

مجموعة الرقابة الفلسطينية



PALESTINIAN MONITORING GROUP

DAILY SITUATION REPORT
 08:00 15 May 2007 – 08:00 16 May 2007

SUMMARY OF EVENTS

EVENT	WEST BANK	GAZA STRIP	TOTAL	NOTES
Deaths	*	1	1	A Palestinian security officer in Gaza
Attacks	3	3	6	Incl. 2 in raids & 2 by combat helicopters
Raids	25	1	26	Incl. 8 in Jenin & 4 in Nablus
Air Patrols	1	2	3	By combat helicopters
Arrests (per person)	14	1	15	Incl. 2 children & 2 Pal. security officers
Detentions	16	—	16	At checkpoints and in residential locales
Wall Construction	25	—	25	Jer., Raml'h., Qalq., Salfit, Hebron, Beth.
Closure of Checkpoints	18	—	18	Incl. access impeded at 11 checkpoints
Flying Checkpoints	14	—	14	Incl. 2 in Jerusalem and 4 in Ramallah
Closure (per District)	6	—	6	Incl. Jerusalem and Tulkarem partially
Closure of Main Roads	36	—	36	Incl. 3 in Jerusalem & 4 in Nablus
Closure of Crossing Points	—	6	6	Incl. Beit Hanun (Erez) partially
Palestinian Attacks	—	7	7	15 mortars fired towards the Green Line
TOTAL	158	21	179	

DISTRICT	EVENT
WEST BANK	
ALL DISTRICTS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Israeli army continues to intensify 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.
JERUSALEM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure: The Israeli army continues to intensify its restrictions at checkpoints located at the entrances to the city of Jerusalem. The Israeli army also continues to close the entrances to the Al Aqsa Mosque compound in the old city of Jerusalem and impede civilian access to the mosque. • Closure of Main Roads: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) The Israeli army continues to close the entrance opposite the junction to Dahiyat al Bareed in the city of Jerusalem with a barbed wire gate and to deny civilian access. (ii) The Israeli army continues to close the road connecting Dahiyat al Bareed to the town of Ar Ram in order to complete Wall construction in the area. (iii) The Israeli army continues to close with cement blocks the entrance to the village of Jaba', which connects the village to the cities of Jerusalem, Ramallah, and Jericho. • Checkpoints: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) The Israeli army continues to consider Qalandiya checkpoint a "border crossing point" and has designated a special crossing for holders of Jerusalem IDs and those possessing permits to access the city of Jerusalem. (ii) The Israeli army continues to intensify its restrictions at Ramot checkpoint and to impede civilian access. • Wall Gates: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) The Israeli army continues to close the Wall gate in the town of Abu Dis with cement blocks. (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 IDs to cross, after subjecting them to thorough searches using electronic devices. • Wall Construction: Wall construction continues in Dahiyat al Bareed, Dahiyat al Aqbat, from the village of Hizma to 'Anata, along the Hizma-Jaba' road, the area of Al 'Eizariya to Ash Shayyah, 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. • Death: On 13 May 2007, Salma Saleem Hajjar, a female civilian, was reported to have been run over and killed by an Israeli settler vehicle in the city of Jerusalem. However, investigations revealed that Hajjar was run over and killed by a Palestinian civilian vehicle bearing an Israeli licence plate when she was crossing a road.

<p style="text-align: center;">RAMALLAH & EL BIREH</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Closure of Main Roads:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the eastern entrance to the village of Sinjil as well as the road to the village of Ras Karkar. (ii) The Israeli army continues to close with cement blocks the western entrance to the village of Saffa. • <u>Checkpoint:</u> The Israeli army continues to intensify its restrictions at the checkpoint set up on the overpass to the town of 'Atara and to impede civilian access. • <u>Wall Construction:</u> Wall construction continues in the area west of the town of 'Abud as well as in the areas of Al Midya to Ni'lin and Ni'lin to Deir Qaddis. • <u>Flying Checkpoints:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 11:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to the village of Beit Liqya, searched civilians and vehicles, and arrested 4 civilians. (ii) At 22:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint near the village of Rantis, searched civilians and vehicles, and arrested 1 civilian, allegedly for locating a knife in his possession. (iii) The Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the junction to the village of Kafr Ni'ma and searched civilians and vehicles. • <u>Raids/Detentions:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 21:30, the Israeli army, including 7 jeeps, raided the village of 'Ein Yabrud, set up a checkpoint, and searched civilians and vehicles. The Israeli army also detained a number of civilians, arrested another civilian, and withdrew at 23:50. (ii) At 01:55, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the town of Bir Zeit. (iii) At 03:00, the Israeli army raided the village of Jilijliya, searched 1 house, and arrested 1 Palestinian Police officer. • <u>Arrests:</u> Israeli troops positioned at the flying checkpoint set up at the entrance to the village of Beit Liqya arrested 4 civilians: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Bakr Ribhi 'Assi; (ii) Hammoudeh Jibreel 'Assi; (iii) Usamah Feissal 'Assi; and (iv) Mohammed 'Abed Badr. (v) Israeli troops positioned at the flying checkpoint set up near the village of Rantis arrested Ghazi Khalaf. (vi) The Israeli army arrested Mahmoud Abdul Hameed Missleh in the village of 'Ein Yabrud. (vii) The Israeli army arrested Firas Mahmoud Yousef, a Palestinian Police officer, in the village of Jilijliya.
<p style="text-align: center;">JENIN</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Closure of Roads:</u> The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the unpaved detour roads leading to the town of 'Arraba east of the settlement of Dotan.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Checkpoint:</u> The Israeli army continues to close Tayasir checkpoint east of the town of Tubas, denying civilian access to the Northern Jordan Valley, except for civilians whose IDs indicate that their place of residence is the Northern Jordan Valley. • <u>Wall Gates:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Passage through the Wall gates is restricted to civilians granted special Israeli permits. (ii) Beginning on 29 March 2007, the Israeli army has continued to regulate times to open Al Jalama and Salim Wall gates between 06:30 until 10:00 and 17:00 until 21:00 respectively. • <u>Flying Checkpoint:</u> At 21:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the junction to the village of Al Kufeir and searched civilians and vehicles. • <u>Raids:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 14:00, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the village of Al Far'a. (ii) At 16:00, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the town of Az Zababida as well as the villages of 'Aqqaba, Al Kufeir, and Sir. (iii) At 24:00, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the town of Tubas. (iv) At 02:30, the Israeli army, including 6 jeeps, raided the city of Jenin and Jenin refugee camp. While searching a number of houses, an armed confrontation took place between the Israeli army and armed Palestinian individuals. At 05:00, the Israeli army withdrew from the area.
TULKAREM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Closure:</u> The Israeli army continues to declare the district of Tulkarem a closed military zone and to impede civilian access to and from the district. • <u>Closure of Main Roads:</u> The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the Dahiyat Iktaba-Bal'a road, the entrance to the village of Saffarin, the road connecting the town of Deir al Ghusun to 'Attil plain, the road connecting the town of Kafr al Labad to the village of Shufa, and the road to the town of Deir al Ghusun's plain. • <u>Checkpoints:</u> The Israeli army continues to intensify its restrictions at Jubara checkpoint (the southern entrance to the city of Tulkarem) as well as at 'Einav checkpoint (the eastern entrance to the city). • <u>Wall Gates:</u> Passage through the Wall gates is restricted to civilians granted special Israeli permits. • <u>Flying Checkpoint:</u> At 21:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the junction to the town of Bal'a and searched civilians and vehicles until 04:00. • <u>Raids/Air Patrol:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 03:30, the Israeli army, including 7 jeeps, raided Dahiyat Iktaba in the city of Tulkarem, searched 2 houses, and arrested 1 civilian. (ii) At 05:00, the Israeli army, including 7 jeeps and 1 bulldozer, raided the town of 'Attil and surrounded 1 house. Meanwhile, Israeli combat helicopters patrolled the skies over the area. The Israeli army remains positioned in the area as of 08:00 this morning. • <u>Arrest:</u> The Israeli army arrested Hasan Saleem 'Illariyyeh in Dahiyat Iktaba in the city of Tulkarem.

<p style="text-align: center;">QALQILIYA</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Closure of Roads:</u> The Israeli army continues to close with cement blocks the agricultural roads east of the town of ‘Azzun. • <u>Wall Gates:</u> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Passage through the Wall gates is restricted to civilians granted special Israeli permits. (ii) The Israeli army continues to intensify its restrictions at ‘Azzun ‘Atma Wall gate and to search civilians, including students, with a metal detector. • <u>Wall Construction:</u> Land levelling for Wall construction continues in the villages of Immatin and Kafr Laqif as well as east of the towns of Kafr Thulth and ‘Azzun. • <u>Flying Checkpoint:</u> At 02:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to Habla tunnel (the southern entrance to the city of Qalqiliya) and searched civilians and vehicles.
<p style="text-align: center;">NABLUS</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Closure of Main Roads:</u> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (i) The Israeli army continues to close the Jenin-Nablus road between the junction to the village of Deir Sharaf and the settlement of Shavei Shomron. (ii) The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the settler bypass road connecting the village of Deir al Hatab to the settlement of Alon Moreh as well as the southern entrance to the village of Qaryut. (iii) The Israeli army continues to close the entrance to the village of Al Lubban ash Sharqiya with dirt barricades and cement blocks. • <u>Checkpoints:</u> The Israeli army continues to regulate times for crossing checkpoints set up around the city of Nablus: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Huwwara and Beit Iba checkpoints (set up at the southern and western entrances to the city of Nablus respectively) are closed at 23:00. The Israeli army only allows civilian vehicles possessing access permits to cross these checkpoints. The Israeli army also searches civilians using metal detectors at Beit Iba checkpoint, impeding their access. (ii) At Tur neighbourhood checkpoint (set up on Jirzim Mount) is closed on Fridays and Saturdays as well as during Jewish holidays. On all other days, it is open for civilian residents of the neighbourhood only. (iii) Beit Furik checkpoint is open to civilian residents of the town of Beit Furik and the village of Beit Dajan until 17:30. (iv) Beginning on 23 November 2006, the Israeli army continues to close the checkpoint set up in the area between the city of Nablus and the town of ‘Asira ash Shamaliya and to prevent civilians from crossing, only allowing access to humanitarian cases. (v) At 08:00, the Israeli army intensified its restrictions at checkpoints set up around the city of Nablus and denied access to civilians between 16 and 30 years of age. • <u>Flying Checkpoint:</u> At 08:20, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the junction to the settlement of Yitzhar and searched civilians and vehicles.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Raids/Attack:</u> At 00:55, the Israeli army raided the city of Nablus as well as the refugee camps of Balata, 'Askar, and 'Ein Beit el Ma'. In Balata refugee camp, the Israeli army opened intensive fire. Additionally, the Israeli army searched a number of houses, arrested 5 civilians, including 2 children, and withdrew at 04:15. • <u>Arrests:</u> The Israeli army arrested 5 civilians, including 2 children, in the city of Nablus and in the refugee camps of Balata, 'Askar, and 'Ein Beit el Ma': <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Ala' Taleb Miskawi, 17 years old; (ii) Mohammed Shakir al 'Assi, 16 years old; (iii) Hussein Nadi al Khalidi; (iv) Mohammed Yihya Jabarin; and (v) Saleh Darwsih al Hashash.
SALFIT	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Closure of Main Roads:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (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). (ii) The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the western entrance to the village of Marda and, with cement blocks, the western entrance to the town of Kafr ad Dik. • <u>Checkpoints:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (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. (ii) The Israeli army continues to intensify its restrictions at the Za'tara junction checkpoint and to impede civilian access. • <u>Wall Construction:</u> Wall construction continues in the area 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. • <u>Flying Checkpoint:</u> At 20:20, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to the village of Iskaka and searched civilians and vehicles until 00:15. • <u>Raid/Detention:</u> At 20:40, the Israeli army raided the town of Bruqin, set up a checkpoint at its entrance, searched civilians and vehicles, and detained 1 civilian. At 22:50, the Israeli army withdrew from the area.
JERICHO	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Closure:</u> 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 Governorate 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 IDs. • <u>Checkpoints:</u> The Israeli army continues to intensify its restrictions and impede civilian access at Al Hamra checkpoint set up along Al Badhan road connecting the districts of Jericho and Nablus as well as on the checkpoint set up on the junction to the village of Al 'Auja along Al Mu'arrajat road connecting the districts of Jericho and Ramallah.

<p style="text-align: center;">BETHLEHEM</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure: 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. • Closure of Main Roads: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) 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. (ii) The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the detour roads leading to the town of Tuqu'. • Checkpoint: At 11:00, the Israeli army intensified its restrictions at As Sawahira ash Sharqiya (the "Container") checkpoint and used Police dogs for searches, thereby impeding civilian access. • Wall Construction: Wall construction continues in the area northwest of the town of Al Khadr, northwest of the city of Beit Jala, and in the area of Wadi Rahhal east of the settlement of Efrat. • Raids: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 15:20, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the city of Beit Jala. (ii) At 23:00, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the city of Beit Jala and the town of Al Khadr. The Israeli army also set up a checkpoint in the area of An Nashash at the entrance to the town of Al Khadr and searched civilians and vehicles. (iii) At 01:00, the Israeli army raided the village of Husan. Confrontations took place between civilians and the Israeli army, while it was searching a house.
<p style="text-align: center;">HEBRON</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (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 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. The Israeli army also continues to install an iron gate at the entrance to the area of Al Hisba (the fruits and vegetables market) in the old city of Hebron, thereby controlling civilian access to and from the area. (ii) Although it expired on 07 May 2006, the Israeli army continues to implement a military order stipulating the prohibition of civilian vehicles from travelling along the road connecting the settlement of Kiryat Arba' to the Ibrahimi Mosque in the old city of Hebron unless they possess access permits. • Closure of Main Roads: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the following locales: the entrance to the town of As Samoa'; 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

	<p>northwest of the city of Hebron; the road connecting the town of Surif to the village of Al Jab'a; the entrance to the village of Beit 'Einun; and the eastern entrance to the village of Kharsa. The Israeli army also continues to close with cement blocks the entrance to Al Qeisi neighbourhood in the old city of Hebron as well as the main entrance to Al 'Arrub refugee camp.</p> <p>(ii) In accordance with Military Order # 378, the Israeli army continues to prohibit Palestinian vehicles from travelling along Shalala Old Street that leads to the old city of Hebron, only allowing Israeli vehicles as well as Israeli army vehicles to travel along this street.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wall Construction: Wall construction continues in the section of Tarqumiya checkpoint terminal, the remaining section of the Wall route that separates the settlement of Eshkolot from the village of Ar Ramadin, and near the village of Imneizil southeast of the town of Yatta. • Flying Checkpoint: At 20:05, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to the town of Sa'ir and searched civilians and vehicles until 21:40. • Raids: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 13:50, the Israeli army raided the town of Yatta and searched a number of houses. (ii) At 02:30, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the city of Hebron. (iii) The Israeli army raided the town of As Samoa' and searched 1 house. • Arrest: At 24:00 on 14 May 2007, the Israeli army arrested 'Amer Waleed al Heimouni during its raid into the city of Hebron.
--	--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------

GAZA STRIP

<p style="text-align: center;">ALL DISTRICTS</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The ceasefire agreement that entered into force at 06:00 on 26 November 2006 remains effective. However, the Israeli army and air force opened fire towards Palestinian territory on 3 occasions, killing 1 Palestinian security officer. The Israeli army also arrested another Palestinian security officer and carried out 1 raid into Palestinian territory. In addition, armed Palestinian individuals fired 15 mortars towards the Green Line.
<p style="text-align: center;">NORTHERN GAZA</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure of Crossing Point: Beit Hanun (Erez) Crossing is partially open to foreign nationals, humanitarian cases, and VIPs. • Attack/Air Patrol: At 02:55, Israeli combat helicopters opened machinegun fire towards Palestinian territory northwest of the town of Beit Lahiya, thereby violating the Israeli-Palestinian ceasefire agreement. • Raid: In violation of the Israeli-Palestinian ceasefire agreement, the Israeli army, including 5 armoured vehicles, raided Palestinian territory near Point 2 on the Green Line northwest of the town of Beit Lahiya. • Palestinian Attacks: In violation of the Israeli-Palestinian ceasefire agreement, armed Palestinian individuals fired 11 mortars towards the Green Line, as follows: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 18:45, 2 unidentified mortars were fired towards the Green Line.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> (ii) At 19:05, 2 unidentified mortars were fired towards the Green Line. (iii) At 19:20, 5 unidentified mortars were fired towards the Green Line. (iv) At 22:30, 2 unidentified mortars were fired towards the Green Line.
GAZA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure of Crossing Points: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Al Muntar (Karnei) Crossing is closed. (ii) Ash Shuja'iyah (Nahal 'Oz) Crossing is closed. • Attack: At 08:40, in violation of the Israeli-Palestinian ceasefire agreement, the Israeli army opened fire from the area near Point 88 on the Green Line towards 2 Palestinian National Security officers east of Gaza city, claiming that they approached the Green Line. As a result, the Israeli army killed 1 officer and arrested the other. • Killing: The Israeli army killed Usamah al Madhoun, a Palestinian National Security officer, east of Gaza city. • Arrest: The Israeli army arrested Zuheir al Baye', a Palestinian National Security officer, east of Gaza city.
CENTRAL GAZA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Attack/Air Patrol: At 03:10, Israeli combat helicopters opened machinegun fire towards Palestinian territory near Point 124 on the Green Line east of Al Maghazi refugee camp, thereby violating the Israeli-Palestinian ceasefire agreement. • Palestinian Attacks: In violation of the Israeli-Palestinian ceasefire agreement, armed Palestinian individuals fired 3 mortars towards the Green Line, as follows: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 22:55, 1 unidentified mortar was fired towards the Green Line. (ii) At 01:05, 2 unidentified mortars were fired towards the Green Line.
KHAN YUNIS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Activities not reported.
RAFAH	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure of Crossing Points: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Yasser 'Arafat International Airport remains closed. (ii) Rafah Crossing is closed. (iii) Sufa Crossing is closed. • Palestinian Attack: At 05:00, armed Palestinian individuals fired 1 unidentified mortar towards the Green Line, thereby violating the Israeli-Palestinian ceasefire agreement.