مجموعة الرقابة الفلسطينية



PALESTINIAN MONITORING GROUP

DAILY SITUATION REPORT 08:00 04 June 2009 – 08:00, 05 June 2009

SUMMARY OF EVENTS

EVENT	WEST BANK	GAZA STRIP	TOTAL	NOTES
Injuries	3	_	3	Incl. a child in the district of Ramallah
Attacks	1	4	5	1 in confrontations and 4 by navy boats
Raids	12	_	12	Incl. 3 in Tubas and 3 in Bethlehem
Arrests (per person)	11	6	17	Incl. 6 fishermen at sea, Gaza Strip
Detentions	16		16	Incl. a female civilian and her children
Closure of Checkpoints	11	_	11	Incl. access impeded at 6 checkpoints
Flying Checkpoints	10	_	10	Incl. 2 in Jenin and 3 in Hebron
Wall Construction	21	_	21	Incl. Jer., Raml'h., Salfit, & Qalqiliya
Destruction of Property	26	_	26	Makeshift houses and tents in Tubas
Confiscation of Property	6	_	6	Tractors and water tanks in Tubas
Closure (per District)	7	_	7	Incl. 4 areas in the city of Hebron
Closure of Main Roads	47	_	47	Incl. 1 in Jenin & 1 in Tulkarm
Closure of Crossing Points	_	4	4	3 crossing points partially open
Settler Violence	1	_	1	A civilian severely beaten in Jerusalem
Demonstration	1	_	1	Against Wall construction in Ramallah
TOTAL	173	14	187	

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) The Israeli army continues to intensify restrictions at checkpoints set up at entrances to the city of Jerusalem and Al Aqsa Mosque.
- (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.

• Closure of Main Roads:

JERUSALEM

- (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.
- <u>Settler Violence</u>: On 04 June 2009, a group of Israeli settlers severely beat Husam az Za'tari in city of Jerusalem, leaving him with injuries and contusions.

• 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.

	• Well Construction: Well construction continues in the area of al Eigenius
	 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.
RAMALLAH & EL BIREH	 Closure of Main Roads: The Israeli army continues to close the entrances to the village of Sinjil, the village of Safa and the junction to the villages of Kafr Malik – Ein Samiya. Flying Checkpoint: At 23:25, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint near the junction to the village of Surda and searched civilian and vehicles. Demonstration/Attack/Injuries: At 12:00, a mass demonstration, including international peace activists, took place in the village of Bil'in against Wall construction. Confrontations took place between the Israeli army and protestors, during which the Israeli army injures 2 civilians, including 1 child. In addition, a number of protestors sustained injuries as a result of tear gas inhalation. 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.
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. Flying Checkpoints: (i) At 17:10, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the junction to the town of Meithalun, searched civilians and vehicles, and impeded civilian access until 18:50. (ii) At 18:55, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to the village of Al Jarba and searched civilians and vehicles. Arrests: At 03:15 on 04 June 2009, the Israeli army arrested 2 civilians during its raid into the town of Al Yamun, as was reported yesterday: (i) Shaher Rajeh Taher Zayed; and (ii) Mohammed Abdul Rahman Mohammed Freihat. (iii) At 04:00 on 04 June 2009, the Israeli army arrested Mohammed Sadeq 'Irsan Ghannam, a Palestinian Civil Defence officer, during its raid into the town of Jaba', as was reported yesterday. Detentions: At 13:00, Israeli troops positioned at the Wall gate leading to the village of Um ar Rihan detained Taghreed Mohammed Khaled Zeid, a female civilian, along with her children. Following coordination with the Israeli authorities (through the DCO), Israeli troops released Taghreed and her children. 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> : 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.

TULKAREM	 Raids/Confiscation/Destruction of Property: At 08:00, the Israeli army raided the villages of Al Hadidiya and Khirbet ar Ras as well as the area of Al Buqei'a east of the city of Tubas, confiscated a number of tractors and water tanks, and demolished 26 makeshift houses and tents. Closure of Main Roads: The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the western entrance to the village of Shufa and the road connecting the town of Kafr al Labad to the village of Shufa. Checkpoint: The Israeli army continues to intensify restrictions at 'Einav checkpoint set up along the Tulkarm-Nablus main road. 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. Checkpoint: 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. Wall Gates: Passage through the Wall gates is restricted to civilians granted special Israeli permits. 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 Alfeh Minesheh in the villages of Ras Tira, Magharet Ad Dab'a and Wadi Ar Rasha, located south of Qalqiliya city.
NABLUS	 Closure of Main Roads: 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. 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. Checkpoints: The Israeli army continues to regulate times for crossing checkpoints set up around the city of Nablus: 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 Checkpoint: At 15:30, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint along Al Badhan road (the eastern entrance to the city of Nablus) and searched civilians and vehicles. Raid: At dawn on 04 June 2009, the Israeli army raided the town of Beit Iba and arrested 2 civilians. Arrests: At 01:30 on 04 June 2009, the Israeli army arrested 2 civilians (brothers) during its raid into the city of (i) Rami Abdul Hafeeth Abdul Lateef Qafisheh; and (ii) Kareem Abdul Hafeeth Abdul Lateef Qafisheh. The Israeli army arrested 2 civilians in the town of Beit Iba: (iii) Ahmed Ziyad Sama'neh; and (iv) Mohammed Nihad Isma'il.
SALFIT	 Closure of Main Roads: The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the northern entrance to Salfit city. The Israeli army continues to close with cement blocks and iron gates 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: At 17:40, the Israeli army raided the town of Kifl Haris and patrolled the area until 18:30. At 21:40, the Israeli army raided the village of Mas'ha and patrolled the area until 23:00. 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.
JERICHO	• <u>Closure</u> : 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.

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 set up on the junction to the village of al-'Auja along Al-Mu'arrajat road that connects the districts of Jericho and Ramallah. At 17:40, the Israeli army closed the checkpoint set up on the junction to the village of Al 'Auja, denied civilian access in both directions, and reopened it at a later time. Flying Checkpoint: At 17:40, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to the village of 'Ein ad Duyuk, searched civilians and vehicles, and arrested 1 civilian. Arrest: Israeli troops positioned at the flying checkpoint set up at the entrance to the village of 'Ein ad Duyuk arrested Tamir Isma'il Ali Abu Dahouk. **Closure:** (i) 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. Since September 15, 2007, the Israeli army has been preventing (ii) civilian access, according to military order 07.02.S, to the 22dunum 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. 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 **BETHLEHEM** Jala, Al Khadr town-Road # 60, Al Khadr town-Beit Jala housing, Wadi Rahal-Efrat and the sideway east of Beit Fajjar town. Raids: (i) At 08:20, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the town of Al Khadr. At 20:45, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the area of 'Ush (ii) Ghurab east of the city of Beit Sahur. At 22:30, the Israeli army raided Ad Duheisha refugee camp in the (iii) city of Bethlehem and arrested 1 civilian. Arrest: The Israeli army arrested Murad Sameeh Abu Yaseen in Ad Duheisha refugee camp in the city of Bethlehem. 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. **Closure: HEBRON** (i) 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.
- (ii) 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 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 denying them access to it.

• 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 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.

• Flying Checkpoints:

- (i) At 10:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to the area of Al Fahs south of the city of Hebron and searched civilians and vehicles.
- (ii) At 13:30, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint and searched civilians and vehicles along a detour road along Road # 35 in the area of Wadi Qabbun, which leads to the northern quarter of the city of Hebron.

• Raids:

(i) At 13:20, the Israeli army raided the town of Dura and arrested 2 civilians. At 01:30, the Israeli army raided the town again and searched 1 house.

- (ii) At 21:00, the Israeli army raided the town of Beit Ummar, set up a checkpoint at its main entrance, denied civilian access in both directions, and searched a number of houses. The Israeli army claimed that an explosive device was thrown at a military watchtower erected at the entrance to the town.
- Arrests: The Israeli army arrested 2 civilians in the town of Dura:
- (i) Mohammed Ahmed Salem Abu Sundus; and
- (ii) Khalil Harb Ahmed Abu Sundus.
- <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 oneweek-long ceasefire. Meanwhile, the ceasefire was extended until 05 February 2009. The ceasefire is holding despite the end of the specified period.
- <u>Violation of the Ceasefire</u>: Israeli navy boats opened fire towards Palestinian fishing boats at sea off the districts of Gaza and Central Gaza. Israeli navy officers also arrested 6 Palestinian fishermen.

NORTHERN GAZA	• <u>Closure of Crossing Point</u> : Beit Hanun (Erez) Crossing is closed.
GAZA	 Closure of Crossing Points: Al Muntar (Karni) Crossing is closed. Ash Shuja'iya (Nahal 'Oz) Crossing is partially open for transportation of fuel. Attack: In the morning of 04 June 2009, Israeli navy boats opened intensive fire towards Palestinian fishing boats at sea off the beach of Gaza city. Having obstructed 2 fishing boats, Israeli navy officers also arrested 6 Palestinian fishermen. Arrests: Israeli navy officers arrested 6 fishermen at sea off the beach of Gaza city, including: Omar al Hassi; and 'Amer al Hubol.
CENTRAL GAZA	 <u>Attack</u>: In the evening of 04 June 2009, Israeli navy boats opened intensive fire towards Palestinian fishing boats at sea as well as towards civilian houses on the beach opposite An Nuseirat refugee camp and Az Zahra' residential towers.

KHAN YUNIS	Activities not reported.	
RAFAH	 Closure of Crossing Points: Yasser 'Arafat International Airport remains closed. Rafah (Al Awdah) Crossing is open on an exceptional basis to allow access to 11 ill civilians after they had received medical treatment at Egyptian hospital. Access was also allowed for an international delegation of 50 members to leave the Gaza Strip. Sufa Crossing is closed. Karm Abu Salim (Karem Shalom) Crossing is partially open for transportation of food supplies and humanitarian aid. 	

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