

## مجموعة الرقابة الفلسطينية



## PALESTINIAN MONITORING GROUP

## DAILY SITUATION REPORT

08:00 14 December 2003 – 08:00 15 December 2003

## SUMMARY OF EVENTS

EVENT	WEST BANK	GAZA STRIP	TOTAL	NOTES
Deaths	—	3	<b>3</b>	
Injuries	—	8	<b>8</b>	
Physical Assaults	8	—	<b>8</b>	Incl. school boys
Incursion	—	1	<b>1</b>	
Attacks	4	11	<b>15</b>	Incl. 2 security positions
Raids	22	1	<b>23</b>	1 Building floor burnt
Air Patrols	1	1	<b>2</b>	
Arrests (per person)	9	2	<b>11</b>	Incl. policeman, woman
Detentions	2	—	<b>2</b>	Incl. 2 policemen
House Demolitions	—	31	<b>31</b>	17 Fully, 14 partially
Separation Wall Constr.	2	—	<b>2</b>	
Curfews	4	—	<b>4</b>	
Checkpoints	All	—	<b>All</b>	
Flying Checkpoints	5	—	<b>5</b>	
Closures (per District)	8	—	<b>8</b>	Incl. Jerusalem, 2 agric. areas
Closure of Main Roads	Most	(4)	<b>Most</b>	
Closure of Wall Gates	All	—	<b>All</b>	Doctor, water tanker stopped
Closure of Crossing Points	—	3	<b>3</b>	2 Partially open to workers
School Disruption	2	—	<b>2</b>	Curfew affected 1035 students
Damage to Religious Site	2	—	<b>2</b>	
Settler Violence	2	—	<b>2</b>	
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>71</b>	<b>61</b>	<b>132</b>	

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## WEST BANK

<p><b>JERUSALEM</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <u>Closures:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) The city of Jerusalem remains closed to residents from other districts. .</li> <li>(ii) Israeli authorities closed the Women’s Center in the suburb of Shu’fat. The President of the center was arrested.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <u>Separation Wall Construction:</u> Israeli authorities continue construction of the separation wall in Abu Dis, Al Sawahira, Al Eizariya, Al Tur and Al Shayyah.</li> <li>• <u>Arrests:</u> The Israeli army arrested: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) Jihad Abu Zienyah, (female) President of the Women’s Center; and</li> <li>(ii) Nasser Subhi Abu Khadir, civilian, from Jerusalem city.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
<p><b>RAMALLAH &amp; EL BIREH</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <u>Separation Wall Construction:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) Israeli bulldozers continue to level land belonging to the villages of Rantis, Shuqba and Qibya. Land leveling activities have reached the entrance of the village of Budrus, where trees have been marked for uprooting.</li> <li>(ii) The Israeli Land Department placed signs warning against farmers in al-Midya village from entering and working on their agricultural lands, as they are being prepared for leveling.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <u>Raids:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) At 07:50, the Israeli army, including 1 jeep, raided the town of Deir Ghassana.</li> <li>(ii) At 13:15, the Israeli army, including 6 jeeps, raided the town of Beituniya, and detained and searched 1 Palestinian police jeep.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <u>Curfew:</u> Due to the curfew imposed yesterday on the town of Kafr Ni’ma, 2 schools serving 1035 students were closed by the Israeli army.</li> <li>• <u>Physical Assaults:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) Israeli soldiers brutally beat and injured 2 students in Kafr Ni’ma: Mariam Shkokani and her brother Imran Shkokani.</li> <li>(ii) Israeli soldiers beat Ma’in Ahmad Yousef, as well as several other elementary students from an elementary school in Beituniya.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

<b>JENIN</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <u>Separation Wall Gates</u>: Passage through the separation wall gates is restricted to civilians granted special Israeli permits which are based on no specific criteria. This Israeli closure continues to harm the education process since teachers, amongst others, are not granted access through the gates especially in areas located behind the separation wall.</li> <li>• <u>Flying Checkpoints</u>: At 05:00, the Israeli army set up several flying checkpoints: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) A flying checkpoint was set up at the Jenin-Nablus road, near the junction of Bir Al Basha.</li> <li>(ii) A flying checkpoint was set up at the northern entrance to the town of Qabatiya.</li> <li>(iii) A flying checkpoint was set up at the southern entrance to the town of Qabatiya, near the Misliya junction. 1 Palestinian police officer from Qabatiya was arrested.</li> <li>(iv) A flying checkpoint was set up at Haifa road, connecting the city with its surrounding northern and southern villages.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <u>Detentions</u>: The Israeli army turned back tens of vehicles after detaining them for several hours at the al-Suweitat road (east of Jenin city).</li> <li>• <u>Arrest</u>: The Israeli army arrested Mohammad Hafeth Abu al-Rub, a Palestinian police officer, in Qabatiya.</li> </ul>
<b>JERICHO</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <u>Arrest</u>: The Israeli army arrested Ahmad Al-Khatib from the refugee camp of 'Aqba Jabr near the DCO checkpoint, located at the southern entrance of the city.</li> </ul>
<b>BETHLEHEM</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <u>Closure</u>: The Israeli army closed the road connecting the town of al-Khadr and Bethlehem city with dirt barricades, preventing civilian movement.</li> <li>• <u>Separation Wall Gates</u>: The Israeli army partially opened the southern entrance along the separation wall, Al Nashash.</li> <li>• <u>Curfew</u>: The Israeli army imposed curfew on the village of Husan.</li> <li>• <u>Raid</u>: The Israeli army raided Husan village. Civilian houses were searched and 4 civilians were arrested.</li> <li>• <u>Arrests</u>: The Israeli army arrested 4 civilians from Husan village: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) Husam Mustafa Hamada, 29 years old;</li> <li>(ii) Mohammad Jamil Hamada, 22 years old;</li> <li>(iii) Hisham Abdullah Hamada, 20 years old; and one remains unknown.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
<b>TULKAREM</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <u>Closure</u>: At 07:20, the Israeli army closed all city entrances.</li> <li>• <u>Separation Wall Gates</u>: Passage through the separation wall gates is restricted to civilians granted special Israeli permits which are based on no</li> </ul>

	<p>specific criteria. This Israeli closure continues to harm the education process since teachers, amongst others, are not granted access through the gates especially in areas located behind the separation wall.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <u>Flying Checkpoint</u>: At 22:30, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance of Iktaba village, where vehicles were searched and passenger ID's examined.</li> <li>• <u>Air Patrol</u>: At 18:30, Israeli reconnaissance helicopters patrolled Tulkarem city at low altitude.</li> <li>• <u>Raids</u>: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) At 07:30, the Israeli army raided Shuweika suburb, and forcefully entered and searched 2 houses.</li> <li>(ii) At 17:45 and again at 18:10, the Israeli army, including 1 jeep, raided the center and eastern part of Tulkarem city.</li> <li>(iii) At 19:00, the Israeli army, including 1 jeep, raided the northern entrance of Tulkarem camp.</li> <li>(iv) At 19:30, the Israeli army raided the Nur al-Shams camp, opened fire and used sound bombs.</li> <li>(v) At 20:15 and again 00:35, the Israeli army raided Tulkarem camp, and opened random fire. The Israeli army withdrew from the camp at 05:30.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <u>Physical Assault</u>: At 12:10, Israeli soldiers at the Baqa Al-Gharbiya checkpoint brutally beat Jabir Mahmoud Mir'ee, 55 year old-resident of Baqa al-Sharqiya, leaving him in critical condition.</li> </ul>
<b>NABLUS</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <u>Closure</u>: The city of Nablus remains a closed military area.</li> <li>• <u>Curfew</u>: At 22:30, the Israeli army imposed curfew on the village of Huwwara.</li> <li>• <u>Raids</u>: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) The Israeli army raided and searched 1 school and 1 5-storey civilian building. Residents of the building were detained outside, and 1 floor of the building was burnt.</li> <li>(ii) The Israeli army, including tanks and APCs, raided Burqa village, and opened random fire excessively.</li> <li>(iii) The Israeli army raided the Beita village and open fire and used sound bombs.</li> <li>(iv) The Israeli army raided Huwwara village and imposed a curfew.</li> <li>(v) The Israeli raided the village of Beit Imreen. Several civilians were physically beaten.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <u>Physical Assaults</u>: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) Israeli soldiers at one of the roads near Zawata village brutally beat and injured 2 university students.</li> <li>(ii) The Israeli army severely assaulted Thaer Basam Nassar, a civilian from the village of Madma.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <u>Damage to Religious Site</u>: The Israeli army opened fire at Beit Forik Mosque as civilians were praying, causing damage to the outside walls of the mosque.</li> </ul>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>HEBRON</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <u>Closure</u>: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) The Israeli army closed all roads leading to the Ibrahimi Mosque (H2), preventing civilians from conducting prayers at the mosque. In addition, the call for prayer was prevented.</li> <li>(ii) The Israeli army closed the western and main road leading to the town of Al-Samou’.</li> <li>(iii) The Israeli army prevented farmers from reaching their land and farms located near the town of Doura.</li> <li>(iv) The Israeli army prevented farmers from reaching their farms located near the settlement of Nahal Negohot.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <u>Physical Assaults</u>: Israeli soldiers beat merchants and civilians shopping in the Old City of Hebron, and destroyed merchant property.</li> <li>• <u>Settler Violence</u>: Settlers from outposts (H2 area) attacked nearby civilian houses and civilians in the marketplace, while shouting inciteful, racist remarks such as “Death to Arabs”. Settlers chased and prevented several Palestinian children from playing as they claimed that they were too close to the settlement outposts.</li> </ul>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>QALQILYA</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <u>Closure</u>: The DCO checkpoint, the only entrance to the city, remains closed leaving Qalqilya a closed military area.</li> <li>• <u>Separation Wall Gates</u>: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) The Israeli army prevented vehicles and water supply tankers from crossing through the separation wall gates, while detaining civilians at the gate of Ras Al Tira village, located behind the wall, until 19:00. Students studying outside the village were delayed until 16:30.</li> <li>(ii) The Israeli army prevented vehicles carrying food supplies from entering the villages of al-Tira, ad- Dab’a and Wadi al-Rasha located behind the wall.</li> <li>(iii) The Israeli army prevented a doctor from crossing the gate of Ras Al Tira village to attend Nibal Tawfik Mara’ba, an 11 year-old patient suffering from a high fever. Nibal and her father were prevented from leaving the village to receive medical care.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <u>Raid</u>: At 03:00, the Israeli army, including 4 jeeps, raided Qalqilya city and arrested one civilian.</li> <li>• <u>Arrest</u>: The Israeli army arrested from Qalqilya city Khadr al Hotra, 24 year-old university student.</li> </ul>

<b>SALFIT</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <u>Closure</u>: The Israeli army closed all entrances to the city.</li> <li>• <u>Raids</u>: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) At 09:20, the Israeli army, including 3 jeeps, raided the city of Salfit and Iskaka village.</li> <li>(ii) At 09:55, the Israeli army, including 2 jeeps, raided Salfit city. A vehicle, with 1 Palestinian official and 2 Palestinian security officers, was detained.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
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### GAZA STRIP

<b>NORTHERN GAZA</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <u>Closures</u>: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) The Erez crossing is partially open to workers.</li> <li>(ii) 11,614 workers entered inside the Green Line (Israel).</li> <li>(iii) 3924 workers entered the Erez industrial zone, plus 350 workers to apply for magnetic identification cards</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <u>Attacks</u>: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) At 23:00, the Israeli army, located at Point 39 on the Green Line facing Beit Hanoun, opened fire killing 1 civilian.</li> <li>(ii) At 09:40, the Israeli army, located at Point 39 opened fire killing 2 civilians (names remain unknown).</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <u>Killings</u>: The Israeli army killed 3 civilians, one of whom is Wa'il Abu Dahrooj, 26 years old, near Beit Hanoun. The other two remain unidentified.</li> </ul>
<b>GAZA CITY</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <u>Closure</u>: Shuhada' junction (Nitsareem) remains closed.</li> <li>• <u>Attack</u>: The Israeli army, located at Nahal Oz, opened fire at a Palestinian security post opposite to it.</li> <li>• <u>Arrests</u>: At 11:20, the Israeli army arrested 2 civilians north of al-Shajaiyah neighborhood while they were hunting birds. The 2 civilians are: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) Mohammad al-Biltaji; and</li> <li>(ii) Nasser al-Areer.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
<b>CENTRAL GAZA</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Activity not yet reported.</li> </ul>
<b>KHAN YUNIS</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <u>Closures</u>: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) Abu al Ajin road (Khan Yunis Al Sharqiya) remains closed.</li> <li>(ii) Western road (Khan Yunis) remains closed.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

	<p>(iii) Abu Holi road was partially opened.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <u>Incursion</u>: Between 00:30 and 04:24, the Israeli army, including APC'S, bulldozers and jeeps, entered al-Gharbi camp, and opened intensive fire and fired tanks shells at civilian houses, completely destroying 31 civilian houses (17 fully and 14 partially).</li> <li>• <u>Attacks</u>: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) At 10:45, the Israeli army, located at Points 9, 10 and 11 on the Security Line, fired intensively at a civilian house in al-Gharbi camp and al-Namsawi neighborhood.</li> <li>(ii) At 12:50, the Israeli army opened fire from Dakaleem settlement and injured 7 civilians.</li> <li>(iii) At 17:30, the Israeli army located at Abu Holi fired intensively at civilians, injuring one civilian.</li> <li>(iv) At 01:30, the Israeli army, located at Point 12 on the Security Line, fired a tank shell towards civilian houses in al-Namsawi neighborhood.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <u>Air Patrol</u>: At 12:50, Israeli reconnaissance helicopters patrolled al-Gharbi camp.</li> <li>• <u>Palestinian Attacks</u>: At 23:30, Palestinians fired 5 mortar shells at Jaded settlement.</li> </ul>
<p><b>RAFAH</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <u>Closures</u>: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) Sufa crossing was partially open for workers and merchants. 150 workers and 15 merchants entered inside the Green Line.</li> <li>(ii) The Gaza International Airport remains closed.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <u>Raids</u>: At 12:30, the Israeli army, including 1 tank and bulldozer, raided the area near Sufa junction, and opened fire at a Palestinian security post.</li> </ul>