

## مجموعة الرقابة الفلسطينية



## PALESTINIAN MONITORING GROUP

**DAILY SITUATION REPORT**  
 08:00 16 May 2010 – 08:00 17 May 2010

## SUMMARY OF EVENTS

EVENT	WEST BANK	GAZA STRIP	TOTAL	NOTES
Physical Assaults	3	—	3	Incl. 3 international peace activists
Attack	1	—	1	During confrontations in Hebron
Raids	20	—	20	Incl. 4 in Nablus and 4 in Bethlehem
Air Patrol	1	—	1	Troops dispatched by a helicopter. Tubas
Arrests (per person)	7	2	9	Incl. 3 children
Expulsion	1	—	1	PLO official from Al Aqsa Mosque
Detentions	14	—	14	Incl. 8 international peace activists
House Demolitions	*	—	—	Notices to demolish helicopters houses
Wall Construction	19	—	19	Incl. Jer., Raml'h., Salfit, & Hebron
Attack on Property	1	—	1	Municipal inspectors' office closed
Closure of Checkpoints	9	—	9	Incl. 1 checkpoint closed temporarily
Flying Checkpoints	10	—	10	Incl. 2 in Jerusalem and 3 in Jericho
Closure (per District)	7	—	7	Incl. 4 areas in the city of Hebron
Closure of Main Roads	42	—	42	Incl. 10 in Nablus and 15 in Hebron
Closure of Crossing Points	—	4	4	3 crossings partially open
Settler Violence	1	—	1	2 civilians severely beaten in Ramallah
Demonstration	1	—	1	Against Wall construction, Bethlehem
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>137</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>143</b>	

DISTRICT	EVENTS
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## WEST BANK

<b>JERUSALEM</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Closure:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) The Israeli army continues to intensify its restrictions at checkpoints located at the entrances to the city of Jerusalem and to set up flying checkpoints in the old city of Jerusalem and around Al Aqsa Mosque compound.</li> <li>(i) On 05 January 2009, the Israeli authorities issued Military Order # S/02/09 on the closure of and denial of civilian access to the "demarcation area" along the Wall in the area surrounding the city of Jerusalem. Accordingly, local residents and civilians holding permits can access this area through crossings and gates set up at the entrances to the city of Jerusalem. (The demarcation area is defined by a set of military orders relating to land confiscation for Wall construction).</li> <li>(ii) The Israeli army continues to impose a blockade and deny civilian access to a hill between the village of Biddu and Beit Iksa due to its geographical significance as it overlooks the city of Jerusalem.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b>Closure of Main Roads:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) The Israeli army continues to close with cement blocks and dirt barricades the entrance to the village of Jaba'.</li> <li>(ii) The Israeli army continues to close the iron gate along the Wall section, separating the area of Dahiyat al Bareed from the town of Ar Ram.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b>Checkpoints:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) The Israeli army continues to consider Qalandiya checkpoint a "border crossing point" and has designated a special crossing lane for holders of Jerusalem IDs and those possessing permits to access the city of Jerusalem.</li> <li>(ii) Beginning on 11 April 2010, the Israeli army has continued to close the checkpoint set up near the entrance to Shu'fat refugee camp in the city of Jerusalem and to deny civilian access between 23:00 and 05:00, claiming to be carrying out infrastructure works between the checkpoint and the road leading to Shu'fat refugee camp.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b>Expulsion:</b> At 10:00, the Israeli army detained Hatem Abdul Qader, PLO official in charge of the Jerusalem File, at the Al Muscobiya (the 'Russian Compound') Detention and Interrogation Centre in the city of Jerusalem. Israeli officers interrogated Abdul Qader about his participation in a festival organised on the occasion of the Palestinian <i>Nakba</i>. For the second consecutive times, Abdul Qader received a military order, stating that he would not access the Al Aqsa Mosque compound and keep as far as at least 100 metres away from it for a period of 6 months.</li> <li>• <b>Arrests:</b> The Israeli army arrested 3 young residents of the city of Bethlehem, claiming that they had accessed the city of Jerusalem without the required permits: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) Hamzeh Mahmoud Masalmeh, 14 years old;</li> <li>(ii) Abdul Rahman Khadher Masalmeh, 16 years old; and</li> <li>(iii) Feissal Masalmeh, 16 years old.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <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 IDs to cross, after subjecting them to thorough searches using electronic devices.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b>Wall Construction:</b> Wall construction was resumed in the area of Al 'Eizariya to Ash Shayyah, from Beit Surik village to Biddu; in the areas of Al Judeira, Bir Nabala, and Beit Hanina; west of the village of Al Jib; in the vicinity of the village of Qatanna; south of the village of Beit Hanina; and in the area surrounding the checkpoint set up at the entrance to Shu'fat refugee camp.</li> </ul>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>RAMALLAH &amp; EL BIREH</b></p>	<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 with dirt barricades and cement blocks the entrances to the town of Sinjil, the village of Saffa; and the junction to the villages of Kafr Malik – 'Ein Samiya.</li> <li>(ii) On 15 March 2010, the Israeli army issued a military order, providing that the area located between civilian houses and the Wall in the town of Ni'lin and the village of Bil'in would be a closed military zone between 08:00 and 20:00 on Fridays for a period of 6 months. To prevent weekly demonstrations against Wall construction, civilian access to the area will be denied except with a special permit.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b>Raids:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) At 10:30, the Israeli army raided the city of El Bireh and distributed notices for the demolition of 3 houses east of the city, ostensibly because they were located in Area C, which is under the Israeli control.</li> <li>(ii) At 22:55, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the town of 'Arura.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b>Settler Violence:</b> At 01:00, a group of Israeli settlers severely beat 2 civilians in the vicinity of the village of Deir 'Ammar, leaving them with contusions.</li> <li>• <b>Wall Construction:</b> Wall construction was resumed west of the town of 'Abud; in the village of Bil'in; and in the areas of Al Midya to Ni'lin and Ni'lin to Deir Qaddis.</li> </ul>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>JENIN</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Closure of Main Road:</b> The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the road leading to the town of 'Arraba east of the settlement of Dotan.</li> <li>• <b>Raids:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) At 09:00, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the town of Ya'bad.</li> <li>(ii) At 11:45, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the village of Raba.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b>Wall Gates:</b> Passage through the Wall gates is restricted to civilians granted special Israeli permits, which affects the educational and health conditions of civilians living behind the Wall.</li> </ul>

TUBAS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Checkpoint:</b> Though allowing civilian access to the Northern Jordan Valley between 06:00 and 22:00, the Israeli army continues to intensify its restrictions at Tayasir checkpoint east of the city of Tubas.</li> <li>• <b>Flying Checkpoint:</b> At 12:25, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint in the area between the town of ‘Aqqaba and the village of Al Kufeir and searched civilians and vehicles.</li> <li>• <b>Raid/Air Patrol:</b> At 23:00, Israeli troops, dispatched by a combat helicopter, raided and combed an area near the village of Kashda. At 00:30, Israeli troops withdrew from the area.</li> <li>• <b>Arrest:</b> On 11 May 2010, the Israeli army arrested Ma’moun Fayez al Masri, a resident of the town of ‘Aqqaba, while he was present inside the Green Line.</li> </ul>
TULKAREM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Closure of Main Roads:</b> The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the road connecting the town of Kafr al Labad to the village of Shufa as well as the road connecting the villages of Shufa and ‘Izbat Shufa.</li> <li>• <b>Checkpoint/Detention:</b> The Israeli army continues to intensify restrictions at ‘Einav checkpoint set up on Tulkarem-Nablus main road. Having detained them at 16:50, an Israeli Intelligence officer interrogated a number of civilians and released them at a later time.</li> <li>• <b>Raids:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) At 10:30, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the city of Tulkarem.</li> <li>(ii) At 00:40, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the village of Kafr Zibad.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b>Wall Gates:</b> Passage through the wall gates is restricted to civilians granted special Israeli permits.</li> </ul>
QALQILYA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Closure of Roads:</b> The Israeli army continues to close with cement blocks agricultural roads east of the town of ‘Azzun.</li> <li>• <b>Flying Checkpoint:</b> At 22:15, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the junction to the village of Jit and searched civilians and vehicles.</li> <li>• <b>Raid:</b> At 23:25, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the city of Qalqiliya.</li> <li>• <b>Wall Gates:</b> The Israeli army continues to intensify its restrictions at ‘Azzun ‘Atma Wall gate and to search civilians, including students, with a detector.</li> </ul>
NABLUS	<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 roads of Till-Burin and Beit Furik-Salem; the settler bypass road connecting the village of Deir al Hatab to the settlement of Alon Moreh; the southern entrance to the village of Duma; and the northern entrance to the town of Qabalan.</li> <li>(ii) The Israeli army continues to close with an iron gate the western entrance to An Naqura village opposite Shavei Shomron settlement.</li> <li>(iii) The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the southern entrance to the village of Qaryut and the road connecting the town of ‘Aqraba to the village of Osarin.</li> <li>(iv) The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the detour road between the town of Qabalan and the village of Osarin.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Checkpoints:</b> The Israeli army continues to regulate times for crossing checkpoints set up around the city of Nablus: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) At Tur neighbourhood checkpoint (set up on Jerzim 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 between 07:00 and 02:00.</li> <li>(ii) At 'Awarta commercial checkpoint, civilians are allowed to cross between 05:00 and 20:00, but between 05:00 and 15:00 on Fridays. All civilian vehicles are allowed to access the city of Nablus, but only commercial vehicles and ambulances can leave the city through the checkpoint.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b>Raids:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) At 11:40, the Israeli army raided the village of Burin, set up a checkpoint, searched civilians and vehicles, and withdrew at 13:00.</li> <li>(ii) At 01:00, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the village of Kafr Qalil.</li> <li>(iii) At 01:20, the Israeli army raided the city of Nablus, searched 3 commercial premises of vehicle spare parts, and withdrew at 06:00.</li> <li>(iv) At 02:30, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the town of 'Aqraba.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
<b>SALFIT</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 with dirt barricades the northern entrance to the city of Salfit.</li> <li>(ii) The Israeli army continues to close with cement blocks and iron gates the northern entrance to the town of Bruqin and the western entrance to the town of Kafr Ad Dik.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b>Checkpoint:</b> The Israeli army continues to intensify its restrictions and impede civilian access at the Za'tara junction checkpoint. At 19:30, the Israeli army closed the checkpoint and denied civilian access in either direction, allegedly because unidentified individuals had opened fire towards an Israeli settler vehicle near 'Uyun al Haramiya junction on the Ramallah-Nablus main road. The Israeli army reopened the checkpoint at a later time.</li> <li>• <b>Flying Checkpoint:</b> At 18:30, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint in the area between the town of Kifl Haris and the village of Haris and searched civilians and vehicles.</li> <li>• <b>Raid:</b> At 19:00, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the town of Biddya.</li> <li>• <b>Arrest:</b> At 15:00, the Israeli army arrested Saed Ala' Hamdallah Raddad, a resident of the town of Az Zawiya, while he was present inside the Green Line.</li> <li>• <b>Wall Construction:</b> Wall construction was resumed 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 Ariel.</li> </ul>
<b>JERICHO</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Closure:</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 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.</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 Al Hamra checkpoint set up along Al Badhan road connecting the districts of Jericho and Nablus. However, the Israeli army allows civilian access between 06:00 and 22:00.</li> <li>(ii) The Israeli army continues to intensify its restrictions at the checkpoint set up on the junction to the village of Al 'Auja along Al-Mu'arrajat road that connects the districts of Jericho and Ramallah, only allowing access to civilians whose IDs indicate that their place of residence of the district of Jericho as well as to others holding access permits.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b><u>Flying Checkpoints:</u></b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) At 09:45, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the southern entrance to the city of Jericho and searched civilians and vehicles.</li> <li>(ii) At 11:30, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on Al Mu'arrajat road connecting the districts of Jericho and Ramallah and searched civilians and vehicles.</li> <li>(iii) At 20:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to the village of Fasayil and searched civilians and vehicles.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b><u>Raid:</u></b> At 22:30, the Israeli army raided the village of Fasayil, searched 1 house, and withdrew at 00:05.</li> </ul>
BETHLEHEM	<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 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.</li> <li>(ii) According to Military Order # 07/02/S, the Israeli army has continued since 15 September 2007 to deny civilian access to an area measuring 22 <i>dunums</i> (5.436 acres) of land in the area of Mazmuriya in the cities of Beit Sahur and Bethlehem. The land was confiscated pursuant to Military Order # 07/31/T.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b><u>Closure of Main Roads:</u></b> The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the road of Beit Jala-Wadi Ahmad; a road east of the town of Beit Fajar; and an agricultural road connecting the town of Tuqu' to the village of Khirbet al Baq'a.</li> <li>• <b><u>Raids/Detentions:</u></b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) At 12:30, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the village of Al 'Asakira.</li> <li>(ii) At 13:30, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the village of Al Walaja.</li> <li>(iii) At 00:05, the Israeli army raided the cities of Bethlehem and Beit Sahur and searched a number of house, after detaining residents outside.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b><u>Arrest:</u></b> On 16 May 2010, the Israeli army arrested Mahmoud 'Ata 'Oden Sbeih, a resident of the city of Bethlehem, while he was reporting to the Israeli Intelligence agency in the settlement of Kfar 'Etzion.</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b><u>Demonstration/Physical Assaults/Detentions:</u></b> At 10:30, a mass demonstration, including international peace activists, took place in the area of Al Cremisan northwest of the city of Beit Jala in protest against land levelling for completion of Wall construction. Having obstructed the demonstration, Israeli troops severely beat participants with clubs and rifle butts, leaving 3 peace activists with contusions. Israeli troops also detained 8 other activists.</li> <li>• <b><u>Wall Construction:</u></b> Wall construction was resumed in the area northwest of the town of Al Khadr; northwest of the city of Beit Jala; in the area of Wadi Rahhal east of Efrat settlement; and in the area surrounding Al Walaja.</li> </ul>
<b>HEBRON</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b><u>Closure:</u></b> <ol 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 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. In addition to closing the entrance to Al Laban Market with iron plates, the Israeli army 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, controlling civilian access in the area.</li> <li>(ii) Having evacuated civilian residents and denied civilian access, the Israeli army continues to close the area located along the Green Line south of the town of Yatta.</li> </ol> </li> <li>• <b><u>Closure of Main Roads:</u></b> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) The Israeli army continues to close with cement blocks the entrance to the town of As Samoa'; the eastern entrance to the village of Kharsa; the entrance to the Al Qeisi neighbourhood in the old city of Hebron; the entrances to Al 'Arrub refugee camp, the village of At Tuwani, and the town of Adh Dhahiriya; and the road connecting the town of Surif to the village of Al Jab'a.</li> <li>(ii) The Israeli army continues to prohibit Palestinian vehicles from travelling along Ash Shalala Old Street in the old city of Hebron.</li> <li>(iii) The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the road between the villages of Al Karmil and At Tuwani and all roads leading to Road # 60.</li> <li>(iv) The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades an entrance to the town of Beit Ummar near the town's cemetery.</li> </ol> </li> <li>• <b><u>Flying Checkpoint:</u></b> At 13:50, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint and searched civilians and vehicles in the area of Wadi Qayun (the northern entrance to the city of Hebron along Road # 35).</li> <li>• <b><u>Attack:</u></b> At 08:30, Israeli troops positioned at the entrance to Al 'Arrub refugee camp fired rubber-coated steel bullets and tear gas grenades towards a number of children, allegedly for throwing stones.</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Raids:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) At 15:15, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the city of Hebron.</li> <li>(ii) At 00:20, the Israeli army raided the town of Beit Ummar, searched a number of houses, and arrested 1 civilian.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b>Arrest:</b> The Israeli army arrested Nour ad Din Mohammed Hamed al Khatib in the town of Beit Ummar.</li> <li>• <b>Attack on Property:</b> At 10:00, the Israeli army closed an office belonging to Hebron Municipality inspectors in the old city of Hebron. The Israeli army seized keys of the office and forced employees out.</li> <li>• <b>Wall Construction:</b> Wall construction was resumed in the section of Tarqumiya checkpoint terminal; in the area surrounding the settlement of Eshkolot near the town of Adh Dhahiriya; and in the area between the villages of ‘Arab ar Ramadin and Imneizil.</li> </ul>
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### GAZA STRIP

<b>ALL DISTRICTS</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• At 02:00 on 18 January 2009, the unilateral ceasefire declared by the Israeli authorities came into effect. At a later time on the same day, armed Palestinian groups announced an agreement to cease fire for a week. Later, armed Palestinian groups extended the ceasefire until 05 February 2009. Despite the fact that the extension period expired, the ceasefire continues to hold pending negotiations carried out by Egypt.</li> </ul>
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<b>NORTHERN GAZA</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Closure of Crossing Point:</b> Beit Hanun (Erez) Crossing is partially open to previously-coordinated humanitarian cases and foreign nationals.</li> </ul>
<b>GAZA</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Closure of Crossing Points:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) Al Muntar (Karnei) Crossing is closed.</li> <li>(ii) Ash Shuja’iya (Nahal ‘Oz) Crossing is closed. Beginning on 04 January 2010, the Crossing has been closed upon an Israeli unilateral decision.</li> </ul> </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>• Activities not reported.</li> </ul>
<b>RAFAH</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Closure of Crossing Points:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) Yasser ‘Arafat International Airport remains closed.</li> <li>(ii) Rafah (Al ‘Awdah) Crossing is open on an exceptional basis to allow access to 846 patients, humanitarian cases, and civilians holding visas and residence cards abroad. Also, 90 civilians and patients, who had received medical treatment at Egyptian hospitals, were allowed to enter the Gaza Strip through the Crossing.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>



	<p>(iii) Sufa Crossing is closed.</p> <p>(iv) Karm Abu Salim (Karem Shalom) Crossing is partially open for transportation of food supplies, humanitarian aid, diesel designated for the Gaza Electricity Generation Station, and cooking gas.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Arrests:</b> At dawn on 17 May 2010, the Israeli army arrested 2 unidentified civilians in the area surrounding Karm Abu Salem (Karem Shalom) Crossing, while they were attempting to gain access into areas inside the Green Line.</li></ul>
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