

مجموعة الرقابة الفلسطينية



PALESTINIAN MONITORING GROUP

DAILY SITUATION REPORT

08:00 15 May 2004 – 08:00 16 May 2004

SUMMARY OF EVENTS

EVENT	WEST BANK	GAZA STRIP	TOTAL	NOTES
Deaths	—	1	1	Injuries sustained in Al Zeitun
Injuries	1	11	12	Incl. 4 children & 1 female
Air Attacks	—	2	2	Incl. 2 buildings targeted
Attacks	6	4	10	Incl. from navy boat
Raids	25	—	25	
Arrests (per person)	7	—	7	Incl. 2 officers
Wall Construction	14	—	14	Jer'lm, Ramallah, Jenin, Beth.
Destruction of Property	3	4	7	Incl. 300 trees in Al Khadr
House Occupations	3	—	3	Tulkarem, Tulk. RC, Dura
Confiscation of Property	1	—	1	Computer and files
Curfew	1	—	1	Tayba, Jenin
Checkpoints	All	—	All	
Flying Checkpoints	(Dozens)	(Dozens)	—	Closing all districts
Closures (per District)	(All)	(All)	(All)	
Closure of Main Roads	Most	(5)	Most	Esp. connecting governorates
Closure of Wall Gates	(All)	—	(All)	Permits required to cross
Closure of Crossing Points	—	5	5	1 Partially open
Settler Violence	1	—	1	300 trees uprooted, Al Khadr
Provocation of Pal. Forces	2	—	2	Incl. raid on Nat Sec .building
Demonstrations	12	4	16	Commemorating Al Nakba
Palestinian Attack	—	1	1	Mortar towards Beit Hanoun
TOTAL	76	32	108	

DISTRICT	EVENT
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<p style="text-align: center;">ALL DISTRICTS</p>	<p>Since 22 March 2004, the Israeli army has imposed a total closure over the West Bank and Gaza Strip. The Israeli army prevented civilians from crossing the Green Line and entering Jerusalem, closed crossing points to workers, and restricted movement between cities in the West Bank.</p>
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WEST BANK

<p style="text-align: center;">JERUSALEM</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure: The Israeli army set up flying checkpoints throughout the city, closing all roads connecting towns and villages and preventing pedestrians and vehicles from crossing. • Wall Construction: Wall construction was resumed in Al Eizariya, Abu Dis, Al Sawahira al Sharqiya, Sur Bahir, Qatanna, Biddu, and along the main road between Dahiyat Al Bareed checkpoint and Qalandiya checkpoint. • Raid: The Israeli army raided the town of Al Eizariya, raided the Zakat headquarters and destroyed the contents of its offices after confiscating computers and files.
<p style="text-align: center;">RAMALLAH & EL BIREH</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure: The Israeli army set up flying checkpoints throughout the district, closing all roads connecting towns and villages and preventing pedestrians and vehicles from crossing. • Wall Construction: Construction of the western portion of the Wall was resumed in Budrus, Deir Qaddis, Rantis, Ni'lin, Beit Liqya, Beituniya and near the village of Midya. • Raids: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 11:20, the Israeli army raided the town of Beituniya. At 13:15, the Israeli army fired sound bombs towards civilians. (ii) At 12:20, the Israeli army raided the cities of Ramallah and El Bireh, raided a Palestinian National Security building, fired sound bombs into offices in the building, breaking windows, and opened fire towards a Palestinian National Security vehicle. At 23:30, the Israeli army raided the area again. (iii) At 22:15, an Israeli army jeep raided the village of Kafr 'Ein. At 01:00, the Israeli army raided the village again and patrolled the area.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Demonstration:</u> At 14:00, a mass demonstration took place in the city of Ramallah and marched to the Muqata'a to commemorate the 56th anniversary of <i>Al Nakba</i> and to demand the right of return for Palestinian refugees.
JENIN	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Closure:</u> The Israeli army set up flying checkpoints throughout the district, closing all entrances to the city and roads connecting towns and villages and preventing pedestrians and vehicles from crossing. • <u>Wall Gates:</u> Passage through the Wall gates is restricted to civilians granted special Israeli permits. The closure continues to negatively impact education, economic and livelihood activities and impede access to health facilities. • <u>Wall Construction:</u> Construction of the Wall was resumed south of Jalbun towards Al Mutilla, Raba, Al Mughayyir, Bardala and 'Ein al Beida and towards the Jordan River. • <u>Raid/Curfew:</u> At 21:00, the Israeli army raided the village of Al Tayba and imposed curfew. • <u>Arrests:</u> On 13 May 2004, the Israeli army arrested 3 students while returning home from school: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Muhammad Mustafa; (ii) Zeid Atif Kabha; and (iii) Baha Atif Kabha. • <u>Demonstrations:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 12:00, a mass demonstration took place in Al Far'a refugee camp to commemorate the 56th anniversary of <i>Al Nakba</i> and to demand the right of return for Palestinian refugees. (ii) At 12:00, a mass demonstration, including international peace activists, took place in the village of Barta'a and marched to the Israeli checkpoint set up at the Wall gate at the entrance to the village in protest against continued construction of the Wall.
JERICHO	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Closure:</u> The Israeli army set up dozens of checkpoints throughout the city, closing all entrances to the city and roads connecting towns and villages and prevented civilians from crossing. • <u>Arrest:</u> At 12:00, the Israeli army arrested Adham Jamal Sa'd, a resident of the village of Artas, at Al Karameh (Allenby) crossing as he was returning home from the Ukraine.
BETHLEHEM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Closure:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) The Israeli army set up flying checkpoints throughout the district, closing all entrances to the city and roads connecting towns and villages and preventing civilians from crossing.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> (ii) 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 completely and placing the villages of Nu'man and Al Khas under the jurisdiction of the Jerusalem municipality, making its inhabitants illegal residents in Jerusalem because they carry West Bank ID cards. • Wall Construction: Construction of the Wall was resumed in the district of Bethlehem, west of Wadi Hilwa, near the Armenian monastery, on the Jerusalem-Bethlehem road and along the tunnel road (Gilo). • Raids: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 17:40, an Israeli army jeep raided the city of Bethlehem and its suburbs and patrolled the area. (ii) At 01:40, the Israeli army raided Duheisha refugee camp, searched 2 houses and arrested 3 civilians, including 1 officer. • Arrests: The Israeli army arrested 3 civilians in Duheisha refugee camp: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Rami Ahmad Al Zaghari, a Palestinian National Security officer; (ii) Yusif Al Laham; and (iii) Muhammad al Qassas. • Settler Violence: On 14 May 2004, a group of Israeli settlers from the settlement of Daniel uprooted over 300 olive trees and grape vines in the town of Al Khadr, provoking confrontations between civilians and Israeli settlers. • Demonstration: At 11:20, a mass demonstration took place in Duheisha refugee camp and marched towards the Church of Nativity in Bethlehem to commemorate the 56th anniversary of <i>Al Nakba</i> and to demand the right of return for Palestinian refugees.
<p style="text-align: center;">TULKAREM</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure: The Israeli army set up flying checkpoints throughout the district, closing all entrances to the city and roads connecting towns and villages and preventing pedestrians and vehicles from crossing. • Wall Gates: Passage through the Wall gates is restricted to civilians granted special Israeli permits. The closure continues to negatively impact education, economic and livelihood activities and impede access to health facilities. • Attack: At 20:00, the Israeli army opened fire on the main road adjacent to Nur Shams refugee camp towards civilian houses in the refugee camp. • Raids: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 12:10, Israeli Special Forces raided Tulkarem refugee camp and opened fire at 1 civilian in an attempt to extra-judicially kill him. The civilian was injured. The Israeli army occupied 1 house and converted it into a military post. (ii) At 12:25, the Israeli army raided the city of Tulkarem and its suburbs, occupied 1 house near Tulkarem Hospital and converted it into a military post. At 19:50, the Israeli army opened indiscriminate fire and searched 1 building before withdrawing at 06:00.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> (iii) At 16:15, the Israeli army raided the village of Illar and searched several houses. (iv) At 21:50, an Israeli army jeep raided the village of Kafr Al Labad. Confrontations took place between the Israeli army and civilians. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Arrest: At 05:30 on 15 May 2004, the Israeli army arrested Jabir Mahmoud Azim, a Palestinian National Security officer. • Demonstration: At 12:00, mass demonstrations took place in the city of Tulkarem , Tulkarem refugee camp and Nur Shams refugee camp to commemorate the 56th anniversary of <i>Al Nakba</i> and to demand the right of return for Palestinian refugees.
NABLUS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure: The Israeli army set up flying checkpoints throughout the district, closing all entrances to the city and roads connecting towns and villages and preventing pedestrians and vehicles from crossing. • Demonstration: At 10:00, a mass demonstration took place in the city of Nablus and Balata refugee camp to commemorate the 56th anniversary of <i>Al Nakba</i> and to demand the right of return for Palestinian refugees.
HEBRON	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure: The Israeli army set up flying checkpoints throughout the district, closing all entrances to the city and roads connecting towns and villages and preventing pedestrians and vehicles from crossing. • Raids: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 12:30, the Israeli army raided the town of Dura and occupied 1 house near the Palestinian Police station and converted it into a military post. (ii) At 13:10, the Israeli army raided the village of Kharsa. (iii) At 14:30, the Israeli army raided the city of Hebron and its suburbs, set up a checkpoint in the area of Al Hawuz al Thani, searched vehicles and examined passenger IDs. At 22:00, the Israeli army set up several flying checkpoints throughout the city. The Israeli army withdrew at 05:00. (iv) At 20:00, the Israeli army raided the towns of Yatta and Al Samu' and raided several civilian houses. • Demonstration: At 12:00, a mass demonstration took place in the city of Hebron to commemorate the 56th anniversary of <i>Al Nakba</i> and to demand the right of return for Palestinian refugees.
QALQILYA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure: The Israeli army set up flying checkpoints throughout the district, closing all entrances to the city and roads connecting towns and villages and preventing pedestrians and vehicles from crossing. • Wall Gates: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Passage through the Wall gates is restricted to civilians granted special

	<p>Israeli permits. The closure continues to negatively impact education, economic and livelihood activities and impede access to health facilities.</p> <p>(ii) The Israeli army closed the Azzun Atma Wall gate and prohibited all civilians from crossing, including those with permits.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Demonstration: At 12:00, a mass demonstration took place in the city of Qalqiliya to commemorate the 56th anniversary of <i>Al Nakba</i> and to demand the right of return for Palestinian refugees.
SALFIT	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure: The Israeli army set up flying checkpoints throughout the district, closing dozens of entrances to the city and roads connecting towns and villages and preventing pedestrians and vehicles from crossing. • Raids: <p>(i) At 21:20, the Israeli army raided the town of Deir Istiya. At 01:45, the Israeli army searched 1 house.</p> <p>(ii) The Israeli army raided the village of Hares, opened fire indiscriminately and fired sound bombs.</p>

GAZA STRIP

NORTHERN GAZA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure: Beit Hanoun crossing is closed. • Palestinian Attack: At 22:50, 1 Qassam mortar was fired towards the Beit Hanoun crossing.
GAZA CITY	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure: <p>(i) The junction of Nitsareem remains closed.</p> <p>(ii) Al Muntar crossing (Karni) is closed.</p> • Air Attack: At 00:30, Israeli army helicopters carried out 2 air attacks in which 2 buildings in the city of Gaza were targeted, injuring a 3 year old child in one of the buildings and 3 bystanders, and causing an electrical blackout. The two buildings, one in Al Shuja'iyah neighbourhood and the other a 10-storey building in Al Nasir neighbourhood, were severely damaged during the attack. The buildings included the Fateh Social and Cultural offices and the offices of an Islamic newspaper. • Attacks: <p>(i) At 15:35, the Israeli army opened intensive fire towards the east of Al Shuhada junction, south of the city of Gaza.</p> <p>(ii) At 19:15, Israeli naval boats opened fire towards the city of Gaza.</p> • Killing: At 01:00, Fu'ad Sha'ban, 21 years old, died of injuries sustained during the Israeli army raid in Al Zeitun neighbourhood.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Demonstration: At 11:00, a mass demonstration took place before the Palestinian Legislative Council headquarters in the city of Gaza to commemorate the 56th anniversary of <i>Al Nakba</i> and to demand the right of return for Palestinian refugees.
CENTRAL GAZA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Demonstration: At 11:40, mass demonstrations took place in Al Bureij and Al Nuseirat refugee camps to commemorate the 56th anniversary of <i>Al Nakba</i> and to demand the right of return for Palestinian refugees.
KHAN YUNIS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Abu al Ajin road (Khan Yunis Al Sharqiya) remains closed. (ii) Western road (Khan Yunis) remains closed. (iii) Al Mawasi/Khan Yunis road (Al Tuffah checkpoint) was open to pedestrians only. (iv) Abu Holi road is partially open. • Demonstration: At 11:40, a mass demonstration began at the Khan Yunis services club to commemorate the 56th anniversary of <i>Al Nakba</i> and to demand the right of return for Palestinian refugees.
RAFAH	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) The Gaza International Airport remains closed. (ii) Rafah crossing is partially open to civilians over age 35. (iii) The Sufa crossing is closed. • Attack: At 15:00, the Israeli army opened intensive fire from Point 7 towards civilian houses near Salah ad Din gate. At 17:50, the Israeli army opened fire again in the same area, injuring 7 civilians, including 1 critical injury, 3 children and 2 females.

GENERAL

POLITICAL PRISONERS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hunger Strike: Political prisoners in Hadarim Prison declared a hunger strike in protest against their extreme conditions of imprisonment and demanding that medicine and clothing be allowed into the prison, that the quality and quantity of food served be increased, and for prisoners to be treated humanely.
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