# مجموعة الرقابة الفلسطينية



### PALESTINIAN MONITORING GROUP

# DAILY SITUATION REPORT 08:00 12 June 2009 – 08:00 13 June 2009

#### **SUMMARY OF EVENTS**

EVENT	WEST BANK	GAZA STRIP	TOTAL	NOTES
Physical Assaults	2		2	Protestors beaten in Bethlehem
Injury	1	_	1	A civilian injured in Bil'in, Ramallah
Attacks	2	1	3	2 in confrontations & 1 by navy boats
Raids	19	_	19	Incl. 3 in Ramallah and 2 in Qalqiliya
Arrest (per person)	1	_	1	A civilian in 'Azzun town, Qalqiliya
Detentions	13	_	13	At checkpoints and in residential locales
Closure of Checkpoints	9	_	9	Access impeded at 6 checkpoints
Flying Checkpoints	9	_	9	Incl. 1 in Qalqiliya and 1 in Nablus
Wall Construction	21	_	21	Incl. Jer., Raml'h., Salfit, & Qalqiliya
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	5	_	5	Gaining access to several areas
Demonstrations	4	_	4	Against the Wall & house demolitions
TOTAL	140	5	145	

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) On 12 June 2009, the Israeli army intensified its restrictions at checkpoints located at the entrances to the city of Jerusalem, set up several flying checkpoints in the old city of Jerusalem and around Al Aqsa Mosque compound, and denied access to civilians to perform Friday prayers at 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) 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 it 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 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>Demonstration</u>: At 13:00, civilians performed Friday prayers in the sitin tent erected in Silwan neighbourhood in the city of Jerusalem in protest against Israeli orders on house demolitions for construction of settlement projects.

### • 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.
RAMALLAH & EL BIREH	<ul> <li>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.</li> <li>Raids: <ol> <li>At 16:35, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the town of Beit Rima.</li> <li>At 01:00, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the cities of Ramallah and El Bireh.</li> <li>Demonstrations/Attacks/Injuries:</li> <li>At 13:00, a mass demonstration, including international peace activists, took place in the village of Bil'in in protest against Wall construction. Confrontations took place between the Israeli army and protestors, during which 1 civilian and 1 international peace activist sustained wounds by rubber-coated steel bullets. A number of civilians also sustained injuries as a result of tear gas inhalation.</li> <li>At 13:00, a mass demonstration, including international peace activists, took place in the town of Ni'lin in protest against Wall construction. Confrontations also took place between the Israeli army and protestors. In addition, a number of civilians sustained injuries as a result of tear gas inhalation.</li> <li>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.</li> </ol> </li> </ul>
JENIN	<ul> <li>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.</li> <li>Flying Checkpoint: At 06:30, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the junction to the town of 'Arraba and searched civilians and vehicles.</li> <li>Raids: <ol> <li>At 18:00, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the town of Al Yamun.</li> <li>At 18:20, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the villages of Al 'Araqa and Kafr Dan.</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> </ol> </li></ul>
TUBAS	Checkpoint: Though allowing civilian access to the Northern Jordan Valley between 06:00 and 22:00, the Israeli army continues to close Tayasir checkpoint east of the town of Tubas.

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TULKAREM	<ul> <li>Closure of Main Roads: <ol> <li>The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the western entrance to the village of Shufa.</li> <li>The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the road connecting the town of Kafr al Labad to the village of Shufa.</li> <li>Checkpoint: The Israeli army continues to intensify restrictions at 'Einav checkpoint set up on Tulkarem-Nablus main road.</li> <li>Raids: <ol> <li>At 12:00, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the town of 'Anabta.</li> <li>At 12:20, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the city of Tulkarem and Nur Shams refugee camp.</li> <li>Wall Gates: Passage through the wall gates is restricted to civilians granted special Israeli permits.</li> </ol> </li> </ol></li></ul>
QALQILYA	<ul> <li>Closure of Roads: The Israeli army continues to close with cement blocks agricultural roads east of the town of 'Azzun.</li> <li>Flying Checkpoint: At 19:50, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the eastern entrance to the city of Qalqiliya and searched civilians and vehicles.</li> <li>Raids: <ul> <li>(i) At 00:45, the Israeli army raided the town of 'Azzun, searched 1 house and 1 commercial shop, and arrested 1 civilian.</li> <li>(ii) At 02:00, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the city of Qalqiliya.</li> <li>Arrest: The Israeli army arrested Waleed Jamal 'Odeh in the town of 'Azzun.</li> <li>Wall Gates: <ul> <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 detector.</li> <li>Wall Construction: Wall construction continues south of the town of Jayyus as well as near the settlement of Alfe Menashe in the villages of Ras Tira, Magharet ad Dab'a, and Wadi ar Rasha south of the city of Qalqiliya.</li> </ul> </li> </ul></li></ul>
NABLUS	<ul> <li>Closure of Main Roads: The Israeli army continues to close with cement blocks the roads of Sarra-Jit; Till-Burin; Beit Furik-Salem; the road between the town of 'Aqraba and the main road; and the eastern entrance to the village of Al Lubban Ash Sharqiya. The Israeli army also continues to close with dirt barricades the road between the villages of Til and Madama; the southern entrance to the village of Qaryut; the eastern entrance to the village of Al Lubban Ash Sharqiya; the western entrance to the town of 'Aqraba; the southern entrance to the village of Duma; the northern entrance to the town of Qabalan; the western entrance to the village of Majdal Bani Fadil; and the settler bypass road connecting the village of Deir al Hatab to the settlement of Alon Moreh.</li> <li>Checkpoints: The Israeli army continues to regulate times for crossing checkpoints set up around the city of Nablus:</li> </ul>

	<ul> <li>(i) 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.</li> <li>(ii) At Huwwara checkpoint, access to civilians is allowed between 05:00 and 24:00 and to civilian vehicles around the clock.</li> <li>(iii) At Beit Furik checkpoint, civilian access is allowed between 05:00 and 23:00.</li> <li>(iv) 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.</li> <li>(v) At 16:50, the Israeli army intensified its restrictions at Huwwara checkpoint and impeded civilian access.</li> <li>Flving Checkpoint: At 17:45, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint in the area between the city of Nablus and the town of 'Asira ash Shamaliya, searched civilians and vehicles, and impeded civilian access.</li> <li>Raids: <ol> <li>At 14:30, the Israeli army raided the town of 'Asira ash Shamaliya and patrolled the area until 16:50.</li> <li>At 03:00, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the city of Nablus.</li> </ol> </li> </ul>
SALFIT	<ul> <li>Closure of Main Roads: <ol> <li>The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the northern entrance to the city of Salfit.</li> <li>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.</li> <li>Checkpoint: The Israeli army continues to intensify its restrictions and impede civilian access at the Za'tara junction checkpoint.</li> <li>Settler Violence: At 12:00, a group of Israeli settlers gained access to the village of Yasuf. Based on a request by the DCO, the Israeli army evacuated settlers from the village at 13:20.</li> <li>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 Haris north of the settlement of Ariel.</li> </ol> </li></ul>
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.

#### • Checkpoints:

- (i) The Israeli army continues to intensify its restrictions at Al Hamra 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.
- (ii) The Israeli army continues to intensify its restrictions at 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, 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:

- (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.
- (ii) According to Military Order # 07/02/S, the Israeli army has continued since 15 September 2007 to deny civilian access to an area measuring 22 *dunums* (5.436 acres) of land in the area of Mazmuriya in the cities of Beit Sahur and Bethlehem. The land was confiscated pursuant to Military Order # 07/31/T.
- <u>Closure of Main Roads</u>: In addition to 2 side roads east and south of the village of Al Walaja, the Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the roads of Beit Jala-Wadi Ahmad; Talita-Nazlat as Sidr in the city of Beit Jala; Al Khadr -Road # 60; Al Khadr -Beit Jala Housing Project; Wadi Rahhal-Efrat; and the side road east of the town of Beit Fajjar.

#### • Flying Checkpoints:

- (i) At 10:10, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the junction to the area of An Nashash (the southern entrance to the city of Bethlehem) and searched civilians and vehicles.
- (ii) At 10:10, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to the town of Za'tara and searched civilians and vehicles.

#### Raids:

- (i) At 09:15, the Israeli army raided the evacuated military post of 'Ush Ghurab east of the city of Beit Sahur and provided protection to Israeli settlers. At 12:35, Israeli settlers and troops withdrew from the area.
- (ii) At 11:00, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the town of Al Khadr
- <u>Settler Violence</u>: At 14:45, a group of Israeli settlers gained access to and made a tour until 15:00 in the area of Suleiman Pools in the village of Artas
- <u>Demonstration/Physical Assaults</u>: At 13:50, a mass demonstration, including international peace activists, took place in the village of Al Ma'sara in protest against Wall construction. Having denied access to the Wall construction site, Israeli troops severely beat a number of protestors, leaving 2 civilians with contusions.

#### **BETHLEHEM**

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 the village of Al Walaja. **Closure:** The Israeli army continues to close the following locales in the old city (i) 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. 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) The Israeli army continues to prevent civilian vehicles from travelling along the road connecting the settlement of Kiryat Arba' to the Ibrahimi Mosque in the old city of Hebron. On 05 January 2009, the Israeli army issued Military Order # 09/06/S (iii) 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:** The Israeli army continues to close with cement blocks the entrance to (i) **HEBRON** the town of As Samoa'; the area of Al Hawawir leading to the town of Halhul; 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 village of At Tuwani, and the town of Adh Dhahiriya. The Israeli army continues to prohibit Palestinian vehicles from (ii) travelling along Ash Shalala Old Street in the old city of Hebron. The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the road (iii) between the villages of Al Karmil and At Tuwani and all roads leading to Road # 60. The Israeli army continues to open the iron gate on the Farsh Al Hawa (iv) junction to Road #35, which leads to Tarqumiya Crossing, from 05:00 until 07:00 and from 09:00 until 13:00. Flying Checkpoints: At 10:50, and again at 18:40, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the overpass to the town of Halhul and searched civilians and vehicles. Raids: (i) At 12:30, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the town of Idhna. At 18:20, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the city of Hebron. (ii) At 03:00, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the town of Surifl. (iii)

(iv) At 04:20, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the town of Beit Ummar.

#### • Settler Violence:

- (i) At 11:45, a group of Israeli settlers gained access to a forested area between the towns of Halhul and Nuba, made a tour in the area, and withdrew at a later time.
- (ii) At 18:30, a group of Israeli settlers entered the Qasr ar Riyah park in the area between the towns of Idhna and Dura and withdrew at a later time.
- <u>Wall Construction</u>: Wall construction continues in the section of Tarqumiya checkpoint terminal and in the area between southeast of the village of 'Arab ar Ramadin and the village of 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.
- <u>Violation of the Ceasefire</u>: Israeli navy boats also opened intensive fire towards Palestinian fishing boats at sea off the beach of the area of An Nuseirat in the district of Central Gaza.

NORTHERN GAZA	Closure of Crossing Point: Beit Hanun (Erez) Crossing is partially open for previously-coordinated humanitarian cases and foreign nationals.
GAZA	<ul> <li>Closure of Crossing Points:         <ul> <li>(i) Al-Muntar (Karni) Crossing is closed.</li> <li>(ii) Al-Shuja'iya (Nahal 'Oz) Crossing is closed.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
CENTRAL GAZA	<u>Attack</u> : In the morning of 13 June 2009, Israeli navy boat opened intensive fire towards Palestinian fishing boats at sea off the beach of the area of An Nuseirat.
KHAN YUNIS	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 an exceptional basis to allow a</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

Qatari delegation to leave the Gaza Strip.

- (iii) Sufa Crossing is closed.
- (iv) Karm Abu Salim (Karem Shalom) Crossing is partially for transportation of food supplies and humanitarian aid.

#### **GENERAL**

# POLITICAL PRISONERS

• A Prisoner's Deteriorated Health Conditions: On behalf of political prisoners held in Section # 8 in the Megiddo Prison, the Palestinian Prisoners' Club announced that Munadhel ash Sharqawi, a resident of the town of Az Zababida in the district of Jenin, is in a permanent state of unconsciousness. In light of deliberate medical negligence, the Palestinian Prisoners' Club demanded that Ash Sharqawi receive proper medical attention, along with all other ill prisoners.