

## مجموعة الرقابة الفلسطينية



## PALESTINIAN MONITORING GROUP

**DAILY SITUATION REPORT**  
 08:00 09 May 2006 – 08:00 10 May 2006

## SUMMARY OF EVENTS

EVENT	WEST BANK	GAZA STRIP	TOTAL	NOTES
Physical Assaults	2	—	<b>2</b>	Civilians beaten, Bethlehem & Hebron
Injuries	1	4	<b>5</b>	Incl. 1 female civilian critically
Attacks	9	9	<b>18</b>	Incl. 291 artillery shells fired, N. Gaza
Raids	38	—	<b>38</b>	Incl. 9 in Ramallah & 7 in Bethlehem
Air Patrols	5	—	<b>5</b>	Incl. a reconnaissance aircraft, Nablus
Arrests	16	1	<b>17</b>	Incl. 1 mentally challenged child
Detentions	15	—	<b>15</b>	Incl. a number of Pal. security officers
House Demolitions	2	—	<b>2</b>	2 houses in the Jerusalem district
Wall Construction	31	—	<b>31</b>	Incl. Jer., Raml'h., Qalq., Salfit, Beth.
Destruction of Property	4	—	<b>4</b>	Incl. 1 civilian vehicle destroyed
Curfew	1	—	<b>1</b>	Over the village of Al Badhan, Nablus
Closure of Checkpoints	10	—	<b>10</b>	Incl. Tayasir & Al Hamra checkpoints
Flying Checkpoints	13	—	<b>13</b>	Incl. 4 in Qalqiliya & 4 in Hebron
Closure (per District)	6	1	<b>7</b>	Incl. a buffer zone in Northern Gaza
Closure of Main Roads	27	—	<b>27</b>	Incl. the road to An Nu'man village
Closure of Crossing Points	—	5	<b>5</b>	Incl. Beit Hanun and Rafah partially
Provocation of Pal. Forces	—	2	<b>2</b>	Shelling near Pal. security locations
Palestinian Attacks	—	3	<b>3</b>	4 unidentified mortars fired
Pal. Security Measures	—	2	<b>2</b>	2 attempts to fire mortars blocked
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>180</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>207</b>	

DISTRICT	EVENT
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<p style="text-align: center;"><b>ALL DISTRICTS</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Beginning on 11 March 2006, the Israeli army has continued to impose a complete closure on the West Bank and Gaza Strip districts and to prevent civilians with permits, including workers, from crossing into areas inside the Green Line and into the city of Jerusalem.</li> <li>• Beginning on 17 April 2006, and following the suicide attack carried out in the city of Tel Aviv inside the Green Line, the Israeli army has intensified 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.</li> </ul>
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### WEST BANK

<p style="text-align: center;"><b>JERUSALEM</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Closure:</b> The Israeli army continues to intensify its restrictions at checkpoints located at the entrances to the city of Jerusalem, in the old city of Jerusalem, and around Al Aqsa Mosque compound.</li> <li>• <b>Closure of Main Roads:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) The Israeli army closed the entrance opposite the junction to Dahiyat Al Bareed in the city of Jerusalem with barbed wire and has denied civilian access. The Israeli army allows access to the city of Jerusalem through Dahiyat al Bareed checkpoint only to vehicles bearing Israeli-issued license plates and from the lane previously designated for VIPs.</li> <li>(ii) The Israeli army closed the eastern entrance to Dahiyat Bir Nabala with cement slabs, thereby completing the Wall section in the area.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b>Checkpoint:</b> According to new measures implemented at Qalandiya checkpoint, which the Israeli army has converted into a “border crossing point”, the Israeli army has designated a special crossing for civilians holding Jerusalem-issued IDs and those possessing permits to access the city of Jerusalem. The Israeli army has allowed other civilians to access the main road leading to the junction to the village of Jaba’, which branches off to other districts.</li> <li>• <b>Wall Gates:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) The Israeli army continues to close the Wall gate in the town of Abu Dis with cement blocks.</li> <li>(ii) The Israeli army set up an iron gate along the Wall on Ash Shayyah road in the area between the villages of As Sawahira ash Sharqiya and As Sawahira al Gharbiya and built rooms equipped with electronic devices for searches near the gate. Israeli troops positioned at the iron Wall gate deny access to civilians, only allowing holders of Jerusalem-issued IDs to cross.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b>Wall Construction:</b> Wall construction continues in Dahiyat al Aqbat, from the village of Hizma to ‘Anata, along the Hizma-Jaba’ road, the area of Al ‘Eizariya to Ash Shayyah, near Al Quds University, in the town of As Sawahira ash Sharqiya, from the village of Beit Surik to Biddu, in the areas of Al Judeira, Bir Nabala, and Beit Hanina, and west of the village of Al Jib.</li> </ul>
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b><u>Raids/Destruction of Property:</u></b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) The Israeli army raided the town of Beit Hanina and demolished a 2-storey house with its furniture still inside, claiming that it was built without the required license.</li> <li>(ii) The Israeli army raided the town of Al 'Eizariya and broke the windshields of a number of civilian vehicles parked near a reception party held by a family of a political prisoner who has been released from an Israeli prison.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b><u>House Demolitions:</u></b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) The Israeli army demolished a 2-storey house belonging to the family of Al Ja'bari in the town of Beit Hanina.</li> <li>(ii) The Israeli army demolished 1 house belonging to Barakat Abu Sarhan in the neighbourhood of Al Mukabbir Mount in the city of Jerusalem, claiming that it was built without the required license.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>RAMALLAH &amp; EL BIREH</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b><u>Closure of Main Road:</u></b> The Israeli army continues to close the eastern entrance to the village of Sinjil with dirt barricades.</li> <li>• <b><u>Checkpoint:</u></b> The Israeli army continues to intensify its restrictions at the checkpoint set up on the overpass to the town of 'Atara and to deny access to the city of Ramallah for civilians holding IDs issued in the northern districts of the West Bank.</li> <li>• <b><u>Wall Construction:</u></b> Wall construction continues in the areas of Al Midya to Budrus, Al Midya to Ni'lin, Bil'in to Saffa, in the village of Beit Liqya, in the town of Beituniya, and west of the town of 'Abud and the village of Beit Sira.</li> <li>• <b><u>Raids/Air Patrols:</u></b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) At 19:30, an Israeli army patrol raided and patrolled the villages of Qarawat Bani Zeid and Kafr 'Ein.</li> <li>(ii) At 20:45, Israeli army infantry forces raided the city of El Bireh and arrested 1 civilian.</li> <li>(iii) At 21:00, Israeli troops, dispatched by Israeli army combat helicopters, raided the area of Khirbet at Tut near the village of Kafr 'Ein as well as the area between the villages of 'Arura and 'Abwein. The Israeli troops also fired flares while combing the area and withdrew at 01:00.</li> <li>(iv) At 00:30, Israeli troops, dispatched by Israeli army combat helicopters, raided and combed the mountainous area west of the town of Deir Ghassana.</li> <li>(v) At 01:40, the Israeli army, including 12 jeeps, raided the village of Kobar and arrested 1 civilian.</li> <li>(vi) At 03:15, the Israeli army, including 3 jeeps, raided the town of Beit Rima, searched 1 house, and withdrew at 04:10.</li> <li>(vii) The Israeli army raided the village of Kafr Ni'ma, searched 1 house, and arrested 1 female university student.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b><u>Arrests:</u></b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) The Israeli army arrested an unidentified civilian in the city of El Bireh.</li> <li>(ii) The Israeli army arrested Saber Jibreel Hasan in the village of Kobar.</li> <li>(iii) The Israeli army arrested Taghreed Khalil Hannouni, a female university student, in the village of Kafr Ni'ma.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

<p style="text-align: center;"><b>JENIN</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Closure of Road:</b> The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the unpaved detour road leading to the town of ‘Arraba east of the settlement of Dotan.</li> <li>• <b>Checkpoint:</b> The Israeli army continues to close Tayasir checkpoint east of the town of Tubas, denying civilian access to the Northern Jordan Valley, except for Jericho-ID holders and commercial trucks.</li> <li>• <b>Wall Gates:</b> Passage through the Wall gates is restricted to civilians granted special Israeli permits.</li> <li>• <b>Flying Checkpoint:</b> At 00:15, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to the village of Bir al Basha and searched civilians and vehicles.</li> <li>• <b>Raids:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) At 00:15, the Israeli army raided the town of ‘Arraba, opened fire, and fired flares while it was patrolling the area.</li> <li>(ii) At 02:00, the Israeli army, including 25 jeeps, raided the town of Al Yamun and opened indiscriminate fire while patrolling the area. At 06:00, the Israeli army withdrew from the area.</li> <li>(iii) At 02:30, the Israeli army, including 6 jeeps, raided the city of Jenin and patrolled the area until 03:30.</li> <li>(iv) The Israeli army raided Al Far’a refugee camp. Confrontations took place between the Israeli army and civilians. The Israeli army also set up a checkpoint at the entrance to the refugee camp and searched civilians and vehicles.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>TULKAREM</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Closure:</b> The Israeli army continues to impose a complete closure on the district of Tulkarem and to declare it a closed military zone following a suicide attack carried out on the junction to the village of Far’un. The Israeli army continues to impede civilian access to and from the district.</li> <li>• <b>Closure of Main Roads:</b> The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the following roads: the road connecting Dahiyat Dhinnaba in the city of Tulkarem to the town of Kafr al Labad; the road connecting the town of Kafr al Labad to the village of Shufa; the southern entrance to the town of Baqa ash Sharqiya; and the Kafr Sur-Wadi at Tin road. The Israeli army also continues to close with cement blocks the road connecting the town of Beit Lid to the village of Kur.</li> <li>• <b>Checkpoints:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) The Israeli army continues to close ‘Einav checkpoint on the Tulkarem-Nablus road, denying access to civilian vehicles. The Israeli army prevents civilian residents of the Tulkarem district from leaving the district, except for those residing in towns and villages east of the checkpoint.</li> <li>(ii) The Israeli army continues to intensify its restrictions at Jubara checkpoint (the southern entrance to the city of Tulkarem) and to prevent civilians holding IDs issued in the districts of Jenin and Tulkarem from crossing towards the southern districts of the West Bank. Israeli troops positioned at the checkpoint only allow civilian residents of villages located south of the city of Tulkarem in the</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

	<p>Tulkarem district to cross on foot, only after examining civilians' places of residence.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Wall Gates:</b> Passage through the Wall gates is restricted to civilians granted special Israeli permits.</li> <li>• <b>Raids:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) At 03:00, the Israeli army raided the town of 'Attil, searched 2 houses, and arrested 1 civilian (a former political prisoner who had been released several months ago).</li> <li>(ii) At 03:00, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the town of 'Illar.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b>Arrest:</b> The Israeli army arrested Mu'awiya 'Ashour in the town of 'Attil.</li> </ul>
<b>QALQILIYA</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Wall Gates:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) Passage through the Wall gates is restricted to civilians granted special Israeli permits.</li> <li>(ii) The Israeli army continues to intensify its restrictions at 'Azzun 'Atma Wall gate and to search civilians, including students, with a metal detector.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b>Wall Construction:</b> Land levelling for Wall construction continues in the village of Immatin and east of the towns of Kafr Thulth and 'Azzun.</li> <li>• <b>Flying Checkpoints/Detention:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) At 09:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the eastern entrance to the city of Qalqiliya, searched civilians and vehicles, and detained a number of Palestinian National Security officers after beating them. Israeli troops positioned at the flying checkpoint also prevented fuel transportation trucks from entering the city.</li> <li>(ii) At 10:30, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the underpass road to the town of 'Azzun and prevented civilians from entering or exiting the town.</li> <li>(iii) At 10:30, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint near Tahseen gas station on the Qalqiliya-Nablus main road and searched civilians and vehicles.</li> <li>(iv) At 13:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on Habla tunnel (the southern entrance to the city of Qalqiliya) and searched civilians and vehicles.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b>Raids:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) At 10:30, an Israeli army patrol raided the village of Kafr Qaddum and took photographs of a number of the town's streets and neighbourhoods while it was patrolling the area.</li> <li>(ii) At 16:20, the Israeli army, including 8 jeeps, raided the city of Qalqiliya, searched 1 commercial shop, and withdrew at 17:35.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
<b>NABLUS</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Closure of Main Roads:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) The Israeli army continues to close the main road leading to the district of Jenin between the junction to the village of Deir Sharaf and the settlement of Shavei Shomron. Instead, the Israeli army has forced civilians to travel along an unpaved 1.5-km-long road, which branches off from the Nablus-Tulkarem road and intersects with the Nablus-Jenin road opposite the village of Sabastiya.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(ii) The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades Al Badhan road, which is the north-eastern entrance to the city of Nablus.</li> <li>(iii) The Israeli army continues to close the entrance to the village of Beita with dirt barricades.</li> <li>• <b><u>Checkpoints:</u></b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) The Israeli army continues to regulate times for crossing Huwwara, Beit Iba, At Tur Mountain, and Beit Furik checkpoints around the city of Nablus. The Israeli army closes the checkpoints overnight and reopens them at various morning hours.</li> <li>(ii) The Israeli army continues to intensify its restrictions at Beit Iba and Huwwara checkpoints and to deny access to civilians between 15 and 30 years of age as well as holders of IDs issued in the districts of Jenin and Tulkarem.</li> <li>(iii) Israeli troops positioned at the checkpoint set up in the area between the city of Nablus and the town of 'Asira ash Shamaliya continue to prevent civilians from crossing, only allowing access to civilian residents of the town of 'Asira ash Shamaliya as well as the villages of Talluza, Sabastiya, Burqa, Beit Imrin, and Ijnisinya.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b><u>Raids/Air Patrols/Curfew/Detention:</u></b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) At 10:55, the Israeli army, including 40 jeeps, raided and combed the area between the town of 'Asira ash Shamaliya and the villages of Talluza and Al Badhan, whilst an Israeli army reconnaissance aircraft patrolled the skies over the area. Israeli army combat helicopters also opened fire towards the area.</li> <li>(ii) At 11:20, and again at 01:25, the Israeli army raided the city of Nablus and patrolled the area until 04:30.</li> <li>(iii) At 15:45, the Israeli army raided the village of Al Badhan, imposed curfew, and searched a number of houses after detaining residents. The Israeli army also set up a checkpoint in the village's centre and searched civilians and vehicles.</li> <li>(iv) At 02:10, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the town of Beit Furik.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b><u>Arrests/Destruction of Property:</u></b> At 09:00, the Israeli army arrested 2 civilians after pursuing their vehicle along Al Badhan road east of the city of Nablus: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) Saeb Rateb Sawaftah; and</li> <li>(ii) Ala' Ali Daraghmeh.</li> </ul> <p>The Israeli army also destroyed the vehicle (using explosives), allegedly for locating an explosive belt inside it.</p> </li> </ul>
SALFIT	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b><u>Closure of Main Roads:</u></b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) The Israeli army has continued to close the main north-western entrance to the city of Salfit with dirt barricades since the beginning of the current <i>Intifada</i> (Uprising).</li> <li>(ii) The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the western entrances to the town of Bruqin and the village of Marda. The Israeli army also continues to close with cement blocks the western entrance to the town of Kafr ad Dik and with an iron gate the northern entrance to the village of Qarawat Bani Hassan.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b><u>Checkpoints:</u></b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) The Israeli army continues to intensify its restrictions at Deir Ballut checkpoint and to deny civilian access to the town of Kafr ad Dik.</li> <li>(ii) The Israeli army continues to intensify its restrictions at the Za'tara junction checkpoint and to prevent civilians holding IDs issued in the districts of Jenin and Tulkarem from crossing towards the southern districts of the West Bank.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b><u>Wall Construction:</u></b> Wall construction continues near the Green Line in the town of Deir Ballut and the villages of Az Zawiya and Rafat, northwest of the city of Salfit, and in the village of Marda and the town of Kifl Haris north of the settlement of Ari'el.</li> <li>• <b><u>Flying Checkpoints:</u></b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) At 09:50, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the northern entrance to the village of Yasuf and searched civilians and vehicles until 11:00.</li> <li>(ii) At 11:40, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the underpass road to the village of Iskaka, searched civilian vehicles, and impeded civilian access until 16:00.</li> <li>(iii) At 22:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint in the area between the towns of Kafr ad Dik and Deir Ghassana and searched civilians and vehicles until 22:40.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b><u>Raids:</u></b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) At 10:30, the Israeli army, including 3 jeeps, raided the area north of the village of Marda and opened indiscriminate fire while it was combing the area.</li> <li>(ii) At 10:30, an Israeli army patrol raided the town of Bruqin and patrolled the area until 20:10.</li> <li>(iii) At 02:00, the Israeli army, including 3 jeeps, raided the town of Kafr ad Dik and patrolled the area until 03:00.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
<b>JERICHO</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b><u>Closure:</u></b> 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-issued 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-issued IDs.</li> <li>• <b><u>Checkpoints:</u></b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) The Israeli army continues to close Al Hamra checkpoint set up on the Jericho-Nablus road, denying civilian access, except for farmers holding Jericho-issued IDs.</li> <li>(ii) At 07:30, the Israeli army closed the DCO checkpoint set up at the southern entrance to the city of Jericho and denied civilian access in both directions, except for civilians holding Jerusalem IDs. Israeli troops positioned at the checkpoint also allowed the entry of Jericho-ID holders into the city of Jericho.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
<b>BETHLEHEM</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b><u>Closure:</u></b> 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. The Israeli army considers the</li> </ul>

	<p>civilians' residence in the village illegal because they hold West Bank identity cards while their village is located within the Israeli-defined municipal boundaries of Jerusalem.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Closure of Main Roads:</b> The Israeli army continues to close all roads to Road # 60 leading to the city of Jerusalem, thereby isolating the city of Bethlehem from its towns and villages located west of Road # 60.</li> <li>• <b>Wall Construction:</b> Wall construction continues north of 'Ayda refugee camp and in the Everest area, northwest of the city of Beit Jala.</li> <li>• <b>Raids/Physical Assault:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) At 09:20, Israeli Special Forces raided Ad Duheisha refugee camp and arrested 1 civilian.</li> <li>(ii) At 12:50, the Israeli army, including 3 jeeps, raided Dahiyat ad Doha in the city of Bethlehem, arrested 1 civilian, and severely beat Abdul Shakour Ahmed as Sayyed.</li> <li>(iii) At 23:00, the Israeli army, including 2 jeeps, raided and patrolled Dahiyat ad Doha in the city of Bethlehem and the town of Al Khadr.</li> <li>(iv) At 01:30, and again at 03:10, the Israeli army raided the city of Bethlehem and patrolled the area until 03:30.</li> <li>(v) At 01:55, the Israeli army, including 9 jeeps, raided the town of Al Khadr, arrested 2 civilians and 1 Palestinian Police officer, and withdrew at 03:00.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b>Arrests:</b> At 01:30 on 09 May 2006, the Israeli army arrested 3 civilians during its raid on the town of Za'tara, in addition to those reported yesterday: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) Nofan Hasan Zawahreh;</li> <li>(ii) 'Imad Taleb 'Ata Allah; and</li> <li>(iii) Rashed Hasan Makhtoub.</li> <li>(iv) The Israeli army arrested Mohammed Yaseen Manassrah in Ad Duheisha refugee camp.</li> <li>(v) The Israeli army arrested Bashar Ahmed Abu Ni'meh in Dahiyat ad Doha in the city of Bethlehem.</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p>The Israeli army arrested 2 civilians and 1 Palestinian officer in the town of Al Khadr:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(vi) Yousef Na'im Ighneim, a Palestinian Police officer;</li> <li>(vii) Ala' Ribhi Mousa; and</li> <li>(viii) Ala' Hasan Da'dou'.</li> </ul>
<b>HEBRON</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Closure:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) The Israeli army continues to close the following locales in the H2 section of the 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; and the area of Khuzq al Far near the settlement of Abraham Avino with a dirt barricade and an iron gate. The Israeli army also continues to close the entrance to the area of Al Khan in the old city of Hebron with an electronic gate, isolating the area from Al Laban Market and the area of As Sahleh.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>



(ii) The Israeli army continues to implement a military order stipulating the closure of civilian commercial shops on both sides of the road connecting the settlement of Kiryat Arba' to the Ibrahimi Mosque in the old city of Hebron from 06 November 2005 until 07 May 2006. Civilian vehicles are prohibited from travelling along the road unless they possess access permits. Only Israeli settler vehicles are allowed unrestricted access on the road.

- **Closure of Main Roads:**

(i) The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the area of Al Hawawir leading to the town of Halhul, the area of Al Fahs south of the city of Hebron, the junction to the area of Farsh al Hawa leading to Road # 35 northwest of the city of Hebron, and the entrance to the village of 'Arab ar Ramadin.

(ii) The Israeli army continues to close the entrance to Al Qeisi neighbourhood in the old city of Hebron with cement blocks.

- **Wall Construction:** Wall construction continues west of the towns of Surif and Beit Ula, south of the towns of Adh Dhahiriya and As Samoa', and southeast of the town of Yatta. The Israeli army has also completed construction of most sections of the Wall in the town of Idhna, from the village of Deir Samit to the town of Beit 'Awwa, from Beit 'Awwa to the village of Al Burj, and in the village of Ar Ramadin.

- **Flying Checkpoint:** At 06:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the road to the town of Beit Kahil and searched civilians and vehicles.

- **Attack:** At 15:20, the Israeli army opened fire towards 1 civilian vehicle near the village of As Simiya, injuring the driver. The Israeli army also arrested the injured driver.

- **Physical Assault:** Israeli troops beat Mohammed Ali al Ja'bari near the settlement of Kiryat Arba' in the old city of Hebron. At 16:15, Al Ja'bari was admitted to Hebron Public Hospital.

- **Raids:**

(i) At 10:40, Israeli army infantry forces raided the area of Bab az Zawiya in the city of Hebron, set up a checkpoint, searched civilians and vehicles, and patrolled the area.

(ii) At 14:45, the Israeli army raided Ash Sheikh neighbourhood in the city of Hebron and searched 1 house.

(iii) At 20:00, the Israeli army, including 30 jeeps, raided the city of Hebron, set up 2 checkpoints in the area of Ras al Jora and the neighbourhood of Farsh al Hawa, searched civilian vehicles, and patrolled the area.

(iv) At 22:00, the Israeli army raided the town of Yatta and searched 1 house.

- **Arrests:**

(i) At 20:00 on 08 May 2006, the Israeli army arrested Kifah Hani Milhem during its raid on the town of Halhul, in addition to those reported yesterday.

(ii) The Israeli army arrested an unidentified civilian near the village of As Simiya.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b><u>Destruction of Property:</u></b> On 30 April 2006, the Israeli army delivered a notice for the cessation of construction of a 2-storey house belonging to Rateb Mohammed Badawi in the area of Khallet al 'Alami in the town of Halhul, claiming that it was being built without the required license.</li> </ul>
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## GAZA STRIP

<p><b>ALL DISTRICTS</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Beginning on 16 December 2005, the Israeli army has continued to impose a complete closure on the Gaza Strip ostensibly due to Palestinian individuals' firing of mortars towards the Green Line.</li> </ul>
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<p><b>NORTHERN GAZA</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b><u>Closure:</u></b> Beginning at 18:00 on 28 December 2005, the Israeli army has continued to impose a buffer zone (through open fire as well as artillery and air attacks) in the area near the Green Line, including the area of the debris of evacuated settlements.</li> <li>• <b><u>Closure of Crossing Point:</u></b> Beit Hanun (Erez) Crossing is partially open to foreign nationals, VIPs, and humanitarian cases after prior coordination.</li> <li>• <b><u>Attacks/Provocation of Palestinian Forces:</u></b> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) Between 08:30 and 20:30, the Israeli army fired 193 artillery shells from its locations inside the Green Line towards Palestinian territory. Of these, 114 artillery shells landed near 5 Palestinian National Security locations north and northwest of the town of Beit Lahiya; near Abu Hassira Street northwest of the area of Al Hawuz; and at the entrance to Al Qarya al Badawiya north of the town of Beit Lahiya. As a result, 1 civilian was injured. Another 60 shells landed in the area between Points 48 and 52 on the Green Line east of the town of Beit Lahiya. The remaining 19 artillery shells landed northwest of the area of Al Hawuz opposite An Nada towers.</li> <li>(ii) At 10:55, the Israeli army opened fire from Point 25 on the Green Line towards Palestinian territory east of the town of Beit Hanun.</li> <li>(iii) Between 20:30 and 08:00, the Israeli army fired 98 artillery shells from its locations inside the Green Line towards Palestinian territory: near 6 Palestinian National Security locations north and northwest of the town of Beit Lahiya; near the area of Al Waha northwest of the town of Beit Lahiya; and near the American School. As a result, 2 female civilians and 1 ambulance driver were injured. Of the 2 female civilians, Kamilah as Sawarkeh was in critical condition.</li> </ol> </li> <li>• <b><u>Arrest:</u></b> Israeli troops positioned at Beit Hanun (Erez) Crossing arrested Ahmed Abdullah Abu Mustafa, a mentally challenged child, claiming that he attempted to stab an Israeli soldier.</li> <li>• <b><u>Palestinian Security Measures:</u></b> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) At 22:30 on 08 May 2006, a Palestinian security patrol blocked an attempt by armed Palestinian individuals to fire 1 Qassam mortar towards the Green Line from the area of At Tuwam. The Palestinian security patrol also confiscated the mortar along with the mortar-launching pad.</li> </ol> </li> </ul>
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(ii) At 10:00, a Palestinian security patrol blocked an attempt by armed Palestinian individuals to fire 1 Qassam mortar towards the Green Line from the area of Al Waha north of the town of Beit Lahiya. The Palestinian security patrol also confiscated the mortar along with the mortar-launching pad.</li> <li>• <b><u>Palestinian Attacks:</u></b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) At 01:00, 1 unidentified mortar was fired towards the Green Line.</li> <li>(ii) At 05:00, 2 unidentified mortars were fired towards the Green Line.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
<b>GAZA</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b><u>Closure of Crossing Points:</u></b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) Al Muntar (Karnei) Crossing is closed.</li> <li>(ii) Nahal 'Oz Crossing is closed.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
<b>CENTRAL GAZA</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b><u>Palestinian Attack:</u></b> At 21:40, 1 unidentified mortar was fired towards the Green Line.</li> </ul>
<b>KHAN YUNIS</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Activities not reported.</li> </ul>
<b>RAFAH</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b><u>Closure of Crossing Points:</u></b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) Yasser 'Arafat International Airport remains closed.</li> <li>(ii) Rafah Crossing is partially open in both directions to passengers holding Palestinian IDs, humanitarian cases, and Arab and foreign diplomatic missions.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

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<b>POLITICAL PRISONERS</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b><u>Abuse of Political Prisoners:</u></b> The Israeli army prevents detainees held in Kedumim Interrogation and Detention Centre from exiting their cells to use lavatories except once every 8 hours.</li> </ul>
<b>WORK PERMITS</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b><u>West Bank:</u></b> The Israeli authorities annulled all the work permits issued to Palestinian workers for crossing the Green Line.</li> <li>• <b><u>Gaza Strip:</u></b> Valid work permits that have been issued by the Israeli authorities for crossing the Green Line total 11. All the Palestinian workers possessing the valid work permits (11) were allowed to access areas inside the Green Line.</li> </ul>