

## مجموعة الرقابة الفلسطينية



## PALESTINIAN MONITORING GROUP

**DAILY SITUATION REPORT**  
 08:00 14 May 2006 – 08:00 15 May 2006

## SUMMARY OF EVENTS

| EVENT                      | WEST BANK  | GAZA STRIP | TOTAL      | NOTES                                     |
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| Deaths                     | 6          | —          | <b>6</b>   | Incl. 1 officer & 2 civilians (brothers)  |
| Injuries                   | 17         | 2          | <b>19</b>  | Incl. 8 children & 1 female student       |
| Air Attack                 | —          | 1          | <b>1</b>   | 1 missile fired by helicopters, N. Gaza   |
| Attacks                    | 7          | 6          | <b>13</b>  | Incl. 5 in raids & 2 by naval boats       |
| Raids                      | 23         | 2          | <b>25</b>  | Incl. 5 in Bethlehem & 1 in N. Gaza       |
| Air Patrols                | 1          | 4          | <b>5</b>   | Incl. reconnaissance over Tulkarem        |
| Arrests                    | 17         | 6          | <b>23</b>  | Incl. 1 child & 2 Pal. security officers  |
| Detentions                 | 19         | —          | <b>19</b>  | Incl. 1 Palestinian security officer      |
| House Demolition           | 1          | —          | <b>1</b>   | A 2-storey house in Qabatiya town, Jenin  |
| Land Levelling             | —          | 2          | <b>2</b>   | Near Green Line, Northern Gaza & Rafah    |
| Wall Construction          | 32         | —          | <b>32</b>  | Incl. Jer., Raml'h., Qalq., Salfit, Beth. |
| Destruction of Property    | 2          | —          | <b>2</b>   | Incl. vendors' stalls destroyed, Jenin    |
| Confiscation of Property   | 1          | 1          | <b>2</b>   | Incl. a fishing boat at sea, Rafah        |
| Curfew                     | 1          | —          | <b>1</b>   | Over the village of Al 'Auja, Jericho     |
| Closure of Checkpoints     | 12         | —          | <b>12</b>  | Incl. Huwwara & Beit Iba partially        |
| Flying Checkpoints         | 12         | —          | <b>12</b>  | Incl. 2 in Tulkarem & 3 in Hebron         |
| Closure (per District)     | 6          | 1          | <b>7</b>   | Incl. a buffer zone in Northern Gaza      |
| Closure of Main Roads      | 29         | —          | <b>29</b>  | Incl. Ash Shuhada' Street, Hebron         |
| Closure of Crossing Points | 1          | 5          | <b>6</b>   | Incl. Al Karama Bridge partially          |
| Medical Obstruction        | 2          | —          | <b>2</b>   | Ambulances denied access, Jenin           |
| Attack on Religious Site   | 1          | —          | <b>1</b>   | Incl. call to prayers prohibited, Hebron  |
| School Disruption          | 1          | —          | <b>1</b>   | 'Anata Girls School raided, Jerusalem     |
| Provocation of Pal. Forces | 1          | 1          | <b>2</b>   | Incl. open fire towards 1 security office |
| Palestinian Attacks        | —          | 6          | <b>6</b>   | 9 unidentified mortars fired              |
| Pal. Security Measures     | —          | 2          | <b>2</b>   | Incl. 3 artillery shells detonated        |
| Demonstrations             | 2          | —          | <b>2</b>   | Incl. a strike in the city of Jenin       |
| <b>TOTAL</b>               | <b>194</b> | <b>39</b>  | <b>233</b> |   |

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| <p style="text-align: center;"><b>ALL<br/>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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| <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 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-issued IDs to cross, after subjecting them to thorough searches using electronic devices.</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, west of the village of Al Jib, and in the vicinity of the village of Qatanna.</li> </ul> |
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|  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b><u>Raids/School Disruption:</u></b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) At 01:30, the Israeli army raided Qalandiya refugee camp, searched 1 house, and arrested 1 civilian.</li> <li>(ii) The Israeli army raided the village of ‘Anata, raided the village’s Girls School, and fired tear gas grenades, injuring 1 female student after a tear gas grenade hit her in the head. The female student was transported to hospital for medical treatment.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b><u>Arrest:</u></b> The Israeli army arrested Mahmoud Mohammed ‘Ayyad in Qalandiya refugee camp.</li> </ul>   |
| <b>RAMALLAH<br/>&amp;<br/>EL BIREH</b> | <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>Flying Checkpoint/Detention:</u></b> At 11:20, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the junction to the settlement of Rimonim on Al Mu’arrajat road connecting the districts of Ramallah and Jericho, searched civilians and vehicles, arrested 1 Palestinian Police officer, and detained Radhwan Omar as Safadi, a Palestinian National Security officer, until 16:00.</li> <li>• <b><u>Raids:</u></b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) At 21:30, the Israeli army, including 3 jeeps, raided the village of Kafr ‘Ein, searched a number of houses, and withdrew at 01:30.</li> <li>(ii) At 01:30, the Israeli army raided the town of Abu Shukheidim and searched a number of houses.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b><u>Arrests:</u></b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) The Israeli army arrested Nizar Fareed Shihadeh, a civilian resident of Qalandiya refugee camp, while he was reporting to the Israeli Intelligence Service in ‘Ofer Military Detention Camp.</li> <li>(ii) Israeli troops positioned at the flying checkpoint set up on the junction to the settlement of Rimonim on Al Mu’arrajat road arrested Ali Omar ash Sheikh, a Palestinian Police officer.</li> </ul> </li> </ul> |
| <b>JENIN</b>                           | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b><u>Closure of Road:</u></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><u>Checkpoint:</u></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 holders of IDs issued in the Northern Jordan Valley and commercial trucks.</li> <li>• <b><u>Wall Gates:</u></b> Passage through the Wall gates is restricted to civilians granted special Israeli permits.</li> </ul>   |

- **Flying Checkpoint:** At 10:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the western entrance to the town of Az Zababida, searched civilian vehicles, and arrested 1 civilian.
- **Raids/Destruction of Property/Provocation of Palestinian Forces:**
  - (i) At 09:00, the Israeli army raided the villages of 'Ein al Beida and Bardala in the area of the Northern Jordan Valley, destroyed vendors' stalls set up on both sides of Road # 90, and set fire to agricultural crops.
  - (ii) At 14:00, the Israeli army, including 20 jeeps, raided the city of Jenin. While surrounding the Palestinian General Intelligence office, the Israeli army opened fire, critically injuring 1 Palestinian General Intelligence officer in the neck, while he was guarding the office. The Palestinian officer died of injuries sustained because the Israeli army prevented ambulances from accessing the area to transport him to hospital. In addition, the Israeli army confiscated 1 Kalashnikov rifle, searched 1 house, and arrested 3 civilians (brothers). At 17:00, the Israeli army withdrew from the area.
  - (iii) At 14:00, Israeli Special Forces, supported by 30 Israeli army jeeps and 2 bulldozers, raided the town of Qabatiya, opened intensive fire towards 1 civilian vehicle, and surrounded 1 house. An armed confrontation took place between the Israeli army and armed Palestinian individuals, during which the Israeli army killed 5 civilians, including 2 brothers. Confrontations also took place between the Israeli army and civilians, during which the Israeli army injured 14 civilians, including 5 children. Additionally, the Israeli army demolished a 2-storey house, arrested 1 civilian, and prevented ambulances from accessing the area to transport the killed civilians and offer first aid to the injured ones. At 20:20, the Israeli army withdrew from the area.
- **Killings:**
  - (i) The Israeli army killed Ali Omar Jabareen, a Palestinian General Intelligence officer, in the city of Jenin.  
The Israeli army killed 5 civilians in the town of Qabatiya:
    - (ii) Thaer Husni Hanaysheh;
    - (iii) Mjehed Husni Hanaysheh;
    - (iv) Jihad Abdul Rahman Kmeil;
    - (v) Mu'tassem Ali Baheej Ja'ar; and
    - (vi) Ilyas 'Ata al Ashqar.
- **Arrests:**
  - (i) Israeli troops positioned at the flying checkpoint set up at the western entrance to the town of Az Zababida arrested Ibrahim Mohammed Turkman.  
The Israeli army arrested 3 civilians (brothers) in the city of Jenin:
    - (ii) Husam Hasan as Smoudi;
    - (iii) Akram Hasan as Smoudi; and
    - (iv) 'Allam Hasan as Smoudi.
    - (v) The Israeli army arrested Muhyi ad Din Mustafa Hamdan in the town of Qabatiya.

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|                 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b><u>House Demolition:</u></b> The Israeli army demolished a 2-storey house belonging to Mustafa 'Aref ad Dib'i in the town of Qabatiya.</li> <li>• <b><u>Demonstration:</u></b> At 08:00, a general strike was declared throughout the city of Jenin in protest against the Israeli army's killing of 6 civilians in the city of Jenin and the town of Qabatiya.</li> </ul>   |
| <b>TULKAREM</b> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b><u>Closure:</u></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><u>Closure of Main Roads:</u></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><u>Checkpoints:</u></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 Tulkarem district to cross on foot, only after examining civilians' places of residence.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b><u>Wall Gates:</u></b> Passage through the Wall gates is restricted to civilians granted special Israeli permits.</li> <li>• <b><u>Flying Checkpoints:</u></b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) At 10:35, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to the town of Deir al Ghusun and searched civilians and vehicles.</li> <li>(ii) At 14:30, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the junction to the town of 'Attil and searched civilians and vehicles.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b><u>Raids:</u></b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) At 15:30, the Israeli army raided the city of Tulkarem and searched 1 house. At 01:25, the Israeli army raided the city again, opened indiscriminate fire, and fired sound and tear gas grenades, while surrounding and searching a number of buildings after detaining residents. The Israeli army also arrested 2 civilians and withdrew at 04:50.</li> <li>(ii) At 16:30, the Israeli army, including 2 jeeps, raided Dahiyat Shuweika in the city of Tulkarem, set up a checkpoint, searched civilians and vehicles, and patrolled the area.</li> </ul> </li> </ul> |

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|                  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Arrests:</b> The Israeli army arrested 2 civilians in the city of Tulkarem: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) Wael Ahmed Maslamani; and</li> <li>(ii) Mu'taz Ali al Qrayyeb.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b>Air Patrol:</b> At 09:00, an Israeli army reconnaissance aircraft patrolled the skies over the city of Tulkarem.</li> <li>• <b>Demonstration:</b> At 22:00, a mass demonstration took place in the town of 'Illar in protest against the Israeli army's killing of 6 civilians in the district of Jenin as well as in solidarity with the families of the killed civilians.</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 Checkpoint:</b> The Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the eastern entrance to the city of Qalqiliya and searched civilians and vehicles.</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> <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> </ul> </li> <li>• <b>Checkpoints:</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> <li>(iv) Israeli troops positioned at the checkpoint set up at the entrance to the town of Beit Furik continue to prevent taxis from the town of Beit</li> </ul> </li> </ul> |

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|                | <p>Furik and the village of Beit Dajan from crossing unless they possess access permits.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b><u>Raids:</u></b> At 01:20, the Israeli army raided the city of Nablus as well as Balata and 'Askar refugee camps, searched a number of houses, and arrested 4 civilians, including 1 child. At 05:00, the Israeli army withdrew from the area.</li> <li>• <b><u>Arrests:</u></b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) Israeli troops positioned at Huwwara checkpoint arrested Ibrahim Mustafa Qadous.</li> </ul> <p>The Israeli army arrested 4 civilians in the city of Nablus and Balata and 'Askar refugee camps:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(ii) Omar Yaseen Sha'ban, 16 years old;</li> <li>(iii) Mohammed Wafa al Kharraz;</li> <li>(iv) Zakariya Ahmed Msallam; and</li> <li>(v) 'Atiyyeh Ahmed Msallam.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>  |
| <b>SALFIT</b>  | <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> <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 Checkpoint:</u></b> At 19:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to the village of Yasuf, searched civilian vehicles, and impeded civilian access until 21:00.</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>Closure of Crossing Point:</u></b> At 12:20, the Israeli army closed Al Karama (Allenby) Bridge, denying access to civilian passengers until 13:30.</li> </ul>  |

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|           | <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 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 12:20, the Israeli army closed the DCO checkpoint set up at the southern entrance to the city of Jericho as well as the checkpoint set up near the settlement of Yitav at the western entrance to the village of Al 'Auja and denied civilian access in all directions until 13:30.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b><u>Flying Checkpoints:</u></b> At 12:20, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to the village of 'Ein ad Duyuk and denied civilian access until 13:30. At 22:00, the Israeli army set up another flying checkpoint, searched civilians and vehicles, and withdrew at a later time.</li> <li>• <b><u>Raids/Curfew:</u></b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) At 13:00, the Israeli army raided the city of Jericho and combed agricultural land.</li> <li>(ii) At 05:45, the Israeli army raided the village of Al 'Auja and imposed curfew.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b><u>Arrest:</u></b> On 11 May 2006, Israeli troops positioned on Al Karama (Allenby) Bridge arrested Basel 'Awni ash Shami, a member of the Palestinian Presidential Guard, while he was returning from Jordan.</li> </ul>   |
| BETHLEHEM | <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 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.</li> <li>• <b><u>Closure of Main Roads:</u></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><u>Wall Construction:</u></b> Wall construction continues north of 'Ayda refugee camp and in the Everest area, northwest of the city of Beit Jala.</li> <li>• <b><u>Raids:</u></b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) At 10:00, an Israeli army patrol raided the village of Dar Salah, set up a checkpoint, and searched civilians and vehicles crossing in both directions until 12:00.</li> <li>(ii) At 19:35, the Israeli army raided and patrolled 'Ayda refugee camp. Confrontations took place between the Israeli army and civilians, during which the Israeli army injured 2 children.</li> <li>(iii) At 20:05, and again at 22:00, the Israeli army raided the city of Beit Jala, patrolled the area, and searched a number of houses and commercial shops.</li> <li>(iv) At 01:00, the Israeli army raided the town of Beit Fajjar and searched a number of houses.</li> </ul> </li> </ul> |
| HEBRON    | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b><u>Closure:</u></b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(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</li> </ul> </li> </ul>  |



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.

- (ii) Although it expired on 07 May 2006, 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. Civilian vehicles continue to be 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 following locales: 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; the entrance to the village of Beit 'Einun; Al Baq'a junction south of the town of Beit 'Awwa; 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 Checkpoints:**

- (i) At 18:50, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on Al Fawwar junction south of the city of Hebron, searched civilian vehicles, and impeded civilian access.

- (ii) The Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the overpass to the town of Halhul and searched civilians and vehicles.

- **Raids:**

- (i) At 18:30, the Israeli army raided the city of Hebron, set up a checkpoint in the area of Ras al Jora, and searched civilians and vehicles. The Israeli army also searched 2 houses in the area of Al Hawuz ath Thani and arrested 1 civilian.

- (ii) At 02:00, the Israeli army raided the town of Yatta and searched a number of houses and commercial shops.

- **Arrest:** The Israeli army arrested Nathmi ash Sharabati in the city of Hebron.

- **Attack on Religious Site:** The Israeli army prohibited the call to prayers from being broadcast at the Ibrahimi Mosque in the old city of Hebron as well as prevented civilians under 30 years of age from accessing and performing prayers at the mosque.

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| <p style="text-align: center;"><b>ALL<br/>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>   |
| <p style="text-align: center;"><b>NORTHERN<br/>GAZA</b></p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Closure:</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>Closure of Crossing Point:</b> Beit Hanun (Erez) Crossing is partially open to foreign nationals, VIPs, and humanitarian cases after prior coordination.</li> <li>• <b>Air Attack:</b> At 12:30, Israeli army combat helicopters fired 1 missile towards Palestinian territory east of the coastal road northwest of the town of Beit Lahiya.</li> <li>• <b>Attacks/Provocation of Palestinian Forces:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) Between 09:00 and 20:50, the Israeli army fired 40 artillery shells from its locations inside the Green Line towards Palestinian territory north and northeast of the town of Beit Hanun and in the area behind the College of Agriculture in the town of Beit Hanun.</li> <li>(ii) At 14:30, the Israeli army opened fire from its location on the Green Line towards Palestinian territory north of the town of Beit Lahiya.</li> <li>(iii) At 22:20, Israeli naval boats opened fire towards Palestinian fishing boats opposite As Sudaniya beach northwest of the town of Beit Lahiya.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b>Raid/Land Levelling:</b> At 12:50, the Israeli army, including 1 armoured vehicle and 2 bulldozers, raided 100 metres into Palestinian territory near Point 44 on the Green Line east of the town of Beit Hanun and levelled land.</li> <li>• <b>Provocation of Palestinian Forces:</b> At 22:20, the Israeli army launched an aerostat equipped with a surveillance camera over a Palestinian National Security location northwest of the town of Beit Lahiya.</li> <li>• <b>Palestinian Security Measure:</b> At 10:50 and following coordination (through the DCO), a Palestinian Engineering Unit combed the area near Point 34 on the Green Line northeast of the town of Beit Hanun in search of artillery shells which the Israeli army had fired but did not explode. The Palestinian Engineering Unit located and detonated 3 artillery shells.</li> <li>• <b>Palestinian Attacks:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) At 18:10, 1 unidentified mortar was fired towards the Green Line.</li> <li>(ii) At 00:30, 2 unidentified mortars were fired towards the Green Line, of which 1 mortar exploded in the area from which it was launched.</li> <li>(iii) At 06:00, 2 unidentified mortars were fired towards the Green Line.</li> </ul> </li> </ul> |
| <p style="text-align: center;"><b>GAZA</b></p>              | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Air Patrol:</b> At 11:15, Israeli army combat aircrafts patrolled the skies over Gaza city.</li> </ul>  |

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|                     | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b><u>Palestinian Security Measure:</u></b> At 14:20, Palestinian security forces blocked an attempt by armed Palestinian individuals to fire an unidentified mortar from the area east of Gaza city as well as seized the mortar-launching pad.</li> <li>• <b><u>Palestinian Attack:</u></b> At 07:15, 1 unidentified mortar was fired towards the Green Line, but exploded on Palestinian territory.</li> </ul>  |
| <b>CENTRAL GAZA</b> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b><u>Air Patrols:</u></b> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) At 12:45, Israeli army combat helicopters patrolled the skies over the district of Central Gaza.</li> <li>(ii) At 15:00, Israeli army combat aircrafts patrolled the skies over the district of Central Gaza.</li> </ol> </li> </ul>   |
| <b>KHAN YUNIS</b>   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b><u>Attack:</u></b> At 08:55, Israeli naval boats opened fire towards the beach of the city of Khan Yunis, injuring 2 civilians, including 1 child.</li> <li>• <b><u>Palestinian Attacks/Attack:</u></b> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) At 15:20, 2 unidentified mortars were fired towards the Green Line.</li> <li>(ii) At 05:00, armed Palestinian individuals opened fire towards Israeli troops positioned near Point 188 on the Green Line. Consequently, the Israeli army opened intensive fire towards Palestinian territory east of the area of Khuza'a.</li> </ol> </li> </ul>   |
| <b>RAFAH</b>        | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b><u>Closure of Crossing Points:</u></b> <ol 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, as well as Arab and foreign diplomatic missions.</li> <li>(iii) Sufa Crossing is partially open. The crossing was closed at 10:50.</li> <li>(iv) Karm Abu Salim (Karem Shalom) Crossing is closed.</li> </ol> </li> <li>• <b><u>Raid/Land Levelling:</u></b> At 16:45, the Israeli army, including 2 armoured vehicles and 4 bulldozers, raided 200 metres into Palestinian territory near Point 214 on the Green Line south of Sufa Crossing and levelled land.</li> <li>• <b><u>Arrests/Confiscation of Property:</u></b> At 14:40, Israeli naval boats arrested 6 unidentified civilians at sea opposite the beach of the city of Rafah as well as confiscated their boat, allegedly for locating weapons and explosives on board the boat.</li> </ul> |

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| <b>WORK PERMITS</b> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b><u>West Bank:</u></b> The Israeli authorities issued new work permits to Palestinian workers for crossing the Green Line; however, the number of issued permits is unknown because the Israeli authorities have suspended contacts with the Palestinian employment offices. Additionally, the number of permit-holding workers who were allowed to access areas inside the Green Line is unknown.</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> |
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