مجموعة الرقابة الفلسطينية



PALESTINIAN MONITORING GROUP

DAILY SITUATION REPORT 08:00 04 February 2010 – 08:00 05 February 2010

SUMMARY OF EVENTS

EVENT	WEST BANK	GAZA STRIP	TOTAL	NOTES
Death		1	1	A civilian of injuries sustained in 2003
Attacks	2	1	3	2 in raids and 1 by Israeli settlers
Raids	12	1	13	Incl. 6 in Hebron and 1 in Khan Yunis
Air Patrol	_	1	1	Reconnaissance aircraft over Khan Yunis
Deportation	1	_	1	A prisoner from the West Bank to Gaza
Arrests (per person)	8		8	Incl. a child and a university student
Detentions	13	_	13	At checkpoints and in residential locales
Land Levelling	_	1	1	In the district of Khan Yunis
Wall Construction	21	_	21	Incl. Jer., Raml'h., Salfit, & Qalqiliya
Destruction of Property	1	_	1	A civilian vehicle in Beitillu, Ramallah
Closure of Checkpoints	8	_	8	Incl. access impeded at 5 checkpoints
Flying Checkpoints	15	_	15	Incl. 5 in Ramallah and 5 in Hebron
Closure (per District)	7	_	7	Incl. Nu'man and Mazmuriya villages
Closure of Main Roads	39	_	39	Incl. 1 in Qalqiliya and 9 in Nablus
Closure of Crossing Points	_	5	5	2 crossing points partially open
Settler Violence	5	_	5	Incl. a village raided and fire opened
TOTAL	132	10	142	

DISTRICT EVENTS

WEST BANK

• Closure:

- (i) 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 impede civilian access to the mosque.
- (i) On 05 January 2009, the Israeli authorities issued Military Order # S/02/09 on the closure of and denial of civilian access to the "demarcation area" along the Wall in the area surrounding the city of Jerusalem. Accordingly, local residents and civilians holding permits can access this area through crossings and gates set up at the entrances to the city of Jerusalem. (The demarcation area is defined by a set of military orders relating to land confiscation for Wall construction).
- (ii) The Israeli army continues to impose a blockade and deny civilian access to a hill located in an area between the village of Biddu and Beit Iksa due to its geographical significance as it overlooks the city of Jerusalem.

• Closure of Main Roads:

- (i) The Israeli army continues to close with cement blocks and dirt barricades the entrance to the village of Jaba'.
- (ii) The Israeli army continues to close the iron gate along the Wall section, separating the area of Dahiyat al Bareed from the town of Ar Ram.

<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.

- <u>Flying Checkpoint</u>: At 22:30, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the overpass to the town of Bir Nabala, searched civilians and vehicles, and arrested 1 civilian, claiming that he had possessed an explosive device.
- <u>Arrest</u>: Israeli troops positioned at the flying checkpoint set up on the overpass to the town of Bir Nabala arrested Ahmed Akram al Hajjeh.

• 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 the area of Al 'Eizariya to Ash Shayyah, from Beit Surik village to Biddu; in the areas of Al Judeira, Bir Nabala, and Beit Hanina; west of the village of Al Jib; in the vicinity of the village of Qatanna; south of the village of Beit Hanina; and in the area surrounding the checkpoint set up at the entrance to Shu'fat refugee camp.

JERUSALEM

RAMALLAH & EL BIREH	 Closure of Main Roads: The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades and cement blocks the entrances to the town of Sinjil, the village of Saffa; and the junction to the villages of Kafr Malik – Ein Samiya. Flving Checkpoints/Detentions: At 15:30, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the junction to the village of Surda and searched civilians and vehicles. At 16:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the overpass to the town of 'Atara and denied civilian access in both directions until 20:25. At 16:20, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to the village of Al Mughayyir and searched civilians and vehicles. The Israeli army also detained 6 civilians and released them at 18:10. At 17:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the junction to the village of Beit 'Ur al Foqa and searched civilians and vehicles. At 19:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to the village of 'Ein 'Arik, searched civilians and vehicles, and arrested 1 university student. Raids/Attack: At 21:45, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the village of Surda. At 21:45, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the town of Beit Beituniya. Meantime, the Israeli army opened fire and fired sound grenades. Arrests: Israeli troops positioned at the flying checkpoint set up at the entrance to the village of 'Ein 'Arik arrested 'Umran Zakariya Abdul Rahman, a university student. Settler Violence: At 20:00, a group of armed Israeli settlers from the settlement of Nahaliel gained access to the village of Beitillu and opened indiscriminate fire, damaging a civilian vehicle belonging to Hani Saleh Bazzar. Consequently, the Israeli army evacuated settlers from the village. Wall Construction: Wall construction continues west of 'Abud town and in the areas of Al Midya to Ni'lin and Ni'lin to Deir Qaddis.
JENIN	 Closure of Main Road: The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the road leading to the town of 'Arraba east of the settlement of Dotan. Raid: At 21:20 on 03 February 2010, the Israeli army raided the town of Kafr Ra'i and arrested 1 civilian. Arrest: The Israeli army arrested Mohammed Fu'ad Diyab in the town of Kafr Ra'i. Wall Gates: Passage through the Wall gates is restricted to civilians granted special Israeli permits, which affects the educational and health conditions of civilians living behind the Wall.
TUBAS	• <u>Checkpoint</u> : Though allowing civilian access to the Northern Jordan Valley between 06:00 and 22:00, the Israeli army continues to intensify its restrictions at Tayasir checkpoint east of the town of Tubas.

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TULKAREM	 Closure of Main Roads: The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the road connecting the town of Kafr al Labad to the village of Shufa as well as the road connecting the villages of Shufa and 'Izbat Shufa. Checkpoint: The Israeli army continues to intensify restrictions at 'Einav checkpoint set up on Tulkarem-Nablus main road. Raids: (i) At 23:45, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the town of Qaffin. (ii) At 00:05, the Israeli army raided the city of Tulkarem and served a summons to a civilian to report to the Israeli Intelligence agency. Arrest: At 11:00 on 02 February 2010, Israeli troops positioned at a checkpoint set up on Al Kafriyat road arrested Abdul Rahim Fayyad Abdul Rahim Qarout, ostensibly because he had been in possession of an explosive device. As was reported on 03 February 2010, the arrested civilian's name was not identified. Deportation: On 04 February 2010, the Israeli army deported Bakr al Hafi, a resident of Dahiyat Shuweika in the city of Tulkarem, to the Gaza Strip, after he had been imprisoned in the Al Muscobiya (the Russian Compound) Interrogation and Detention Centre in the city of Jericho. The Israeli army claimed that Al Hafi had not changed his place of residence from the Gaza Strip to the West Bank. Father of 2 children, Al Hafi is married to a woman from the West Bank and owns a piece of agricultural land and a house, where he has been living for 10 years. Wall Gates: Passage through the wall gates is restricted to civilians granted special Israeli permits.
QALQILYA	 Closure of Roads: The Israeli army continues to close with cement blocks agricultural roads east of the town of 'Azzun. Flying Checkpoints: At 10:40, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to the village of Ras 'Atiya and searched civilians and vehicles. At 20:50, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the eastern entrance to the city of Qalqiliya, searched civilian vehicles, and arrested 1 civilian. Raid: At 19:30, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the town of 'Azzun. Arrest: Israeli troops positioned at the flying checkpoint set up at the eastern entrance to the city of Qalqiliya arrested Taher Samih Abu 'Assab. Settler Violence: At 10:00, a group of Israeli settlers from the settlement of Kedumim planted trees on a piece of land, which had been confiscated earlier. The land belongs to Hilmi Abdul Rahman Ishteiwi, a resident of the village of Kafr Qaddum. Wall Gate: The Israeli army continues to intensify its restrictions at 'Azzun 'Atma Wall gate and to search civilians, including students, with a detector. Wall Construction: Wall construction continues south of the town of Jayyus as well as near the settlement of Alfei Menashe in the villages of Ras Tira, Magharet ad Dab'a, and Wadi ar Rasha south of the city of Qalqiliya.

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NABLUS	 Closure of Main Roads: The Israeli army continues to close the roads of Till-Burin and Beit Furik-Salem; the settler bypass road connecting the village of Deir al Hatab to the settlement of Alon Moreh; the southern entrance to the village of Duma; and the northern entrance to the town of Qabalan. The Israeli army continues to close with an iron gate the western entrance to An Naqura village opposite Shavei Shomron settlement. The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the southern entrance to the village of Qaryut and the road connecting the town of 'Aqraba to the village of Osarin. Checkpoints: The Israeli army continues to regulate times for crossing checkpoints set up around the city of Nablus: At Tur neighbourhood checkpoint (set up on Jerzim 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 between 07:00 and 02:00. At 'Awarta commercial checkpoint, civilians are allowed to cross between 05:00 and 20:00, but between 05:00 and 15:00 on Fridays. All civilian vehicles are allowed to access the city of Nablus, but only commercial vehicles and ambulances can leave the city through the checkpoint. Settler Violence: At 08:00, a group of Israeli settlers gained access to and installed 4 caravans on a mountainous land, measuring approximately 500 dunums (123.552 acres) west of the village of Sarra in an attempt to seize it. At 12:30, an Israeli settler vehicle ran over Nour Khamis Isma'il, a 9-year-old female child, along the main road in the town of Huwwara, leaving her with contusions. Consequently, Nour was transported to hospital for medical treatment.
SALFIT	 Closure of Main Roads: The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the northern entrance to the city of Salfit. The Israeli army continues to close with cement blocks and iron gates the northern entrance to the town of Bruqin and the western entrance to the town of Kafr Ad Dik. Checkpoint: The Israeli army continues to intensify its restrictions and impede civilian access at the Za'tara junction checkpoint. 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 Ariel.
JERICHO	• 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. At 10:00, the Israeli army installed an iron gate on the road.

Checkpoints: The Israeli army continues to intensify its restrictions at Al Hamra (i) checkpoint set up along Al Badhan road connecting the districts of Jericho and Nablus. However, the Israeli army allows civilian access between 06:00 and 22:00. The Israeli army continues to intensify its restrictions at the checkpoint (ii) set up on the junction to the village of Al 'Auja along Al-Mu'arrajat road that connects the districts of Jericho and Ramallah, only allowing access to civilians whose IDs indicate that their place of residence of the district of Jericho as well as to others holding access permits. **Closure:** The Israeli army continues to close the roads to the village of (i) An Nu'man, with the exception of the road leading to the Wall gate in the south-eastern area of the village. According to Military Order # 07/02/S, the Israeli army has (ii) continued since 15 September 2007 to deny civilian access to an area measuring 22 dunums (5.436 acres) of land in the area of Mazmuriva in the cities of Beit Sahur and Bethlehem. The land was confiscated pursuant to Military Order # 07/31/T. **BETHLEHEM** Closure of Main Roads: The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the road of Beit Jala-Wadi Ahmad as well as a road east of the town of Beit Fajjar. Settler Violence: At 20:30, a group of Israeli settlers severely beat Mohammed Taleb Mohammed Jum'ah al 'Urouj near the town of Tuqu', leaving him with contusions. Consequently, Al 'Urouj was transported to hospital for medical treatment. Wall Construction: Wall construction continues in the area northwest of the town of Al Khadr; northwest of the city of Beit Jala; in the area of Wadi Rahhal east of Ifrat settlement; and in the area surrounding Al Walaja. 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 **HEBRON** of As Sahleh. The Israeli army also continues to install an iron gate at the entrance to the area of Al Hisba (the fruits and vegetables market) in the old city of Hebron, thereby controlling civilian access in the area. On 05 January 2009, the Israeli army issued Military Order # 09/06/S (ii) for closure of the area located along the Green Line south of the town of Yatta, evacuation of civilian residents, and prevention of civilian access to the area. According to Military Orders # 05/03/T and 05/04/T, land in this area was confiscated for Wall construction.

• Closure of Main Roads:

- (i) The Israeli army continues to close with cement blocks the entrance to the town of As Samoa'; the road connecting the town of Surif to the village of Al Jab'a; the eastern entrance to the village of Kharsa; the entrance to the Al Qeisi neighbourhood in the old city of Hebron; as well as the entrances to Al 'Arrub refugee camp, the area of Al Hawawir, the village of At Tuwani, and the town of Adh Dhahiriya.
- (ii) The Israeli army continues to prohibit Palestinian vehicles from travelling along Ash Shalala Old Street in the old city of Hebron.
- (iii) The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the road between the villages of Al Karmil and At Tuwani and all roads leading to Road # 60.

• Flying Checkpoints:

- (i) At 08:55, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint in the area between the towns of Tarqumiya and Idhna and searched civilians and vehicles.
- (ii) At 09:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint and searched civilians and vehicles at the entrance to the area of Al Fahs south of the city of Hebron.
- (iii) At 15:15, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the overpass to the town of Halhul and searched civilians and vehicles.
- (iv) At 15:40, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint underneath the overpass to the town of Beit Kahil, searched civilian vehicles, and arrested 3 civilians.

• Raids:

- (i) At 15:00, the Israeli army raided Al Fawwar refugee camp and served a summons to a civilian to report to the Israeli Intelligence agency.
- (ii) At 15:30, the Israeli army raided the city of Hebron, set up a checkpoint, searched civilians and vehicles, and patrolled the area. At 24:00, the Israeli army raided the city again and patrolled the area until 02:00
- (iii) At 01:30, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the town of Beit Ummar.
- (iv) At 01:35, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the village of Khirbet Safa.

• Arrests:

(i) At 02:30 on 04 February 2010, the Israeli army arrested Hamzeh Tawfiq Miqbel, during its raid into the town of Beit Ummar, in addition to those reported yesterday.

Israeli troops positioned at the flying checkpoint set up underneath the overpass to the town of Beit Kahil arrested 3 civilians:

- (ii) Tamim Mohammed Hasan al 'Asafrah, 17 years old;
- (iii) Rami Mohammed Mahmoud al 'Asafrah; and
- (iv) Wiham Khaled Abdul Rahim al 'Atawneh.
- <u>Wall Construction</u>: Wall construction continues in the section of Tarqumiya checkpoint terminal; in the area surrounding the settlement of Eshkolot near the town of Adh Dhahiriya; and in the area between the villages of 'Arab ar Ramadin and Imneizil.

GAZA STRIP

ALL DISTRICTS	 At 02:00 on 18 January 2009, the unilateral ceasefire declared by the Israeli authorities came into effect. At a later time on the same day, armed Palestinian groups announced an agreement to cease fire for a week. Later, armed Palestinian groups extended the ceasefire until 05 February 2009. Despite the fact that the extension period expired, the ceasefire continues to hold pending negotiations carried out by Egypt. Violation of the Ceasefire: The Israeli army raided Palestinian territory and opened intensive fire towards civilians and property in the district of Khan Yunis.
NORTHERN GAZA	Closure of Crossing Point: Beit Hanun (Erez) Crossing is partially open for previously-coordinated humanitarian cases and foreign nationals.
GAZA	Closure of Crossing Points: (i) Al Muntar (Karnei) Crossing is closed. (ii) Ash Shuja'iya (Nahal 'Oz) Crossing is closed. Beginning on 04 January 2010, the Crossing has been closed upon an Israeli unilateral decision.
CENTRAL GAZA	• <u>Death</u> : At dawn on 05 February 2010, Abdul Rahman Maher Tayyem, a resident of An Nuseirat refugee camp, died of injuries sustained during an Israeli air attack on a civilian vehicle on the junction to the refugee camp, as was reported on 21 January 2003. Then, 9 civilians were killed and 150 others sustained wounds. Tayyem suffered from a paralysis as well as kidney failure.
KHAN YUNIS	• Raid/Air Patrol/Attack/Land Levelling: In the morning of 04 February 2010, the Israeli army, including several tanks, armoured vehicles, and 4 bulldozers covered by reconnaissance aircraft raided 200 metres into Palestinian territory east of the area of Al Farahin east of the town of 'Abasan al Kabira. While levelling land, the Israeli army opened intensive fire towards civilian houses and property.
RAFAH	 Closure of Crossing Points: Yasser 'Arafat International Airport remains closed. Rafah (Al 'Awdah) Crossing is closed. Sufa Crossing is closed. Karm Abu Salim (Karem Shalom) Crossing is partially open for transportation of food supplies, humanitarian aid, diesel for the Gaza Electricity Generation Station, and cooking gas. A total of 2 truckloads of flowers were also allowed to be exported through the Crossing.

GENERAL

• Sentence: The Israeli military court at Salem Military Camp sentenced the following political prisoners: (i) Ahmed Nazih Thawabteh for 66 months in prison; and (ii) Bassam Abdul Latif 'Antir for 6 months in prison and a fine of NIS 1,500 (approximately USD 400). The military court also postponed the trial sessions of 6 prisoners and extended

others for various periods of time.

orders of administrative detention (arrest without charge or trial) against 3