# مجموعة الرقابة الفلسطينية



# PALESTINIAN MONITORING GROUP

## **DAILY SITUATION REPORT**

08:00 28 November 2008 – 08:00 29 November 2008

# **SUMMARY OF EVENTS**

EVENT	WEST BANK	GAZA STRIP	TOTAL	NOTES
Physical Assaults	4	_	4	Incl. protestors beaten in Bethlehem
Injuries	7	5	12	Incl. 3 international peace activists
Attacks	9	4	13	Incl. 5 in raids and 1 from a checkpoint
Raids	23	1	24	Incl. 4 in Jenin and 5 in Qalqiliya
Air Patrols	_	2	2	By helicopters and reconnaissance
Arrests (per person)	4	_	4	In the district of Qalqiliya
Detentions	17	_	17	Incl. a number of Pal. security officers
Wall Construction	21	_	21	Jer., Raml'h., Salfit, Hebron, Beth.
Destruction of Property	1	_	1	A civilian vehicle damaged
House Occupation	1	_	1	Converted into a mil. post in Qalqiliya
Curfew	1	_	1	Over the town of Jayyus in Qalqiliya
Closure of Checkpoints	16	_	16	Incl. permits required at 2 checkpoints
Flying Checkpoints	11	_	11	Incl. 2 in Bethlehem and 2 in Hebron
Closure (per District)	7		7	Incl. Jerusalem, Tulkarm & Hebron
Closure of Main Roads	52	_	52	Incl. 5 in Ramallah & 9 in Bethlehem
Closure of Crossing Points		5	5	Only 2 Crossings partially open
Provocation of Pal. Forces	1	_	1	3 Palestinian security vehicles detained
Palestinian Attacks		8	8	21 mortars fired towards the Green Line
Demonstrations	4	_	4	All against Wall construction
TOTAL	179	25	204	

DISTRICT	EVENTS
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WEST B	ANK
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.
JERUSALEM	Closure: The Israeli army continues to intensify its restrictions at checkpoints located at the entrances to the city of Jerusalem. The Israeli army also continues to close the entrances to al-Aqsa Mosque compound in the old city of Jerusalem and impede civilian access to the mosque.  Closure of Main Roads:  The Israeli army continues to close with barbed wire and cement blocks the entrance opposite the junction to Dahiyat al-Bareed in the city of Jerusalem, after leveling the area, and to deny civilian access.  The Israeli army continues to close with cement blocks and dirt barricades the entrance to the village of Jaba'.  Checkpoint: 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.  Wall Gates:  The Israeli army continues to close the Wall gate in the town of Abu Dis with cement blocks.  The Israeli army continues to deny civilian access through the Wall gate on al-Shayyah road in the area between the villages of al-Sawahira al-Sharqiya and al-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 al-Shayyah, from Beit Surik village to Biddu, in the areas of al-Judeira, Bir Nabala, and Beit Hanina, west of al-Jib village, in the vicinity of the village of Qatanna, and south of Beit Hanina village.
RAMALLAH & EL BIREH	<ul> <li>Closure of Main Roads: The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades and cement blocks the eastern entrance to the village of Sinjil; the western entrances to the villages of Safa and Ein Yabrud; the road between the villages of Ras Karkar and Kharbatha Bani Harith 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:</li> </ul>

(i)

army and civilians.

At 17:20, the Israeli army raided the town of Deir Dibwan. While

patrolling the area, confrontations took place between the Israeli

	(ii) At 18:00, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the village of Burqa.
	• <u>Demonstrations/Injuries</u> :
	<ul> <li>(i) At 12:30, 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 protestors, during which the Israeli army injured a Japanese peace activist. A number of protestors also sustained injuries as a result of tear gas inhalation.</li> <li>(ii) At 13:00, a mass demonstration, including international peace activists, took place in the town of Ni'lin in protest against Wall construction. Confrontations took place between the Israeli army and protestors, during which the Israeli army injured 4 civilians as well as 2 Danish peace activists. In addition, a number of protestors sustained injuries as a result of tear gas inhalation.</li> <li>• Wall Construction: Wall construction continues west of 'Abud town and in</li> </ul>
	the areas of al-Midya to Ni'lin and Ni'lin to Deir Qaddis.
JENIN	<ul> <li>Closure of Main Roads: The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the road leading to 'Arraba town, east of the settlement of Dotan.</li> <li>Flving Checkpoints: <ol> <li>At 15:55, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint along the Jenin-Nablus main road (the southern entrance to the city of Jenin) and searched civilians and vehicle.</li> <li>At 21:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint in the area between the towns of Kafr Ra'i and 'Illar and searched civilians and vehicles.</li> <li>Raids: <ol> <li>At 08:20, the Israeli army raided the village of 'Anin and searched 1 house.</li> <li>At 16:00, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the village of Kufeirit.</li> <li>At 21:00, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the village of Rummana.</li> <li>At 21:30, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the village of At Tayba.</li> </ol> </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>Checkpoint: The Israeli army continues to close Tayasir checkpoint east of the town of Tubas, 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>Flying Checkpoint: At 19:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint along an unpaved road connecting the villages of Al Far'a and Talluza and searched civilians and vehicles until 20:00.</li> <li>Raids: <ol> <li>At 01:00, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the town of Tubas.</li> <li>At 01:15, the Israeli army raided and patrolled Al Far'a refugee camp.</li> </ol> </li> </ul>

### 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. Closure of Main Road: The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the western entrance to the village of Shofeh. Checkpoints: The Israeli army continues to intensify restrictions at Einav **TULKAREM** checkpoint that is set up on Tulkarm-Nablus road and at Jubara checkpoint. Raids: At 22:30, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the town of Bal'a. (i) At 23:30, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the town of 'Illar. (ii) Wall Gates: Passage through the wall gates is restricted to civilians granted special Israeli permits. Closure of Roads: The Israeli army continues to close with cement blocks the agricultural roads east of the town of 'Azzun. **Checkpoint:** The Israeli army continues to intensify restrictions at the checkpoint that is set up at the eastern entrance to the city of Qalqiliya and impede civilian access. **Flying Checkpoints:** At 10:15, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to (i) the town of 'Azzun and searched civilians and vehicle. At 14:50, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint in the vicinity (ii) of the village of Jinsafut, searched civilians and vehicles, and arrested 1 civilian. Attack: At 23:50, the Israeli army opened intensive fire in the area surrounding a Wall gate located near the village of Ras 'Atiya Raids/House Occupation/Destruction of Property/Attacks/Curfew: At 10:50, the Israeli army raided the town of 'Azzun, searched a (i) number of houses, arrested 3 civilians, occupied 1 house, and converted it into a military post. The Israeli army remains positioned **QALQILYA** in the area as of 08:00 this morning. At 11:10, the Israeli army raided the village of 'Asla and searched 1 (ii) At 19:20, the Israeli army raided the town of Jayyus. An Israeli (iii) military vehicle also ran into and damaged a civilian vehicle. In addition, the Israeli army opened intensive fire and imposed curfew. The Israeli army remains positioned in the area as of 08:00 this morning. At 21:30, the Israeli army raided the village of Jit and opened fire, (iv) while patrolling the area. **Arrests:** (i) Israeli troops positioned at the flying checkpoint set up in the vicinity of the village of Jinsafut arrested Mohammed Mahmoud Rashid Bashir. The Israeli army arrested 3 civilians in the town of 'Azzun: (ii) Maher Sa'id Miskawi; (iii) Samahah Ahmed Radhwan: and

(iv)

'Abboud Amin Is'haq.

	Demonstration/Raid/Attack/Injuries: At 10:20, a mass demonstration, including international peace activists, took place in the town of Jayyus in protest against Wall construction. Having raided the town, confrontations took place between the Israeli army and protestors, during which the Israeli
	<ul> <li>army injured 2 civilians. In addition, a number of civilians sustained injuries as a result of tear gas inhalation.</li> <li>Wall Gates:</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>(i) Passage through the Wall gates is restricted to civilians granted special Israeli permits.</li> <li>(ii) 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: 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.</li> </ul>
NABLUS	<ul> <li>Closure of Main Roads: <ol> <li>The Israeli army continues to close with cement blocks the roads of Sarra-Jit, Tel-Burin, Beit Furik-Salem, the road between Aqraba town and the main road and the eastern entrance to the village of Al Lubban Ash Sharqiya; and with dirt barricades the road between the villages of Tel 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 as well as the settler bypass road connecting the village of Deir al-Hatab to Alon Moreh settlement.</li> <li>On 10 August 2008, the Israeli army re-opened the Jenin-Nablus road between the junction to Deir Sharaf village and the settlement of Shavei Shomron, allowing daily passage from 06:00 until 17:00.</li> <li>Checkpoints: The Israeli army continues to regulate times for crossing checkpoints set up around the city of Nablus:</li> <li>At Tur neighborhood 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.</li> <li>Beit Furik checkpoint is open to civilian residents of the town of Beit Furik and the nearby village of Beit Dajan.</li> <li>Raid/Physical Assault: At 14:45, the Israeli army raided 'Askar refugee camp in the city of Nablus. Confrontations took place between the Israeli army and civilians. Israeli troops also beat 1 civilian.</li> </ol> </li> </ul>
SALFIT	• Closure of Main Roads:  (i) The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the northern entrance to Salfit city and the eastern entrance to the village of Yasuf.  (ii) The Israeli army continues to close with cement blocks and iron gates the northern entrances to the town of Bruqin and the village of Qarawat Bani Hassan and the western entrance to the town of Kafr Ad Dik.

	<ul> <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: <ol> <li>At 15:00, the Israeli army raided the villages of Yasuf and Iskaka and patrolled these areas until 15:40.</li> <li>At 18:00, the Israeli army raided the town of Bruqin and patrolled the area until 22:00.</li> <li>At 18:20, the Israeli army raided the town of Kafr ad Dik. Confrontations took place between civilians and the Israeli army while it was patrolling the area.</li> <li>Provocation of Palestinian Forces: At 12:45, Israeli troops positioned at the Za'tara junction checkpoint detained 3 vehicles belonging to the Palestinian National Security forces as well as a number of National Security officers. Following coordination with the Israeli authorities (through the DCO), Israeli troops released the detained vehicles and officers.</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> </ul>
BETHLEHEM	<ul> <li>Closure: <ol> <li>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.</li> <li>Since September 15, 2007, the Israeli army has been preventing civilian access, according to military order 07.02.S, to the 22-dunum land that has been confiscated in accordance with confiscation order number 07.31.T. The 22-dunum area has been set to construct a passage in the area of Mazmouriyyeh that is located in the cities of Beit Sahur and Bethlehem.</li> <li>Closure of Main Roads: The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the two sideways east and south of Al Walaja village and the roads of Beit Jala-Wadi Ahmad, Talita-Nazlet As Sidr in the city of Beit Jala, Al Khadr town-Road # 60, Al Khadr town-Beit Jala housing, Wadi Rahal-Efrat and the sideway east of Beit Fajjar town.</li> </ol> </li></ul>

#### • Flying Checkpoints:

- (i) At 10:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint near the debris of the evacuated military post of 'Ush Ghurab east of the city of Beit Sahur and searched civilians and vehicles until 13:00.
- (ii) At 11:10, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the junction to the area of An Nashash (the southern entrance to the city of Bethlehem) and searched civilians and vehicles.
- <u>Raid</u>: At 00:50, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the city of Bethlehem.
- <u>Detention</u>: At 18:25, Israeli troops positioned at As Sawahira ash Sharqiya "the Container" checkpoint detained Mohammed Abdul Kareem al Heeh, a Palestinian Presidential Guard officer. At 19:05, Israeli troops released Al Heeh after coordination with the Israeli authorities (through the DCO).
- <u>Demonstration/Physical Assaults/Injury</u>: At 11:00, a mass demonstration, including international peace activists, took place in the village of Al Ma'sara in protest against Wall construction. The Israeli army, however, blocked the demonstration and beat protestors with clubs and rifle butts, leaving 7-year-old Al Harith Hasan Burijiyyeh with contusions and injuries.
- <u>Wall Construction</u>: Wall construction continues in the area northwest of al-Khadr town; northwest of Beit Jala city; in the area of Wadi Rahhal east of Ephrata settlement; and in the area surrounding al-Walaja village.

#### • 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 al-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.
- (ii) Although it expired on 07 May 2006, the Israeli army continues to implement a military order stipulating the prohibition of civilian vehicles from traveling along the road connecting the settlement of Kiryat Arba' to the Ibrahimi Mosque in the old city of Hebron unless they possess access permits.

### • 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.

#### **HEBRON**

- (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 dirt barricades the road connecting the town of Dura to the village of Khirbet al Hajra.
- **Flying Checkpoint:** At 23:15, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to the village of Deir Samit and searched civilians and vehicles.
- Raids:
- (i) At 08:30, the Israeli army raided the city of Hebron, set up a checkpoint in the area of Bab az Zawiya, searched civilians and vehicles, and patrolled the area.
- (ii) At 22:30, the Israeli army raided the town of Yatta and searched 1 house.
- <u>Wall Construction</u>: Wall construction continues in the section of Tarqumiya checkpoint terminal and in the area between the settlement of Eshkolot and the village of Imneizil southeast of the town of Yatta.

#### **GAZA STRIP**

# ALL DISTRICTS

- Entering into force at 06:00 on 19 June 2008, the ceasefire agreement has continued to hold. The agreement includes, *inter alia*, a complete cessation of all hostilities.
- In violation of the ceasefire agreement, the Israeli army raided Palestinian territory as well as opened fire and fired tank shells towards Palestinian civilians and property, injuring 5 armed Palestinian individuals.
- Also in violation of the ceasefire agreement, armed Palestinian groups fired 21 mortars towards the Green Line.

## NORTHERN GAZA

- <u>Closure of Crossing Point</u>: Beit Hanun (Erez) Crossing is partially open (for previously coordinated humanitarian cases).
- <u>Palestinian Attack</u>: In the evening on 28 November 2008, 7 mortars were fired on 3 separate occasions towards the Green Line.

GAZA	<ul> <li>Closure of Crossing Points: <ol> <li>Al-Muntar (Karni) Crossing is closed.</li> <li>Al-Shuja'iya (Nahal 'Oz) Crossing is closed.</li> </ol> </li> <li>Palestinian Attacks: <ol> <li>At 21:00, 5 mortars were fired towards the area surrounding Ash Shuja'iya (Nahal Oz) Crossing on the Green Line.</li> <li>In the evening on 28 November 2008, 3 mortars were fired towards the Green Line.</li> </ol> </li> </ul>
CENTRAL GAZA	Activities not reported.
KHAN YUNIS	<ul> <li>Attack: At 12:00, the Israeli army fired 3 tank shells from its location on the Green Line towards armed Palestinian individuals in the area of Al Farahin east of the town of 'Abasan al Kabira, injuring 3 armed individuals.</li> <li>Raid/Air Patrols/Attack/Injuries: At 13:00, the Israeli army, including several tanks, armoured vehicles, and bulldozers covered by helicopters and reconnaissance aircraft, raided the area of Al Farahin east of the town of 'Abasan al Kabira. The Israeli army also opened intensive fire and fired tank shells towards civilian houses and agricultural land. Additionally, an armed confrontation tool place between the Israeli army and armed Palestinian individuals, during which the Israeli army injured 2 armed individuals.</li> <li>Palestinian Attacks: <ol> <li>At 12:00, 3 mortars were fired towards the Green Line.</li> <li>At 16:00, 2 unidentified mortars were fired towards the Green Line.</li> <li>At 17:00, 1 unidentified mortar was fired towards the Green Line.</li> </ol> </li> </ul>
RAFAH	<ul> <li>Closure of Crossing Points:         <ul> <li>Yasser 'Arafat International Airport remains closed.</li> <li>Rafah (Al 'Awdah) Crossing was partially open to allow access to 90 Palestinian patients, who had received medical treatment at Egyptian hospitals.</li> <li>Sufa Crossing is closed.</li> <li>Karm Abu Salim (Karem Shalom) Crossing is closed.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

# **GENERAL**

POLITICAL PRISONERS  • Sentences to Imprisonment: The Israeli military court at the Salem Detention and Interrogation Centre sentenced to life imprisonment 2 political prisoners on a charge of killing an Israeli citizen in the city of Tel Aviv inside the Green Line in 2005:  (i) Yasser Fahmi Sawalmeh; and (ii) Mohammed Jubran Bariyyeh.  Both prisoners are residents of Al Far'a refugee camp in the district of Tubas.
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