

مجموعة الرقابة الفلسطينية



PALESTINIAN MONITORING GROUP

DAILY SITUATION REPORT
 08:00 04 May 2005 – 08:00 05 May 2005

SUMMARY OF EVENTS

| EVENT | WEST BANK | GAZA STRIP | TOTAL | NOTES |
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| Deaths | 2 | — | 2 | 2 children in Beit Liqya in Ramallah |
| Physical Assault | 1 | — | 1 | 1 civilian severely beaten |
| Injuries | 11 | — | 11 | Incl. a number of foreign nationals |
| Attacks | 3 | — | 3 | During confrontations |
| Raids | 17 | — | 17 | Incl. 6 in Bethlehem & 3 in Hebron |
| Air Patrol | 1 | — | 1 | Helicopters over Al Khadr |
| Arrests (per person) | 5 | 1 | 6 | Incl. 2 Palestinian security officers |
| Detentions | 12 | 1 | 13 | Incl. students returning from a trip |
| Wall Construction | 22 | — | 22 | Incl. Jer., Jenin, Ram'lah, Beth., Salfit |
| Land Confiscation | 2 | — | 2 | Orders issued to confiscate land |
| House Occupation | 1 | — | 1 | In the village of Al Fandaqumiya |
| Curfews | 2 | — | 2 | Silat adh Dhahr and Al Fandaqumiya |
| Checkpoints | (All) | — | (All) | |
| Flying Checkpoints | 14 | — | 14 | Incl. 2 in Ramallah & 4 in Jenin |
| Closure (per District) | 5 | — | 5 | Incl. Jerusalem & Jericho (partially) |
| Closure of Main Roads | (Unidentified) | (9) | — | Incl. 3 partially |
| Closure of Wall Gates | (All) | — | (All) | Incl. searches at 'Azzun 'Atma |
| Closure of Crossing Points | — | 3 | 3 | Incl. 2 partially open |
| Medical Obstruction | 1 | — | 1 | Ambulances denied access |
| Obstruction of Elections | 2 | — | 2 | Incl. civilians impeded access |
| Provocation of Pal. Forces | 2 | — | 2 | Incl. 1 Police vehicle halted |
| Palestinian Attacks | 1 | 2 | 3 | Incl. open fire towards a checkpoint |
| Pal. Security Measures | — | 4 | 4 | Incl. attempts to fire mortars blocked |
| Demonstrations | 2 | — | 2 | In Bil'in and Beit Liqya |
| TOTAL | 106 | 11 | 117 | |

| DISTRICT | EVENT |
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| ALL DISTRICTS | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Beginning on 11 November 2004, following the official announcement of the death of President Yasser Arafat, the Israeli army continues to impose a total closure on the West Bank, preventing civilians and workers from crossing the Green Line. |
| WEST BANK | |
| JERUSALEM | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Closure: Israeli troops positioned at checkpoints set up at the entrances to the city of Jerusalem continue to prevent civilians from other districts from entering the city. Closure of Main Road: The Israeli army continues to close Ar Ram junction leading to the town of Bir Nabala for Wall construction. Checkpoints: The Israeli army continues to intensify its restrictions at Qalandiya and An Nabi Samwil checkpoints and obstruct civilian movement. Wall Gates: The Israeli army continues to close the Wall gate in the town of Abu Dis with cement blocks. Wall Construction: Wall construction continues in Dahiyat al Aqbat, the villages of Hizma and 'Anata, the Hizma-Jaba' road, the area of Al 'Eizariya, near Al Quds University, the area of Ash Shayyah, in the town of As Sawahira ash Sharqiya, the village of Beit Surik, and in the area of Al Judeira, Bir Nabala, and Beit Hanina. Obstruction of Palestinian Local Elections: The Israeli army prevented Palestinian Police officers from dispatching in the villages and towns of the district of Jerusalem, where Palestinian local elections will take place, despite a prior agreement to maintain security during the electoral process. |
| RAMALLAH & EL BIREH | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Wall Construction: Wall construction continues in Budrus, Midya, Ni'lin, Deir Qaddis, Bil'in, Saffa, Beit Liqya, and Beituniya. Flying Checkpoint: The Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to the village of Deir Abu Mash'al, searched civilian vehicles, and impeded civilian movement. Raids: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> At 12:30, the Israeli army raided the city of Ramallah, searched 1 house, and arrested 1 civilian. The Israeli army also set up a checkpoint in the neighbourhood of Um ash Sharayet and searched civilians and vehicles until 13:30. At 15:50, the Israeli army, including 3 jeeps, raided the city of El Bireh and patrolled several neighbourhoods. The Israeli army raided the town of Deir Ghassana and searched 1 house. Arrest: The Israeli army arrested Mahmoud Ibrahim Jabra in the city of Ramallah. |

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| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Killings:</u> The Israeli army killed 2 children in the village of Beit Liqya: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (i) 'Uday Mufid 'Assi, 15 years old; and (ii) Jamal Jabr 'Assi, 17 years old. • <u>Demonstrations/Medical Obstruction:</u> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (i) 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 civilians, during which the Israeli army injured 11 civilians and a number of peace activists. (ii) At 16:30, a demonstration took place in the village of Beit Liqya in protest against Wall construction and the closure of an agricultural detour road leading to the village of Khirbet Nasser. Confrontations took place between the Israeli army and civilians, during which the Israeli army critically injured 2 children. The 2 children died after the Israeli army prevented medics from offering them first aid treatment and ambulances from transporting them to hospital. |
| JENIN | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Closure of Main Road:</u> At 15:00, the Israeli army closed the road to the town 'Arraba with cement blocks. • <u>Checkpoint:</u> The Israeli army intensified its restrictions at Tayasir checkpoint east of the town of Tubas and prevented farmers from accessing their land in the northern Jordan Valley, despite the fact that they possess access permits. • <u>Wall Gates:</u> Passage through the Wall gates is restricted to civilians granted special Israeli permits. • <u>Wall Construction:</u> Wall construction continues in Jalbun towards Al Mutilla, Raba, Al Mughayyir, Bardala and 'Ein al Beida, and towards the Jordan River. • <u>Flying Checkpoints/Detention:</u> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 12:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to the village of Jaba', searched civilian vehicles, and detained 1 bus transporting students returning from a school trip for an extended period of time. (ii) At 14:35, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the junction to the village of Sanur and arrested 1 officer. (iii) At 01:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the southern entrance to the city of Jenin and searched civilians and vehicles until 02:30. • <u>Raids/Curfew/House Occupation:</u> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 12:15, the Israeli army raided the village of Al Fandaqumiya. At 16:00, the Israeli army raided the village again, imposed curfew, occupied 1 house, converted it into a military post, and set up a checkpoint at the entrance to the village. Confrontations took place between the Israeli army and civilians. (ii) At 20:00, the Israeli army, including 3 jeeps, raided the town of Silat |

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| | <p>adh Dhahr and imposed curfew, claiming that a number of civilians threw stones at an Israeli vehicle. At 01:00, the Israeli army withdrew from the area.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Arrest:</u> Israeli troops positioned at the flying checkpoint set up on the junction to the village of Sanur arrested Amir Ahmed Fodi, a Palestinian National Security officer. |
| TULKAREM | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Checkpoint:</u> The Israeli army continues to close Al Kafriyyat checkpoint, preventing civilians from crossing in both directions. • <u>Wall Gates:</u> Passage through the Wall gates is restricted to civilians granted special Israeli permits. • <u>Flying Checkpoint:</u> At 08:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the junction to the settlement of 'Einav and searched civilians and vehicles. • <u>Raid:</u> At 24:00, the Israeli army raided and patrolled Dahiyat Irtah. • <u>Provocation of Palestinian Forces:</u> At 13:45, Israeli troops positioned at Al Kafriyyat checkpoint detained 1 Palestinian Police vehicle, while it was travelling to the village of Shufa to guard Palestinian local election ballot boxes, for an extended period of time. • <u>Obstruction of Palestinian Local Elections:</u> At 08:00, the Israeli army intensified its restrictions at Al Kafriyyat checkpoint and the flying checkpoint set up on the junction to the settlement of 'Einav and prevented civilians from crossing, despite the fact that Palestinian local elections had already commenced in the towns and villages of the district of Tulkarem. |
| QALQILYA | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Wall Gates:</u> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Passage through the Wall gates is restricted to civilians granted special Israeli permits. (ii) The Israeli army continues to intensify its restrictions at 'Azzun 'Atma Wall gate and search civilians with a metal detector. |
| NABLUS | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Checkpoint:</u> The Israeli army intensified its restrictions at Za'tara junction checkpoint and prevented civilians from crossing in both directions. • <u>Detentions:</u> At 18:10, Israeli troops positioned at Huwwara checkpoint detained 2 university students: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Ahmed Mohammed Al Ashqar; and (ii) Malek Talal Abdul Ghani. • <u>Palestinian Attack:</u> At 18:20, armed Palestinian individuals opened fire from the outskirts of the village of Kafr Qalil towards 'Awarta checkpoint. |
| SALFIT | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Closure of Main Road:</u> The Israeli army continues to open the iron gate set up at the entrance to the village of Yasuf from morning until 18:00 only. • <u>Wall Construction:</u> Land levelling for Wall construction continues in the town of Deir Ballut and the village of Az Zawiya near the Green Line. |

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| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Flying Checkpoints:</u> (i) At 08:30, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint between the towns of Kafr ad Dik and Bruqin, searched civilian vehicles, and impeded civilian movement. (ii) The Israeli army set up 2 flying checkpoints at the entrances to the villages of Az Zawiya and Yasuf, searched civilians, and detained them for an extended period of time. • <u>Raid:</u> At 21:20, the Israeli army raided the town of Kifl Haris in order to protect a group of Israeli settlers as they were performing religious rituals at the shrine of the Prophet Thu al Kifl. |
| JERICHO | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Closure:</u> The road between the city of Jericho and the village of Al ‘Auja (Road # 90) is closed with cement blocks. At various times, the Israeli army impeded civilian movement into the city of Jericho. • <u>Land Confiscation:</u> The Israeli army issued orders to confiscate the land on which Al Hamra and Ma’ale Efrayim checkpoints are set up. • <u>Provocation of Palestinian Forces:</u> At 07:45 on 05 May 2005, the Israeli army forced 1 Palestinian Police patrol to stop at the entrance to the village of Al Jiftlik, claiming that Police officers wore their official uniforms outside the area permitted. Israeli troops ordered the Police officers to return to the village in a provocative manner. |
| BETHLEHEM | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Closure:</u> The Israeli army continues to close the only road leading to the village of Al Nu’man, northeast of the Bethlehem district, isolating the village and placing it, together with the adjacent village of Al Khas, under the jurisdiction of the Jerusalem municipality. The Israeli army considers the civilian presence in the villages illegal. • <u>Checkpoint:</u> At 13:10, Israeli troops positioned at the DCO checkpoint in the city of Beit Jala prevented civilian vehicles travelling to, or coming from, the city of Hebron from crossing. • <u>Wall Construction:</u> Wall construction continues north of ‘Ayda refugee camp towards the area north of the city of Beit Jala, and west of the village of Husan. • <u>Raids/Physical Assault:</u> (i) At 11:40, the Israeli army raided the city of Bethlehem and ‘Ayda refugee camp, set up a checkpoint near Bilal Bin Rabah Mosque (Rachel’s Tomb), and severely beat Wisam Issa Abdullah. At 11:50, the Israeli army withdrew from the area. (ii) At 11:45, Israeli army patrols raided and patrolled the towns of Al Khadr and ‘Ubeidiya and the village of Dar Salah until 17:20. (iii) At 20:20, an Israeli army patrol raided the town of Al Khadr, set up a checkpoint in the town centre, and searched civilians and vehicles until 20:40. • <u>Air Patrol:</u> At 14:00, 2 Israeli army helicopters patrolled the skies over the town of Al Khadr. |

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| HEBRON | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) The Israeli army continues to close Al Shuhada' Street and the area of As Sahleh in the H2 section of the city of Hebron with cement blocks and barbed wire, denying civilians and vehicles access. (ii) The Israeli army continues to close Shalala Street with cement blocks. • Wall Construction: Wall construction continues west of the towns of Surif, Beit Ula, in the town of Idhna, and west of the town of Beit 'Awwa in the area extending from the village of Deir Samit, in the town of Beit 'Awwa, and towards the village of Al Burj. • Flying Checkpoints: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 15:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to the town of Idhna, searched civilian vehicles, and arrested 2 civilians. (ii) At 07:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the junction to the village of At Turrama, searched civilian vehicles, and impeded civilian movement. • Raids: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 17:45, Israeli army infantry forces raided the neighbourhood of Ash Sheikh in the city of Hebron, searched civilians, examined their IDs, and detained a number of civilians for an extended period of time. At 23:30, the Israeli army raided the city of Hebron again and patrolled several neighbourhoods. (ii) At 20:20, an Israeli army patrol raided the town of Dura, searched 1 house, and arrested 1 officer. • Arrests: Israeli troops positioned at the flying checkpoint set up at the entrance to the town of Idhna arrested 2 civilians: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Mohammed Hisham 'Awadh; and (ii) Hazem Jibreel al Jayyawi. (iii) The Israeli army arrested Abdul 'Aziz Hassan 'Amr, a Palestinian Police officer, in the town of Dura. |
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| NORTHERN GAZA | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure: Beit Hanun (Erez) Crossing is partially open (to humanitarian cases and VIPs only). • Palestinian Attacks: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 20:20, 2 unidentified mortars were fired and landed on Palestinian territory. 1 mortar did not explode. (ii) At 03:40, 1 unidentified mortar was fired towards the Green Line. • Palestinian Security Measures: At 23:00, Palestinian security patrols prevented armed Palestinian individuals from firing mortars from the area surrounding the town of Beit Lahiya and the area of Al 'Atatira. |
| GAZA | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Nitsareem junction remains closed. |

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| | (ii) Al Shuhada Junction-Al Muntar Crossing road is closed. |
| CENTRAL GAZA | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Activities not reported. |
| KHAN YUNIS | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Abu Al 'Ajin road (Khan Yunis Al Sharqiya) is closed. (ii) Western road (Khan Yunis) remains closed. (iii) Al Mawasi/Khan Yunis road (Al Tuffah checkpoint) is partially open. (iv) Deir al Balah junction to Abu Holi checkpoint (Kfar Darom road) is closed. (v) Morag road, connecting Khan Yunis' eastern and western roads, is closed. (vi) Abu Holi Road is open. At 14:55, the Israeli army allowed private civilian vehicles, transporting 2 or more civilians, to travel along Salah ad Din road between Abu Holi and Al Matahin checkpoints. (The Israeli army had been preventing private vehicles from travelling along Salah ad Din road for over 1 year). • Palestinian Security Measures: At 23:00, Palestinian security patrols prevented armed Palestinian individuals from firing mortars from the area surrounding the settlement of Nitsareem south of Gaza city. |
| RAFAH | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Yasser Arafat International Airport remains closed. (ii) Al Mawasi/Rafah road is partially open. (iii) Sufa Crossing is partially open to construction cargo only. (iv) Alon – Tall as Sultan checkpoint, at the entrance to Al Mawasi/Rafah, south of the city of Deir al Balah, is partially open. • Arrest: On 02 May 2005, Israeli troops positioned at Rafah Crossing arrested Nizar Rabah Kuheil while he was returning from Egypt. • Detention: At 19:00, Israeli troops positioned at Rafah Crossing detained Ahmed Fawzi Abu Teir for an extended period of time before releasing him. • Palestinian Security Measures: At 14:15, a Palestinian security patrol dismantled a suspicious object discovered near Point 221 on the Green Line south of Sufa Crossing. |

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| POLITICAL PRISONERS | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Conditions of Detention: Political detainees held in Ketziot Military Prison Camp have been subject to deteriorating conditions of detention, including an infestation of vermin in prison tents. The Israeli army has also prevented family visits to detainees. |
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