مجموعة الرقابة الفلسطينية



PALESTINIAN MONITORING GROUP

DAILY SITUATION REPORT 08:00 08 May 2011 – 08:00 09 May 2011

SUMMARY OF EVENTS

EVENT	WEST BANK	GAZA STRIP	TOTAL	NOTES
Physical Assault	1	_	1	A civilian severely beat in Hebron
Attacks	2	2	4	Incl. 1 from a mil. post & 1 by the navy
Raids	16	_	16	Incl. 4 in Jerusalem and 4 in Hebron
Arrests (per Person)	4	_	4	Incl. a civilian with his mother & wife
Detentions	14		14	Incl. a Palestinian security officer
Wall Construction	13	_	13	Incl. in Jerusalem, Ramallah, & Salfit
Destruction of Property	2	_	2	Incl. olive trees uprooted in Ramallah
Closure of Checkpoints	8	_	8	Incl. access impeded at 5 checkpoints
Flying Checkpoints	21	_	21	Incl. 7 in Qalqiliya and 4 in Hebron
Closure (per District)	8	_	8	Incl. Jerusalem and 5 areas in Hebron
Closure of Main Roads	43	_	43	Incl. 10 in Nablus and 13 in Hebron
Closure of Crossing Points	_	4	4	Incl. humanitarian cases allowed access
Settler Violence	5	_	5	Incl. stones thrown at children
Provocation of Pal. Forces	2		2	Incl. a security vehicle detained
TOTAL	139	6	145	

DISTRICT	EVENTS
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WEST BANK

ALL DISTRICTS

• Beginning at 24:00 on 07 May 2011, the Israeli army has continued to impose a complete closure on the West Bank districts on the 63rd anniversary of the establishment of the State of Israel. With the exception of previously-coordinated diplomatic and international missions, humanitarian cases, and critically ill civilians, the Israeli army has denied access to civilians and workers, including those holding special permits, to Jerusalem city and areas inside the Green Line. The closure will last until 24:00 on 10 May 2011.

• <u>Closure</u>:

- (i) Beginning at 24:00 on 07 May 2011, the Israeli army has continued to intensify restrictions at checkpoints located at the entrances to Jerusalem city and set up checkpoints on road junctions and around the old city of Jerusalem. With the exception of previously-coordinated humanitarian cases and critically ill civilians, the Israeli army has denied access to civilians and workers, including those holding special permits, to the city.
- (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:

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- (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.

• Raids:

- (i) In the evening of 08 May 2011, the Israeli army raided Beit 'Anan village. While patrolling the area, confrontations took place between the Israeli army and civilians.
- (ii) At 19:00, the Israeli army raided and patrolled Al 'Eizariya and Abu Dis towns.
- (iii) At 03:00, the Israeli army raided and patrolled Qatanna village.

JERUSALEM

	 Settler Violence: In the evening of 08 May 2011, a group of Israeli settlers threw stones at a number of children in Ash Sheikh Jarrah neighbourhood in Jerusalem city. As a result, Baha' Iskafi, 15 years old, sustained contusions. Provocation of Palestinian Forces: At 10:10 on 07 May 2011, Israeli troops detained a Palestinian National Security vehicle after it had broken down along the main road near Ma'ale Adumim settlement. Israeli troops also provoked and took photographs of six Palestinian National Security officers, who were aboard the vehicle. Following coordination with the Israeli authorities (through the DCO), Israeli troops allowed the vehicle and officers to leave. Wall Gates: The Israeli army continues to close with cement blocks the Wall gate in Abu Dis town. 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 was resumed 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. Flying Checkpoint: At 11:50, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to An Nabi Salih village and searched civilians and vehicles until 14:40. Settler Violence/Destruction of Property: At 16:25, a group of Israeli settlers gained access to farmland and water springs near Dura al Qar' village, threw stones at civilians, and damaged olive trees. Subsequently, the Israeli army evacuated settlers from the area. At 19:15, a group of Israeli settlers gained access to farmland near the entrance to Silwad town, erected a tent, uprooted a number of olive trees, and withdrew at a later time. Wall Construction: Wall construction was resumed in the area west of 'Abud town in the area surrounding 'Ofarim settlement and north of Al Lubban al Gharbi and Rantis villages.
JENIN	 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. Raid: At 18:10, the Israeli army raided and patrolled Ya'bad town. 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 11:05, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to Bardala village and searched civilians and vehicles until 13:30. Detention: At 12:40, Israeli troops positioned at Bisan Crossing in the Northern Jordan Valley area detained Ahmed Jamil Mahmoud Sawaftah and released him at 14:10.
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. 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. Wall Gates: Passage through the wall gates is restricted to civilians granted special Israeli permits.
QALQILYA	 Closure of Roads: The Israeli army continues to close with cement blocks agricultural roads east of the town of 'Azzun. Flving Checkpoints: At 08:00, and again at 21:45, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the junction to Jinsafut village and searched civilians and vehicles. At 11:40, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to Kafr Laqif village and searched civilians and vehicles. At 20:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to 'Azzun town and searched civilians and vehicles. At 21:45, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to Immatin village and searched civilians and vehicles. At 22:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to 'Izbat at Tabib village and searched civilians and vehicles. At 22:10, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to Hajja village and searched civilians and vehicles. Raids: At 23:25, the Israeli army raided 'Azzun town and searched a number of barracks. At 00:30, the Israeli army raided Qalqiliya city and patrolled the area until 02:30. 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.

	 (ii) 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 was resumed 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: 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. 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 village of Duma and Qaryut; and the western entrance to An Naqura village opposite the settlement of Shavei Shomron. Checkpoints: The Israeli army continues to regulate times for crossing checkpoints set up around the city of Nablus: 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. 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. Flving Checkpoint: At 19:45, 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. Settler Violence: In the evening of 08 May 2011, a group of Israeli settlers posted Hebrew banners including anti-Arab slogans on the entrance and walls of the girls secondary school in As Sawiya village.
SALFIT	 Closure of Main Roads: 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. The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the entrance to two detour roads connecting Marda village to respective farmland. 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: The Israeli army continues to intensify restrictions and impede civilian access at the Za'tara junction checkpoint. Flying Checkpoints: At 08:15, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint in the area between Farkha and Qarawat Bani Zeid villages and searched civilians and vehicles. At 22:15, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to Yasuf village and searched civilians and vehicles. Raids: At 10:00, the Israeli army raided and patrolled Salfit city. At 23:00, the Israeli army raided Kafr ad Dik town and patrolled it until 23:20. Wall Construction: Wall construction was resumed 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. Flving Checkpoints: At 08:45, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the southern entrance to Jericho city. At 13:45, the Israeli army set up another checkpoint and searched civilians and vehicles until 15:15. Raid: At 23:05, the Israeli army raided Fasayil village, searched a house, and withdrew at 00:10.
BETHLEHEM	 Closure: (i) 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. (ii) 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 Ahmad 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. Raids: (i) At 21:00, the Israeli army raided and patrolled Beit Jala city.

- (ii) At 01:00, the Israeli army raided Beit Sahur city after it had arrested a civilian, while he was travelling to Kafr 'Etzion settlement to receive a permit to access Israel. The Israeli army also arrested the civilian's mother and wife.
- Arrests: The Israeli army arrested three civilians in Beit Sahur city:
- (i) 'Assi Najeeb Elyas Kassis;
- (ii) Wardeh Saleem Kassis, 'Assi's mother; and
- (iii) Marten 'Isa Kassis, 'Assi's wife.
- Provocation of Palestinian Forces: At 18:35, Israeli troops positioned at As Sawahira ash Sharqiya (the 'Container') checkpoint detained a Palestinian Police vehicle, while it was transporting four Palestinian criminal detainees. Israeli troops also attempted to force detainees out of the vehicle. Following coordination with the Israeli authorities (through the DCO), Israeli troops allowed the Police vehicle to cross.
- <u>Wall Construction</u>: Wall construction was resumed 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.
- (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/Detention:

- (i) At 09:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the junction to As Sarra village and searched civilians and vehicles.
- (ii) At 10:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to Al Fahs area south of Hebron city and searched civilians and vehicles. Israeli troops also detained Jihad Mohammed Zawahreh and released him at 12:30 after coordination with the Israeli authorities (through the DCO).
- (iii) At 15:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to Ar Rihiya village and searched civilians and vehicles.

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- (iv) At 17:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the overpass to Halhul town and searched civilians and vehicles.
- <u>Physical Assault</u>: At 18:30, Israeli troops severely beat Saed Mohammed Taha ash Sharif in the old city of Hebron. Ash Sharif was transported to hospital for treatment of contusions sustained.
- Raids:
- (i) At 09:35, and again at 01:30, the Israeli army raided and patrolled Hebron city.
- (ii) At 14:30, the Israeli army raided Al Fawwar refugee camp. While patrolling the area, confrontations took place between the Israeli army and civilians.
- (iii) At 01:10, the Israeli army raided Tarqumiya town, searched a house, and arrested a child.
- <u>Arrest</u>: The Israeli army arrested Abdul Hamid Isma'il Ja'afreh, 16 years old, in Tarqumiya town.
- <u>Detention</u>: At 12:50, Israeli troops detained Mohammed Sharif Ghazi Abu Sneinah, a Palestinian National Security officer, near the Ibrahimi Mosque in the old city of Hebron and released him at 13:10 after coordination with the Israeli authorities (through the DCO).
- <u>Wall Construction</u>: Wall construction was resumed 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.
- <u>Violation of the Ceasefire</u>: The Israeli army opened fire from its location on the Green Line on Khan Yunis district. The Israeli navy opened fire on Palestinian fishing boats at sea off the beach of Rafah district.

NORTHERN GAZA

• <u>Closure of Crossing Point</u>: 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.

GAZA

• 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: In the evening of 08 May 2011, the Israeli army opened fire from its location on the Green Line on civilians, journalists, and international peace activists who provided protection to Palestinian farmers while they were harvesting olive crops on their land. The Israeli army prevents farmers and landlords from accessing their land in the Seam Zone, which is located at a distance of 300 metres near the Border Fence east of Khuza'a town.	
RAFAH	 Closure of Crossing Points: Yasser 'Arafat International Airport remains closed. Rafah (Al 'Awdah) Crossing was open to allow civilians, students, others holding visas and residence cards abroad, and foreign nationals to depart the Gaza Strip. Access was also allowed to civilians and patients who had received medical attention at Egyptian hospitals. Sufa Crossing is closed. Karm Abu Salem (Karem Shalom) Crossing was partially open for transportation of food supplies, goods, humanitarian aid, and cooking gas. In addition to 20 vehicles imported by the private sector, 10 truckloads of cement designated to UNRWA projects were transported to Gaza through the Crossing. Attack: At dawn on 08 May 2011, Israeli navy officers opened intensive fire on Palestinian fishing boats at sea off the beach of Rafah city. 	