

مجموعة الرقابة الفلسطينية



PALESTINIAN MONITORING GROUP

DAILY SITUATION REPORT

08:00 24 December 2003 – 08:00 25 December 2003

SUMMARY OF EVENTS

EVENT	WEST BANK	GAZA STRIP	TOTAL	NOTES
Death	—	1	1	
Injuries	6	1	7	Incl. 3 children (13, 15 & 17)
Attacks	5	3	8	
Raids	22	—	22	
Air Patrol	1	—	1	Reconnaissance
Arrests (per person)	7	—	7	Incl. 3 12 yr. old children
Detentions	3	—	3	Incl. tens of civil., incl. child.
Land Leveling	1	2	3	Over 100 <i>dunums</i>
Destruction of Property	1	—	1	
Curfews	2	—	2	
Checkpoints	All	—	All	
Flying Checkpoints	1	—	1	
Closures (per District)	3	—	3	Incl. area of 6 towns & vills.
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
Religious Sites	2	—	2	Raid of mosques
Demonstrations	2	—	2	
Palestinian Attacks	—	6	6	6 Qassam mortars
TOTAL	56	15	71	

DISTRICT	EVENT
WEST BANK	
JERUSALEM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure: The city of Jerusalem remains closed to residents from other districts. • Separation Wall Construction: Israeli authorities continue construction of the separation wall in Al Shayyah, Abu Dis, Al Sawahira, and Al Eizariya. • Permits: The Israeli authorities halted issuing permits for Palestinians from the West Bank to travel to hospitals in East Jerusalem for medical treatment. • Arrest: The Israeli army arrested Hussein Al Rimawi, a 26-year-old student at Al Quds University, in Dahiyat Al Ezariya. • Demonstration: High school students in Dahiyat Abu Dis demonstrating against construction of the separation wall were confronted by Israeli troops guarding the separation wall.
RAMALLAH & EL BIREH	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) The iron gate near An Nabi Salih village remains completely closed, isolating northwestern villages from the city of Ramallah. (ii) The Israeli army declared Bani Zeid village a closed military area. • Raids: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 19:00, the Israeli army raided the village of Kafr 'Ein. (ii) The Israeli army raided the towns of Deir Ghassana and Beit Rima, threw a sound bomb into a civilian house causing damage to windows, detained 18 civilians outside of the house, and arrested 1 civilian. • Arrests: The Israeli army arrested 1 civilian from Beit Rima: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Nasir Awad Nasir. <p>The Israeli army arrested 1 civilian returning from Egypt:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (ii) Qassam Barghouthi, the son of Marwan Barghouthi.
JENIN	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Separation Wall Gates: 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, particularly in areas located behind the separation wall. • Raids: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 04:00, the Israeli army raided the village of Al Zababida and arrested a college student from his dormitory room.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> (ii) The Israeli army raided the town of Qabatiya, imposed curfew and searched civilian houses. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Arrest: The Israeli army arrested Amjad Abdul Jabbar Yasin in Al Zababida.
JERICHO	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Activity not yet reported
BETHLEHEM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Despite the Israeli announcement of lifting the closure on Bethlehem, the southern entrance (Al Nashash area) of the city remains closed, cutting Bethlehem off from the Hebron district. (ii) Despite announcements made by the Israeli authorities easing travel restrictions at checkpoints during the Christmas holiday, Israeli soldiers prevented civilians from reaching Bethlehem to take part in Christmas celebrations.
TULKAREM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Separation Wall Gates: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) 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, particularly in areas located behind the separation wall. (ii) Israeli troops stationed at the separation wall gates prevented farmers from returning to the village of Deir al Ghusun, forcing farmers to sleep outside on their land. Israeli soldiers prohibited the farmers from lighting fires to keep warm. • Air Patrol: At 00:30, Israeli reconnaissance aircraft patrolled the skies over the city. • Raids: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 18:30, and again at 00:30, an Israeli APC indiscriminately opened fire during a raid on Tulkarem refugee camp. (ii) At 19:50, the Israeli army, including 5 jeeps, raided Tulkarem city. (iii) At 20:20, the Israeli army, including 2 jeeps, raided Dahiyat Dhinnaba, south of Tulkarem city. (iv) At 21:15, the Israeli army, including 2 APCs, raided Tulkarem city and indiscriminately opened fire. (v) At 22:45, the Israeli army, including 3 jeeps, raided Dahiyat Shuweika, north of Tulkarem city.
NABLUS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Curfew: The Israeli army continues to impose curfew over the eastern neighborhoods of Nablus, including Balata and 'Asker refugee camps.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Attack: At 11:40, the Israeli army opened fire towards civilians in Al Dahiya neighborhood, injuring 1 civilian. • Demonstration: At 12:10, Palestinian civilians and international peace activists held a peaceful protest against the division of the city into 2 sections. The Israeli army fired rubber coated steel bullets and tear gas grenades at the protesters, injuring 5 civilians, including 2 children. • Injuries: The Israeli army injured 5 civilians, including 2 children in Nablus city: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Muhammd Al Liddawi, 15 years old, concussion to the head; and (ii) Aiman Quteishat, 13 years old, shot in his left leg.
<p style="text-align: center;">HEBRON</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Raids: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) The Israeli army raided the town of Dura, searched several civilian houses, detained civilians, including children, outside in the cold, searched 2 mosques and confiscated several books from the mosques. (ii) The Israeli army, including 3 jeeps, raided the city of Hebron. (iii) The Israeli army raided the towns of Surif and Nuba.
<p style="text-align: center;">QALQILYA</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure: At 01:55, the Israeli army raided the village of ‘Azzun (located behind the separation wall), searched several civilian houses, and sealed off the area of ‘Azzun ‘Atma, preventing civilians from leaving the village. • Separation Wall Gates: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) 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, particularly in areas located behind the separation wall. (ii) The Israeli army arrested 3 children under the age of 12, including 2 brothers, on the justification that they were too close to one of the separation wall gates in Qalqiliya city. • Arrests: The Israeli army arrested 3 children, all under 12, including 2 brothers: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Rami Al Ghoul; (ii) Ahmad Sami Al Ghoul; and his brother (iii) Omar Sami Al Ghoul.
<p style="text-align: center;">SALFIT</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Raids: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 09:00, the Israeli army, including 3 jeeps, raided the town of Kafr ad Dik, searched 1 civilian house, and provoked confrontations between Palestinian civilians and the Israeli army, during which the Israeli army opened live fire and threw sound bombs.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> (ii) At 13:15, the Israeli army, including 6 jeeps, raided the villages of Al Mazari' and Khirbet Qeis. (iii) At 07:30, the Israeli army, including 8 jeeps, raided the village of Farkha. (iv) The Israeli army, including 8 jeeps, raided the southern neighborhoods of Salfit and set up a checkpoint.
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GAZA STRIP

NORTHERN GAZA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure: The Erez crossing is partially open to workers: • Palestinian Attack: Between 16:00 and 04:30, individuals fired 6 Qassam mortars towards the Green Line.
GAZA CITY	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure: Shuhada' junction (Nitsareem) remains closed.
CENTRAL GAZA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Land Leveling: At 11:40, the Israeli army leveled 90 <i>dunums</i> (22.5 acres) of land located near the settlement of Kfar Daroom. • Attack: At 18:10, the Israeli army opened intensive fire from the settlement of Kfar Daroom in all directions, injuring 1 child, and closed off Salah ad Din road. • Injury: The Israeli army injured Yusif Ata Barghouthi, 17 years old.
KHAN YUNIS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure: <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 is partially opened. • Attacks: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 21:10, the Israeli army opened intensive fire towards civilian houses in the neighborhood of Al Nimsawi and fired 2 shells towards the area of Al Maqabir. (ii) At 07:55, the Israeli army opened fire from its locations at Point 6.5 towards civilian houses in the western refugee camp, killing 1 civilian. • Death: The Israeli army killed Muhammad Al Dasuqi, a 20-year-old civilian. • Destruction of Property: At 11:40, the Israeli army leveled land located north of Al Farra apartment block.
RAFAH	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure: Sufa crossing remains partially open to merchants and workers.