

مجموعة الرقابة الفلسطينية



PALESTINIAN MONITORING GROUP

DAILY SITUATION REPORT

08:00 28 December 2003 – 08:00 29 December 2003

SUMMARY OF EVENTS

EVENT	WEST BANK	GAZA STRIP	TOTAL	NOTES
Physical Assaults	2	—	2	2 15 yr. old children
Injury	1	—	1	
Attacks	6	9	15	
Raids	13	—	13	
Air Patrols	3	—	3	
Arrests (per person)	10	—	10	
Detentions	2	—	2	At checkpoints & during raids
House Demolitions	2	—	2	1 house partially destroyed
House Occupation	1	—	1	Converted to military outpost
Destruction of Property	2	—	2	Incl. explosion of store
Curfew	1	—	1	
Checkpoints	All	—	All	
Flying Checkpoints	2	—	2	
Closures (per District)	8	—	8	Incl. area of 10s of villages
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 Disruption	5	—	5	359 teach. unable to reach sch.
Settler Violence	1	—	1	
TOTAL	59	11	70	

DISTRICT	EVENT
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WEST BANK

JERUSALEM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure: The city of Jerusalem remains closed to residents from other districts. The Israeli army continues to impose a strict closure on the West Bank and Gaza Strip. • Separation Wall Construction: Construction of the separation wall continues in Al Shayyah, Abu Dis, and Al Sawahira..
RAMALLAH & EL BIREH	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Flying Checkpoints: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 14:50, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance of Kafr 'Ein, searched vehicles and checked passenger IDs. (ii) At 18:15, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance of the village of Shuqba, searched vehicles and checked passenger IDs. • Raids: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 09:40, and again at 14:35 and 20:00, an Israeli jeep raided the village of Kafr 'Ein. At 03:45, the Israeli army again raided the village, searched 1 house, fired sound bomb grenades into the house and opened fire in the air. (ii) At 14:45, an Israeli jeep raided the town of Deir Ghassana. (iii) The Israeli army raided Al Jalazun refugee camp and arrested 6 civilians.
JENIN	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure: The city of Jenin remains a closed military area. • 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. • Raid: The Israeli army raided the town of Tubas, searched 1 house and arrested 1 civilian. • School Disruption: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Schoolteachers were prohibited from crossing a checkpoint at the village of Um Rihan, near Ya'bad, preventing them from reaching schools in nearby villages. Classes and exams were suspended at a number of village schools. (ii) Israeli soldiers prevented students and teachers from reaching 'Aba secondary school, disrupting classes and student exams.

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) The northern and southern entrances of the city remain closed, cutting Bethlehem off from the Hebron district in the south and from its southern villages. (ii) The Israeli army continues to seal off Al Reef ash Sharqi, an area housing 20,000 civilians, after closing the main entrance to Bethlehem. • Attacks: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 10:30, the Israeli army opened fire towards civilians in the town of Al Khadr. (ii) At 14:00, and again at 19:40, the Israeli army opened fire and fired tear gas grenades towards civilians near 'Ayda refugee camp. • Air Patrol: At 18:20, Israeli aircraft patrolled the skies over the district for several hours.
TULKAREM	<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 11:35, the Israeli army raided the city and closed all main roads. (ii) At 18:30, the Israeli army again raided the city, opened fire and raided 1 school. • Air Patrol: Israeli reconnaissance aircraft continue to patrol the skies over Tulkarem city since early this morning.
NABLUS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure: Nablus remains a closed military area. • House Demolition: Israeli authorities demolished the house of Nader Abu Leil in Balata refugee camp. • Incursion: The Israeli army continues to occupy Nablus city and its refugee camps for the 3rd consecutive day. Israeli forces searched houses, vandalized personal property, occupied 1 building and converted it into a military outpost, and demolished several stores and 1 house before withdrawing at 05:30. Israeli forces continue to occupy 5 buildings after occupants were evacuated. • Raid: At 08:45, the Israeli army raided the town of Beit Furik, opened intensive fire near schools and injured 1 civilian.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>School Disruption:</u> Due to the strict closure imposed on Nablus city, 359 teachers were unable to reach their schools in nearby villages, disrupting classes and exams at village schools.
<p style="text-align: center;">HEBRON</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Closure:</u> The Israeli army continues to close the northern entrances of the city of Hebron. • <u>Curfew:</u> At 18:30, the Israeli army imposed curfew over Al Sheikh neighborhood near Al Ibrahim mosque. • <u>Raid:</u> The Israeli army raided the town of Beit Kahil and searched several houses. • <u>Settler Violence:</u> Israeli settlers raided several Palestinian houses in Wadi al Nasara neighborhood near the settlement of Kiryat Arba. The settlers severely beat 15-year-old Shahir Al Ja'bari and 15-year-old Anas Al Bayid.
<p style="text-align: center;">QALQILYA</p>	<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, particularly in areas located behind the separation wall. • <u>Raid:</u> At 03:40, the Israeli army raided the city, searched several houses in the western neighborhood, searched a building belonging to the Department of Civil Defense, and detained 3 civilians, 1 of whom was released before the Israeli army withdrew from the city at 05:30. • <u>Arrests:</u> The Israeli army arrested in Qalqilya city: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Shahir Al Ju'eydi, 23 years old; and (ii) Hisham Al 'Adil, 22 years old.
<p style="text-align: center;">SALFIT</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Closure:</u> The Israeli army continues to surround the town of Deir Ballut and the villages of Al Zawiya and Rafat. • <u>Raid:</u> At 02:20, the Israeli army raided the town of Kafr ad Dik, opened intensive fire, threw sound grenades, raided and searched several houses, arrested 1 civilian, detained Mahmoud Al Dik, a member of Palestinian Preventive Security, and fired missiles at one house, partially destroying the house. • <u>Air Patrol:</u> At 03:00, Israeli reconnaissance aircraft patrolled the skies over Salfit city. • <u>Arrest:</u> The Israeli army arrested Samir Al Hafith, 23 years old, in the town of Kafr ad Dik.

GAZA STRIP

NORTHERN GAZA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure: The Erez crossing is partially open to workers.
GAZA CITY	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure: Shuhada' junction (Nitsareem) remains closed. • Attack: At 04:55, the Israeli army fired 3 shells from a tank positioned north of the settlement of Nitsareem towards Palestinian territory south of Gaza city.
CENTRAL GAZA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Attack: At 19:40, the Israeli army opened intensive fire from the settlement of Kfar Daroom towards civilian houses in the city of Deir al Balah.
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 18:40, the Israeli army opened intensive fire from Points 5.5, 9, 10, and 12 towards civilian houses in the western neighborhoods of Al Amal, Al Namsawi and West Khan Yunis refugee camp. (ii) At 21:30, Israeli tanks positioned at Point 11.5 fired 5 tank shells towards civilian houses in Al Namsawi neighborhood. At 23:15, another shell was fired towards the same area.
RAFAH	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure: Sufa crossing remains partially open to merchants and workers. • Attack: At 23:15, the Israeli army opened indiscriminate and intensive fire from the settlement of Morag in all directions.