At 07:50, the Israeli army opened fire towards the eastern line, injuring 2 civilians.
CENTRAL GAZA	Activity not yet reported.
KHAN YUNIS	 Closures: (i) Abu Ajin road and the western road remain closed. (ii) The area of Salah ad Din road between the checkpoints of Abu Holi and Al Matahin is partially open. Attack: At 23:00, the Israeli army fired 2 shells towards civilian houses in Al Nimsawi neighborhood.
RAFAH	 Closures: The Sufa crossing was partially open. 145 workers and 7 businessmen were allowed through. The Gaza International Airport remains closed. Raid: At 02:00, an Israeli APC, accompanied by helicopters, entered at Point 7.5,

- where they opened heavy fire towards Al Qassas neighborhood, injuring 7 civilians most of whom are children.
- <u>Injuries</u>: During their raid on Al Qassas neighborhood, the Israeli army injured 2 children, ages ranging from 7 to 13, and 3 others under 17 one of whom is in critical condition.