

## مجموعة الرقابة الفلسطينية



## PALESTINIAN MONITORING GROUP

**DAILY SITUATION REPORT**  
 08:00 15 May 2005 – 08:00 16 May 2005

## SUMMARY OF EVENTS

EVENT	WEST BANK	GAZA STRIP	TOTAL	NOTES
Injuries	2	1	<b>3</b>	Children in Ramallah & Khan Yunis
Attacks	4	7	<b>11</b>	Incl. 2 during raids & 6 from posts
Raids	8	2	<b>10</b>	Incl. 3 in Ramallah & 4 in Bethlehem
Air Patrol	1	—	<b>1</b>	Over the town of Al Khadr
Arrests (per person)	7	1	<b>8</b>	Incl. 1 female civilian
Detentions	5	—	<b>5</b>	At checkpoints, incl. 1 Pal. officer
Land Levelling	—	2	<b>2</b>	South of Gaza city & in Al Qarara
Wall Construction	23	—	<b>23</b>	Incl. Jer., Jenin, Ram'lah, Beth., Salfit
Confiscation of Property	1	—	<b>1</b>	1 public vehicle
Checkpoints	(All)	—	<b>(All)</b>	
Flying Checkpoints	9	—	<b>9</b>	Incl. 1 in Jerusalem & 1 in Tulkarem
Closure (per District)	5	—	<b>5</b>	Incl. Jerusalem and Jericho (partially)
Closure of Main Roads	(Unidentified)	(9)	—	Incl. 2 partially
Closure of Wall Gates	(All)	—	<b>(All)</b>	Incl. searches at 'Azzun 'Atma
Closure of Crossing Points	—	4	<b>4</b>	Incl. 2 partially open
Settler Violence	1	—	<b>1</b>	Wheat crops set on fire in Yatta
Palestinian Attacks	—	3	<b>3</b>	Incl. 2 unidentified mortars
Pal. Security Measures	2	1	<b>3</b>	Incl. 1 Israeli citizen handed over
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>68</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>89</b>	

DISTRICT	EVENT
ALL DISTRICTS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Beginning on 11 November 2004, following the official announcement of the death of President Yasser Arafat, the Israeli army continues to impose a total closure on the West Bank, preventing civilians and workers from crossing the Green Line.</li> </ul>

## WEST BANK

JERUSALEM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Closure:</b> Israeli troops positioned at checkpoints set up at the entrances to the city of Jerusalem continue to prevent civilians from other districts from entering the city.</li> <li><b>Closure of Main Road:</b> The Israeli army continues to close Ar Ram junction leading to the town of Bir Nabala for Wall construction.</li> <li><b>Checkpoints:</b> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Israeli army continues to intensify its restrictions at Qalandiya checkpoint and impede civilian movement.</li> <li>The Israeli army set up an iron gate near An Nabi Samwil checkpoint, preventing civilians from crossing.</li> </ol> </li> <li><b>Wall Gates:</b> The Israeli army continues to close the Wall gate in the town of Abu Dis with cement blocks.</li> <li><b>Wall Construction:</b> Wall construction continues in Dahiyat al Aqbat, from the village of Hizma to 'Anata, 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, and in the areas of Al Judeira, Bir Nabala, and Beit Hanina.</li> <li><b>Flying Checkpoint:</b> The Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint in the area of Ar Ram near 'Atarot Industrial Zone and searched civilians and vehicles.</li> </ul>
RAMALLAH & EL BIREH	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Wall Construction:</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, and in the town of Beituniya.</li> <li><b>Raids:</b> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>At 09:50, an Israeli army patrol raided the town of Bir Zeit. Confrontations took place between the Israeli army and civilians.</li> <li>At 15:30, an Israeli army patrol raided the town of 'Atara and opened fire.</li> <li>At 22:40, the Israeli army raided the village of 'Abud. Confrontations took place between the Israeli army and civilians, during which the Israeli army injured 2 children: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>'Amid Mahmoud al Khatib, 17 years old; and</li> <li>Kheir Mohammed al Barghouthi, 16 years old.</li> </ol> </li> </ol> </li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b><u>Palestinian Security Measures:</u></b> At 01:35, Palestinian security forces handed over Jiryis Mousa, an Israeli citizen, after he was arrested in the city of Ramallah (through the DCO).</li> </ul>
<b>JENIN</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b><u>Wall Gates:</u></b> Passage through the Wall gates is restricted to civilians granted special Israeli permits.</li> <li>• <b><u>Wall Construction:</u></b> Wall construction continues in the area of Jalbun to Al Mutilla, Raba to Al Mughayyir, from Bardala to 'Ein al Beida, and towards the Jordan River.</li> </ul>
<b>TULKAREM</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <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 Checkpoint:</u></b> At 13:45, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint south of the city of Tulkarem and searched civilians and vehicles.</li> </ul>
<b>QALQILYA</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b><u>Wall Gates:</u></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 search civilians with a metal detector.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b><u>Flying Checkpoint:</u></b> At 18:30, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint between the villages of Kafr Qaddum and Jit and searched civilians and vehicles.</li> </ul>
<b>NABLUS</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b><u>Flying Checkpoints/Confiscation of Property:</u></b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) At 12:30, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint along Wadi al Badhan road, confiscated 1 public vehicle, allegedly for finding a rifle in the vehicle, and arrested 3 civilians.</li> <li>(ii) At 08:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint between the town of 'Asira ash Shamaliya and the village of Talluza and arrested 1 civilian.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b><u>Arrests:</u></b> Israeli troops positioned at the flying checkpoint set up along Wadi al Badhan road arrested 3 civilians: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) Jamal Dweikat;</li> <li>(ii) Abdullah Lutfi Abu Salah; and</li> <li>(iii) Ahmed Husan ad Din Daraghmeh.</li> </ul> </li> <li>(iv) Israeli troops positioned at the flying checkpoint set up between the town of 'Asira ash Shamaliya and the village of Talluza arrested Nasser Ahmed Abu Leimoun.</li> <li>(v) At 00:10, Israeli troops positioned at the town of Beit Iba checkpoint arrested Ayman Abdul Karim Shteivi, a former political prisoner released 3 months ago.</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b><u>Detention:</u></b> At 18:30, the Israeli army detained Khaled Mahmoud Abu Khalaf, while he was working on his land east of the town of 'Asira ash Shamaliya, allegedly for masking his face. He was released at 21:40.</li> </ul>
<b>SALFIT</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b><u>Closure of Main Road:</u></b> The Israeli army continues to open the iron gate set up at the entrance to the village of Yasuf from morning until 18:00 only.</li> <li>• <b><u>Checkpoint:</u></b> The Israeli army continues to intensify its restrictions at the town of Deir Ballut checkpoint, impeding civilian movement.</li> <li>• <b><u>Wall Construction:</u></b> Wall construction continues in the town of Deir Ballut near the Green Line and in the villages of Az Zawiya and Rafat.</li> <li>• <b><u>Flying Checkpoints/Detention:</u></b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) At 11:30, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on Za'tara junction, detained Murad Mohammed 'Attar, a Palestinian National Security officer, and released him at a later time.</li> <li>(ii) At 19:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to the village of Bruqin and searched civilians and vehicles.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
<b>JERICHO</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b><u>Closure:</u></b> The road between the city of Jericho and the village of Al 'Auja (Road # 90) is closed with cement blocks. At various times, the Israeli army impeded civilian movement into the city of Jericho.</li> <li>• <b><u>Palestinian Security Measures:</u></b> At 06:50, Palestinian security forces accompanied and provided protection to a group of Jewish worshippers while visiting a synagogue in the city of Jericho.</li> </ul>
<b>BETHLEHEM</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b><u>Closure:</u></b> The Israeli army continues to close the only road leading to the village of Al Nu'man, northeast of the Bethlehem district, isolating the village and placing it, together with the adjacent village of Al Khas, under the jurisdiction of the Jerusalem municipality. The Israeli army considers the civilian presence in the villages illegal.</li> <li>• <b><u>Wall Construction:</u></b> Wall construction continues north of 'Ayda refugee camp towards the area north of the city of Beit Jala, and west of the village of Husan.</li> <li>• <b><u>Raids:</u></b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) At 11:35, an Israeli army patrol raided the town of Al Khadr, set up a checkpoint, and searched civilians and vehicles. At 20:00, and again at 00:25, the Israeli army raided the town again and set up another checkpoint.</li> <li>(ii) At 18:15, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the town of Al 'Ubeidiya.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b><u>Air Patrol:</u></b> At 11:35, Israeli army helicopters patrolled the skies over the town of Al Khadr.</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 Ash Shuhada' Street and the area of As Sahleh in the H2 section of the city of Hebron with cement blocks and barbed wire, denying civilians and vehicles access.</li> <li>(ii) The Israeli army continues to close Shalala Street with cement blocks.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b>Wall Construction:</b> Wall construction continues west of the town of Surif to Beit Ula, in the town of Idhna, from the village of Deir Samit to Beit 'Awwa, and from Beit 'Awwa to the village of Al Burj.</li> <li>• <b>Raid:</b> The Israeli army raided the village of Imreish and arrested 1 civilian.</li> <li>• <b>Arrests:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) At 10:00 on 14 May 2005, the Israeli army arrested Niveen Yousef al Atrash, a female civilian, near Al Ibrahimiya School in the old city of Hebron, claiming that she attempted to stab an Israeli soldier.</li> <li>(ii) The Israeli army arrested Ahmed Shahin in the village of Imreish.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b>Settler Violence:</b> At 20:00, a group of Israeli settlers from the settlement of Ma'on, southeast of the town of Yatta, set fire to approximately 200 <i>dunums</i> (50 acres) of land cultivated with wheat crops. Confrontations took place between the Israeli settlers and Palestinian civilians attempting to extinguish the fire. The Israeli army fired tear gas grenades towards civilians, injuring a number of civilians as a result of tear gas inhalation.</li> </ul>
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### GAZA STRIP

<b>NORTHERN GAZA</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Palestinian Attack:</b> At 14:00, 1 unidentified mortar was fired towards the Green Line.</li> </ul>
<b>GAZA</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Closure:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) Nitsareem junction remains closed.</li> <li>(ii) Al Shuhada Junction-Al Muntar Crossing road is closed.</li> <li>(iii) Al Muntar (Karnei) Crossing is closed.</li> <li>(iv) Nahal 'Oz Crossing is partially open.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b>Raid/Land Levelling:</b> At 10:20, the Israeli army, including 2 bulldozers, raided Palestinian territory north of Sheikh 'Ajlin junction, levelled land, and erected a 1.5 m. high dirt barricade along the coastal road south of Gaza city.</li> </ul>
<b>CENTRAL GAZA</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Activities not reported.</li> </ul>
<b>KHAN YUNIS</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Closure:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) Abu Al 'Ajlin road (Khan Yunis Al Sharqiya) is closed.</li> <li>(ii) Western road (Khan Yunis) is closed.</li> <li>(iii) Al Mawasi/Khan Yunis road (Al Tuffah checkpoint) is closed.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(iv) Deir al Balah junction to Abu Holi checkpoint (Kfar Darom road) is closed.</li> <li>(v) Morag road, connecting Khan Yunis' eastern and western roads, is closed.</li> <li>• <b>Attack:</b> At 11:25, the Israeli army opened fire from its location at At Tuffah checkpoint towards civilian houses in West Khan Yunis refugee camp, injuring 1 child.</li> <li>• <b>Raid/Land Levelling:</b> At 18:40, the Israeli army raided Palestinian territory in the area of Al Qarara, opened fire, and levelled land.</li> <li>• <b>Palestinian Attack:</b> At 01:20, 1 Qassam mortar was fired towards the settlement of Gadid.</li> <li>• <b>Palestinian Security Measures:</b> At 07:15, a Palestinian security patrol evacuated a number of children near Point 10 opposite West Khan Yunis refugee camp.</li> </ul>
<b>RAFAH</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Closure:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) Yasser Arafat International Airport remains closed.</li> <li>(ii) Al Mawasi/Rafah road is partially open.</li> <li>(iii) Sufa Crossing is partially open to construction cargo only.</li> <li>(iv) Alon – Tall as Sultan checkpoint, at the entrance to Al Mawasi/Rafah, south of the city of Deir al Balah, is partially open.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b>Attacks:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) At 15:10, the Israeli army opened fire from its locations at Points 9 and 10 along the Egyptian border towards civilian houses in Bloc (J) and Tall Zu'rub neighbourhood in Rafah refugee camp.</li> <li>(ii) At 21:00, the Israeli army opened fire from Tall as Sultan military post towards Palestinian territory in Tall as Sultan neighbourhood.</li> <li>(iii) At 23:30, the Israeli army detonated explosives on civilian land near Point 10 along the Egyptian border opposite Tall Zu'rub neighbourhood in Rafah refugee camp.</li> <li>(iv) At 00:30, the Israeli army fired 1 tank shell from its location along the Egyptian border towards Palestinian territory south of the city of Rafah.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b>Arrest:</b> At 21:00, Israeli troops positioned at Rafah Crossing arrested Fakhri Mohammed 'Eid, while he was travelling to Egypt.</li> <li>• <b>Palestinian Attack:</b> At 15:00, 1 unidentified mortar was fired towards 1 Israeli army bulldozer near the Egyptian border opposite Tall Zu'rub neighbourhood in Rafah refugee camp. The Israeli army responded by opening fire towards Palestinian territory.</li> </ul>