# مجموعة الرقابة الفلسطينية



# PALESTINIAN MONITORING GROUP

# **DAILY SITUATION REPORT**

08:00 18 November 2005 – 08:00 19 November 2005

## **SUMMARY OF EVENTS**

EVENT	WEST BANK	GAZA STRIP	TOTAL	NOTES
Death	1	_	1	1 civilian along Road # 35 in Hebron
Injuries	1	1	2	In Ramallah & Gaza, incl. 1 child
Attacks	8	7	15	Incl. 5 in raids & 7 from mil. posts
Raids	26	_	26	Incl. 6 in Nablus & 9 in Bethlehem
Arrests	3	_	3	Incl. 1 Palestinian security officer
Detentions	15	_	15	At checkpoints & in residential areas
Land Confiscation	1	_	1	94.3 dunums in Beit Jala & Al Khadr
Confiscation of Property	1	_	1	Contents of 1 house in Jerusalem
House Occupation	1	_	1	Converted into mil. post in Sabastiya
Curfews	2	_	2	Over Al Funduq and Yatma
Flying Checkpoints	9	_	9	Incl. 3 in Jenin & 2 in Nablus
Closure (per District)	8	_	8	Incl. Jerusalem & Jericho partially
Closure of Main Roads	19	_	19	Incl. the road to An Nu'man village
Closure of Wall Gates	(All)	_	(All)	Incl. searches at 'Azzun 'Atma gate
Closure of Crossing Points	_	4	4	Incl. Rafah Crossing closed
Medical Obstruction	2	_	2	Incl. taking position in 1 hospital yard
School Disruption	1	_	1	Students searched by a metal detector
Settlement Activity	**	_	_	**Housing units to be constructed
Pal. Security Measures	_	2	2	Incl. attempt to fire mortars blocked
Demonstrations	2	_	2	Against the Wall, in 'Abud & Bil'in
TOTAL	100	14	114	

DISTRICT	EVENT
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# WEST BANK

JERUSALEM	<ul> <li>Closure: The Israeli army has intensified its restrictions at checkpoints located at the entrances to the city of Jerusalem and set up several checkpoints in the old city of Jerusalem and in the area surrounding Al Aqsa Mosque compound, preventing civilians from accessing Al Aqsa Mosque to perform Friday prayers.</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 was suspended for the weekend 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, Beit Hanina, and around the settlement of Ma'ale Adumim.</li> <li>Flying Checkpoint: The Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint near the</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>settlement of Ma'ale Adumim and searched civilians and vehicles.</li> <li>Raid/Confiscation of Property: The Israeli army, accompanied by employees from the Israeli Municipality of Jerusalem, raided the town of Beit Hanina, searched 1 house, and confiscated many of its contents, claiming that residents were tardy to pay due property taxes ("Arnona").</li> <li>Settlement Activity: The Israeli authorities announced a decision to construct 200 housing units in the settlement of Ma'ale Adumim.</li> </ul>
RAMALLAH & EL BIREH	<ul> <li>Wall Construction: Wall construction was suspended for the weekend in the areas of Al Midya to Budrus, Al Midya to Ni'lin, Bil'in to Saffa, in the village of Beit Liqya, and in the town of Beituniya.</li> <li>Flying Checkpoint: The Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the overpass to the town of 'Atara, searched civilian vehicles, and impeded civilian access.</li> <li>Raids/Medical Obstruction: <ol> <li>At 12:10, the Israeli army raided the town of Silwad and opened fire, injuring Mohammed Rateb Hamed, 17 years old. The Israeli army transported the injured child to an Israeli hospital, after denying access to a Palestinian ambulance.</li> <li>At 02:25, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the city of Ramallah.</li> <li>From 02:35 until 03:00, the Israeli army, including 3 jeeps, raided and patrolled Al Jalazun refugee camp.</li> </ol> </li></ul>

	<ul> <li>Demonstrations:         <ul> <li>(i) A mass demonstration, including international peace activists, took place in the village of Bil'in in protest against Wall construction. Confrontations took place between the Israeli army and civilian protestors.</li> <li>(ii) A mass demonstration took place in the village of 'Abud in protest against Wall construction. Confrontations took place between the Israeli army and civilian protestors.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
JENIN	<ul> <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>Flying Checkpoints: <ol> <li>From 15:30 until 16:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the north-western entrance to the city of Jenin on the Jenin-Haifa road and searched civilians and vehicles.</li> <li>From 18:30 until 21:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the eastern entrance to the city of Jenin and searched civilians and vehicles.</li> <li>Raid: At 15:15, the Israeli army raided Dahiyat Sabah al Kheir in the city of Jenin, set up a checkpoint, and searched civilians and vehicles until 16:20.</li> </ol> </li></ul>
TULKAREM	<ul> <li>Closure of Main Roads: <ol> <li>The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the roads between the town of Bal'a and the village of Al 'Atara and between the town of Kafr al Labad and the village of Al Hafasa.</li> <li>The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the entrance to the village of 'Izbat Abu Khamish.</li> <li>The Israeli army continues to close with cement blocks the road connecting the towns of Bal'a and Deir al Ghusun.</li> </ol> </li> <li>Wall Gates: Passage through the Wall gates is restricted to civilians granted special Israeli permits.</li> </ul>
QALQILIYA	<ul> <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 was suspended for the weekend in the village of Immatin and east of the towns of Kafr Thulth and 'Azzun.</li> <li>Flying Checkpoint: At 08:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the northern entrance to the town of Kafr Thulth and searched civilian vehicles.</li> </ol> </li></ul>

#### Raids/Curfew:

- At 09:20, the Israeli army, including 9 jeeps, raided and patrolled the (i) town of Kafr Thulth.
- At 18:10, the Israeli army raided the village of Al Funduq, opened (ii) indiscriminate fire, and imposed curfew, claiming that Palestinian individuals threw stones at Israeli vehicles. At 19:20, the Israeli army withdrew from the area.

#### **Closure of Main Roads:**

- The Israeli army continues to close the main road leading to the district (i) 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 city of (ii) Nablus and the town of 'Asira ash Shamaliya.
- Checkpoints: 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, with the exception of Huwwara checkpoint where civilians may exit the city of Nablus from 05:00 to 23:00 only, but entry is allowed around the clock.
- Flying Checkpoint: At 13:30, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on Al Badhan road east of the city of Nablus, searched civilian vehicles, and arrested 1 civilian.

#### **NABLUS**

# Raids/House Occupation/Detentions/Curfew:

- At 13:15, the Israeli army, including 2 jeeps, raided the village of (i) Sabastiya, occupied 1 house, and converted it into a military post after detaining its residents in 1 room. The Israeli army also prevented the residents from using the toilet.
- At 17:40, the Israeli army raided the village of Yatma and imposed (ii) curfew.
- At 19:20, the Israeli army, including 6 jeeps, raided the village of (iii) Zawata, set up a checkpoint at its entrance, searched civilians and vehicles, and patrolled the area.
- At 19:20, the Israeli army, including 2 jeeps, raided the town of 'Asira (iv) ash Shamaliya. Confrontations took place between the Israeli army and civilians.
- At 19:20, the Israeli army raided the city of Nablus, patrolled the area, (v) and detained 1 taxi and its driver. At 24:00, the Israeli army raided the city again, opened fire, fired sonic bombs while patrolling the area, and arrested 2 civilians. At 05:20, the Israeli army withdrew from the area.

Israeli troops positioned at the flying checkpoint set up on Al Badhan (i) road east of the city of Nablus arrested Hikmat Jameel Bsharat.

	The Israeli army arrested 2 civilians in the city of Nablus:
	(ii) Amjad Mohammed Abu Salhah; and
	(iii) Rami Hamdi as Sakhl.
SALFIT	<ul> <li>Closure of Main Roads: <ol> <li>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).</li> <li>The Israeli army continues to close the entrance to the village of Qarawat Bani Hassan with an iron gate.</li> <li>The Israeli army continues to close the entrances to the towns of Jamma'in and Kafr ad Dik with cement blocks.</li> <li>The Israeli army continues to close the western entrance to the village of Bruqin with dirt barricades.</li> <li>The Israeli army continues to close with cement blocks the road connecting the town of Deir Ballut and the village of Rafat.</li> <li>At 12:20, the Israeli army closed with dirt barricades the western entrance to the town of Deir Istiya.</li> <li>Checkpoint: The Israeli army continues to close Deir Ballut checkpoint overnight and open it at various morning hours, impeding civilian access.</li> <li>Wall Construction: Wall construction was suspended for the weekend near the Green Line in the town of Deir Ballut and the village of Marda and the town of Kifl Haris north of the settlement of Ari'el.</li> <li>Raid: At 21:45, the Israeli army, including 3 jeeps, raided and patrolled the city of Salfit.</li> <li>Settlement Activity: The Israeli authorities announced a decision to construct 100 housing units in the settlement of Ari'el and invited tenders for construction of the necessary infrastructure.</li> </ol> </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>At 18:15, and again at 07:30, the Israeli army intensified its restrictions at the DCO checkpoint set up at the southern entrance to the city of Jericho, impeding civilian access in both directions.</li> <li>Flying Checkpoint: From 20:15 until 22:10, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the junction to the settlement of Vered Yericho at the southern entrance to the city of Jericho and searched civilians and vehicles.</li> </ol> </li></ul>

### **Closure:** The Israeli army continues to close the road to the village of An (i) Nu'man in the north-eastern Bethlehem district, isolating 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. The Israeli army continues to close the entrances to the villages of (ii) Husan and Nahhalin with cement blocks. 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. Checkpoint: The Israeli army continues to intensify its restrictions at the checkpoint set up near the settlement of Kfar 'Etzion on Road # 60 connecting the districts of Bethlehem and Hebron and to impede civilian access. Wall Construction: Wall construction was suspended for the weekend north **BETHLEHEM** of 'Ayda refugee camp towards the area north of the city of Beit Jala. At 10:25, an Israeli army patrol raided the cities of Bethlehem and Beit (i) Jala and the town of Al Khadr and patrolled the area. At 13:05, Israeli army infantry forces raided and patrolled 'Ayda (ii) refugee camp. At 18:30, the Israeli army raided the refugee camp again and searched 1 house for suspecting that children residing therein were carrying plastic rifles. At 13:05, and again at 17:20, the Israeli army, including 3 jeeps, raided (iii) and patrolled the town of Al 'Ubeidiya. At 14:55, and again at 21:25, an Israeli army patrol raided the city of (iv) Bethlehem and patrolled the area. Land Confiscation: The Israeli army issued Military Order # T/201/05 to confiscate 94.3 dunums (23.575 acres) of land belonging to the city of Beit Jala and the town of Al Khadr for construction of a separation wall alongside Road # 60. Closure: 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. **Closure of Main Roads: HEBRON** (i) The Israeli army continues to close Road # 60 that passes through the Gush 'Etzion settlement block on the road to the city of Hebron. In doing so, the Israeli army has in effect forced civilian vehicles travelling between the districts of Hebron and Bethlehem to take the eastern road that connects the town of Za'tara junction, located east of the city of Bethlehem, to the city of Hebron.

- (ii) The Israeli army continues to close Road # 35 that passes between the towns of Tarqumiya and Idhna, denying access to civilian vehicles.
- Wall Construction: Wall construction was suspended for the weekend 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'.
- Attack: At 18:30, the Israeli army opened fire towards and killed 1 civilian along Road # 35 northwest of the city of Hebron near the settlement of Telem for suspecting that he had attempted to plant a suspicious object on the road. The Israeli army also detained the corpse of the killed civilian for 5 hours before handing it over to the Palestinian Red Crescent Society.
- <u>Killing</u>: The Israeli army killed Zeid Omar Abu 'Eisheh along Road # 35 northwest of the city of Hebron.
- Raids/Detention/Medical Obstruction:
- (i) At 10:50, the Israeli army raided the city of Hebron and arrested 1 Palestinian National Security officer after searching his house. The Israeli army also detained a number of civilians while it was patrolling the area of Bab az Zawiya. At 16:30, the Israeli army raided the city again and took position in Al Ahli Hospital yard for a period of time.
- (ii) At 16:40, the Israeli army raided Al 'Arrub refugee camp. Confrontations took place between the Israeli army and civilians.
- <u>Arrest</u>: The Israeli army arrested Midhat Saleem Hamdouni, a Palestinian National Security officer, in the city of Hebron.
- <u>School Disruption</u>: The Israeli army prevented students at Al Fayha' School from accessing their school except after passing through a metal detector set up on the road leading to the school.
- <u>Detention</u>: At 10:45, the Israeli army detained a number of civilians in the old city of Hebron.

#### **GAZA STRIP**

NORTHERN GAZA	<ul> <li>Closure of Crossing Point: Beit Hanun (Erez) Crossing is partially open to humanitarian cases and VIPs only.</li> <li>Attacks/Palestinian Security Measure:         <ul> <li>(i) At 11:10, the Israeli army opened fire from Point 54 on the Green Line towards 1 civilian in the area of Safiya southeast of the town of Beit Hanun. A Palestinian security patrol evacuated the civilian from the area.</li> <li>(ii) At 14:10, the Israeli army opened fire from Point 40 on the Green Line towards Palestinian territory east of the town of Beit Hanun.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
GAZA	<ul> <li>Attacks:         <ul> <li>(i) At 12:55, the Israeli army opened fire from Point 67 on the Green Line towards 2 civilians near the separation wall east of Gaza city, injuring 1 civilian.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

	(ii) At 06:40, the Israeli army opened fire from Point 73 on the Green Line towards a number of civilians east of Gaza city.
CENTRAL GAZA	• Attack: At 20:50, the Israeli army fired 3 flares from Point 132 on the Green Line towards Palestinian territory east of the city of Deir al Balah.
KHAN YUNIS	<ul> <li>Attacks: <ol> <li>At 19:45, the Israeli army fired flares from Point 158 on the Green Line towards Palestinian territory east of the area of Al Qarara.</li> <li>At 23:35, the Israeli army fired 3 flares from its location inside the Green Line towards Palestinian territory north of Kessufim gate.</li> </ol> </li> <li>Palestinian Security Measure: At 00:20, Palestinian National Security forces blocked an attempt by armed Palestinian individuals to fired mortars towards the Green Line. An armed confrontation took place between the armed individuals and Palestinian National Security forces. The armed individuals fled.</li> </ul>
RAFAH	<ul> <li>Closure of Crossing Points:         <ul> <li>Yasser Arafat International Airport remains closed.</li> <li>Rafah Crossing is closed.</li> <li>Sufa Crossing is closed.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

# **GENERAL**

POLITICAL PRISONERS	<ul> <li>Renewal of Administrative Detention Orders: The Israeli authorities renewed orders of administrative detention (arrest without charge or trial) against 14 political prisoners held in Ketziot ("An Naqab") Military Detention Camp for various periods of time.</li> <li>Abuse of Political Prisoners:         <ul> <li>(i) The Israeli authorities prevented the entry of winter clothes for female political prisoners held in Telmond Prison.</li> <li>(ii) Israeli guards at Gilboa' Prison raided a number of political prisoners' cells, using Police dogs, and forced them out of their cells.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
WORK PERMITS	<ul> <li>West Bank: Israeli authorities renewed 4,365 work permits for crossing the Green Line. However, the number of workers allowed to access areas inside the Green Line is unknown.</li> <li>Gaza Strip: <ol> <li>Israeli authorities renewed 2,041 work permits for crossing the Green Line. However, none of those possessing work permits were allowed to access areas inside the Green Line.</li> <li>Israeli authorities issued 133 permits for Gaza Strip workers to stay overnight inside the Green Line.</li> </ol> </li> </ul>