مجموعة الرقابة الفلسطينية

PALESTINIAN MONITORING GROUP

DAILY SITUATION REPORT
08:00 17 May 2005 – 08:00 18 May 2005

SUMMARY OF EVENTS

EVENT	WEST BANK	GAZA STRIP	TOTAL	NOTES
Death	—	1	**1**	In Yabna in Rafah refugee camp
Physical Assaults	2	—	**2**	A number of civilians severely beaten
Injuries	2	—	**2**	2 children in the town of Dura
Attacks	2	13	**15**	Incl. 1 during a raid & 13 from posts
Raids	20	1	**21**	Incl. 6 in Ramallah & 7 in Bethlehem
Arrests (per person)	14	—	**14**	Incl. 1 child and 3 Pal. officers
Detentions	9	—	**9**	Incl. 4 Palestinian security officers
Wall Construction	23	—	**23**	Incl. Jer., Jenin, Ram'lah, Beth., Salfit
Destruction of Property	1	—	**1**	Vehicle lights in Deir Dibwan
House Occupation	1	—	**1**	Near the settlement of Kiryat Arba'
Checkpoints	(All)	—	**(All)**	
Flying Checkpoints	15	—	**15**	Incl. 3 in Ramallah & 3 in Jenin
Closure (per District)	5	—	**5**	Incl. Jerusalem and Jericho (partially)
Closure of Main Roads	(Unidentified)	(9)	**—**	Incl. 2 partially
Closure of Wall Gates	(All)	—	**(All)**	Incl. Barta'a gate closed
Closure of Crossing Point	—	1	**1**	Yasser Arafat International Airport
Settlement Activity	1	—	**1**	1 settler bypass road constructed
Settler Violence	2	—	**2**	Incl. 1 family detained in their house
Provocation of Pal. Forces	1	3	**4**	Incl. open fire towards 1 Pal. post
Palestinian Attacks	—	5	**5**	Incl. 3 unidentified mortars fired
Pal. Security Measures	2	6	**8**	Incl. 4 illegal vehicles handed over
TOTAL	**100**	**30**	**130**	

DISTRICT	EVENT
ALL DISTRICTS	• 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.

WEST BANK

DISTRICT	EVENT
JERUSALEM	• **Closure:** 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. • **Closure of Main Road:** The Israeli army continues to close Ar Ram junction leading to the town of Bir Nabala for Wall construction. • **Checkpoints:** (i) The Israeli army continues to intensify its restrictions at Qalandiya checkpoint and impede civilian movement. (ii) The Israeli army set up an iron gate near An Nabi Samwil checkpoint, preventing civilians from crossing. • **Wall Gates:** The Israeli army continues to close the Wall gate in the town of Abu Dis with cement blocks. • **Wall Construction:** 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.
RAMALLAH & EL BIREH	• **Wall Construction:** 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. • **Flying Checkpoints:** The Israeli army set up 1 flying checkpoint on the overpass to the town of 'Atara and another flying checkpoint at the entrance to the village of Deir Abu Mash'al and searched civilians and vehicles. • **Raids/Provocation of Palestinian Forces/Destruction of Property:** (i) At 08:30, the Israeli army raided the village of Al Mughayyir and arrested 7 civilians. (ii) At 10:50, the Israeli army raided the city of El Bireh and served summons to a number of civilians to report to the Israeli Intelligence Service. At 17:20, and again at 02:55, the Israeli army raided the city of El Bireh again, halted 1 Palestinian General Intelligence vehicle, and examined officers' IDs.

	(iii) At 22:10, an Israeli army patrol raided the village of Deir Dibwan and broke the lights of a number of civilian vehicles parked along roads in the village while patrolling the area. (iv) At 02:15, an Israeli army patrol raided the city of Ramallah, set up a checkpoint at its northern entrance leading to the town of Bir Zeit, searched civilian vehicles, and examined civilians' IDs until 02:30. • **Arrests:** The Israeli army arrested 7 civilians in the village of Al Mughayyir: (i) Samer Munir Abu 'Ilayya; (ii) Tamer Munir Abu 'Ilayya; (iii) Bayan Talal an Na'san; (iv) 'Amer Hussein Abu 'Ilayya; (v) Omar Hussein Abu 'Ilayya; (vi) Fu'ad Mohammed Abu 'Ilyya; and (vii) Fat'hi 'Odeh Abu 'Ilayya.
JENIN	• **Wall Gates/Detention:** (i) Passage through the Wall gates is restricted to civilians granted special Israeli permits. (ii) The Israeli army closed the Wall gate to the village of Barta'a, detaining civilians at both sides of the Wall gate for an extended period of time. • **Wall Construction:** 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. • **Flying Checkpoint/Physical Assault/Detention:** (i) At 09:30, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint near the settlement of Sanur along the Jenin-Nablus main road, arrested 1 civilian, after severely beating him, and assaulted a number of other civilians. At 20:30, the Israeli army withdrew from the area. (ii) At 10:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to the town of 'Arraba, searched civilian vehicles, and impeded civilian movement. (iii) At 23:30, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint near the village of Tayasir, searched civilians and vehicles, and detained 1 public vehicle until 02:00. • **Arrest:** Israeli troops positioned at the flying checkpoint set up near the settlement of Sanur arrested Fawwaz Izz ad Din Husni.
TULKAREM	• **Wall Gates:** Passage through the Wall gates is restricted to civilians granted special Israeli permits. • **Flying Checkpoints:** (i) At 00:20, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the junction to the village of Al Jarushiya and arrested 1 Palestinian National Security officer.

	(ii) At 07:30, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the junction to the settlement of 'Einav and searched civilians and vehicles. • **Arrest:** Israeli troops positioned at the flying checkpoint set up on the junction to the village of Al Jarushiya arrested Layth 'Inayah, a Palestinian National Security officer.
QALQILYA	• **Wall Gates:** (i) Passage through the Wall gates is restricted to civilians granted special Israeli permits. (ii) The Israeli army continues to intensify restrictions at 'Azzun 'Atma Wall gate and search civilians with a metal detector. • **Flying Checkpoints:** At 07:00 on 17 May 2005, the Israeli army set up 2 flying checkpoints at the entrances to the town of 'Azzun and the village of Jinsafut, searched civilian vehicles, and examined civilians' IDs. • **Palestinian Security Measures:** At 13:30, Palestinian security forces handed over 3 illegal vehicles, confiscated in the city of Qalqiliya, to the Israeli authorities (through the DCO).
NABLUS	• **Flying Checkpoint:** At 13:20, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the junction to the village of Deir Sharaf, detained 3 Palestinian National Security officers, and released them at 18:10: Those detained were: (i) Nour ad Din 'Azzam; (ii) 'Imran 'Abbas; and (iii) Mohammed Iqrariyyeh. • **Raids:** (i) At 08:35, Israeli army infantry forces, including 20 soldiers, raided and patrolled the area of the Northern Mountain in the city of Nablus until 09:00. (ii) At 03:30, an Israeli army patrol raided the village of Juneid, opened fire, and fired sound grenades while patrolling the area. At 04:00, the Israeli army withdrew from the area. • **Arrest:** At 17:10, Israeli troops positioned at the town of Beit Iba checkpoint arrested Samed Mohammed Salim, a Palestinian National Security officer. • **Detention:** At 12:00, Israeli troops positioned at the town of Beit Iba checkpoint detained 4 civilians, including 1 Palestinian Police officer, for several hours before releasing them.
SALFIT	• **Closure of Main Road:** 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. • **Checkpoint:** The Israeli army continues to intensify restrictions at the town of Deir Ballut checkpoint, impeding civilian movement.

	• **Wall Construction:** Wall construction continues in the town of Deir Ballut near the Green Line and in the villages of Az Zawiya and Rafat. • **Raid:** At 22:40, the Israeli army, including 3 jeeps, raided the town of Deir Istiya, searched a number of houses, and withdrew at 23:50.
JERICHO	• **Closure:** 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. • **Flying Checkpoint:** At 20:20, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint along Road #90 crossing the centre of the village of Al 'Auja and searched civilians and vehicles. • **Settler Violence:** At 19:40, a group of Israeli settlers from the settlement of Mitzpe Yericho threw stones at civilian vehicles traveling along the Jericho-Jerusalem main road.
BETHLEHEM	• **Closure:** 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. • **Wall Construction:** 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. • **Raids:** (i) At 08:00, an Israeli army patrol raided the city of Bethlehem and the village of Al 'Asakira and patrolled the area. (ii) At 08:15, Israeli Special Forces raided the area of Al Maslakh ('the slaughterhouse') in the city of Bethlehem and arrested 1 Palestinian National Security officer in front of his house. (iii) At 10:45, an Israeli army patrol raided the town of Al Khadr and set up a checkpoint in the town centre. At 21:20, the Israeli army raided the town again, set up another flying checkpoint, and searched civilians and vehicles until 21:30. (iv) At 22:30, the Israeli army, including 3 jeeps, raided 'Ayda refugee camp. At 23:05, the Israeli army, including 8 jeeps, raided the refugee camp again and patrolled the area until 23:25. • **Arrests:** (i) On 16 May 2005, the Israeli army arrested Issa Fayez Mousa in the neighbourhood of Ad Doha in the city of Bethlehem. (ii) The Israeli army arrested Mahmoud Abu 'Iram, a Palestinian National Security officer, in the city of Bethlehem. (iii) At 20:00, the Israeli army arrested Ahmed al 'Azzah along the settler bypass road leading to the city of Jerusalem, west of the town of Al Khadr.

	• **Palestinian Security Measures:** At 18:00, Palestinian security forces handed over 1 illegal vehicle, confiscated in the city of Bethlehem, to the Israeli authorities (through the DCO).
HEBRON	• **Closure:** (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. (ii) The Israeli army continues to close Shalala Street with cement blocks. • **Wall Construction:** 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. • **Raids:** (i) On 16 May 2005, the Israeli army raided the town of Ash Shuyukh and searched 1 house and 1 marble processing factory. (ii) At 12:30, the Israeli army raided the town of Dura. Confrontations took place between the Israeli army and civilians, during which the Israeli army injured 2 children and arrested 1 child. At 19:00, the Israeli army raided the town again and searched a number of houses. (iii) At 19:00, the Israeli army raided the area of 'Ein Kanar, located between the city of Hebron and the town of Dura, set up a checkpoint, searched civilian vehicles, and patrolled the area. • **Arrest:** The Israeli army arrested Fadi Ahmed ash Sharha, 17 years old, in the town of Dura. • **House Occupation:** The Israeli army occupied 1 house near the settlement of Kiryat Arba' in the old city of Hebron and converted it into a military post, after forcing residents to evacuate, allegedly to protect the settlement. • **Settlement Activity:** The Israeli army began construction of a settler bypass road near the settlement of Kiryat Arba'. • **Settler Violence:** At 11:00, a group of Israeli settlers detained the family of Jameel Abu Heikal inside their house in the neighbourhood of Tall Rumeida in the old city of Hebron and prevented family members from leaving the house.

GAZA STRIP

NORTHERN GAZA	• **Raid/Provocation of Palestinian Forces:** At 17:40, the Israeli army, including 1 tank and 1 bulldozer, raided Palestinian territory and took position near 1 Palestinian National Security location opposite the settlement of Dugit northwest of the town of Beit Lahiya. • **Palestinian Security Measures:** At 22:00, a Palestinian security patrol evacuated 1 mentally challenged civilian as he approached the settlement of Dugit northwest of the town of Beit Lahiya.

GAZA	• **Closure:** (i) Nitsareem Junction remains closed. (ii) Ash Shuhada' Junction-Al Muntar Crossing road is closed. • **Attack/Provocation of Palestinian Forces:** At 17:25, the Israeli army opened fire towards 1 Palestinian National Security location in the vicinity of the area of Al Hajj Fadhl south of Gaza city.
CENTRAL GAZA	• Activities not reported.
KHAN YUNIS	• **Closure:** (i) Abu Al 'Ajin road (Khan Yunis Al Sharqiya) is closed. (ii) Western road (Khan Yunis) is closed. (iii) Al Mawasi/Khan Yunis road (At Tuffah checkpoint) is closed. (iv) Deir al Balah junction to Abu Holi checkpoint (Kfar Darom road) is closed. (v) Morag road, connecting Khan Yunis' eastern and western roads, is closed. • **Attacks/Provocation of Palestinian Forces/Palestinian Security Measures:** (i) At 11:15, and again at 15:05 and 22:35, the Israeli army opened fire from its location at Point 9 towards civilian houses in West Khan Yunis refugee camp. (ii) At 15:25, the Israeli army opened fire from its location at Point 12 towards civilian houses in An Namsawi neighbourhood. (iii) At 16:30, the Israeli army opened fire from its location at Point 7 towards 1 Palestinian National Security patrol as it was evacuating a number of children north of Al Amal neighbourhood. (iv) At 17:20, the Israeli army opened fire from its location at Point 8 towards a number of children near the security line opposite Al Amal neighbourhood. A Palestinian security patrol was dispatched to evacuate the children from the area. (v) At 17:25, the Israeli army opened fire from its location at Point 10 towards Palestinian territory in West Khan Yunis refugee camp. • **Palestinian Attack:** At 22:15, 1 unidentified mortar was fired towards the settlement of Gadid, but landed on 1 civilian house in Palestinian territory. • **Palestinian Security Measures:** At 22:40, a Palestinian security patrol evacuated a number of armed Palestinian individuals near Point 10 opposite West Khan Yunis refugee camp.
RAFAH	• **Closure:** (i) Yasser Arafat International Airport remains closed. (ii) Al Mawasi/Rafah road is partially open. (iii) Alon – Tall as Sultan checkpoint, at the entrance to Al Mawasi/Rafah, south of the city of Deir al Balah, is partially open.

- **Attacks:**
(i) At 00:55, the Israeli army opened indiscriminate fire towards Palestinian territory, while demolishing 1 tunnel (using explosives), near Point 8 along the Egyptian border, opposite the neighbourhood of Yabna in Rafah refugee camp. The Israeli army demolished the tunnel without prior coordination with Palestinian security forces.
(ii) At 01:45, the Israeli army opened fire from its location at Point 18 towards the area of 'Ureibeh.
(iii) At 03:00, the Israeli army fired 1 tank shell from its location at Point 7 along the Egyptian border towards Palestinian territory. At 04:44, the Israeli army fired another tank shell.
- **Palestinian Attacks:**
(i) At 01:10, armed Palestinian individuals opened fire from the neighbourhood of Yabna in Rafah refugee camp towards Israeli troops positioned along the Egyptian border. The Israeli army responded by opening fire towards civilian houses, killing 1 civilian.
(ii) At 01:50, 1 unidentified mortar was fired towards Israeli troops positioned in the area surrounding Salah ad Din gate.
(iii) At 03:10, 1 mortar was fired towards the settlement of Rafiah Yam.
(iv) At 03:15, 1 unidentified mortar was fired towards Israeli troops positioned in the area surrounding Salah ad Din gate.
- **Killing:** The Israeli army killed Ahmed Roubin Barhoumah in the neighbourhood of Yabna in Rafah refugee camp.
- **Palestinian Security Measures:**
(i) At 03:10, a Palestinian security patrol evacuated a number of armed Palestinian individuals near Point 22 opposite Tall as Sultan neighbourhood.
(ii) Palestinian security forces demolished 1 tunnel near the Egyptian border south of the city of Rafah.