مجموعة الرقابة الفلسطينية



PALESTINIAN MONITORING GROUP

DAILY SITUATION REPORT

08:00 16 June 2011 - 08:00 17 June 2011

SUMMARY OF EVENTS

EVENT	WEST BANK	GAZA STRIP	TOTAL	NOTES
Attacks	3	1	4	Incl. 1 in a raid and 1 from a mil. post
Raids	21	_	21	Incl. 4 in Salfit and 5 in Hebron
Air Patrol	_	1	1	Reconnaissance aircraft, Khan Yunis
Arrests (per Person)	8	_	8	Incl. 2 children
Detentions	14	_	14	Incl. a Palestinian Civil Defence officer
Wall Construction	14	_	14	Incl. in Salfit, Bethlehem & Hebron
Destruction of Property	3	_	3	Incl. a house window glass broken
Closure of Checkpoints	8		8	Incl. access impeded at 5 checkpoints
Flying Checkpoints	21		21	Incl. 7 in Nablus and 4 in Bethlehem
Closure (per District)	8		8	Incl. Jerusalem and 5 areas in Hebron
Closure of Main Roads	44		44	Incl. 10 in Nablus and 14 in Hebron
Closure of Crossing Points		4	4	Incl. humanitarian cases allowed access
Settlement Activity	1		1	Street names in Jerusalem changed
Settler Violence	2		2	A house and vehicles stoned in Salfit
Provocation of Pal. Forces	3	_	3	Incl. a Police station photographed
Demonstration	1		1	Against land levelling and seizure
Palestinian Attack	_	1	1	A mortar fired towards the Green Line
TOTAL	151	7	158	

DISTRICT EVENTS

WEST BANK

• Closure:

- (i) The Israeli army continues to intensify restrictions at checkpoints located at the entrances to Jerusalem city and to prevent civilians from other Palestinian districts from entering the city, only allowing access to civilians holding special permits.
- (ii) The Israeli army continues to close the 'demarcation area' along the Wall in the area surrounding Jerusalem city and restrict access to the area to local residents as well as to civilians holding special permits.
- (iii) The Israeli army continues to impose a blockade and deny civilian access to a hill between Biddu and Beit Iksa villages.

• Closure of Main Roads:

- (i) The Israeli army continues to close with cement blocks and dirt barricades the entrance to the village of Jaba'.
- (ii) The Israeli army continues to close the iron gate along the Wall section, separating the area of Dahiyat al Bareed from the town of Ar Ram.
- (iii) The Israeli army continues to close with an iron gate the eastern entrance to Beit Iksa village and force civilians to access Jerusalem city through Qalandiya checkpoint.
- <u>Checkpoint</u>: The Israeli authorities continue to consider Qalandiya checkpoint a "border crossing point" and designates a special crossing lane for holders of Jerusalem IDs and those possessing permits to access Jerusalem city.

JERUSALEM

• Raids/Provocation of Palestinian Forces:

- (i) At 09:15, the Israeli army raided and patrolled Biddu town. Meantime, the Israeli army took photographs of the town's Palestinian Police station.
- (ii) At 09:40, the Israeli army raided Abu Dis town and arrested a civilian.
- <u>Arrest</u>: The Israeli army arrested Mohammed Ali Ahmed Muhsen in Abu Dis town.
- <u>Settlement Activity</u>: On 16 June 2011, the Israeli authorities started to change Arabic names of Palestinian streets in Jerusalem city into Jewish Hebrew ones. To this effect, the Israeli authorities have installed signs in Hebrew, English, and Arabic respectively.

• Wall Gates:

- (i) The Israeli army continues to close with cement blocks the Wall gate in Abu Dis town.
- (ii) The Israeli army continues to deny civilian access through the Wall gate on Ash Shayyah road in the area between As Sawahira ash Sharqiya and As Sawahira al Gharbiya villages, 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 north of Qalandiya village; south of Az Za'ayyem village; and in Wadi al 'Eizariya west of Ma'ale Adumim settlement.

RAMALLAH & EL BIREH	 Closure of Main Roads: The Israeli army continues to close the entrances to Sinjil town and Saffa village as well as the junction to Kafr Malik and 'Ein Samiya villages. Flving Checkpoints: At 18:30, the Israeli army set up two flying checkpoints at the entrances to An Nabi Salih and 'Ein Qiniya villages and searched civilians and vehicles. At 21:25, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint in the area between Beit 'Ur at Tahta and Beit 'Ur al Foqa villages and searched civilians and vehicles. Raids: At 11:15, the Israeli army raided and patrolled Jifna village. At 24:00, the Israeli army raided 'Arura town and patrolled it until 01:10. At 02:15, the Israeli army raided and patrolled Qarawat Bani Zeid village. Demonstration: At 10:30, a mass demonstration took place in Deir Qaddis village in protest against the construction of a new settler bypass road and confiscation of civilian land for implementation of settlement projects. While intercepting the demonstration, confrontations took place between the Israeli army and protestors, during which a number of participants were injured as a result of tear gas inhalation. Wall Construction: Wall construction continues in the area west of 'Abud town in the area surrounding 'Ofarim settlement and north of Al Lubban al
JENIN	 Gharbi and Rantis villages. Closure of Main Road: The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the road leading to the town of 'Arraba east of Dotan settlement. 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	 Checkpoint: Though allowing civilian access to the Northern Jordan Valley between 06:00 and 22:00, the Israeli army continues to intensify its restrictions at Tayasir checkpoint east of the city of Tubas. Flying Checkpoint: At 23:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint in the area between 'Aqqaba town and Sir village and searched civilians and vehicles. Detentions: At 12:00, the Israeli army detained two civilians near Mechola settlement in the Northern Jordan Valley area: Sari Mohammed Faleh Jaber; and 'Urwah Mohammed 'Awadh Rawashdeh. At 12:55, the Israeli army released both civilians.
TULKAREM	Closure of Main Roads: The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the road connecting Kafr al Labad town to Shufa village as well as the road connecting Shufa and 'Izbat Shufa villages.

	 (ii) The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the detour road leading to Ramin village along the Tulkarem-Nablus main road. • Checkpoint: The Israeli army continues to intensify restrictions and impede civilian access at 'Einav checkpoint on the Tulkarem-Nablus main road. • Flying Checkpoint: At 08:10, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the junction to Beit Lid town and searched civilians and vehicles. • Raid: At 19:15, the Israeli army raided and patrolled Qaffin town. • Wall Gates: Passage through the wall gates is restricted to civilians granted special Israeli permits. • Wall Construction: Land levelling for adjustment of the Wall route continues in the area surrounding Jubara village. According to an Israeli High Court decision, the new Wall route will be constructed west of the village.
QALQILYA	 Closure of Roads: The Israeli army continues to close with cement blocks agricultural roads east of the town of 'Azzun. Raids/Detentions: At 14:15, the Israeli army raided An Nabi Elyas village, searched a mechanic's workshop, and detained as well as interrogated two civilians: Malek Abdul Latif Majd; and Khaled Ali Radhwan. The Israeli army released both detained civilians after recording the numbers of their cellular telephones. At 15:00, the Israeli army raided and patrolled 'Asla village. At 02:30, the Israeli army raided 'Azzun town. While patrolling the area, confrontations took place between the Israeli army and civilians. Wall Gates: The Israeli army continues to intensify its restrictions at 'Azzun 'Atma Wall gate and to search civilians, including students, with a metal detector. The Israeli army continues close with an iron gate the entrance to the village of Wadi ar Rasha and to deny civilian access. The Israeli army allows residents to access the village through Gate #109. Having removed the iron gate at the entrance to the village of Ras 'Atiya, the Israeli army only allows students to cross to their schools outside the village through the Habla gate. Wall Construction: Wall construction continues in Kafr Laqif village north of Karnei Shomron settlement; in Immatin village northeast of Imanuel settlement; and east of Kafr Thulth town near Ma'ale Shomron settlement.
NABLUS	• Closure of Main Roads: (i) The Israeli army continues to close the roads of Till-Burin and Beit Furik-Salem; the settler bypass road connecting the village of Deir al Hatab to the settlement of Alon Moreh; the road connecting the town of 'Aqraba to the village of Osarin; and the detour road between the town of Qabalan and the village of Osarin.

- (ii) The Israeli army continues to close the northern entrance to the town of Qabalan; the southern entrances to the town of Jamma'in and the villages of Duma and Qaryut; and the western entrance to An Naqura village opposite the settlement of Shavei Shomron.
- <u>Checkpoints</u>: The Israeli army continues to regulate times for crossing checkpoints set up around the city of Nablus:
- (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.
- (ii) 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 vehicles can access the city of Nablus, but only commercial vehicles and ambulances can leave the city through the checkpoint.

• Flying Checkpoints/Provocation of Palestinian Forces:

- (i) At 08:30, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the junction to Burin village and searched civilians and vehicles until 09:20.
- (ii) At 16:40, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the junction to Beita town and searched civilians and vehicles. The Israeli army also obstructed access to a Palestinian Civil Defence vehicle, detained Mus'ab adh Dhamiri, a Palestinian Civil Defence officer, and sprayed gas on his face. At 20:30, the Israeli army released Adh Dhamiri.
- (iii) At 18:00, and again at 01:40, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the junction to Deir Sharaf village and searched civilians and vehicles
- (iv) At 18:10, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to Salem village and searched civilians and vehicles.
- (v) At 21:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint near the junction to Deir Sharaf village on the Nablus-Tulkarem main road and searched civilians and vehicles.
- (vi) At 02:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the junction to Sarra village on the Nablus-Qalqiliya main road and searched civilians and vehicles until 02:55.
- Raid: At 10:15, the Israeli army raided Huwwara town and arrested a civilian.

• Arrests:

- (i) At 01:15 on 16 June 2011, the Israeli army arrested Rasem Yousef Aqra' during its raid into Qabalan town, as was reported yesterday.
- (ii) The Israeli army arrested Muhannad Zuheir Yousef Shreidah in Huwwara town.

• Closure of Main Roads:

SALFIT

- (i) The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the northern entrance to Salfit city and with cement blocks the northern entrance to the Bruqin town.
- (ii) The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the entrance to two detour roads connecting Marda village to respective farmland.

	 (iii) Beginning on 14 November 2010, the Israeli army has continued to open the northern entrance to Salfit city to civilian buses only. The entrance had been closed for seven years. • Checkpoint: At 16:40, the Israeli army intensified restrictions and impeded civilian access at the Za'tara junction checkpoint. • Raids/Destruction of Property: At 23:00, the Israeli army raided and patrolled Kafr ad Dik town. At 23:20, the Israeli army raided Kifl Haris town and provided protection to a group of Israeli settlers, who visited a religious shrine in the town. Meanwhile, Israeli settlers threw stones at a civilian house and vehicles, breaking window glass of the house as well as windshields of two vehicles. At 03:30, the Israeli army and settlers withdrew from the area. (iii) At 00:20, the Israeli army raided and patrolled Farkha and Khirbet Qeis villages. • Settler Violence: At 03:35, a group of Israeli settlers threw stones at civilian vehicles near the Za'tara junction checkpoint. • Wall Construction: Wall construction continues in the area north of Deir Istiya town southeast of Emmanuel settlement.
JERICHO	 Closure of Main Road: The Israeli army continues to close Road # 90 between Jericho city and Al 'Auja village with cement blocks. Checkpoints: The Israeli army continues to intensify restrictions at Al Hamra checkpoint set up along Al Badhan road connecting Jericho and Nablus districts, only allowing access to residents of Jericho district of the Jordan Valley area. The Israeli army continues to intensify restrictions at the checkpoint set up on the junction to Al 'Auja village along Al-Mu'arrajat road connecting Jericho and Ramallah districts, only allowing access to residents of Jericho district as well as to others holding access permits. Flying Checkpoints: At 08:30, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the southern entrance to Jericho city. At 19:00, the Israeli army set up another checkpoint and searched civilians and vehicles until 21:10. Raid: At 10:10, the Israeli army raided Jericho city, took photographs of a number of houses, and withdrew at 12:30.
BETHLEHEM	 Closure: The Israeli army continues to close roads to An Nu'man village, with the exception of the road leading to the Wall gate in the southeastern area of the village. Beginning on 15 September 2007, the Israeli army has continued to prevent civilians from accessing or staying on 22 dunums of confiscated land in Al Mazmuriya area in Beit Sahur and Bethlehem cities.

• Closure of Main Roads: The Israeli army continues to close the Beit Jala-Wadi Ahmed road; a road east of Beit Fajjar town; the road connecting Tuqu' town to Khirbet al Baq'a village; and the detour road connecting Wadi Fukin and Al Jab'a villages.

• Flying Checkpoints/Provocation of Palestinian Forces:

- (i) At 09:20, and again at 23:15, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on An Nashash junction (the southern entrance to Bethlehem city) and searched civilians and vehicles.
- (ii) At 19:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the northwestern entrance to Beit Jala city and searched civilians and vehicles.
- (iii) At 19:50, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint near the junction to Kfar 'Etzion settlement on the Bethlehem-Hebron main road, searched civilians and vehicles, and detained a Palestinian National Security vehicle transporting five officers. Israeli troops released the vehicle and officers at 20:10 after coordination with the Israeli authorities (through the DCO).
- Raid/Attack: At 23:35, the Israeli army raided and patrolled Wadi an Nis village. Meantime, the Israeli army opened indiscriminate fire and fired flares.
- Arrests: At 01:25 on 16 June 2011, the Israeli army arrested three civilians, including two children, during its raid into Husan village, as was reported yesterday:
- (i) Ayman Mohammed Mahmoud Sabatin, 17 years old;
- (ii) 'Ubaydah Mohammed Theeb Sabatin, 17 years old; and
- (iii) Salah Khalil Ibrahim Hamamreh.
- <u>Wall Construction</u>: Wall construction continues in the area northwest of Beit Jala city; around Al Walaja village; and east of Efrat settlement.

• Closure:

- (i) The Israeli army continues to close Ash Shuhada' Street, As Sahleh and Khuzq al Far areas, and the old gold market in the old city of Hebron. In addition to closing the entrance to Al Qeisi neighbourhood, the Israeli army continues to close the entrances to the area of Al Hisba (the fruits and vegetables market) with an iron gate and Al Laban Market with iron plates.
- (ii) Beginning on 05 January 2009, the Israeli army has continued to close the area located along the Green Line south of the town of Yatta. Having seized land for Wall construction, the Israeli army evacuated residents and denied civilian access to the area.

• Closure of Main Roads:

- (i) The Israeli army continues to close the entrances to Adh Dhahiriya and As Samoa' towns, Al 'Arrub refugee camp, and At Tuwani and Al Karmil villages.
- (ii) The Israeli army continues to prohibit Palestinian vehicles from travelling along Ash Shalala Old Street in the old city of Hebron.

Hebron

- (iii) The Israeli army continues to close all roads leading to Road # 60 as well as detour roads along the settler bypass road leading to Yatta town.
- Flying Checkpoints: At 09:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint in Wadi Qabbun area north of Hebron city and searched civilians and vehicles.

• Raids:

- (i) At 00:30 on 16 June 2011, the Israeli army raided Adh Dhahiriya town and searched a house.
- (ii) At 09:10, the Israeli army raided and patrolled Beit Ummar town.
- (iii) At 13:20 and again at 16:45, the Israeli army raided and patrolled Hebron city.
- (iv) At 01:20, the Israeli army raided Al Birka area in Yatta town and arrested two civilians.
- Arrests: The Israeli army arrested two civilians in Al Birka area in Yatta town:
- (i) Fadi Rabah Hussein Huzeirat; and
- (ii) Rabah Hussein Huzeirat.
- <u>Wall Construction</u>: Wall construction continues in the area surrounding Eshkolot settlement west of Adh Dhahiriya town.

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. The ceasefire has been further renewed on 10 April 2011. • Violations of the Ceasefire: (i) The Israeli army opened fire from its location on the Green Line on civilian property in Khan Yunis district. (ii) Armed Palestinian individuals fired a mortar towards the Green Line.

NORTHERN GAZA • Closure of Crossing Point: Beit Hanun (Erez) Crossing was partially open to previously-coordinated critically ill civilians, foreign journalists, international organisations staff, merchants, businesspeople, and civilians intending to travel to Jordan through Al Karama (Allenby) Bridge in the West Bank. • Closure of Crossing Points: (i) Al Muntar (Karnei) Crossing is closed. Beginning on 02 March 2011, the Crossing has been effectively closed upon an Israeli unilateral decision.

	(ii) Ash Shuja'iya (Nahal 'Oz) Crossing is closed. Beginning on 04 January 2010, the Crossing has been closed upon an Israeli unilateral decision.				
CENTRAL GAZA	Activities not reported.				
KHAN YUNIS	 Attack/Air Patrol: In the evening of 16 June 2011, the Israeli army opened intensive fire from its location on the Green Line on civilian farmland along the Border Fence east of Khan Yunis city. Meantime, Israeli reconnaissance aircraft patrolled the skies over the area. Palestinian Attack: In the evening of 16 June 2011, an unidentified mortar was fired towards the Green Line. 				
RAFAH	 Closure of Crossing Points: Yasser 'Arafat International Airport remains closed. Rafah (Al 'Awdah) Crossing is open to civilians departing the Gaza Strip and to those arriving from Egypt. Sufa Crossing is closed. Karm Abu Salem (Karem Shalom) Crossing was partially open for the transportation of food supplies, goods, humanitarian aid, and cooking gas. In addition to 20 vehicles imported by the private sector, construction cargo designated to internationally-funded projects was transported through the Crossing. 				