## مجموعة الرقابة الفلسطينية



#### PALESTINIAN MONITORING GROUP

### **DAILY SITUATION REPORT** 08:00, 28 April 2009 – 08:00, 29 April 2009

#### **SUMMARY OF EVENTS**

EVENT	WEST BANK	GAZA STRIP	TOTAL	NOTES
Physical Assault	1	_	1	Severely beat a civilian in Qalqiliya city
Arrests (per person)	8	_	8	Incl. 2 childs, university student & officer
Detentions	20	_	20	At checkpoints & in residential locals
Raids	24	2	26	Incl. 2 on N. Gaza & 1 on Ramallah
Closure of Checkpoints	14	_	14	Incl. access impeded at 9 checkpoints
Flying Checkpoints	12	_	12	Incl. 3 in Jerusalem & 3 in Nablus
Attacks	4	3	7	Incl. 5 attacks during raids
House Occupation	1	_	1	Roof of house converted into mil. post
Destruction of Property	1	_	1	Settlers destroyed wheat & barley crop
Land Leveling	_	1	1	Area of land east of Jabalya town
Wall Construction	21	_	21	Jer., Raml'h., Qalq., Salfit, Heb., Beth.
Closure (per District)	7	_	7	Incl. Jerusalem, Tulkarm & Hebron
Closure of Main Roads	53	_	53	Incl. 7 in Bethlehem & 5 in Ramallah
Closure of Crossing Points	_	3	3	Partial opening of 4 crossings
Settler Violence	2	_	2	Settler threatening workers by arms
Demonstration	1	_	1	In Tulkarm in solidarity with prisoners
Pal. Security Measure	1	_	1	Hand over chemicals found in Qalqiliya
TOTAL	170	9	179	

DISTRICT	EVENTS
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#### 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:

- (i) Beginning on 26 April 2009, the Israeli army intensified its restrictions at checkpoints that are set up at entrances to the city of Jerusalem, set up numerous flying checkpoints on main internal intersections and roads leading to the old city of Jerusalem and impeded civilian access to secure the celebrations of Israel's anniversary.
- (ii) On 05 January 2009, the Israeli army issued military order # 02/09 closing the seam line area, an extension of the Wall, according to a set of land confiscation orders, for the construction of the Wall around the city of Jerusalem to prevent civilians from entering the city, with the exception of civilians living in the area and those holding permits. Entry is regulated through crossings and gates set up at entrances to the city of Jerusalem, as designated in the military order.
- (iii) Beginning on 02 April 2009, the Israeli army has continued 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.

#### **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 in Jerusalem city 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.

#### • 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 al-Shayyah road in the area between the villages of al-Sawahira al-Sharqiya and al-Sawahira al-Gharbiya, only allowing civilians holding Jerusalem IDs to cross, after subjecting them to thorough searches using electronic devices.

	<ul> <li>Wall Construction: Wall construction continues in the area of al-'Eizariya to al-Shayyah, from Beit Surik village to Biddu, in the areas of al-Judeira, Bir Nabala, and Beit Hanina, west of al-Jib village, in the vicinity of the village of Qatanna, and south of Beit Hanina village.</li> </ul>
RAMALLAH & EL BIREH	<ul> <li>Closure of Main Roads: The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades and cement blocks the eastern entrance to the village of Sinjil; the western entrances to the villages of Safa and Ein Yabrud; the road between the villages of Ras Karkar and Kharbatha Bani Harith and the junction to the villages of Kafr Malik – Ein Samiya.</li> <li>Checkpoint: The Israeli army continues to intensify restrictions at the checkpoint on the overpass to 'Atara town and impede civilian access.</li> <li>Raid: At 16:30, the Israeli army raided and patrolled El Bireh city.</li> <li>Wall Construction: Wall construction continues west of the town of 'Abud and in the areas of al-Midya to Ni'lin and Ni'lin to Deir Qaddis.</li> </ul>
JENIN	<ul> <li>Closure of Main Roads: The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the road leading to 'Arraba town, east of the settlement of Dotan.</li> <li>Raid: At 17:00, the Israeli army raided the towns of Qabatiya and Arraba and the village of Fahma and patrolled the area until 18:10.</li> <li>Settler Violence: At 17:00, a settler driving his vehicle on the junction leading to Ya'bad town coerced civilian workers (while reconstructing the road) to open the road for him under the threat of arms. Consequently, the Israeli army intervened on the basis of a request by the military liaison and started a manhunt for the settler.</li> <li>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.</li> </ul>
TOUBAS	<ul> <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>Raid: At 20:55, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the village of Al Far'a until 22:15.</li> <li>Detention: At 12:10, Israeli troops positioned at Tayasir checkpoint detained civilian Adel Elayyan Saleem Darawneh and released him at a later time.</li> </ul>
TULKAREM	Closure of Main Roads:     The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the western entrance to the village of Shofeh.     The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the road connecting the town of Kafr Dan to the village of Shofeh.     Checkpoints: The Israeli army continues to intensify restrictions at Einav checkpoint that is set up on Tulkarm-Nablus main road.

•	Flying Checkpoint: At 16:25, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on
	he junction leading to the villages of Kafr Sur and Kur.

#### • <u>Raids</u>:

- (i) At 21:10, the Israeli army raided the neighborhood of Shuweika in the city of Tulkarm where confrontations took place between civilians and the Israeli army while patrolling the area. Again at 23:05, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the area until 04:15.
- (ii) At 22:30, the Israeli army raided and patrolled Tulkarm city.
- <u>Demonstration</u>: At 11:00, a sit in demonstration by families of political prisoners took place opposite the ICRC in the city of Tulkarm. The demonstration was in solidarity with Palestinian prisoners in Israeli jails, and against repressive measures used against them. In addition to protesting the imposition of orange uniforms on prisoners and demanding their release.
- <u>Wall Gates</u>: Passage through the wall gates is restricted to civilians granted special Israeli permits.

#### • Closure of Roads:

- (i) The Israeli army continues to close with cement blocks the agricultural roads east of the town of 'Azzun.
- (ii) Beginning on 17 March 2009, the Israeli army continues to close with cement blocks the northern entrance to the town of Azzun.
- <u>Checkpoint</u>: The Israeli army continues to intensify restrictions at the checkpoint that is set up at the eastern entrance to the city of Qalqiliya and impede civilian access. At 10:00, the Israeli army closed the checkpoint and prevented civilian access until 12:00.
- <u>Raid</u>: At 10:30, the Israeli army raided the city of Qalqiliya, set up a flying checkpoint and patrolled the area. Again at 18:30, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the area until 19:20.
- Arrests: At 20:00, the Israeli army arrested 3 civilians, including Sameer Muhammad Adwan, at a checkpoint set up at the eastern entrance to the city of Qalqiliya.
- **Physical Assault**: At 15:30, Israeli troops positioned at the checkpoint set up at the eastern entrance to the city of Qalqiliya severely beat the civilian Abdallah Bashir while under detention with the truck of gas canisters that he was driving. He was released at a later time following the intervention of military liaison.
- <u>Palestinian Security Measure</u>: At 09:30, the Palestinian side handed over to the Israeli side, via military liaison, chemical material, that are used for manufacturing explosives, found in the city of Qalqiliya.

#### • Wall Gates:

- (i) Passage through the Wall gates is restricted to civilians granted special Israeli permits.
- (ii) The Israeli army continues to intensify its restrictions at 'Azzun 'Atma Wall gate and to search civilians, including students, with a metal detector.

#### **QALQILYA**

#### • Wall Construction:

- (i) Having completed the Wall's infrastructure, construction ceased in the land belonging to the towns of Azzun and Kafr Thulth and the villages of Immatin and Kafr Laqif.
- (ii) Wall construction continues south of the town of Jayyus as well as near the settlement of Alfeh Minesheh in the villages of Ras Tira, Magharet Ad Dab'a and Wadi Ar Rasha, located south of Qalqiliya city.

#### • Closure of Main Roads:

- (i) The Israeli army continues to close with cement blocks the roads of Sarra-Jit, Tel-Burin, Beit Furik-Salem, the road between Aqraba town and the main road and the eastern entrance to the village of Al Lubban Ash Sharqiya; and with dirt barricades the road between the villages of Tel and Madama, the southern entrances to the villages of Qaryut and Duma, the eastern entrance to the village of Al Lubban Ash Sharqiya, the western entrances to the town of Aqraba and the village of Majdal Bani Fadil, the northern entrance to the town of Qabalan, as well as the settler bypass road connecting the village of Deir al-Hatab to Alon Moreh settlement.
- (ii) Passage through the junction to Deir Sharaf village and the settlement of Shavei Shomron on Jenin-Nablus road is allowed daily from 06:00 until 21:00.
- <u>Checkpoints</u>: The Israeli army continues to regulate times for crossing checkpoints set up around the city of Nablus:
- (i) At Tur neighborhood 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 neighborhood only.

# (ii) Palestinian holders of Israeli IDs are allowed to enter with their vehicles into Nablus city through all its checkpoints. They are allowed to depart the city of Nablus through Beit Furik checkpoint and Beit Iba gate. Physicians who are residents of Nablus are also allowed passage with their vehicles without permits.

- (iii) The Israeli army allowed residents from Nablus city who are above the age of 50 years to cross with their families and vehicles the checkpoints around the city without crossing permits.
- (iv) The iron gate near the junction leading to the village of Deir Sharaf on Nablus-Tulkarm main road is opened daily from 05:00 to 24:00 for civilian access in both directions without access permits.

#### • Flying Checkpoints:

- (i) At 15:50, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint in the area between the city of Nablus and the town of Asira Ash Shamaliya, detained the civilian Basem Yousef Yasin and released him at a later time.
- (ii) At 19:50, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint in the area between the town of Asira Ash Shamaliya and the village of Talluza and searched civilians and vehicles.

#### **NABLUS**

#### Raids: (i) At dawn on 28 April 2009, the Israeli army raided the village of As Sawiya and arrested a civilian. At dawn on 28 April 2009, the Israeli army raided the village of (ii) Azmut and arrested a university student. At 11:00, the Israeli army raided and patrolled Al Badhan village. (iii) At 17:25, the Israeli army raided the village of Sarra, opened fire (iv) indiscriminately while patrolling the area and set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to the village. At 01:15, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the city of Nablus (v) until 02:00. **Arrests:** The Israeli army arrested in the village of As Sawiya the civilian (i) Sagr Yaser Mahmoud Shaaheed. The Israeli army arrested in the village of Azmut the civilian Khaled (ii) Murad Muhammad Aamer. **Closure of Main Roads:** The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the northern (i) entrance to Salfit city. The Israeli army continues to close with cement blocks and iron gates (ii) the northern entrances 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 at Za'tara checkpoint and impede civilian access. Raids: **SALFIT** (i) At 20:30, the Israeli army raided the town of Kafr Ad Dik and occupied the roof of a house and converted it into a military post. At 22:25, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the city of Salfit (ii) until 23:10. At 23:30, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the village of Rafat (iii) until 23:45. Wall Construction: Wall construction continues in the area northwest of the city of Salfit, and in the village of Marda and the town of Kafr Hares north of the settlement of Ariel. 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. **JERICHO** Closure of Crossing: Al Karama (Allenby) Crossing is partially open from 08:00 until 10:30 because of Jewish holidays. Checkpoints: The Israeli army continues to intensify its restrictions and 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

	<ul> <li>set up on the junction to the village of al-'Auja along Al-Mu'arrajat road that connects the districts of Jericho and Ramallah.</li> <li>Raid: At 23:00, the Israeli army raided the village of Fasayil and served summons to 6 civilians to report to the Israeli Intelligence agency.</li> <li>Arrest: At 14:00, the Israeli army arrested at the D.C.O. checkpoint that is set up at the southern entrance to the city of Jericho the Palestinian National Security officer Iyad Farah Isma'il Taha.</li> </ul>
BETHLEHEM	<ul> <li>Closure: <ol> <li>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.</li> <li>Since September 15, 2007, the Israeli army has been preventing civilian access, according to military order 07.02.S, to the 22-dunum land that has been confiscated in accordance with confiscation order number 07.31.T. The 22-dunum area has been set to construct a passage in the area of Mazmouriyyeh that is located in the cities of Beit Sahur and Bethlehem.</li> <li>Closure of Main Roads: The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the two sideways east and south of Al Walaja village and the roads of Beit Jala-Wadi Ahmad, Talita-Nazlet As-Sidr in the city of Beit Jala, Al Khadr town-Road # 60, Al Khadr town-Beit Jala housing, Wadi Rahal-Efrat and the sideway east of Beit Fajjar town.</li> <li>Checkpoint: At 12:00, the Israeli army intensified its restrictions at the Container checkpoint. Again at 18:10, the Israeli army intensified its restrictions and prevented civilian access in both directions.</li> <li>Flving Checkpoint: At 08:30, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the junction leading to An Nashash area (the southern entrance to Bethlehem city) and searched civilians and vehicles until 09:30.</li> <li>Wall Construction: Wall construction continues in the area northwest of the town of al-Khadr; northwest of Beit Jala city; in the area of Wadi Rahhal east of Ephrata settlement; and in the area surrounding al-Walaja village.</li> </ol> </li> </ul>
HEBRON	<ul> <li>Closure: <ol> <li>The Israeli army continues to close the following locales in the old city of Hebron: al-Shuhada' Street and the area of al-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 al-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.</li> <li>Although it expired on 07 May 2006, the Israeli army continues to implement a military order stipulating the prohibition of civilian vehicles from traveling along the road connecting the settlement of</li> </ol> </li></ul>

- Kiryat Arba' to the Ibrahimi Mosque in the old city of Hebron unless they possess access permits.
- (iii) On 05 January 2009, the Israeli army issued military order # 06/09 closing the area located near the Green Line south of Yatta town, evacuating the area of those inside it and preventing civilians from entering it. This is the land confiscated for military purposes for Wall construction according to military orders # 03/05 and # 04/05.

#### • Closure of Main Roads:

- (i) The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the following locales: the entrance to the town of al-Samoa'; the area of al-Hawawir leading to the town of Halhoul; the road connecting the town of Surif to the village of al-Jab'a; and the eastern entrance to the village of Kharsa. The Israeli army also continues to close with cement blocks the entrance to al-Qeisi neighborhood in the old city of Hebron; the main entrance to al-'Arrub refugee camp; the village of At Tuwani as well as the entrance to the town of Adh Dhahiriya.
- (ii) In accordance with Military Order # 378, the Israeli army continues to prohibit Palestinian vehicles from traveling 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.
- (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 bypass Road # 60.
- (iv) The Israeli army continues to open the Iron Gate on the junction of Farsh Al Hawa, which leads to Road # 35 that leads to Tarqumiya Crossing, from 05:00 until 07:00 and from 09:00 until 13:00.
- (v) The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the entrances to the villages of Abdu, Khirbet Karma and Wadi Ash Shajina.
- (vi) The Israeli army continues to close with cement blocks a side road along Road # 35, in the area of Wadi Qeizun, near the overpass leading to the town of Halhul (the northern entrance to the city of Hebron).

#### • Flying Checkpoints:

- (i) At 08:40, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to the town of Beit Ummar and searched civilians and vehicles.
- (ii) At 13:15, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the overpass leading to Halhul town and searched civilians and vehicles.
- (iii) At 18:55, the Israeli army set up a checkpoint on Al Fawwar junction, detained a number of civilians and released them at a later time.

#### • Raids:

- (i) At 12:40, the Israeli army raided the city of Hebron and searched a commercial shop. Again at 16:35, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the area.
- (ii) At 22:30, the Israeli army raided the area of Wadi Aziz in the town of Dura and opened fire indiscriminately while patrolling the area.
- (iii) At 23:20, the Israeli army raided the town of Idhna and fired light flares above the town while patrolling the area.

- (iv) At 03:20, the Israeli army raided the village of Beit Amra and patrolled the area.
- Arrests: At 09:15, the Israeli army arrested 2 children near Al Ibrahim Mosque in the old city of Hebron who allegedly had a knife in their possession. They are Muhannad Qufaishah, 16-year-old, and Ayman Iskafi, 15-year-old.
- <u>Settler Violence</u>: At 08:00, a group of settlers grazed sheep on a plot of land measuring 4 dunums planted with wheat and barley belonging to civilians from the village of At Tawani, near the settlement of Ma'un, located east of Yatta town. As a result, the whole crop was destroyed.
- <u>Wall Construction</u>: Wall construction continues in the section of Tarqumiya checkpoint terminal, in the periphery of Eshkolot settlement southwest of Adh Dhahiriya town and between southwest of Arab Ar Ramadin village and the village of Imneizil.

#### **GAZA STRIP**

#### ALL DISTRICTS

- At 02:00 on 18 January 2009, the Israeli army declared a unilateral ceasefire. In the meantime, armed Palestinian groups declared a one-week-long ceasefire. Meanwhile, the ceasefire was extended until 05 February 2009. The ceasefire is holding despite the end of the specified period.
- The Israeli army violated the ceasefire by raiding Palestinian areas, opening fire intensively and opening fire from warboats towards Palestinian fishing boats opposite Gaza city beach.

#### NORTHERN GAZA

- <u>Closure of Crossing Point</u>: Beit Hanun (Erez) Crossing is closed.
- Raids:
- (i) At 01:35, Israeli army special force raided Palestinian areas in the periphery of Beit Hanun (Erez) Crossing, north of Beit Hanun town, and opened fire intensively after armed Palestinian individuals detonated an explosive device near the force.
- (ii) At dawn on 29 April 2009, the Israeli army, including a number of armored vehicles and 2 bulldozers, raided Palestinian areas east of Ash Shuhada cemetery, located east of Jabalya town, opened fire intensively towards civilian houses and leveled an area of land.

GAZA	<ul> <li>Closure of Crossing Points:         <ul> <li>Al-Muntar (Karni) Crossing is partially open for the transport of wheat and fodder.</li> <li>Al-Shuja'iya (Nahal 'Oz) Crossing is partially open for the transport of fuel.</li> </ul> </li> <li>Attack: On 28 April 2009, Israeli warboats opened fire intensively towards Palestinian fishing boats at sea opposite Gaza city beach.</li> </ul>
CENTRAL GAZA	Activities not reported.
KHAN YOUNIS	Activities not reported.
RAFAH	<ul> <li>Closure of Crossing Points:         <ul> <li>Yasser 'Arafat International Airport remains closed.</li> <li>Rafah (Al Awdah) Crossing is open on exceptional basis for the entry of 28 civilian patients and their attendants after receiving medical treatment in Egyptian and Libyan hospitals.</li> <li>Sufa Crossing is closed.</li> <li>Karm Abu Salim (Karem Shalom) Crossing is partially open for the transport of food and humanitarian supplies.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

#### **GENERAL**

POLITICAL PRISONERS	• <u>Prison Sentence</u> : The Israeli military court at Bi'r As Sab' (Birsheva) prison sentenced political prisoner Rami Az Za'anin from the town of Beit Hanun in Northern Gaza district to 11 years in prison.
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