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PALESTINIAN MONITORING GROUP

DAILY SITUATION REPORT

08:00 16 May 2011 – 08:00 17 May 2011

SUMMARY OF EVENTS

EVENT	WEST BANK	GAZA STRIP	TOTAL	NOTES
Physical Assaults	3	—	3	Incl. 2 children beaten in Bethlehem
Injury	1	—	1	Civilian in Al Khadr town, Bethlehem
Attacks	18	1	19	18 in confrontations and 1 from a post
Raids	22	—	22	Incl. 6 in Ramallah and 4 in Bethlehem
Arrests (per Person)	25	—	25	Incl. 6 children and a journalist
Detentions	16	—	16	Incl. 4 children
Wall Construction	13	—	13	Incl. in Jerusalem, Qalqiliya, & Hebron
Destruction of Property	11	—	11	Incl. water tanks and cameras damaged
Closure of Checkpoints	10	—	10	Incl. access impeded at 5 checkpoints
Flying Checkpoints	26	—	26	Incl. 6 in Qalqiliya and 5 in Hebron
Closure (per District)	8	—	8	Incl. Jerusalem and 5 areas in Hebron
Closure of Main Roads	45	—	45	Incl. 10 in Nablus and 15 in Hebron
Closure of Crossing Points	—	4	4	Incl. food supplies and gas allowed in
Medical Obstruction	1	—	1	Access impeded to an ambulance
School Disruption	1	—	1	Tear gas fired on a girls school, Hebron
Settler Violence	1	—	1	Civilian vehicles stoned, Nablus
TOTAL	201	5	206	

DISTRICT	EVENTS
WEST BANK	
ALL DISTRICTS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Beginning at 24:00 on 14 May 2011, the Israeli army has continued to impose a complete closure on the West Bank districts on the 63rd anniversary of the Nakba—or catastrophe—which saw the expulsion and forced displacement of Palestinians from their homes and villages. With the exception of previously-coordinated diplomatic and international missions, humanitarian cases, and critically ill civilians, the Israeli army denied access to civilians and workers, including those holding special permits, to Jerusalem city and areas inside the Green Line. The closure was lifted 24:00 on 16 May 2011. • Based on President Mahmoud Abbas’ decision, mourning was declared for three days beginning on 16 May 2010. In mourning of Palestinians killed by the Israeli army on the 63rd anniversary of the Nakba—or catastrophe, Palestinian flags were put at half-mast on all official institutions inside and outside the Palestinian territory.
JERUSALEM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Beginning at 24:00 on 14 May 2011, the Israeli army has continued to intensify restrictions at checkpoints located at the entrances to Jerusalem city and set up checkpoints on road junctions and around the old city of Jerusalem. With the exception of previously-coordinated humanitarian cases and critically ill civilians, the Israeli army has denied access to civilians and workers, including those holding special permits, to the city. The Israeli army has also prevented civilians holding Jerusalem-issued ID cards, who were under the age of 40 years, from accessing the Al Aqsa Mosque compound and performing prayers. (ii) The Israeli army continues to close the ‘demarcation area’ along the Wall in the area surrounding Jerusalem city and restrict access to the area to local residents as well as to civilians holding special permits. (iii) The Israeli army continues to impose a blockade and deny civilian access to a hill between Biddu and Beit Ikxa villages. • Closure of Main Roads: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) The Israeli army continues to close with cement blocks and dirt barricades the entrance to the village of Jaba’. (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. (iii) The Israeli army continues to close with an iron gate the eastern entrance to Beit Ikxa village and force civilians to access Jerusalem city through Qalandiya checkpoint. • Checkpoint: The Israeli authorities continue to consider Qalandiya checkpoint a “border crossing point” and designates a special crossing lane for holders of Jerusalem IDs and those possessing permits to access Jerusalem city. • Attacks: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 16:00, the Israeli army fired rubber-coated steel bullets and tear gas grenades on civilians near Ar Ram town, allegedly for throwing stones.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> (ii) In the evening of 16 May 2010, the Israeli army fired rubber-coated steel bullets as well as sound and tear gas grenades on civilians in Silwan neighbourhood in Jerusalem city, allegedly for throwing stones. • Wall Gates: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) The Israeli army continues to close with cement blocks the Wall gate in Abu Dis town. (ii) The Israeli army continues to deny civilian access through the Wall gate on Ash Shayyah road in the area between As Sawahira ash Sharqiya and As Sawahira al Gharbiya villages, only allowing civilians holding Jerusalem IDs to cross, after subjecting them to thorough searches using electronic devices. • Wall Construction: Wall construction continues in the area north of Qalandiya village; south of Az Za'ayem village; and in Wadi al 'Eizariya west of Ma'ale Adumim settlement.
<p style="text-align: center;">RAMALLAH & EL BIREH</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure of Main Roads: The Israeli army continues to close the entrances to Sinjil town and Saffa village as well as the junction to Kafr Malik and 'Ein Samiya villages. • Flying Checkpoints: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 17:30, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to Silwad town and searched civilians and vehicles. (ii) At 18:10, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to 'Arura town and searched civilians and vehicles. • Raids: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 17:50, the Israeli army raided Um Safa village. While patrolling the area, confrontations took place between the Israeli army and civilians. (ii) At 01:10, the Israeli army raided and patrolled Rantis village. (iii) At 01:30, the Israeli army raided and patrolled Beit Rima village. (iv) At 02:00, the Israeli army raided Burham and Kobar villages. While patrolling these areas, confrontations took place between the Israeli army and civilians. At 02:20, the Israeli army withdrew from both villages. (v) At 02:15, the Israeli army raided and patrolled 'Ein Yabrud village. • Wall Construction: Wall construction continues in the area west of 'Abud town in the area surrounding 'Ofarim settlement and north of Al Lubban al Gharbi and Rantis villages.
<p style="text-align: center;">JENIN</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure of Main Road: The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the road leading to the town of 'Arraba east of Dotan settlement. • Raid: At 21:10, the Israeli army raided Zububa village. Confrontations took place between civilians and the Israeli army while it was patrolling the area. • Wall Gates: 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.
<p style="text-align: center;">TUBAS</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Checkpoint: 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.

TULKAREM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure of Main Roads: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (i) The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the road connecting Kafr al Labad town to Shufa village as well as the road connecting Shufa and ‘Izbat Shufa villages. (ii) The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the detour road leading to Ramin village along the Tulkarem-Nablus main road. • Checkpoint: At 14:35, the Israeli army closed ‘Einav checkpoint on the Tulkarem-Nablus main road, denied civilian access, and reopened it at a later time. • Raids: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 20:30, the Israeli army raided Far’un village and patrolled the area until 23:15. (ii) At 02:20, the Israeli army raided and patrolled Kafr ‘Abbush village. • Wall Gates: Passage through the wall gates is restricted to civilians granted special Israeli permits.
QALQILYA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure of Roads: The Israeli army continues to close with cement blocks agricultural roads east of the town of ‘Azzun. • Flying Checkpoints: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 11:45, and again at 22:10, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to Jinsafut village and searched civilians and vehicles. (ii) At 12:15, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to Hajja village and searched civilians and vehicles. (iii) At 12:15, and again at 22:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to Kafr Laqif village and searched civilians and vehicles. (iv) At 14:20, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the junction to Jit village and searched civilians and vehicles. • Raid: At 19:00, the Israeli army raided and patrolled Qalqiliya city. • Wall Gates: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (i) The Israeli army continues to intensify its restrictions at ‘Azzun ‘Atma Wall gate and to search civilians, including students, with a metal detector. (ii) The Israeli army continues close with an iron gate the entrance to the village of Wadi ar Rasha and to deny civilian access. The Israeli army allows residents to access the village through Gate #109. Having removed the iron gate at the entrance to the village of Ras ‘Atiya, the Israeli army only allows students to cross to their schools outside the village through the Habla gate. • Wall Construction: Wall construction continues in Kafr Laqif village north of Karnei Shomron settlement; in Immatin village northeast of Imanuel settlement; and east of Kafr Thulth town near Ma’ale Shomron settlement.
NABLUS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure of Main Roads: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (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 road connecting the town of ‘Aqraba to the village of Osarin; and the detour road between the town of Qabalan and the village of Osarin.

	<p>(ii) The Israeli army continues to close the northern entrance to the town of Qabalan; the southern entrances to the town of Jamma'in and the villages of Duma and Qaryut; and the western entrance to An Naqura village opposite the settlement of Shavei Shomron.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Checkpoints: The Israeli army continues to regulate times for crossing checkpoints set up around the city of Nablus: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (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. (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. (iii) At 14:35, the Israeli army closed Shavei Shomron checkpoint and denied civilian access until 15:00. • Flying Checkpoints: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 08:20, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the junction to Yitzhar settlement north of Huwwara town and searched civilians and vehicles. (ii) At 10:30, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint near the junction to Deir Sharaf village on the Nablus-Tulkarem main road and searched civilians and vehicles. At 13:20, the Israeli army set up another checkpoint, arrested two civilians, and detained their truck. (iii) At 11:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint near Al Lubban ash Sharqiya village on the Nablus-Ramallah main road and denied civilian access until 12:00, ostensibly for investigation of a suspicious object. • Raids: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 18:05, the Israeli army raided Burin village and arrested a civilian. (ii) At 20:00, the Israeli army raided and patrolled Beit Dajan village. • Arrests: Israeli troops positioned at the flying checkpoint set up near the junction to Deir Sharaf village on the Nablus-Tulkarem main road arrested two civilians: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Samed Mohammed Nassar; and (ii) Yasser 'Imad Nimer. (iii) The Israeli army arrested Ibrahim Sami al Wazani in Burin village. • Settler Violence: At 23:10, a group of Israeli settlers threw stones at civilian vehicles travelling along the main road near Duma village, breaking the windshield of a vehicle belonging to Ribhi Abdul Karim 'Asayrah.
SALFIT	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure of Main Roads: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the northern entrance to Salfit city and with cement blocks the northern entrance to the Bruqin town.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> (ii) The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the entrance to two detour roads connecting Marda village to respective farmland. (iii) Beginning on 14 November 2010, the Israeli army has continued to open the northern entrance to Salfit city to civilian buses only. The entrance had been closed for seven years. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Checkpoint: The Israeli army continues to intensify restrictions and impede civilian access at the Za'tara junction checkpoint. • Raids: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 00:30, the Israeli army raided Qarawat Bani Hassan town, raided two houses, and served summonses on two civilians to report to the Israeli Intelligence agency: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Arqam Mustafa Mar'i; and (ii) Sa'id Hamad Jubarah Mar'i. (ii) At 01:30, the Israeli army raided Salfit city, arrested six civilians, and served a summons on Arafat Abdul Fattah to report to the Israeli Intelligence agency. At 06:40, the Israeli army withdrew from the area. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Arrests: The Israeli army arrested six civilians in Salfit city: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Farouq Mohammed Ahmed Shaheen; (ii) Anas Ma'rouf Mahmoud Ma'rouf; (iii) Fu'ad Ahmed Hasan Shaheen; (iv) Ali Khalil Fatouni; (v) Subhi Wahbi al 'Areedh; and (vi) Anas Abdul Fattah Dahdoul. • Wall Construction: Wall construction continues in the area north of Deir Istiya town southeast of Emmanuel settlement.
<p style="text-align: center;">JERICHO</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure of Main Road: The Israeli army continues to close Road # 90 between Jericho city and Al 'Auja village with cement blocks. • Checkpoints: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) The Israeli army continues to intensify restrictions at Al Hamra checkpoint set up along Al Badhan road connecting Jericho and Nablus districts, only allowing access to residents of Jericho district of the Jordan Valley area. (ii) At 19:55, the Israeli army intensified restrictions and impeded civilian access at the checkpoint set up on the junction to Al 'Auja village along Al-Mu'arrajat road connecting Jericho and Ramallah districts, only allowing residents of Jericho district as well as others holding access permits to cross. • Flying Checkpoints/Attack: At 12:40, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the southern entrance to Jericho city and searched civilians and vehicles. At 16:40, the Israeli army set up another checkpoint and fired rubber-coated steel bullets as well as tear gas grenades on civilians, allegedly for throwing stones. The Israeli army also denied civilian access until 17:40. • Raid: At 23:00, the Israeli army raided and patrolled Al 'Auja village.

BETHLEHEM

- **Closure:**
 - (i) The Israeli army continues to close roads to An Nu'man village, with the exception of the road leading to the Wall gate in the south-eastern area of the village.
 - (ii) Beginning on 15 September 2007, the Israeli army has continued to prevent civilians from accessing or staying on 22 *dunums* of confiscated land in Al Mazmuriya area in Beit Sahur and Bethlehem cities.
- **Closure of Main Roads:** The Israeli army continues to close the Beit Jala-Wadi Ahmad road; a road east of Beit Fajjar town; the road connecting Tuqu' town to Khirbet al Baq'a village; and the detour road connecting Wadi Fukin and Al Jab'a villages.
- **Flying Checkpoints:**
 - (i) At 10:45, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint in 'Ush Ghurab area east of Beit Sahur town and searched civilians and vehicles.
 - (ii) At 15:20, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on An Nashash junction (the southern entrance to Bethlehem city) and arrested a civilian. At 22:35, and again at 01:10, the Israeli army set up another checkpoint and searched civilians and vehicles.
- **Attack/Physical Assaults/Detention:** At 16:25, the Israeli army fired tear gas grenades on civilians near the entrance to Beit Fajjar town, allegedly for throwing stones. The Israeli army also beat and arrested two children. In addition, the Israeli army detained Hasan Mohammed Abdul Hamid Taqatqah, a child, and released him at a later time.
- **Raids/Attacks/Medical Obstruction:**
 - (i) At 08:00, the Israeli army raided Tuqu' town and fired tear gas grenades on school students. At 19:15, the Israeli army raided the town again. Confrontations took place between the Israeli army and civilians. At 20:05, the Israeli army withdrew from the area.
 - (ii) At 12:00, the Israeli army raided Al Khadr town and fired rubber-coated steel bullets as well as tear gas grenades on civilians, allegedly for throwing stones. A civilian sustained a bullet wound and others were wounded as a result of tear gas inhalation. In addition to arresting a child, the Israeli army detained an ambulance of the Palestine Red Crescent Society and prevented medics from offering first aid to injured civilians. At 23:30, the Israeli army raided the town again, searched a number houses, arrested six civilians, including three brothers, and withdrew at 02:25.
- **Arrests:**
 - (i) Israeli troops positioned at the flying checkpoint set up on An Nashash junction (the southern entrance to Bethlehem city) arrested Ahmed at Tumeizi.

The Israeli army arrested seven civilians in Al Khadr town:

 - (ii) Ihab Ya'qoub Isma'il 'Isa, 12 years old;
 - (iii) Ahmed Yaseen Mahmoud Marzouq;
 - (iv) Ma'moun Yaseen Mahmoud Marzouq;

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> (v) Nadeem Ad'ham Mahmoud Marzouq; (vi) Mazen Abdullah 'Isa; (vii) Mahir Abdullah 'Isa; and (viii) Nasser Abdullah 'Isa. <p>Israeli troops arrested two children at the entrance to Beit Fajjar town:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (ix) Mohammed Hasan Taqatqah, 16 years old; and (x) Ahmed Saleh Mohammed Balu, 15 years old. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wall Construction: Wall construction continues in the area northwest of Beit Jala city; around Al Walaja village; and east of Efrat settlement.
<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 Ash Shuhada' Street, As Sahleh and Khuzq al Far areas, and the old gold market in the old city of Hebron. In addition to closing the entrance to Al Qeisi neighbourhood, the Israeli army continues to close the entrances to the area of Al Hisba (the fruits and vegetables market) with an iron gate and Al Laban Market with iron plates. (ii) Beginning on 05 January 2009, the Israeli army has continued to close the area located along the Green Line south of the town of Yatta. Having seized land for Wall construction, the Israeli army evacuated residents and denied civilian access to the area. • Closure of Main Roads: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) The Israeli army continues to close the entrances to Adh Dhahiriya and As Samoa' towns, Al 'Arrub refugee camp, and At Tuwani and Al Karmil villages. (ii) The Israeli army continues to prohibit Palestinian vehicles from travelling along Ash Shalala Old Street in the old city of Hebron. (iii) The Israeli army continues to close all roads leading to Road # 60 as well as detour roads along the settler bypass road leading to Yatta town. (iv) Beginning at 16:50 on 12 May 2011, the Israeli army has continued to close with dirt barricades a detour road along the main street leading to Halhul town. • Flying Checkpoints/Attacks/Physical Assault/Detention: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 13:10, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the junction to At Tabaqa village and fired tear gas grenades on civilians, allegedly for throwing stones. In addition to beating Rudaynah Mohammed 'Amr, a female civilian, Israeli troops detained two children and released them at a later time: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Ahmed Mohammed 'Amr, 15 years old; and (ii) Nassif Na'im Mohammed, 15 years old. <p>At 19:30, the Israeli army set up another checkpoint and searched civilians and vehicles.</p> (ii) At 13:30, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on Al Fawwar junction and fired tear gas grenades on civilians, ostensibly for throwing stones. (iii) At 14:10, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to Dura town and searched civilians and vehicles.

	<p>(iv) At 14:30, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the northern entrance to Hebron city (along Road # 35) and fired tear gas grenades on civilians, allegedly for throwing stones.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Attacks/Detention/Destruction of Property/School Disruption:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 08:00, Israeli troops positioned near the entrance to Al ‘Arrub refugee camp fired tear gas grenades on school students, ostensibly for throwing stones. Israeli troops also detained Nidhal Mahmoud Abu Rayya, 16 years old, and released him at a later time. At 17:55, Israeli troops fired tear gas grenades on civilians again, also under the same pretext. (ii) In the morning of 16 May 2011, and allegedly for throwing stones, Israeli troops fired tear gas grenades inside classrooms at the Zahrat al Mada’in Girls Basic School in Beit Ummar town. Two female teachers and a number of girls were injured as a result of tear gas inhalation. The school’s window glass was broken. In addition, Israeli troops opened fire on and damaged surveillance cameras and water tanks on the school’s roof. As a result, classes were disrupted at the school. (iii) At 15:45, the Israeli army fired sound grenades on civilians in Az Zahed area in the old city of Hebron, ostensibly for throwing stones. • <u>Raids:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 19:10, the Israeli army raided Ar Rihya village. While patrolling the area, confrontations took place between the Israeli army and civilians. At 20:10, the Israeli army withdrew from the village. (ii) At 23:05, the Israeli army raided and patrolled Yatta town. (iii) At 02:00, the Israeli army raided Hebron city and arrested a journalist. • <u>Arrests:</u> On 15 May 2011, the Israeli army arrested four civilians, including three children, in Khallet Hadur area in the old city of Hebron: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Ahmed Majdi al Haddad, 16 years old; (ii) Ali Basem al Haddad, 16 years old; (iii) Yasser Tayseer al Haddad, 17 years old; and (iv) Amjad Majdi al Haddad. (v) On 15 May 2011, the Israeli army arrested Khalil Mohammed Ahmed ‘Awwad in Idhna town. (vi) The Israeli army arrested Raed ash Sharif in Hebron city. • <u>Wall Construction:</u> Wall construction continues in the area surrounding Eshkolot settlement west of Adh Dhahiriya town.
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GAZA STRIP

<p style="text-align: center;">ALL DISTRICTS</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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. The ceasefire has been further renewed on 10 April 2011. • <u>Violations of the Ceasefire:</u> The Israeli army opened fire from its location on the Green Line on Khan Yunis district.
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NORTHERN GAZA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure of Crossing Point: Beit Hanun (Erez) Crossing was partially open to previously-coordinated critically ill civilians, foreign journalists, international organisations staff, merchants, businesspeople, and civilians intending to travel to Jordan through Al Karama (Allenby) Bridge in the West Bank.
GAZA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure of Crossing Points: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Al Muntar (Karnei) Crossing is closed. Beginning on 02 March 2011, the Crossing has been effectively closed upon an Israeli unilateral decision. (ii) Ash Shuja'iyah (Nahal 'Oz) Crossing is closed. Beginning on 04 January 2010, the Crossing has been closed upon an Israeli unilateral decision.
CENTRAL GAZA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Activities not reported.
KHAN YUNIS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Attack: In the morning of 16 May 2011, the Israeli army opened fire from its location on the Green Line on farmers while they were harvesting wheat and malt crops in Al Farahin area east of 'Abasan al Kabira town.
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 (<i>Al 'Awdah</i>) Crossing was open to allow civilians, students, others holding visas and residence cards abroad, and foreign nationals to depart the Gaza Strip. Access was also allowed to civilians and patients, who had received medical attention at Egyptian hospitals. (iii) Sufa Crossing is closed. (iv) Karm Abu Salem (Karem Shalom) Crossing was partially open for transportation of food supplies, goods, humanitarian aid, and cooking gas. In addition to 20 vehicles imported by the private sector, 10 truckloads of cement allocated to GTZ-sponsored projects were transported through the Crossing. Another nine truckloads of cement and 50 truckloads of construction cargo designated to UNRWA projects were transported to the Gaza Strip.