# مجموعة الرقابة الفلسطينية



## PALESTINIAN MONITORING GROUP

## **DAILY SITUATION REPORT**

08:00 07 May 2009 - 08:00 08 May 2009

## **SUMMARY OF EVENTS**

EVENT	WEST BANK	GAZA STRIP	TOTAL	NOTES
Physical Assaults	3		3	School students severely beaten, Qalqiliya
Attacks	2	1	3	Incl. 1 by navy boats and 1 by settlers
Raids	24	_	25	Incl. 3 in Ramallah and 10 in Hebron
Air Patrols	2	2	4	Incl. troops dispatched by helicopters
Arrests (per person)	16	4	20	Incl. 7 university students & 4 fishermen
Detentions	16	_	16	Incl. a bus transporting school students
Wall Construction	21	_	21	Incl. Jer., Raml'h., Salfit, & Qalqiliya
House Occupation	1	_	1	Converted into a military post in Salfit
Closure of Checkpoints	12	_	12	Incl. access impeded at 8 checkpoints
Flying Checkpoints	18	_	18	Incl. 4 in Bethlehem and 4 in Hebron
Closure (per District)	7	_	7	Incl. Nu'man and Mazmuriya, Bethlehem
Closure of Main Roads	53	_	53	Incl. 7 in Bethlehem and 19 in Hebron
Closure of Crossing Points	_	3	3	4 crossing points partially open
Settler Violence	2	_	2	Fire opened and a village raided
TOTAL	178	10	188	

#### 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 its restrictions at checkpoints located at the entrances to the city of Jerusalem. The Israeli army also continues to close the entrances to Al Aqsa Mosque compound in the old city of Jerusalem and impede civilian access to the mosque.
- (ii) 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).
- (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 it its geographical significance as it overlooks the city of Jerusalem.

#### • 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.
- <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/Attack</u>: At 22:15, an Israeli settler pursued and opened fire towards 2 civilians near the village of Mikhmas.

## • 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.

#### **JERUSALEM**

#### Closure of Main Roads: The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades and cement blocks the road connecting the villages of Ras Karkar and Kharbatha Bani Harith; the entrances to the villages of Sinjil, Saffa, and 'Ein Yabrud; and the junction to the villages of Kafr Malik – 'Ein Samiya. Checkpoint: The Israeli army continues to intensify restrictions at the checkpoint on the overpass to 'Atara town and impede civilian access. Flying Checkpoint: At 23:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the overpass to the village of Yabrud and searched civilians and vehicles. At 11:20, and again at 03:40, the Israeli army raided and patrolled (i) the city of El Bireh. (ii) At 22:15, the Israeli army raided the town of Silwas after unidentified individuals opened fire towards an Israeli army patrol, while it was travelling along the settler bypass road near the town. RAMALLAH Confrontations took between the civilians and the Israeli army while & it was searching a number of houses. EL BIREH Arrests: The Israeli army arrested 7 civilians, including 6 university students, during its raid into the town of Bir Zeit, in addition to those reported yesterday: (i) Wisam Qasem al Jamal; (ii) Ridha Riyadh Hamad; Ridha Jamal Hamad; (iii) (iv) Ahmed Ali Hussein; (v) Abdul Rahman Mohammed Badwan; (vi) Hasan Bilal Takrouri; and (vii) Mohammed adh Dhumeiri. Settler Violence: At 13:30, a group of Israeli settlers gained access into the area of Al Harasha in the vicinity of the town of Al Mazra'a al Qibliya and made a tour between civilian houses until 14:00. 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. 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 Checkpoint: At 20:30, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to the town of Silat adh Dhahr and searched civilians and **JENIN** vehicles. Raids: At 18:20, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the village of Al Fanduqumiya. 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.

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TUBAS	<ul> <li>Checkpoint: The Israeli army continues to close Tayasir checkpoint in the eastern Tubas district, denying civilian access to the Northern Jordan Valley, except for civilians whose IDs indicate that their place of residence is the Northern Jordan Valley.</li> <li>Raids: <ol> <li>At 24:00, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the city of Tubas.</li> <li>At 00:50, the Israeli army raided the village of Al Far'a and patrolled the area until 03:00.</li> </ol> </li> </ul>
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>Flying Checkpoints: <ol> <li>At 13:30, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to the town of Qaffin and searched civilians and vehicles until 16:10.</li> <li>At 20:45, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to the village of Shufa and searched civilians and vehicles.</li> <li>At 22:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the junction to Dahiyat Irtah in the city of Tulkarem and searched civilians and vehicles.</li> </ol> </li> <li>Raids: <ol> <li>At 19:50, the Israeli army raided the village of Shufa and searched 1 house.</li> <li>At 22:20, the Israeli army raided the village of Far'un and searched 1 house.</li> </ol> </li> <li>Detention: At 14:50, Israeli troops positioned at 'Einav checkpoint detained Fadi Saleem Sharkas, a resident of Dahiyat Dhinnaba in the city of Tulkarem. Sharkas was released after he was served a summons to report to the Israeli Intelligence agency.</li> <li>Wall Gates: Passage through the wall gates is restricted to civilians granted special Israeli permits.</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>Checkpoint: The Israeli army continues to intensify restrictions at the checkpoint set up at the eastern entrance to the city of Qalqiliya and to impede civilian access.</li> <li>Flving Checkpoint: At 17:30, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint near the village of Immatin and searched civilians and vehicles.</li> <li>Detentions/Physical Assaults: At 17:30, Israeli troops positioned at the checkpoint set up at the eastern entrance to the city of Qalqiliya detained a bus transporting school students from the district of Hebron. Israeli troops also severely beat a number of students. After coordination with the Israeli authorities (through the DCO), Israeli troops released all detained students.</li> </ul>

#### • Wall Gates:

- (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 to search civilians, including students, with a metal detector.

#### • Wall Construction:

- (i) Having completed the Wall-related infrastructure, land levelling for Wall construction ceased in the towns of 'Azzun and Kafr Thulth as well as in the villages of Immatin and Kafr Laqif.
- (ii) 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.

## • Closure of Main Roads:

- (i) The Israeli army continues to close with cement blocks the roads of Sarra-Jit; Til-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.
- (ii) The Israeli army continues to restrict civilian daily passage along the Jenin-Nablus road between the junction to Deir Sharaf village and the settlement of Shavei Shomron between 06:00 and 21:00.

# • <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 neighborhood only.
- (ii) The Israeli army continues to allow Palestinians holding Israeliissued IDs to access the city of Nablus by their private vehicles through Beit Furik checkpoint and Biet Iba iron gate. Additionally, the Israeli army allows free access to physicians, who are residents of the city of Nablus.
- (iii) Beginning on 15 February 2009, the Israeli army has allowed free access by private vehicles to all residents of the city of Nablus, who are above 50 years of age and in company with their families, through checkpoints set up around the city of Nablus.
- (iv) Having removed Beit Iba checkpoint, the Israeli army installed an iron gate near the junction to the village of Deir Sharaf along the Nablus-Tulkarem main road. The iron gate is open everyday between 05:00 and 24:00 to allow civilian access without permits.

#### **NABLUS**

## Raids/Air Patrols: At 11:45, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the town of 'Asira ash (i) Shamaliya. Meanwhile, 2 Israeli combat helicopters patrolled the skies over the town as well as over neighbouring villages. (ii) At 16:00, Israeli troops, dispatched by a combat helicopter, raided and combed an area between the villages of Sabastiya and An Nagura. At 19:40, the Israeli army raided the village of Al Badhan and patrolled (iii) the area until 20:10. **Closure of Main Roads:** (i) The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the northern entrance to the city of Salfit. The Israeli army continues to close with cement blocks and iron gates (ii) the northern entrance 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 and impede civilian access at the Za'tara junction checkpoint. Flying Checkpoint: At 09:20, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the eastern entrance to the village of Yasuf and searched civilians and **SALFIT** vehicles. Raid: At 19:00, the Israeli army raided the village of Haris and patrolled the area until 20:00. House Occupation: Beginning at 17:30 on 04 May 2009, the Israeli army remained positioned in a house belonging to Yihya Hussein Samhan in the village of Haris, after it had converted it into a military post as was reported on 05 May 2009. At 08:00 on 07 May 2009, the Israeli army withdrew from the house. 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. 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: The Israeli army continues to intensify its restrictions and impede civilian access at Al Hamra checkpoint set up along Al Badhan **JERICHO** 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. Flying Checkpoint: At 05:20, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint along the main road in the centre of the village of Al 'Auja and searched civilians and vehicles.

## • <u>Closure</u>:

- (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.
- Closure of Main Roads: 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-Nazlet as Sidr in the city of Beit Jala; Al Khadr -Road # 60; Al Khadr -Beit Jala Housing Project; Wadi Rahal-Efrat; and the side road east of the town of Beit Fajjar.
- <u>Checkpoint</u>: At 21:00, the Israeli army intensified its restrictions at As Sawahira ash Sharqiya (the 'Container') checkpoint and impeded civilian access.

#### • Flying Checkpoints:

- (i) At 15:10, 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). At 19:20, the Israeli army set up another checkpoint and searched civilians and vehicles until 20:55.
- (ii) At 17:05, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the northwestern entrance to the city of Beit Jala and searched civilians and vehicles.
- (iii) At 21:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint near the junction to the settlement of Kfar 'Etzion, searched civilians and vehicles, and arrested 1 civilian.

#### • Raids:

- (i) At 01:10, the Israeli army raided the patrolled the town of Za'tara.
- (ii) At 01:20, the Israeli army raided the city of Beit Sahur and arrested 1 civilian.
- (iii) At 01:30, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the city of Beit Jala.

#### Arrests

- (i) Israeli troops positioned the flying checkpoint set up near the junction to the settlement of Kfar 'Etzion arrested Isma'il Khail 'Isa Isma'il.
- (ii) The Israeli army arrested Mohammed Fakhri Abu Rmeileh in the city of Beit Sahur.
- 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.

### **HEBRON**

**BETHLEHEM** 

#### • Closure:

(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. 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.
- (iii) On 05 January 2009, the Israeli army issued Military Order # 09/06/S 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:

- (i) The Israeli army continues to close with cement blocks the entrance to 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 Al Qeisi neighborhood in the old city of Hebron; as well as the entrances to Al 'Arrub refugee camp and the village of At Tuwani.
- (ii) The Israeli army continues to prohibit Palestinian vehicles from travelling along Ash Shalala Old Street leading to the old city of Hebron.
- (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 bypass Road # 60.
- (iv) The Israeli army continues to open the iron gate on the Farsh Al Hawa junction to Road # 35, which leads to Tarqumiya Crossing, from 05:00 until 07:00 and from 09:00 until 13:00.
- (v) The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the entrances to the village of 'Abda and Khirbet Karma.
- (vi) The Israeli army continues to close with cement blocks a side road along Road # 35 in the area of Wadi Qeizun near the overpass to the town of Halhul (the northern entrance to the city of Hebron).

### • 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 11:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint along the road connecting the city of Hebron to the town of Yatta and searched civilians and vehicles.
- (iii) At 15:20, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint in the area between the towns of Tarqumiya and Idhna and searched civilians and vehicles.
- (iv) At 21:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the junction to the village of Kharsa and searched civilians and vehicles.

## • Raids:

- (i) On 06 May 2009, the Israeli army raided the town of Beit Ummar and the village of Khirbet Safa as well as arrested 2 civilians.
- (ii) At 02:00 on 07 May 2009, the Israeli army raided the town of Surif and arrested 1 civilian.
- (iii) At 12:30, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the town of Yatta.
- (iv) At 14:25, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the city of Hebron. At 23:00, the Israeli army raided the city again, searched 1 house, and served a summons to a civilian to report to the Israeli Intelligence agency.
- (v) At 15:30, the Israeli army raided the village of Kharsa and searched 1 house.
- (vi) At 01:20, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the town of Deir Samit.
- (vii) At 03:40, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the village of Zif.
- (viii) At 04:00, the Israeli army raided the town of Beit Ummar and searched 1 house.
- Arrests: At 02:00 on 07 May 2009, the Israeli army arrested 3 civilians during its raid into Al 'Arrub refugee camp, in addition to those reported yesterday:
- (i) Saleh al Husseini;
- (ii) Bilal Khamis; and
- (iii) Jamal al Ghurouz.

The Israeli army arrested 2 civilians in the town of Beit Ummar and the village of Khirbet Safa:

- (iv) Saleh Mahmoud Ikhlayyel; and
- (v) Mu'taz 'Ayesh Ikhlayyel.
- (vi) The Israeli army arrested Khaled Mustafa Mohammed al Heeh in the town of Surif.
  - <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 as well as arrested 4 fishermen at sea off of As Sudaniya beach northwest of the town of Beit Lahiya.

<ul> <li>Closure of Crossing Point: Beit Hanun (Erez) Crossing is closed.</li> <li>Attack: In the morning on 07 May 2009, Israeli navy boats opened intensive fire towards Palestinian fishing boats at sea off of As Sudaniya beach northwest of the town of Beit Lahiya. Having impeded access to a Palestinian fishing boat, Israeli navy officers also arrested 4 fishermen.</li> <li>Arrests: Israeli navy officers arrested 4 Palestinian fishermen at sea off of As Sudaniya beach northwest of the town of Beit Lahiya, including Abdul Mu'ti al Hubeil.</li> </ul>	
<ul> <li>Closure of Crossing Points:         <ol> <li>Al Muntar (Karnei) Crossing is partially open for transportation of wheat and animal feed.</li> <li>Ash Shuja'iya (Nahal 'Oz) Crossing is partially open for transportation of fuel.</li> </ol> </li> <li>Air Patrol: At 13:40, Israeli F16 combat aircraft patrolled the skies, carried out diversionary air raids, and broke the sound barrier over the district of Gaza.</li> </ul>	
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<ul> <li>Closure of Crossing Points:         <ul> <li>Yasser 'Arafat International Airport remains closed.</li> <li>Rafah (Al 'Awdah) Crossing is open on an exceptional basis to allow access to 20 ill civilians after they had received medical treatment at Egyptian hospitals.</li> <li>Sufa Crossing is closed.</li> <li>Karm Abu Salim (Karem Shalom) Crossing is partially open for transportation of food supplies and humanitarian aid.</li> </ul> </li> <li>Air Patrol: At 13:40, Israeli F16 combat aircraft patrolled the skies and carried out diversionary air raids over the district of Rafah.</li> </ul>	

## **GENERAL**

	• <u>Sentences</u> : The Israeli military court at 'Ofar Detention and Interrogation Centre entered sentences against the following political prisoners:
POLITCAL PRISONERS	<ul> <li>(i) Ramez al Hajj, a resident of the town of Beituniya in the district of Ramallah, for 15 years in prison.</li> <li>(ii) Mirshed Abu 'Awadh, a resident of the town of Beit Ummar in the district of Hebron, for 12 months in prison; and</li> <li>(iii) Omar Ahmed 'Ayyad, a resident of the town of Beit Ummar in the district of Hebron, for 24 months in prison as well as a fine of ILS 500 (approximately USD 125).</li> </ul>