

## مجموعة الرقابة الفلسطينية



## PALESTINIAN MONITORING GROUP

**DAILY SITUATION REPORT**  
 08:00 31 May 2006 – 08:00 01 June 2006

## SUMMARY OF EVENTS

| EVENT                      | WEST BANK  | GAZA STRIP | TOTAL      | NOTES                                      |
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| Assassination Attempt      | —          | 1          | <b>1</b>   | Failed to assassinate civilians, Gaza city |
| Physical Assaults          | 2          | —          | <b>2</b>   | Incl. protestors beaten in Hebron district |
| Injuries                   | 5          | 1          | <b>6</b>   | Incl. 2 civilians in critical condition    |
| Air Attack                 | —          | 1          | <b>1</b>   | 1 missile fired towards 1 vehicle, Gaza    |
| Attacks                    | 8          | 3          | <b>11</b>  | Incl. 147 artillery shells fired, N. Gaza  |
| Raids                      | 29         | 6          | <b>35</b>  | Incl. 2 in Northern Gaza & 2 in Gaza       |
| Air Patrols                | —          | 3          | <b>3</b>   | Combat helicopters over Gaza               |
| Arrests                    | 17         | —          | <b>17</b>  | Incl. 2 children & 6 security officers     |
| Detentions                 | 17         | —          | <b>17</b>  | At checkpoints & in residential areas      |
| House Demolitions          | *          | —          | —          | Notices for the demolition of 7 houses     |
| Land Levelling             | —          | 4          | <b>4</b>   | Incl. in Central Gaza & Khan Yunis         |
| Wall Construction          | 32         | —          | <b>32</b>  | Incl. Jer., Raml'h., Qalq., Salfit, Beth.  |
| Destruction of Property    | 1          | —          | <b>1</b>   | 2 green houses destroyed in Hebron         |
| Confiscation of Property   | 1          | —          | <b>1</b>   | Computers from a centre in Ramallah        |
| House Occupation           | 1          | —          | <b>1</b>   | Converted into mil. posts in Bani Na'im    |
| Closure of Checkpoints     | 8          | —          | <b>8</b>   | Incl. Tayasir and Al Hamra checkpoints     |
| Flying Checkpoints         | 20         | —          | <b>20</b>  | Incl. Jenin (5), Nablus (7), & Salfit (1)  |
| Closure (per District)     | 6          | 1          | <b>7</b>   | Incl. a buffer zone in Northern Gaza       |
| Closure of Main Roads      | 33         | —          | <b>33</b>  | Incl. 6 in Salfit & 9 in Hebron            |
| Closure of Crossing Points | —          | 6          | <b>6</b>   | Incl. Beit Hanun and Rafah partially       |
| Provocation of Pal. Forces | 3          | 2          | <b>5</b>   | Incl. 1 Pal. security vehicle detained     |
| Palestinian Attacks        | 1          | 3          | <b>4</b>   | Incl. fire opened towards a checkpoint     |
| Pal. Security Measures     | 1          | 1          | <b>2</b>   | Incl. 1 explosive device detonated         |
| Demonstration              | 1          | —          | <b>1</b>   | In protest against the Wall in Yatta       |
| <b>TOTAL</b>               | <b>186</b> | <b>32</b>  | <b>218</b> |  |

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| <p style="text-align: center;"><b>ALL<br/>DISTRICTS</b></p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Beginning on 17 April 2006, and following the suicide attack carried out in the city of Tel Aviv inside the Green Line, the Israeli army has intensified 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.</li> </ul> |
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### WEST BANK

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| <p style="text-align: center;"><b>JERUSALEM</b></p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li> <p><b>Closure:</b> The Israeli army continues to intensify its restrictions at checkpoints located at the entrances to the city of Jerusalem, in the old city of Jerusalem, and around Al Aqsa Mosque compound.</p> </li> <li> <p><b>Closure of Main Roads:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) The Israeli army continues to close the entrance opposite the junction to Dahiyat Al Bareed in the city of Jerusalem with barbed wire and has denied civilian access.</li> <li>(ii) The Israeli army continues to close with cement blocks the main road leading to Dahiyat al Bareed checkpoint towards the town of Beit Hanina and the settlement of Neve Ya'akov. The Israeli army only allows access to vehicles belonging to civilian residents of Dahiyat al Bareed and the town of Ar Ram who possess permits or hold Jerusalem IDs. To access Dahiyat al Bareed checkpoint, civilians must first travel through the centre of Dahiyat al Bareed, passing through Rosary Sisters' School.</li> <li>(iii) The Israeli army closed the eastern entrance to Dahiyat Bir Nabala with cement slabs, thereby completing the Wall section in the area.</li> </ol> </li> <li> <p><b>Checkpoint:</b> According to new measures implemented at Qalandiya checkpoint, which the Israeli army has converted into a "border crossing point", the Israeli army has designated a special crossing for civilians holding Jerusalem-issued IDs and those possessing permits to access the city of Jerusalem. The Israeli army has allowed other civilians to access the main road leading to the junction to the village of Jaba', which branches off to other districts.</p> </li> <li> <p><b>Wall Gates:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) The Israeli army continues to close the Wall gate in the town of Abu Dis with cement blocks.</li> <li>(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-issued IDs to cross, after subjecting them to thorough searches using electronic devices.</li> </ol> </li> <li> <p><b>Wall Construction:</b> Wall construction continues in Dahiyat al Aqbat, from the village of Hizma to 'Anata, along the Hizma-Jaba' road, the area of Al 'Eizariya to Ash Shayyah, near Al Quds University, in the town of As</p> </li> </ul> |
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|   | <p>Sawahira ash Sharqiya, from the village of Beit Surik to Biddu, in the areas of Al Judeira, Bir Nabala, and Beit Hanina, west of the village of Al Jib, and in the vicinity of the village of Qatanna.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b><u>Raids:</u></b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) At 16:30, the Israeli army raided Wadi al Joz neighbourhood in the city of Jerusalem as well as raided a number of commercial shops. Confrontations took place between the Israeli army and civilians, during which the Israeli army injured 2 civilians, including Joud Beibars, who was in critical condition.</li> <li>(ii) The Israeli army, including 13 jeeps, raided Qalandiya refugee camp and searched a number of houses.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b><u>House Demolitions:</u></b> The Israeli army distributed notices for the demolition of 7 houses in the village of Qatanna belonging to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) Jamal Yousef al Faqeeh;</li> <li>(ii) Mousa Yousef al Faqeeh;</li> <li>(iii) Ja'far Yousef al Faqeeh;</li> <li>(iv) Abdul Fattah Yousef al Faqeeh;</li> <li>(v) Mohammed Yousef al Faqeeh;</li> <li>(vi) Imad al Qatanani; and</li> <li>(vii) Yaser Taha.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>  |
| <p style="text-align: center;"><b>RAMALLAH<br/>&amp;<br/>EL BIREH</b></p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b><u>Closure of Main Road:</u></b> The Israeli army continues to close the eastern entrance to the village of Sinjil with dirt barricades.</li> <li>• <b><u>Checkpoint:</u></b> The Israeli army continues to intensify its restrictions at the checkpoint set up on the overpass to the town of 'Atara and to deny access to the city of Ramallah for civilians holding IDs issued in the northern districts of the West Bank.</li> <li>• <b><u>Wall Construction:</u></b> Wall construction continues in the areas of Al Midya to Budrus, Al Midya to Ni'lin, Bil'in to Saffa, in the village of Beit Liqya, in the town of Beituniya, and west of the town of 'Abud and the village of Beit Sira.</li> <li>• <b><u>Flying Checkpoint:</u></b> At 14:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the junction to the settlement of Rimonim on Al Mu'arajat road connecting the districts of Ramallah and Jericho, searched civilians and vehicles, and arrested 1 Palestinian National Security officer.</li> <li>• <b><u>Raids/Provocation of Palestinian Forces/Confiscation of Property:</u></b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) At 16:10, the Israeli army, including 4 jeeps, raided the town of Beituniya. Confrontations took place between school students and the Israeli army, while it was patrolling the area. At 23:00, the Israeli army raided the town again, patrolled the area near the Palestinian Preventive Security Headquarters, and withdrew at a later time.</li> <li>(ii) At 24:00, the Israeli army, including 20 jeeps, raided the cities of Ramallah and El Bireh, set up a checkpoint at the entrance to Al Am'ari refugee camp, opened fire, fired sound grenades, and searched 1 building as well as 1 hotel. The Israeli army also searched a research centre, confiscated computers, arrested 1 child, and withdrew at 04:00.</li> </ul> </li> </ul> |

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|       | <p>(iii) At 04:30, the Israeli army raided the village of Beit Liqya and set up several checkpoints at its entrance as well as on road junctions in the town. The Israeli army also searched a number of houses and arrested 2 civilians.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b><u>Arrests:</u></b></li> </ul> <p>(i) Israeli troops positioned at the flying checkpoint set up on the junction to the settlement of Rimonim on the Ramallah-Jericho road arrested Zuheir Fawzi ‘Amarneh, a Palestinian National Security officer.</p> <p>(ii) The Israeli army arrested 16-year-old Hani Shafeeq Abu al Hayyat in the city of Ramallah.</p> <p>The Israeli army arrested 2 civilians in the village of Beit Liqya:</p> <p>(iii) Thaer Mufeed ‘Assi; and</p> <p>(iv) Jasem Ahmed Nimer.</p>   |
| JENIN | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b><u>Closure of Road:</u></b> The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the unpaved detour road leading to the town of ‘Arraba east of the settlement of Dotan.</li> <li>• <b><u>Checkpoint:</u></b> The Israeli army continues to close Tayasir checkpoint east of the town of Tubas, denying civilian access to the Northern Jordan Valley, except for holders of IDs issued in the Northern Jordan Valley. The Israeli army also demanded that drivers of commercial trucks obtain access permits to cross the checkpoint. In addition, the Israeli army continues to install a surveillance camera in order to observe the area surrounding the checkpoint.</li> <li>• <b><u>Wall Gates:</u></b> Passage through the Wall gates is restricted to civilians granted special Israeli permits.</li> <li>• <b><u>Flying Checkpoints:</u></b></li> </ul> <p>(i) At 23:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint in the area between the town of Tubas and the village of Al Far’a and searched civilians and vehicles.</p> <p>(ii) The Israeli army set up 2 flying checkpoints, one on the junction to the town of ‘Arraba and the other near the village of Al Mansura, searched civilian vehicles, and forced civilians to uplift their shirts.</p> <p>(iii) The Israeli army set up 2 flying checkpoints on the junctions to the towns of Az Zababida and Tammun and searched civilians and vehicles.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b><u>Raids:</u></b></li> </ul> <p>(i) At 17:30, the Israeli army, including 5 jeeps, raided the village of ‘Anin and arrested 1 civilian as well as 2 Palestinian National Security officers.</p> <p>(ii) At 02:00, the Israeli army, including 30 jeeps, raided the city of Jenin and Jenin refugee camp. An armed confrontation took place between the Israeli army and armed Palestinian individuals in Jenin refugee camp. At 07:30, the Israeli army withdrew from the area.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b><u>Arrests:</u></b> At 01:00 on 31 May 2006, the Israeli army arrested 2 civilians, including 1 child, during its raid on the town of Qabatiya, in addition to those reported yesterday:</li> </ul> <p>(i) Basem Mahmoud Ali, 17 years old; and</p> |

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|          | <p>(ii) Bilal Abu ar Rub.<br/>The Israeli army arrested 1 civilian and 2 Palestinian security officers in the village of 'Anin:</p> <p>(iii) Mohammed Khaled 'Isa, a Palestinian National Security officer;</p> <p>(iv) Raed Younes Sa'eed, a Palestinian National Security officer; and</p> <p>(v) Dhirgham Husni Zyoud.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Injury:</b> An Israeli army UXO exploded in the vicinity of the village of Tayasir east of the town of Tubas, resulting in the injury of Ibrahim Sa'd Daraghmeh while he was working on his land.</li> </ul>   |
| TULKAREM | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Closure:</b> The Israeli army continues to impose a complete closure on the district of Tulkarem and to declare it a closed military zone following a suicide attack carried out on the junction to the village of Far'un. The Israeli army continues to impede civilian access to and from the district.</li> <li>• <b>Closure of Main Roads:</b> The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the following roads: the road connecting Dahiyat Dhinnaba in the city of Tulkarem to the town of Kafr al Labad; the road connecting the town of Kafr al Labad to the village of Shufa; the southern entrance to the town of Baqa ash Sharqiya; the Kafr Sur-Wadi at Tin road; and the road connecting the town of Deir al Ghusun to 'Attil plain. The Israeli army also continues to close with cement blocks the road connecting the town of Beit Lid to the village of Kur.</li> <li>• <b>Checkpoints:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) The Israeli army continues to close 'Einav checkpoint on the Tulkarem-Nablus road, denying access to civilian vehicles. The Israeli army prevents civilian residents of the Tulkarem district from leaving the district, except for those residing in towns and villages east of the checkpoint.</li> <li>(ii) The Israeli army continues to intensify its restrictions at Jubara checkpoint (the southern entrance to the city of Tulkarem) and to impede civilian access.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b>Wall Gates:</b> Passage through the Wall gates is restricted to civilians granted special Israeli permits.</li> <li>• <b>Flying Checkpoints/Physical Assault:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) At 11:30, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to the town of 'Illar, searched civilians and vehicles, and arrested 1 Palestinian National Security officer.</li> <li>(ii) At 21:40, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint near the village of Ar Ras, searched civilians and vehicles, and severely beat Naji Fahmi Abu Mustafa, leaving him with injuries. Abu Mustafa was transported to Tulkarem Public Hospital for medical treatment.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b>Arrest:</b> Israeli troops positioned at the flying checkpoint set up at the entrance to the town of 'Illar arrested 'Ammar Yaser al Ashqar, a Palestinian National Security officer.</li> <li>• <b>Palestinian Security Measure:</b> At 11:00 and following coordination with the Israeli authorities (through the DCO), the Palestinian Engineering Unit detonated a 50-kg explosive device that was located in the city of Tulkarem.</li> </ul> |

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| <p style="text-align: center;"><b>QALQILIYA</b></p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Wall Gates:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) Passage through the Wall gates is restricted to civilians granted special Israeli permits.</li> <li>(ii) The Israeli army continues to intensify its restrictions at ‘Azzun ‘Atma Wall gate and to search civilians, including students, with a metal detector.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b>Wall Construction:</b> Land levelling for Wall construction continues in the village of Immatin and east of the towns of Kafr Thulth and ‘Azzun.</li> </ul>  |
| <p style="text-align: center;"><b>NABLUS</b></p>    | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Closure of Main Roads:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) The Israeli army continues to close the main road leading to the district of Jenin between the junction to the village of Deir Sharaf and the settlement of Shavei Shomron. Instead, the Israeli army has forced civilians to travel along an unpaved 1.5-km-long road, which branches off from the Nablus-Tulkarem road and intersects with the Nablus-Jenin road opposite the village of Sabastiya.</li> <li>(ii) The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades Al Badhan road, which is the north-eastern entrance to the city of Nablus.</li> <li>(iii) The Israeli army continues to close the road connecting the city of Nablus to the town of ‘Asira ash Shamaliya.</li> <li>(iv) The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the road connecting the villages of Beita and Osarin.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b>Checkpoints:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) The Israeli army continues to regulate times for crossing Huwwara, Beit Iba, At Tur Mountain, and Beit Furik checkpoints around the city of Nablus. The Israeli army closes the checkpoints overnight and reopens them at various morning hours.</li> <li>(ii) The Israeli army continues to intensify its restrictions at Beit Iba and Huwwara checkpoints and to deny access to civilians between 15 and 30 years of age as well as holders of IDs issued in the districts of Jenin and Tulkarem.</li> <li>(iii) At 12:00, the Israeli army closed Beit Iba checkpoint and denied civilian access, after arresting 1 civilian allegedly for locating 2 explosive devices in his possession. At 13:00, the checkpoint was reopened.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b>Flying Checkpoint:</b> At 13:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the junction to the village of Majdal Bani Fadil and denied civilian access in both directions.</li> <li>• <b>Raids:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) At 01:30, the Israeli army raided the village of Deir Sharaf and searched 1 house.</li> <li>(ii) At 02:15, the Israeli army, accompanied by 1 bulldozer, raided the city of Nablus and Balata refugee camp, set up 4 checkpoints, searched civilians and vehicles, and patrolled the area. At 06:00, the Israeli army withdrew from the area.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b>Arrest:</b> Israeli troops positioned at Beit Iba checkpoint arrested an unidentified civilian.</li> </ul> |

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|         | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b><u>Palestinian Attack/Attacks/Raid:</u></b> At 19:30, armed Palestinian individuals opened fire towards Israeli troops positioned at the checkpoint set up in the area between the city of Nablus and the town of ‘Asira ash Shamaliya. Consequently, the Israeli troops opened indiscriminate fire and fired flares. In addition, the Israeli army raided the town of ‘Asira ash Shamaliya, set up several checkpoints on the town’s road junctions as well as at its entrances, searched civilians and vehicles, and patrolled the area.</li> </ul>  |
| SALFIT  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b><u>Closure of Main Roads:</u></b> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) The Israeli army has continued to close the main north-western entrance to the city of Salfit with dirt barricades since the beginning of the current <i>Intifada</i> (Uprising).</li> <li>(ii) The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the western entrances to the town of Bruqin and the village of Marda. The Israeli army also continues to close with cement blocks the western entrance to the town of Kafr ad Dik and with an iron gate the northern entrance to the village of Qarawat Bani Hassan.</li> <li>(iii) The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the road connecting the settler bypass road near the settlement of ‘Eli Zahav to the town of Kafr ad Dik.</li> </ol> </li> <li>• <b><u>Checkpoints:</u></b> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) The Israeli army continues to intensify its restrictions at Deir Ballut checkpoint and to deny civilian access to the town of Kafr ad Dik.</li> <li>(ii) The Israeli army continues to intensify its restrictions at the Za’tara junction checkpoint and to prevent civilians holding IDs issued in the districts of Jenin and Tulkarem from crossing towards the southern districts of the West Bank. The Israeli army also closed the checkpoint from 09:00 until 12:00, denying civilian access.</li> </ol> </li> <li>• <b><u>Wall Construction:</u></b> Wall construction continues near the Green Line in the town of Deir Ballut and the villages of Az Zawiya and Rafat, northwest of the city of Salfit, and in the village of Marda and the town of Kifl Haris north of the settlement of Ari’el.</li> <li>• <b><u>Flying Checkpoint/Provocation of Palestinian Forces:</u></b> At 08:10, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to the village of Farkha, searched civilians and vehicles, and detained 1 vehicle belonging to Palestinian National Security forces until 10:00.</li> <li>• <b><u>Raids:</u></b> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) At 09:20, the Israeli army, including 3 jeeps, raided and patrolled the village of Yasuf.</li> <li>(ii) At 09:30, the Israeli army, including 3 jeeps, raided and patrolled the villages of Farkha and Khirbet Qeis.</li> </ol> </li> <li>• <b><u>Arrest:</u></b> At 18:50, Israeli troops positioned at the Za’tara junction checkpoint arrested ‘Amer Basheer.</li> </ul> |
| JERICHO | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b><u>Closure:</u></b> 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-issued 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-issued IDs.</li> </ul>   |

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|           | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b><u>Checkpoint:</u></b> The Israeli army continues to close Al Hamra checkpoint set up on the Jericho-Nablus road, denying civilian access, except for farmers holding Jericho-issued IDs. The Israeli army also continues to install a surveillance camera in order to observe the area surrounding the checkpoint.</li> <li>• <b><u>Raid/Provocation of Palestinian Forces:</u></b> At 13:35, Israeli Special Forces, supported by 12 jeeps, raided the city of Jericho and detained 2 Kalashnikov rifles belonging to 2 Palestinian security officers, who were positioned at a Palestinian checkpoint in the area of Ad Dahiyat. The Israeli army also arrested 1 civilian as well as 1 Palestinian General Intelligence officer. At 14:30, the Israeli army withdrew from the area.</li> <li>• <b><u>Arrests:</u></b> The Israeli army arrested 1 civilian and 1 Palestinian security officer in the city of Jericho: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) Jad Allah Sweirki, a Palestinian General Intelligence officer; and</li> <li>(ii) Zakariya at Tahhan.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>  |
| BETHLEHEM | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b><u>Closure:</u></b> 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. The Israeli army considers the civilians' residence in the village illegal because they hold West Bank identity cards while their village is located within the Israeli-defined municipal boundaries of Jerusalem.</li> <li>• <b><u>Closure of Main Roads:</u></b> The Israeli army continues to close all roads to Road # 60 leading to the city of Jerusalem, thereby isolating the city of Bethlehem from its towns and villages located west of Road # 60.</li> <li>• <b><u>Checkpoint:</u></b> The Israeli army continues to intensify its restrictions at As Sawahira ash Sharqiya (the "Container") checkpoint and to deny access to civilian vehicles, except for those possessing access permits.</li> <li>• <b><u>Wall Construction:</u></b> Wall construction continues north of 'Ayda refugee camp and in the Everest area, northwest of the city of Beit Jala.</li> <li>• <b><u>Raids:</u></b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) At 14:50, and again at 17:50, an Israeli army patrol raided the cities of Beit Jala and Bethlehem and patrolled the area.</li> <li>(ii) At 17:55, an Israeli army patrol raided 'Ayda refugee camp. Confrontations took place between the Israeli army and civilians, during which the Israeli army injured 1 child.</li> <li>(iii) At 19:00, the Israeli army raided the city of Beit Jala, the town of Al Khadr, and 'Ayda refugee camp as well as patrolled the area until 24:00.</li> <li>(iv) At 01:15, the Israeli army, including 6 jeeps, raided Ad Duheisha refugee camp, searched 3 houses, and arrested 1 Palestinian Preventive Security officer. At 02:50, the Israeli army withdrew from the area.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b><u>Arrests:</u></b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) At 16:20, Israeli troops positioned at the tunnel checkpoint set up on Road # 60 leading to the city of Jerusalem arrested Mu'taz 'Abed 'Atiyyeh Sabbah.</li> <li>(ii) Israeli troops positioned at As Sawahira ash Sharqiya (the "Container") checkpoint arrested Thaer Mahmoud Dodeen.</li> </ul> </li> </ul> |



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|                      | <p>(iii) The Israeli army arrested Mohammed Abdul Ra'ouf al Bal'awi, a Palestinian Preventive Security officer, in Ad Duheisha refugee camp.</p>   |
| <p><b>HEBRON</b></p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b><u>Closure:</u></b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(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 of As Sahleh.</li> <li>(ii) Although it expired on 07 May 2006, the Israeli army continues to implement a military order stipulating the closure of civilian commercial shops on both sides of the road connecting the settlement of Kiryat Arba' to the Ibrahimi Mosque in the old city of Hebron. Civilian vehicles continue to be prohibited from travelling along the road unless they possess access permits. Only Israeli settler vehicles are allowed unrestricted access on the road.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b><u>Closure of Main Roads:</u></b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the following locales: the area of Al Hawawir leading to the town of Halhul; the area of Al Fahs south of the city of Hebron; the junction to the area of Farsh al Hawa leading to Road # 35 northwest of the city of Hebron; the entrance to the village of Beit 'Einun; Al Baq'a junction south of the town of Beit 'Awwa; and the entrance to the village of 'Arab ar Ramadin.</li> <li>(ii) The Israeli army continues to close the entrance to Al Qeisi neighbourhood in the old city of Hebron with cement blocks.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b><u>Wall Construction:</u></b> Wall construction continues west of the towns of Surif and Beit Ula, south of the towns of Adh Dhahiriya and As Samoa', and southeast of the town of Yatta. The Israeli army has also completed construction of most sections of the Wall in the town of Idhna, from the village of Deir Samit to the town of Beit 'Awwa, from Beit 'Awwa to the village of Al Burj, and in the village of Ar Ramadin.</li> <li>• <b><u>Flying Checkpoint:</u></b> At 22:20, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the overpass to the town of Halhul and searched civilians and vehicles.</li> <li>• <b><u>Raids/Destruction of Property/House Occupation/Detention:</u></b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) At 10:00, the Israeli army raided the village of Um Lasafa east of the town of Yatta and destroyed 2 green houses, claiming that they were constructed without the required licenses.</li> <li>(ii) The Israeli army raided the town of Bani Na'im, occupied a number of houses, and converted them into military posts, after detaining residents.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b><u>Demonstration/Physical Assault:</u></b> A mass demonstration, including international peace activists, took place near the Wall section south of the town of Yatta in protest against Wall construction. Confrontations took place between the Israeli army and protestors, during which the Israeli</li> </ul> |

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|  | army fired tear gas grenades. The Israeli army also beat a number of protestors with clubs. |
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### GAZA STRIP

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| <b>ALL DISTRICTS</b> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Beginning on 16 December 2005, the Israeli army has continued to impose a complete closure on the Gaza Strip ostensibly due to Palestinian individuals' firing of mortars towards the Green Line.</li> </ul>  |
| <b>NORTHERN GAZA</b> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Closure:</b> Beginning at 18:00 on 28 December 2005, the Israeli army has continued to impose a buffer zone (through open fire as well as artillery and air attacks) in the area near the Green Line, including the area of the debris of evacuated settlements.</li> <li><b>Closure of Crossing Point:</b> Beit Hanun (Erez) Crossing is partially open to foreign nationals, VIPs, and humanitarian cases after prior coordination.</li> <li><b>Attacks/Provocation of Palestinian Forces:</b> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Between 09:00 and 21:00, the Israeli army fired 147 artillery shells from its locations inside the Green Line towards Palestinian territory near Palestinian National Security locations east of the town of Beit Hanun as well as north and northwest of the town of Beit Lahiya. The Israeli army's attack resulted in the critical injury of Hamdi Hasan Abu Khousa.</li> <li>At 19:25, an Israeli naval boat opened fire towards Palestinian fishing boats at sea opposite the beach of the town of Beit Lahiya.</li> </ol> </li> <li><b>Raids/Land Levelling:</b> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>At 18:00, the Israeli army, including 10 armoured vehicles and 2 bulldozers, raided 200 metres into Palestinian territory near Point 64 on the Green Line east of the town of Jabalya and levelled land to erect dirt barricades. At 20:00, the Israeli army withdrew from the area.</li> <li>At 20:30, the Israeli army, including 5 armoured vehicles and 1 jeep, raided 300 metres into Palestinian territory near Point 53 on the Green Line east of the town of Beit Hanun.</li> </ol> </li> <li><b>Palestinian Security Measure:</b> At 13:40 and following coordination with the Israeli authorities (through the DCO), the Palestinian Engineering Unit detonated an artillery shell in the area of Al Waha northwest of the town of Beit Lahiya. The artillery shell had been fired by the Israeli army but did not explode.</li> <li><b>Palestinian Attack:</b> At 14:15, 1 unidentified mortar was fired towards the Green Line.</li> </ul> |
| <b>GAZA</b>          | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Closure of Crossing Point:</b> Al Muntar (Karnei) Crossing is closed.</li> <li><b>Air Attack/Assassination Attempt:</b> At 11:40, an Israeli army combat helicopter fired 1 missile towards a civilian vehicle in Tall al Hawa neighbourhood in Gaza city, in a failed attempt to extra-judicially kill civilians.</li> <li><b>Raids/Land Levelling:</b> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>At 15:30, the Israeli army, including 2 armoured vehicles and 2 bulldozers, raided 150 metres into Palestinian territory near Point 70 on the Green Line east of Gaza city, levelled land, and withdrew at 18:00.</li> </ol> </li> </ul>   |

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|                         | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(ii) At 22:15, the Israeli army, including 2 armoured vehicles and 4 jeeps, raided 150 metres into Palestinian territory near Point 70 on the Green Line east Gaza city.</li> <li>• <b><u>Air Patrols:</u></b> At 10:35, and again at 13:00, Israeli army combat helicopters patrolled the skies over Gaza city.</li> <li>• <b><u>Palestinian Attacks:</u></b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) At 20:55, 1 unidentified mortar was fired towards the Green Line.</li> <li>(ii) At 21:15, 1 unidentified mortar was fired towards the Green Line.</li> </ul> </li> </ul> |
| <b>CENTRAL<br/>GAZA</b> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b><u>Raid/Land Levelling:</u></b> At 10:00, the Israeli army, including 3 jeeps and 3 bulldozers, raided 50 metres into Palestinian territory near Points 113 and 114 on the Green Line east of Al Bureij refugee camp and levelled land.</li> </ul>  |
| <b>KHAN YUNIS</b>       | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b><u>Raid/Land Levelling:</u></b> At 08:30, the Israeli army, including 2 tanks and 2 bulldozers, raided 50 metres into Palestinian territory near Point 187 on the Green Line east of the area of Khuza'a and levelled land.</li> </ul>  |
| <b>RAFAH</b>            | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b><u>Closure of Crossing Points:</u></b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) Yasser 'Arafat International Airport remains closed.</li> <li>(ii) Rafah Crossing is partially open in both directions to passengers holding Palestinian IDs, humanitarian cases, as well as Arab and foreign diplomatic missions.</li> <li>(iii) Sufa Crossing is closed.</li> <li>(iv) Karm Abu Salim (Karem Shalom) Crossing is closed.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>   |

## GENERAL

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| <b>WORK<br/>PERMITS</b> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b><u>West Bank:</u></b> The Israeli authorities issued new work permits to Palestinian workers for crossing the Green Line; however, there is no confirmation of the number of permit-holding workers who were allowed to access areas inside the Green Line because the Israeli authorities have suspended contacts with the Palestinian employment offices and have instead delivered the issued permits directly to the Palestinian Chambers of Commerce and Workers' Unions.</li> <li>• <b><u>Gaza Strip:</u></b> Valid work permits that have been issued by the Israeli authorities for crossing the Green Line total 11. All the Palestinian workers possessing the valid work permits (11) were allowed to access areas inside the Green Line.</li> </ul> |
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