

## مجموعة الرقابة الفلسطينية



## PALESTINIAN MONITORING GROUP

## DAILY SITUATION REPORT

08:00 25 January 2004 – 08:00 26 January 2004

## SUMMARY OF EVENTS

EVENT	WEST BANK	GAZA STRIP	TOTAL	NOTES
Physical Assaults	3	—	<b>3</b>	
Attacks	4	5	<b>9</b>	
Raids	16	1	<b>17</b>	
Air Patrols	2	—	<b>2</b>	
Arrests (per person)	9	—	<b>9</b>	Incl. Police officer
Detentions	4	—	<b>4</b>	Incl. residents of 1 village
Land Leveling	—	2	<b>2</b>	Incl. greenhouse
Separation Wall Const.	3	—	<b>3</b>	Jerusalem, Jenin & Ramallah
Destruction of Property	1	1	<b>2</b>	Incl. confiscation of vehicle
House Occupation	4	—	<b>4</b>	Incl. 2 buildings
Curfew	1	—	<b>1</b>	
Checkpoints	All	—	<b>All</b>	
Flying Checkpoints	6	—	<b>6</b>	
Closures (per District)	6	—	<b>6</b>	Incl. isol. of Qalq. & W. Ram.
Closure of Main Roads	Most	(4)	<b>Most</b>	Part. roads connecting govern.
Closure of Wall Gates	All	—	<b>All</b>	Permits required to cross
Closure of Crossing Points	—	3	<b>3</b>	2 Partially open to workers
Settler Violence	1	—	<b>1</b>	
Demonstrations	—	1	<b>1</b>	Against separation wall const.
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>73</b>	

DISTRICT	EVENT
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## WEST BANK

JERUSALEM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Closure:</b> The old city of Jerusalem remains closed to all civilians from other districts. The Israeli authorities continue to intensify restrictions on the city.</li> <li>• <b>Separation Wall Construction:</b> Construction of the separation wall in Al Eizariya, Abu Dis and Al Sawahira continues.</li> <li>• <b>Raid:</b> The Israeli army raided the village of Beit Ikxa, forced civilians to fill out a questionnaire regarding personal information at gunpoint, took measurements of rooms and houses and compared these measurements with satellite images of the area. The Israeli army has confiscated thousands of <i>dunums</i> of land from Beit Ikxa for settlement expansion.</li> </ul>
RAMALLAH & EL BIREH	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Separation Wall Construction:</b> Construction of the western portion of the separation wall in Budrus and Rantis continues.</li> <li>• <b>Attack:</b> At 23:00, the Israeli army opened fire sporadically from the settlement of Pesagot towards nearby civilian houses in the city of El Bireh.</li> <li>• <b>Raids:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) At 12:00, the Israeli army, including 23 jeeps, raided the city of Ramallah, El Bireh and Beituniya and arrested 1 civilian before withdrawing at 03:30.</li> <li>(ii) At 16:40, the Israeli army raided the town of Beit Rima.</li> <li>(iii) At 20:00, the Israeli army, including 2 jeeps, raided the town of Kafr 'Ein, opened fire, fired sound bombs towards civilians and took up positions in the town for 2 hours.</li> <li>(iv) At 10:35, the Israeli army raided the village of Al Mazra'a ash Sharqiya, imposed curfew and detained all male civilians between the ages of 20 and 35 years in a school field in the rain.</li> <li>(v) The Israeli army raided the village of Beitillu, occupied 2 houses after evacuating their residents and converted the houses into military posts.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b>House Occupation:</b> At 10:30, the Israeli army occupied a civilian apartment compound in the town of Beituniya and converted it into a military post.</li> <li>• <b>Arrest:</b> The Israeli army arrested Wifqi Abu Asba in Ramallah.</li> </ul>

<p style="text-align: center;"><b>JENIN</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b><u>Separation Wall Gates:</u></b> Passage through the separation wall gates is restricted to civilians granted special Israeli permits. The closure continues to negatively impact education, economic and livelihood activities and impedes access to health facilities.</li> <li>• <b><u>Separation Wall Construction:</u></b> Construction in the northern valleys (Bardala, and 'Ein al Beida) and east of Tubas (Al Mutilla, Al Mughayyir, Raba, and Al Buqei' plateau) continues.</li> <li>• <b><u>Raids:</u></b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) At 02:00, the Israeli army raided the town of Meithalun, searched 1 house and arrested 1 college student.</li> <li>(ii) At 05:00, Israeli Special Forces raided the village of Bier Al Basha, searched 1 house and arrested 1 civilian.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b><u>Arrests:</u></b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) The Israeli army arrested Khaled Nu'eyrat in the town of Meithalun.</li> <li>(ii) The Israeli army arrested Muhammad Ghawadra in the village of Bier Al Basha.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>JERICHO</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b><u>Closure:</u></b> At 11:00, the Israeli army sealed off the city and prevented civilians from entering or leaving for two hours.</li> </ul>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>BETHLEHEM</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b><u>Closure:</u></b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) The Beit Jala/Al Walaja road remains closed by dirt and rock mounds.</li> <li>(ii) The southern entrance to the city was opened to pedestrians.</li> <li>(iii) The Jerusalem/ Bethlehem road was closed.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b><u>Raid:</u></b> At 03:30, the Israeli army raided the village of Artas, searched 1 house and arrested 1 civilian.</li> <li>• <b><u>Arrest:</u></b> The Israeli army arrested Ibrahim Yehya D'asa in the village of Artas.</li> </ul>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>TULKAREM</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b><u>Closure:</u></b> Al Kafriyat separation wall gate and the Enav iron gate were open to pedestrians only.</li> <li>• <b><u>Flying Checkpoints:</u></b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) At 08:10, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the road between the town of Bal'a and Nur Shams refugee camp, searched vehicles, examined passenger IDs and obstructed movement of traffic on the Tulkarem/Nablus road.</li> <li>(ii) At 08:10, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the junction of the village of Far'un.</li> <li>(iii) At 09:20, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the junction of the town of Bal'a and arrested Rabee' Kamil Mustafa.</li> <li>(iv) At 17:20, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

	<p>the village of Far'un, preventing civilians from entering or leaving.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b><u>Separation Wall Gates:</u></b> Passage through the separation wall gates is restricted to civilians granted special Israeli permits. The closure continues to negatively impact education, economic and livelihood activities and impedes access to health facilities.</li> <li>• <b><u>Raids:</u></b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) At 18:20, the Israeli army, including 2 jeeps, raided the town of Anabta. Confrontations erupted between civilians and the Israeli army, during which the Israeli army opened fire.</li> <li>(ii) At 20:20, the Israeli army, including 1 tank, 1 military personnel carrier and troops, raided Nur Shams refugee camp, opened indiscriminate fire, fired sound bombs and searched houses.</li> <li>(iii) At 20:40, the Israeli army, including 4 jeeps, raided the city of Tulkarem, took up positions throughout the city and arrested 1 civilian and confiscated his vehicle before withdrawing at 04:00.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b><u>Air Patrol:</u></b> At 20:00, Israeli reconnaissance and military aircraft patrolled the skies over the city and refugee camp.</li> <li>• <b><u>House Occupation:</u></b> At 10:30, the Israeli army occupied a civilian apartment compound near Tulkarem refugee camp and converted it into a military post.</li> </ul>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>NABLUS</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b><u>Closure:</u></b> Nablus remains a closed military area. Civilians are prohibited from leaving or entering the city.</li> <li>• <b><u>Physical Assault:</u></b> Israeli soldiers at a checkpoint set up near the village of Till severely beat Jihad Asida, a taxi driver, and detained passengers traveling in his taxi, primarily female teachers, for over 5 hours.</li> </ul>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>HEBRON</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b><u>Raid / Physical Assault:</u></b> The Israeli army raided Al Arrub refugee camp, searched several houses and physically assaulted 2 civilians.</li> <li>• <b><u>Arrest:</u></b> The Israeli army arrested Mahmoud Zaqout in Al Arrub refugee camp.</li> <li>• <b><u>Settler Violence:</u></b> Israeli settlers attacked Palestinian civilian houses in the neighborhood of Wadi An Nasara.</li> </ul>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>QALQILYA</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b><u>Closure:</u></b> The Israeli army continues to close the entrances to the town of 'Azzun and the iron gate at the northern entrance, cutting off access from Qalqilya to all villages located in the north, south, and east and completely isolating the district from Tulkarem.</li> <li>• <b><u>Flying Checkpoint:</u></b> At 13:30, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint near the entrance of the city, obstructed movement of traffic and detained dozens of civilians.</li> <li>• <b><u>Separation Wall Gates:</u></b> Passage through the separation wall gates is</li> </ul>

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<b>SALFIT</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Raid:</b> At 17:30, the Israeli army raided the village of Iskaka, searched several houses and arrested 2 brothers.</li> <li>• <b>Flying Checkpoint:</b> At 08:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the junction of Za'tara, detained vehicles and examined passenger IDs.</li> <li>• <b>Arrests:</b> The Israeli army arrested 2 brothers in the village of Iskaka: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) Mahmoud Ahmad Ad Dik; and</li> <li>(ii) Rami Mahmoud Ad Dik.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

### GAZA STRIP

<b>NORTHERN GAZA</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Closure:</b> The Erez crossing was partially open to workers. The process of searching those crossing into the Green Line was prolonged, forcing civilians to wait for extended periods of time and leading to overcrowding.</li> <li>• <b>Demonstration:</b> At 19:15, a demonstration including over 5,000 protesters was held in Jabaliya refugee camp against construction of the separation wall.</li> </ul>
<b>GAZA CITY</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Closure:</b> Al Shuhada' junction (Nitsareem) remains closed.</li> </ul>
<b>CENTRAL GAZA</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Land Leveling:</b> At 16:35, 2 Israeli bulldozers, supported by 2 tanks, leveled 30 <i>dunums</i> (7.5 acres) of land in the area of Al Hikr. The Israeli army leveled a cultivated pasture belonging to the Ministry of Agriculture.</li> <li>• <b>Attack:</b> At 21:00, the Israeli army, located on the outskirts of the settlement of Gush Kateef, opened fire towards civilians working the land with tractors, completely destroying the tires of the tractors.</li> </ul>
<b>KHAN YUNIS</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Closure:</b> <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> <li>(iii) Abu Holi road is partially open (closed once at 14:10 for 30 minutes).</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b>Raid:</b> At 16:55, the Israeli army raided Al Qarara near Point 153.</li> <li>• <b>Attacks:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) At 19:10, the Israeli army opened indiscriminate fire from the outskirts of the settlement of Gadded towards civilians in Al Nimsawi</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

	<p>neighborhood.</p> <p>(ii) At 21:20, the Israeli army opened fire from a military post near the settlement of Ganor towards civilian houses.</p> <p>(iii) At 01:00, the Israeli army indiscriminately opened intensive fire from the settlement of Genii Tell towards Palestinian territory.</p>
<b>RAFAH</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Closure:</b> <p>(i) The Gaza International Airport remains closed.</p> <p>(ii) Sufa crossing was partially open to workers.</p> </li> <li>• <b>Attack:</b> At 20:40, the Israeli army opened intensive fire from the settlement of Western Morag towards nearby areas.</li> </ul>

### GENERAL

<b>WORK PERMITS</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>West Bank:</b> Permits were issued for 5,393 workers. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) Permits were issued to civilians over the age of 35 who are married with children.</li> <li>(ii) Permits were only issued to workers in the agricultural sector.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b>Gaza Strip:</b> Permits were issued to 5,193 workers, 30% of a total of 16,986 workers. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) 3,660 workers crossed the Green Line into Israel.</li> <li>(ii) 1,533 workers entered the Erez Industrial Area.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
<b>POLITICAL PRISONERS</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Medical Negligence:</b> The Israeli prison administration at Hadarim Prison refused to provide Jordanian prisoner Sultan Al Ajluni food meeting his special dietary needs. As a result, Ajluni has developed severe digestive complications and stomach infections and has not been provided with the necessary medical attention.</li> </ul>