### مجموعة الرقابة الفلسطينية



#### PALESTINIAN MONITORING GROUP

#### **DAILY SITUATION REPORT**

 $08:00\ 20\ February\ 2007 - 08:00\ 21\ February\ 2007$ 

#### **SUMMARY OF EVENTS**

EVENT	WEST BANK	GAZA STRIP	TOTAL	NOTES
Injuries	2	_	2	2 civilians during confrontation, Jerusalem
Attacks	6	2	8	Incl. 3 in raids & 3 from military posts
Raids	25	2	27	Incl. 5 in Tulkarem and 5 in Hebron
Air Patrol	1	_	1	Reconnaissance aircraft over Tulkarem
Arrests	26	_	26	Incl. a mentally challenged civilian
Detentions	17	_	17	At checkpoints & in residential areas
Wall Construction	26	_	26	Jer., Raml'h., Qalq., Salfit, Hebron, Beth.
Destruction of Property	2	_	2	Incl. 1 barracks demolished in Ramallah
Land Confiscation	1	_	1	In Battir village for Wall construction
Confiscation of Property	1	_	1	A rifle from a civilian in Jenin RC
House Occupation	1	_	1	Converted into a military post, Tulkarem
Closure of Checkpoints	15	_	15	Incl. 1 checkpoint closed temporarily
Flying Checkpoints	17	_	17	Incl. 3 in Jerusalem & 3 in Ramallah
Closure (per District)	6	_	6	Incl. Jerusalem and Tulkarem partially
Closure of Main Roads	32	_	32	Incl. 2 in Bethlehem & 11 in Hebron
Closure of Crossing Points	_	5	5	Incl. Beit Hanun & Sufa partially
Palestinian Attacks	3	_	3	Fire opened towards 3 Israeli checkpoints
Pal. Security Measure	1	_	1	3 Israeli settlers handed over in Jericho
TOTAL	182	9	191	

#### WEST BANK

#### 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.

## • 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 prevent civilians from accessing the mosque, only allowing access to female civilians and civilians holding Israeli-issued IDs who are above 45 years of age. This Israeli measure aims to prevent civilian demonstrations against the Israeli army's levelling of Bab al Maghariba old road, which leads to Al Aqsa Mosque compound.

#### • Closure of Main Roads:

- (i) The Israeli army continues to close the entrance opposite the junction to Dahiyat al Bareed in the city of Jerusalem with a barbed wire gate and to deny civilian access.
- (ii) The Israeli army continues to close the road connecting Dahiyat al Bareed to the town of Ar Ram in order to complete Wall construction in the area.
- (iii) The Israeli army continues to close with cement blocks the entrance to the village of Jaba', which connects the village to the cities of Jerusalem, Ramallah, and Jericho.

### • <u>Checkpoint</u>: 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:

- (i) The Israeli army continues to close the Wall gate in the town of Abu Dis with cement blocks.
- (ii) The Israeli army continues to deny civilian access through the Wall gate on Ash Shayyah road in the area between the villages of As Sawahira ash Sharqiya and As 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 Dahiyat al Bareed, Dahiyat al Aqbat, from the village of Hizma to 'Anata, along the Hizma-Jaba' road, the area of Al 'Eizariya to Ash Shayyah, from the village of Beit Surik to Biddu, in the areas of Al Judeira, Bir Nabala, and Beit Hanina, west of the village of Al Jib, and in the vicinity of the village of Qatanna.
- <u>Flying Checkpoint</u>: At 17:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to the village of Beit 'Anan and searched civilians and vehicles.

#### **JERUSALEM**

#### • Raids:

- (i) At 14:00, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the village of Biddu.
- (ii) The Israeli army raided the village of Qatanna and demanded that Hani Mohammed al Faqeeh evacuate his house in order to demolish it, claiming that it was built without the required construction licence.

#### • Arrests:

- (i) The Israeli army arrested 'Adli Fahmi Nasser ad Din in the old city of Jerusalem.
- (ii) Israeli troops positioned at the checkpoint set up at the entrance to the village of Rafat arrested Jamil Hasan al Faqeeh, a Palestinian National Security officer.
- Palestinian Attack/Israeli Attack/Raid/Injuries: At 16:50, armed Palestinian individuals opened fire towards Israeli troops positioned around Qalandiya checkpoint. Consequently, the Israeli army closed the checkpoint and denied civilian access. The Israeli army also opened fire towards civilian houses in the area surrounding Qalandiya refugee camp as well as raided the refugee camp. Confrontations took place between the Israeli army and civilians, during which the Israeli army fired rubber-coated steel bullets, injuring 2 civilians.

#### • Closure of Main Roads:

- (i) The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the eastern entrance to the village of Sinjil.
- (ii) The Israeli army continues to close with cement blocks the western entrance to the village of Saffa.
- <u>Checkpoint</u>: The Israeli army continues to intensify its restrictions at the checkpoint set up on the overpass to the town of 'Atara and to impede access to the city of Ramallah for civilians holding IDs issued in the northern districts of the West Bank.
- <u>Wall Construction</u>: Wall construction continues in the area west of the town of 'Abud, in the areas of Al Midya to Ni'lin, Ni'lin to Deir Qaddis, and in the town of Beituniya.

#### • Flying Checkpoints/Attack/Destruction of Property:

- (i) At 19:50, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint near the village of Surda along the Ramallah-Bir Zeit road, searched civilians and vehicles, and opened fire towards a civilian vehicle, claiming that it did not stop at the checkpoint. Israeli troops positioned at the flying checkpoint also arrested 1 civilian.
- (ii) At 06:35, the Israeli army set up 2 flying checkpoints at the entrances to the villages of Kharbatha al Misbah and Beit Liqya and searched civilians and vehicles. The Israeli army also demolished a barracks near the village of Kharbatha al Misbah, claiming that it was located in close proximity to the road leading to the village.

#### • Raids/Attack:

- (i) At 13:00, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the town of Abu Shukheidim.
- (ii) At 23:50, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the village of Kafr 'Ein.

#### RAMALLAH & EL BIREH

	<ul> <li>(iii) At 01:50, the Israeli army, including 9 jeeps, raided the city of Ramallah. While patrolling the area, the Israeli army opened fire and fired sound grenades. At 03:30, the Israeli army withdrew from the area.</li> <li>• Arrest: Israeli troops positioned at the flying checkpoint set up near the village of Surda along the Ramallah-Bir Zeit road arrested Sameh al Barghouthi.</li> </ul>
JENIN	<ul> <li>Closure of Roads: The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the unpaved detour road leading to the town of 'Arraba east of the settlement of Dotan as well as the road connecting the town of Qabatiya to the village of Misliya.</li> <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>Wall Gates: Passage through the Wall gates is restricted to civilians granted special Israeli permits.</li> <li>Flying Checkpoints/Palestinian Attack/Israeli Attack:</li> <li>(i) At 13:30, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint near Jannat Park at the southern entrance to the city of Jenin and searched civilians and vehicles. Armed Palestinian individuals opened fire towards Israeli troops opened fire.</li> <li>(ii) The Israeli army set up 2 flying checkpoints, one along the road to the town of Qabatiya and the other along the settler bypass road in the area of As Suweitat east of the city of Jenin, and searched civilians and vehicles.</li> <li>Raids/Confiscation of Property:</li> <li>(ii) At 17:00, the Israeli army raided the village of Jalqamus and searched I house. The Israeli army set up a checkpoint at the village's entrance and searched civilians and vehicles.</li> <li>(ii) At 00:30, the Israeli army raided Jenin refugee camp, arrested 1 civilian, and confiscated a rifle from him.</li> <li>(iii) At 03:00, the Israeli army raided Jenin refugee camp, arrested 1 civilian, and confiscated a number of houses, and arrested 5 civilians, including 2 brothers. At 05:30, the Israeli army withdrew from the area.</li> <li>Arrests:</li> <li>(i) At 18:30, the Israeli army arrested Omar Ahmed Abu ar Rub, a civilian resident of the village of Jalbun, in an area inside the Green Line, allegedly for locating an explosive belt in his possession.</li> <li>(ii) Mu'tassem Hafeth Nazzal;</li> <li>(iv) Mohammed Same</li></ul>

#### Closure: The Israeli army continues to declare the district of Tulkarem a closed military zone and to impede civilian access to and from the district. Closure of Main Roads: The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the Dahiyat Iktaba-Bal'a road, the entrance to the village of Saffarin, the road connecting the town of Deir al Ghusun to 'Attil plain, and the road connecting the town of Kafr al Labad to the village of Shufa. Checkpoints: The Israeli army continues to intensify its restrictions at Jubara checkpoint (the southern entrance to the city of Tulkarem) as well as 'Einav checkpoint (the eastern entrance to the city). Israeli troops positioned at these checkpoints also denied access to civilians under 30 years of age. Wall Gates: Passage through the Wall gates is restricted to civilians granted special Israeli permits. **Raids/House Occupation:** TULKAREM At 12:00, the Israeli army raided and patrolled Nur Shams refugee (i) (ii) At 17:30, an Israeli army patrol raided Dahiyat Shuweika in the city of Tulkarem and patrolled the area. At 21:35, the Israeli army raided the village of Ramin, occupied 1 (iii) house, and converted it into a military post. At 01:00, the Israeli army withdrew from the area. At 01:00, an Israeli army patrol raided the city of Tulkarem and (iv) patrolled the area. (v) Israeli army infantry forces raided the town of Beit Lid and its surroundings and carried out military training. At 07:00, the Israeli infantry forces withdrew from the area. Air Patrol: At 16:00, Israeli reconnaissance aircraft patrolled the skies over the city of Tulkarem. Closure of Roads: The Israeli army continues to close with cement blocks the agricultural roads east of the town of 'Azzun. **Wall Gates:** Passage through the Wall gates is restricted to civilians granted special (i) Israeli permits. The Israeli army continues to intensify its restrictions at 'Azzun 'Atma (ii) Wall gate and to search civilians, including students, with a metal detector. **QALQILIYA** Wall Construction: Land levelling for Wall construction continues in the villages of Immatin and Kafr Laqif as well as east of the towns of Kafr Thulth and 'Azzun. **Flying Checkpoints:** At 08:30, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to (i) the town of 'Azzun and searched civilians and vehicles. The Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to Habla (ii) tunnel (the southern entrance to the city of Qalqiliya) and searched civilians and vehicles.

NABLUS	<ul> <li>Closure of Main Roads: <ol> <li>The Israeli army continues to close the Jenin-Nablus road between the junction to the village of Deir Sharaf and the settlement of Shavei Shomron.</li> <li>The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the southern entrance to the village of Qaryut.</li> <li>Checkpoints: The Israeli army continues to regulate times for crossing checkpoints set up around the city of Nablus: <ol> <li>Huwwara and Beit Iba checkpoints (set up at the southern and western entrances to the city of Nablus respectively) are closed at 23:00. The Israeli army only allows civilian vehicles possessing access permits to cross these checkpoints. The Israeli army also searches civilians using metal detectors at Beit Iba checkpoint, thereby impeding their access.</li> <li>At Tur neighbourhood checkpoint (set up on Jirzim 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 neighbourhood only.</li> <li>Beit Furik checkpoint is open to civilian residents of the town of Beit Furik and the village of Beit Dajan until 17:30.</li> <li>Beginning on 23 November 2006, the Israeli army continues to close the checkpoint set up in the area between the city of Nablus and the town of 'Asira ash Shamaliya and to prevent civilians from crossing, only allowing access to humanitarian cases.</li> </ol> </li> <li>Flying Checkpoint: At 13:55, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to the village of Beita, searched civilians and vehicles, and impeded civilian access.</li> <li>Raid: At 01:00, the Israeli army raided and patrolled Balata refugee camp.</li> <li>Palestinian Attack/Israeli Attack: At 00:30, armed Palestinian individuals opened fire towards Israeli troops positioned at the checkpoint set up at the entrance to the town of Beit Furik. Consequently, Israeli troops opened intensive fire towards the area surrounding the checkpoint.</li> </ol></li></ul>
SALFIT	<ul> <li>Closure of Main Roads: <ol> <li>The Israeli army has continued to close the main north-western entrance to the city of Salfit with dirt barricades since the beginning of the current <i>Intifada</i> (Uprising).</li> <li>The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the western entrance to the village of Marda and, with cement blocks, the western entrance to the town of Kafr ad Dik.</li> </ol> </li> <li>Checkpoints: <ol> <li>The Israeli army continues to intensify its restrictions at Deir Ballut checkpoint and to deny civilian access to the town of Kafr ad Dik.</li> <li>The Israeli army continues to intensify its restrictions at the Za'tara junction checkpoint and to impede civilian access.</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 Kifl Haris north of the settlement of Ari'el.</li> </ol> </li></ul>

#### **Flying Checkpoints:** At 08:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to (i) the town of Az Zawiya, searched civilians and vehicles, and arrested 1 civilian. The Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the eastern entrance to the (ii) village of Yasuf and searched civilians and vehicles. Raids: At 11:00, the Israeli army, including 2 jeeps, raided the village of Haris (i) and arrested 2 civilians (a civilian along with his son). At 15:15, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the town of Bruqin. (ii) **Arrests:** (i) Israeli troops positioned at the flying checkpoint set up at the entrance to the town of Az Zawiya arrested Raed Zahran 'Ayyash. The Israeli army arrested 2 civilians in the village of Haris: Hasan Saleh Suleiman: and his son (ii) (iii) Saleh Hasan Suleiman. 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. Checkpoints: The Israeli army continues to intensify its restrictions and **JERICHO** 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 connecting the districts of Jericho and Ramallah. Palestinian Security Measure: At 20:30, Palestinian security forces handed over to the Israeli authorities (through the DCO) 3 Israeli settlers, who were apprehended while they were attempting to access the city of Jericho. Closure: 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. 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. **Checkpoints:** (i) At 11:05, the Israeli army removed cement blocks and dirt barricades **BETHLEHEM** from the entrance to the area of An Nashash leading to the Jerusalem-Hebron road. At 14:25, the Israeli army set up a checkpoint in the area and searched civilians and vehicles. At 14:10, the Israeli army closed the checkpoint set up at the north-(ii) western entrance to the city of Beit Jala and reopened it at 15:35. Wall Construction: Wall construction continues in the area northwest of the

town of Al Khadr, northwest of the city of Beit Jala, and in the area of

Wadi Rahhal east of the settlement of Efrat.

#### • Raids:

- (i) At 20:40, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the city of Bethlehem.
- (ii) At 01:15, the Israeli army raided the cities of Bethlehem and Beit Jala and patrolled the area until 01:45.

#### • Arrests:

- (i) At 17:20, Israeli troops positioned at As Sawahira ash Sharqiya (the "Container") checkpoint arrested Omar Mohammed Bleidi, a journalist.
- (ii) At 17:30, the Israeli army arrested Mustafa Ahmed Jalham near the settlement of Beitar.
- (iii) The Israeli army arrested Murad Mohammed Taqatqah, a mentally challenged civilian, near the junction to the settlement of Kfar 'Etzion, while he was attempting to mount an Israeli bus.
- Wall Land Confiscation: On 07 February 2007, the Israeli army issued Military Order # T/69/06 for confiscation of land belonging to the village of Battir for Wall construction. The area of the affected land was not identified in the military order.

#### • 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 As Sahleh.
- (ii) Although it expired on 07 May 2006, the Israeli army continues to implement a military order stipulating the prohibition of civilian vehicles from travelling 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 dirt barricades the following locales: the area of Al Hawawir leading to the town of Halhul; the area of Al Fahs south of the city of Hebron; the junction to the area of Farsh al Hawa leading to Road # 35 northwest of the city of Hebron; the road connecting the town of Surif to the village of Al Jab'a; the entrance to the village of Beit 'Einun; and the eastern entrance to the village of Kharsa. The Israeli army also continues to close with cement blocks the entrance to Al Qeisi neighbourhood in the old city of Hebron as well as the main entrance to Al 'Arrub refugee camp.

- (ii) In accordance with Military Order # 378, the Israeli army continues to prohibit Palestinian vehicles from travelling along 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.
- Wall Construction: Wall construction continues in the section of Tarqumiya checkpoint terminal, the remaining section of the Wall route that separates the settlement of Eshkolot from the village of Ar Ramadin, and near the village of Imneizil southeast of the town of Yatta.

#### **HEBRON**

•	Flying Checkpoint: At 17:30, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on
	the overpass to the town of Halhul and searched civilians and vehicles.

#### • Raids:

- (i) At dawn on 20 February 2007, the Israeli army raided the village of Deir Samit and arrested 7 civilians.
- (ii) At dawn on 20 February 2007, the Israeli army raided the city of Hebron and the town of Adh Dhahiriya and arrested 3 civilians.
- (iii) At 20:00, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the city of Hebron. At 00:20, the Israeli army raided the city again, set up a checkpoint, searched civilians and vehicles, and patrolled the area.
- Arrests: The Israeli army arrested 7 civilians in the village of Deir Samit:
- (i) Mohammed Hasan al Hroub;
- (ii) Amin Mohammed al Hroub;
- (iii) Wassel Abdul Jawwad al Hroub;
- (iv) Thaer Isma'il al Hroub;
- (v) Mohammed Jabr al Hroub;
- (vi) Hamzeh Hasan al Hroub; and
- (vii) Baha' Ali al 'Adam.

The Israeli army arrested 3 civilians in the city of Hebron and the town of Adh Dhahiriya:

- (viii) Salah Bakr al Husseini;
- (ix) Jamil Nimer al Karaki; and
- (x) Thaer Ahmed Zeidiyyeh.

#### **GAZA STRIP**

ALL DISTRICTS	• The ceasefire agreement that entered into force at 06:00 on 26 November 2006 remains effective. However, the Israeli army carried out 2 raids into Palestinian territory. In addition, the Israeli army and navy opened fire towards Palestinian territory on 2 occasions.
NORTHERN GAZA	<ul> <li>Closure of Crossing Point: Beit Hanun (Erez) Crossing is partially open only to foreign nationals, VIPs, and humanitarian cases.</li> <li>Attack: At 16:50, Israeli navy boats opened fire towards the beach of the town of Beit Lahiya, thereby violating the Israeli-Palestinian ceasefire agreement.</li> </ul>
GAZA	• Attack: At 23:55, the Israeli army fired 1 flare from the area near Point 75 on the Green Line over Palestinian territory east of Gaza city, thereby violating the Israeli-Palestinian ceasefire agreement.
CENTRAL GAZA	• Raid: At 09:40, in violation of the Israeli-Palestinian ceasefire agreement, the Israeli army, including 1 tank and 3 bulldozers, raided 150 metres into Palestinian territory near Point 135 on the Green Line east of the city of Deir al Balah.

KHAN YUNIS	• Raid: At 10:40, in violation of the Israeli-Palestinian ceasefire agreement, the Israeli army, including 1 tank and 1 bulldozer, raided 50 metres into Palestinian territory near Points 150 and 151 on the Green Line east of the area of Al Qarara.		
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 partially open for the transportation of construction cargo only.</li> </ul> </li> <li>Karm Abu Salim (Karem Shalom) Crossing is closed.</li> </ul>		