مجموعة الرقابة الفلسطينية



PALESTINIAN MONITORING GROUP

DAILY SITUATION REPORT 08:00 08 May 2005 – 08:00 09 May 2005

SUMMARY OF EVENTS

EVENT	WEST BANK	GAZA STRIP	TOTAL	NOTES
Physical Assaults	3	1	4	Incl. 1 civilian severely beaten
Attacks	2	1	3	Incl. open fire towards fishing boats
Raids	19	4	23	Incl. 2 in Tulkarem & 1 in Jericho
Arrests (per person)	15	_	15	Incl. 4 children and 1 Police officer
Detentions	4	_	4	Dozens of civilians at checkpoints
Wall Construction	22	_	22	Incl. Jer., Jenin, Ram'lah, Beth., Salfit
Destruction of Property	3	1	4	Incl. 1 public vehicle damaged
House Occupation	1	_	1	In the town of 'Illar in Tulkarem
Curfew	1	_	1	Silat adh Dhahr in the district of Jenin
Checkpoints	(All)	_	(All)	
Flying Checkpoints	6	_	6	Incl. 1 in Jenin & 1 in Tulkarem
Closure (per District)	6	_	6	Incl. the old city of Jerusalem
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
Settler Violence	3	1	4	Incl. threats to raid Al Aqsa Mosque
Provocation of Pal. Forces	1	_	1	Security patrols denied access
Pal. Security Measures	2	9	11	Incl. 1 hand grenade discovered
TOTAL	88	20	108	

DISTRICT	EVENT		
ALL DISTRICTS	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.		

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JERUSALEM	 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. The Israeli army also prevented civilians under the age of 50 from entering Al Aqsa Mosque compound, closed the old city of Jerusalem, and prevented civilians from other districts from entering the area. 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. Settler Violence: Groups of Israeli settlers threatened to raid Al Aqsa Mosque compound on 09 May 2005.
RAMALLAH & EL BIREH	 Wall Construction: Wall construction continues in Budrus, Midya, Ni'lin, Deir Qaddis, Bil'in, Saffa, Beit Liqya, and Beituniya. Raids: At 15:45, the Israeli army raided the village of Al Janiya and arrested 4 civilians, including 3 children. At 23:00, an Israeli army patrol raided the city of Ramallah. At 23:30, and again at 02:00, the Israeli army raided the city again and patrolled the area until 02:40. Arrests: The Israeli army arrested 4 civilians in the village of Al Janiya: Mohammed Faysal, 16 years old; Suhayb Taysir Fattouh, 16 years old;

	(iii) Ahmed Radhi, 17 years old; and
	 (iv) Mohammed Mahmoud Ali. Palestinian Security Measures: At 12:40, Palestinian security forces located 'Alanda Yihudia Salamon, a female Israeli citizen, in the town of Beituniya and handed her over to the Israeli army (through the DCO).
JENIN	 Wall Gates: Passage through the Wall gates is restricted to civilians granted special Israeli permits. Wall Construction: Wall construction continues in Jalbun towards Al Mutilla, Raba, Al Mughayyir, Bardala and 'Ein al Beida, and towards the Jordan River. Raids/Curfew: Beginning at 07:30 on 07 May 2005, the Israeli army remains positioned in the town of Silat adh Dhahr and continued to impose curfew until 21:00. At 03:10, the Israeli army, including 10 jeeps, raided the village of Birqin, opened fire while searching a number of houses, and arrested 7 civilians, including 1 child. At 07:00, the Israeli army withdrew from the area. The Israeli army raided the town of Ya'bad, set up a checkpoint in the town centre, searched civilian vehicles, and impeded civilian movement. Arrests: The Israeli army arrested 7 civilians in the village of Birqin: Malek Khaled ash Shalabi, 15 years old; Mahmoud Majed 'Atiq; Saleh Mahmoud Sammour; Abdullah Mahmoud Sammour; Abdullah Mahmoud Sammour; Nidhal Khaled 'Atiq; and Ahmed Khaled 'Atiq.
TULKAREM	 Wall Gates: Passage through the Wall gates is restricted to civilians granted special Israeli permits. Flying Checkpoint: At 17:20, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to the town of Deir al Ghusun and searched civilians and vehicles until 17:45. Raids/House Occupation: At 09:00, the Israeli army raided Area (A) in the town of 'Illar, occupied 1 house, and converted it into a military post. At 11:15, the Israeli army withdrew from the area. At 21:30, an Israeli army patrol raided the town of Deir al Ghusun, set up a checkpoint in the town centre, searched civilians and vehicles, and patrolled the area.

QALQILYA	 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 search civilians with a metal detector. Settler Violence: An Israeli settler from the settlement of Kedumim poisoned water wells east and south of the village of Kafr Qaddum, risking damage to crops and livestock belonging to civilians in the area.
NABLUS	 Physical Assault/Destruction of Property: At 09:30, an Israeli army jeep collided with a public vehicle in the area between the village of Sabastiya and An Naqura, injuring 2 civilians, including 1 pregnant female civilian, and causing damage to the vehicle. Detention: At 09:20, Israeli troops positioned at Huwwara checkpoint detained 2 Palestinian National Security officers for several hours and served them summons to report to the Israeli Intelligence Services: Hakam Abdul Mu'ti Makhoul; and Ihab Mohammed Al Ghawi. Palestinian Security Measures: At 10:10, Palestinian security forces located 1 hand grenade in the area of Khallet ad Deir near the settler bypass road north of the village of 'Azmut and notified the Israeli army of its location (through the DCO). The Israeli army dismantled the grenade.
SALFIT	 <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>Checkpoint</u>: At 08:30, the Israeli army intensified its restrictions at the town of Deir Ballut checkpoint and prevented civilians from crossing in both directions. <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.
JERICHO	 Closure: 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. Raid: At 23:10, the Israeli army raided the city of Jericho from the checkpoint set up in Area (A) in Ad Dahiya, fired flares, and patrolled the area.
BETHLEHEM	Closure: 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.
- Wall Construction: 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.
- Physical Assault: At 13:25, Mohammed Ali 'Issa was admitted to Beit Jala Public Hospital after Israeli troops positioned at the tunnel checkpoint north of the city of Bethlehem severely beat him.

• Raids:

- (i) At 01:00 on 08 May 2005, the Israeli army raided the village of Al 'Asakira and arrested 1 civilian.
- (ii) At 14:40, an Israeli army patrol raided the town of Al Khadr, set up a checkpoint in the town centre, searched civilians and vehicles, and patrolled the area until 17:00.
- (iii) At 17:05, an Israeli army patrol raided the village of Deir Salah and patrolled the area.
- (iv) At 19:40, the Israeli army, including 4 jeeps, raided and patrolled the town of Al 'Ubeidiya and the village of Dar Salah.
- (v) At 01:15, the Israeli army, including 2 jeeps, raided and patrolled the city of Bethlehem and the area of As Sidr in the city of Beit Jala.
- Arrest: The Israeli army arrested Mohammed Omar Abdul Mu'ti in the village of Al 'Asakira.

• Closure:

- (i) The Israeli army continues to close Ash 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:

- (i) At 14:00, the Israeli army closed the overpass to the town of Halhul, preventing civilians from crossing in both directions.
- (ii) The Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to the town of Idhna, searched civilian vehicles, and arrested 1 civilian.

• Raids:

- (i) At 23:00 on 07 May 2005, the Israeli army raided the town of Beit 'Awwa and arrested 1 Palestinian Police officer.
- (ii) At 12:00, an Israeli army patrol raided the city of Hebron and patrolled the area.

• Arrests:

(i) On 05 May 2005, the Israeli army arrested Nidhal Mahmoud Abu

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Turki in Wadi al Hariyyah in the city of Hebron.

- (ii) Israeli troops positioned at the flying checkpoint set up at the entrance to the town of Idhna arrested Hasan Khalil Suleimiyyeh.
- (iii) On 07 May 2005, the Israeli army arrested Khaled Ali at Till, a Palestinian Police officer, in the town of Beit 'Awwa.
- <u>Settler Violence/Destruction of Property</u>: A group of Israeli settlers cut off water supplies and damaged water meters of civilian houses in the neighbourhood of Tall Rumeida in the old city of Hebron. Israeli settlers also threw stones at civilian houses, damaging the windows of 3 houses.
- <u>Provocation of Palestinian Forces</u>: At 09:00, the Israeli army demanded the evacuation and prevention of Palestinian security patrols from entering the area of Ban az Zawiya in the city of Hebron (through the DCO).

GAZA STRIP

NORTHERN GAZA	 <u>Closure</u>: Beit Hanun (Erez) Crossing is partially open (to humanitarian cases and VIPs only). <u>Attack</u>: At 07:30, the Israeli army opened fire towards fishing boats on high seas opposite the settlement of Dugit northwest of the town of Beit Lahiya. <u>Palestinian Security Measures</u>: At 20:30, a Palestinian security patrol arrested 5 civilians while they were attempting to gain access to areas inside the Green Line near Points 64 and 65 on the Green Line.
GAZA	 Closure: (i) Nitsareem junction remains closed. (ii) Al Shuhada Junction-Al Muntar Crossing road is closed. Palestinian Security Measures: At 10:20, a Palestinian security patrol evacuated a number of civilians near Point 83 on the Green Line south of Al Muntar (Karnei) Crossing east of Gaza city.
CENTRAL GAZA	Palestinian Security Measures: At 14:30, a Palestinian security patrol evacuated a number of civilians near Point 123 on the Green Line east of Al Bureij refugee camp.
KHAN YUNIS	 Closure: (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.		
	 Physical/Verbal Assault: At 18:40, Israeli troops positioned at Al Matahin 		
	checkpoint set up along Salah ad Din road verbally assaulted civilians		
	travelling along the road.		
	• Raids:		
	(i) At 12:40, an Israeli army tank raided 50 meters into Palestinian		
	territory east of the area of Al Qarara.		
	(ii) At 13:30, the Israeli army, including 1 tank and 1 bulldozer, raided		
	150 meters into Palestinian territory east of the area of Al Qarara.		
	• Settler Violence: At 10:45, a group of Israeli settlers from the settlement of		
	Neve Dekalim damaged and stole an irrigation network used to water		
	crops cultivated on land belonging to Yihya al Farra.		
	• Palestinian Security Measures:		
	(i) At 10:55, a Palestinian security patrol evacuated a number of civilians		
	near Point 13 in the area of Batn as Samin.		
	(ii) At 12:25, a Palestinian security patrol evacuated a number of children		
	near Point 7.5 opposite Al Amal neighbourhood.		
	(iii) At 18:05, a Palestinian security patrol evacuated a number of civilians		
	near Point 12 opposite An Namsawi neighbourhood.		
	(iv) At 18:45, a Palestinian security patrol evacuated a number of civilians		
	near Points 13 and 15 opposite the areas of Batn as Samin and Qizan		
	an Najjar.		
	(v) At 06:55, a Palestinian security patrol evacuated a number of civilians		
	near Point 16 opposite in the area of Qizan an Najjar.		
	• Closure:		
	(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,		
RAFAH	south of the city of Deir al Balah, is partially open.		
	• Raids:		
	(i) At 10:55, the Israeli army, including 3 bulldozers, raided 20 meters into		
	Palestinian territory opposite Bloc (J) in Rafah refugee camp.		
	(ii) At 21:00, an Israeli army bulldozer raided 10 meters into Palestinian		
	territory opposite the neighbourhood of Yabna in Rafah refugee camp.		