

مجموعة الرقابة الفلسطينية



PALESTINIAN MONITORING GROUP

DAILY SITUATION REPORT

08:00 15 December 2003 – 08:00 16 December 2003

SUMMARY OF EVENTS

EVENT	WEST BANK	GAZA STRIP	TOTAL	NOTES
Injuries	2	—	2	Girl 16 years, boy 13 years
Incursion	1	—	1	Jenin
Attacks	6	4	10	
Raids	13	1	14	
Arrests (per person)	5	1	6	
Detention	1	—	1	
Land Leveling	—	1	1	
Separation Wall Constr.	1	—	1	
Curfews	1	—	1	
Checkpoints	All	—	All	
Flying Checkpoints	5	—	5	
Closures (per District)	4	—	4	+Qalqilya villages behind wall
Closure of Main Roads	Most	(4)	Most	
Closure of Wall Gates	All	—	All	Permits required to cross
Closure of Crossing Points	—	2	2	1 Partially open to workers
School Disruptions	2	—	2	Schools closed by curfews ¹
TOTAL	41	9	50	

¹ 2 Schools in Ramallah district (1035 students) and 1 school in Salfit district (243 students).

DISTRICT	EVENT
WEST BANK	
JERUSALEM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Closure</u>: The city of Jerusalem remains closed to residents from other districts. • <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 • <u>Separation Wall Land Confiscation</u>: Israeli officials issued confiscation orders with maps to the Ramallah department of the Civil Affairs Ministry. The orders confiscate the lands from Beit Sira to Beit Nuba for the construction of the separation wall.
RAMALLAH & EL BIREH	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Separation Wall House Demolitions</u>: At 18:35, the Israeli army, including 3 jeeps, entered the village of Beit Liqya, west of Ramallah, and notified house owners located south of the village to vacate their houses tomorrow, as they will be demolished at 11:00 for the construction of the separation wall. • <u>Flying Checkpoints</u>: The Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint near the village of Deir Ibzi' and detained civilian vehicles. • <u>School Disruption</u>: Due to the significant presence of the Israeli army in the town of Kafr Ni'ma, 2 schools, serving 1035 students, remain closed after the curfew has been lifted. • <u>Raids</u>: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) The Israeli army raided al-Am'ari camp and searched civilian houses. (ii) At 10:00, the Israeli army, including 2 jeeps, raided Ramallah city and positioned itself on the Ramallah-Beituniya road. (iii) At 17:00, the Israeli army, including 1 jeep, raided Kafr 'Ein village. (iv) At 18:00, the Israeli army raided Kafr 'Ein village, where it remained until 21:00. • <u>Injuries</u>: An Israeli jeep in el-Bireh hit Ismael Matariyah, a 13 year old-child, who was transported to the hospital.
JENIN	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <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.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Incursion</u>: Between 01:00 and 04:00, the Israeli army, including APC's, tanks and jeeps, raided the city of Jenin and opened intensive fire. The Hay al-Sharqi was surrounded and several houses were searched. • <u>Flying Checkpoints</u>: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 11:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the southern entrance to Jenin city. 1 civilian was arrested. (ii) At 11:30, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the junction of Kafr Qud. 1 civilian was arrested. • <u>Arrests</u>: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) The Israeli army arrested from south Jenin Sari Khalil al-Zughbi, 35 year-old American-Arabic University employee. (ii) The Israeli army arrested Nayef Yousef Ghawadra, 24 year-old Beir al-Basha resident, near Kafr Qud village.
JERICHO	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Activity not yet reported.
BETHLEHEM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Closures</u>: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) The southern entrance remains partially open to pedestrians only. (ii) The Israeli army closed al-Khadr road (east) and the DCO road (north).
TULKAREM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Closures</u>: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Al-Kafriyat gate remains closed, closing off Tulkarem from Qalqilya. (ii) The Israeli army prevented teachers from entering the town of Baqa al Sharqiya. • <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. • <u>Raids</u>: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 16:30, an Israeli patrol entered the center of the city. The Israeli army raided Tulkarem camp then Nur al-Shams camp and opened intensive fire randomly. (ii) At 18:30, the Israeli army, including 2 jeeps, raided and then positioned itself in Kafr Rumman village. (iii) At 20:45, the Israeli army, including 1 jeep, raided Tulkarem city and opened random fire. (iv) At 23:45, the Israeli army, including 1 jeep, raided Tulkarem camp and opened random fire, injuring one youth. • <u>Injuries</u>: The Israeli army injured in the right foot Mayada Hikmat

	Balawanah, 16 year-old female from Tulkarem camp.
NABLUS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Closure</u>: The city of Nablus remains a closed military area. • <u>Raid</u>: At 04:30, the Israeli army raided Balata Camp. Civilian houses were searched and 3 civilians were arrested. The Israeli army remained positioned in the city until 08:00. • <u>Arrests</u>: The Israeli army arrested 3 civilians from Balata camp: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Ali Ibrahim Shihadah; (ii) Mohammad Ali Shihadah; and (iii) Basim al-Rayan.
HEBRON	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Flying Checkpoint</u>: The Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the road between Hebron and Bethlehem.
QALQILYA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Closure</u>: The DCO checkpoint, the only entrance to the city, remains closed for the 3rd consecutive day, leaving Qalqilya a closed military area. • <u>Separation Wall Gates</u>: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) The villages of Ad Dab'a, Ras al-Tira, 'Arab ar Ramadin, 'Arab Abu Farda and Wadi Rasha, located behind the separation wall, remain closed for the 4th consecutive day. The Israeli army has prevented employees, students, medical units and ambulances from passing through the separation wall gates. (ii) Entrance through the remaining western gates is only open to civilians with special permits from the Israeli Civil Administration.
SALFIT	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Closure</u>: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) All entrances to the city remain closed. (ii) The Israeli army closed the eastern entrance of Deir Ballut "Ismant" squares. • <u>Attack</u>: At 18:40, the Israeli army, including 3 jeeps, positioned itself near the village of Kafr ad Dik and opened fire at the village. • <u>Raids</u>: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 09:30, the Israeli army, including 1 jeep, raided the city of Salfit and set up a flying checkpoint at the center of the city, where vehicles were searched and passenger ID's were examined. (ii) At 09:30, the Israeli army, including 3 jeeps, raided Marda village, and opened fire and used tear gas. The village remains under curfew for the 5th consecutive day. At 18:30, the raid was repeated. • <u>School Disruption</u>: Due to the Israeli curfew on Marda village, the main village school, serving 243 students, remains closed.

GAZA STRIP

NORTHERN GAZA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Closure</u>: The Erez crossing is partially open to workers: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) 11,964 workers crossed the Green Line into Israel. (ii) 3772 workers entered the Erez Industrial Area (iii) 350 civilians entered the Erez Industrial Area to apply for magnetic IDs. • <u>Killings and Arrest</u>: Later reports on the Beit Hanoun attack that took place December 15, 2003, confirmed that only 2 civilians were killed (not 3); Wa'il Sakir Abu Dahrooj, 26 years old and Yunis Marahil, 29 years old. 1 civilian, who remains unknown, was arrested.
GAZA CITY	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Closure</u>: Shuhada' junction (Nitsareem) remains closed.
CENTRAL GAZA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Activity not yet reported.
KHAN YUNIS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Closures</u>: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Abu al Ajin road (Khan Yunis Al Sharqiya) remains closed. (ii) Western road (Khan Yunis) remains closed. (iii) Abu Holi road was partially opened. • <u>Attacks</u>: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 17:00, the Israeli army, located at Points 8 and 9 on the Security Line, opened fire at civilian houses in al-Iskan and al-Amal neighborhoods. (ii) At 19:30, the Israeli army, located at Points 9, 10 and 11 on the Security Line, opened fire at civilian houses in al-Gharbi camp and al-Namsawi neighborhood. • <u>Raid</u>: At 17:30, the Israeli army raided and positioned themselves on top of several buildings near al-Matahen checkpoint.
RAFAH	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Closures</u>: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) The Israeli army partially opened the Sufa crossing. 190 workers and 12 merchants crossed the Green Line. (ii) The Gaza International Airport remains closed. • <u>Land Leveling</u>: At 19:30, the Israeli army, including bulldozers and 2 patrol jeeps, leveled land located south of Meeraj settlement.