

## مجموعة الرقابة الفلسطينية



## PALESTINIAN MONITORING GROUP

## DAILY SITUATION REPORT

08:00 17 May 2011 – 08:00 18 May 2011

## SUMMARY OF EVENTS

EVENT	WEST BANK	GAZA STRIP	TOTAL	NOTES
Physical Assaults	4	—	4	Incl. security officer beaten, Ramallah
Attacks	3	1	4	1 in a raid and 3 in confrontations
Raids	22	1	23	Incl. 4 in Hebron and 1 in Rafah
Arrests (per Person)	23	—	23	Incl. 8 children and 2 security officers
Detentions	15	—	15	Incl. a school principal and his deputy
Land Levelling	—	1	1	In Rafah district
Wall Construction	13	—	13	Incl. in Jerusalem, Qalqiliya, & Hebron
Destruction of Property	2	—	2	Incl. a house furniture destroyed
Attacks on Property	2	—	2	Incl. farmers expelled from their land
Closure of Checkpoints	9	—	9	Incl. access impeded at 6 checkpoints
Flying Checkpoints	21	—	21	Incl. 5 in Nablus and 5 in Hebron
Closure (per District)	9	—	9	Incl. Jerusalem and an area in Salfit
Closure of Main Roads	44	—	44	Incl. 10 in Nablus and 14 in Hebron
Closure of Crossing Points	—	4	4	Incl. food supplies and gas allowed in
Attack on Religious Site	1	—	1	Ibrahimi Mosque closed in Hebron
School Disruption	1	—	1	A boarding school raided in Jerusalem
Settler Violence	6	—	6	Incl. attempt to seize a piece of land
Provocation of Pal. Forces	2	—	2	Incl. a Police vehicle detained, Tubas
Demonstrations	2	1	3	Incl. in solidarity with prisoners
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>179</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>187</b>	

DISTRICT	EVENTS
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## WEST BANK

JERUSALEM	<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 intensify restrictions at checkpoints located at the entrances to Jerusalem city and to prevent civilians from other Palestinian districts from entering the city, only allowing access to civilians holding special permits.</li> <li>(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.</li> <li>(iii) The Israeli army continues to impose a blockade and deny civilian access to a hill between Biddu and Beit Ikksa villages.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b><u>Closure of Main Roads:</u></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> <li>(iii) The Israeli army continues to close with an iron gate the eastern entrance to Beit Ikksa village and force civilians to access Jerusalem city through Qalandiya checkpoint.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b><u>Checkpoint:</u></b> 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.</li> <li>• <b><u>Raid:</u></b> At 01:30, the Israeli army raided Qalandiya refugee camp. Confrontations took place between the Israeli army and civilians. At 01:50, the Israeli army withdrew from the area.</li> <li>• <b><u>Settler Violence:</u></b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) In the morning of 17 May 2011, a group of Israeli settlers erected a fence around a 1.5-dunum piece of land belonging to the Istanbuli family in Ath Thuri neighbourhood in Jerusalem city. Later, civilians removed the fence. Meanwhile, the Israeli army fired rubber-coated steel bullets and tear gas grenades on civilians.</li> <li>(ii) At noon on 17 May 2011, a group of Israeli settlers raided, under protection of the Israeli arm, an orphanage in Ath Thuri neighbourhood in Jerusalem city and beat a number of students, leaving three boys with contusions. Settlers also detained the school principal and his deputy. As a result, classes were disrupted at the school.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b><u>Wall Gates:</u></b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) The Israeli army continues to close with cement blocks the Wall gate in Abu Dis town.</li> <li>(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.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Wall Construction:</b> Wall construction continues in the area north of Qalandiya village; south of Az Za'ayyem village; and in Wadi al 'Eizariya west of Ma'ale Adumim settlement.</li> </ul>
RAMALLAH & EL BIREH	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Closure of Main Roads:</b> 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.</li> <li>• <b>Flying Checkpoints:</b> At 23:20, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint near the overpass to 'Atara town and searched civilians and vehicles.</li> <li>• <b>Raids:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) At 10:00, the Israeli army raided and patrolled Beituniya town.</li> <li>(ii) At 22:35, the Israeli army raided El Bireh city, raided a commercial premise, and arrested a civilian.</li> <li>(iii) At 01:35, the Israeli army raided Kharbatha al Misbah village, searched a number of houses, and arrested three civilians. The Israeli army also severely beat two a civilian and Palestinian security officer: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) Mohammed Abed Yousef Kabseh; a Palestinian General Intelligence officer; and</li> <li>(ii) Kayed Sa'di Nimer Musleh.</li> </ul> </li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b>Arrests:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) The Israeli army arrested Muntasser Muteir in El Bireh city. The Israeli army arrested three civilians in Kharbatha al Misbah village:</li> <li>(ii) Jamal Yousef Harfoush;</li> <li>(iii) Arafat Ibrahim al Hubul; and</li> <li>(iv) Jum'ah Ahmed 'Assi.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b>Demonstration:</b> At 11:50, families of political prisoners held a sit-in demonstration in front of offices of the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) in Ramallah city in solidarity with their relative prisoners. Protestors also demanded that all prisoners be released from Israeli jails.</li> <li>• <b>Wall Construction:</b> 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.</li> </ul>
JENIN	<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 Dotan settlement.</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>Raid:</b> At 23:35, the Israeli army raided and patrolled Tayasir village.</li> <li>• <b>Provocation of Palestinian Forces:</b> At 11:05, Israeli troops positioned at Tayasir checkpoint detained a Palestinian Police vehicle, while it was transporting a Palestinian criminal detainee from the Northern Jordan Valley area to Tubas city. Israeli troops allowed the Police vehicle to cross at 15:00 after coordination with the Israeli authorities (through the DCO).</li> </ul>

TULKAREM	<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 road connecting Kafr al Labad town to Shufa village as well as the road connecting Shufa and ‘Izbat Shufa villages.</li> <li>(ii) The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the detour road leading to Ramin village along the Tulkarem-Nablus main road.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b>Checkpoint:</b> At 19:50, the Israeli army intensified restrictions and impeded civilian access at ‘Einav checkpoint on the Tulkarem-Nablus main road.</li> <li>• <b>Flying Checkpoint:</b> At 00:15, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the junction to Bizzariya village and searched civilians and vehicles.</li> <li>• <b>Raids:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) At 19:55, the Israeli army raided and patrolled Far’un village.</li> <li>(ii) At 02:00, the Israeli army raided Seida village and arrested a civilian.</li> <li>(iii) At 02:15, the Israeli army raided ‘Illar town and served summonses on four civilians to report to the Israeli Intelligence agency: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) Mohammed As’ad Zahran;</li> <li>(ii) Khaldoun Mahmoud Hajjar;</li> <li>(iii) Fu’ad Hafeth Zahran; and</li> <li>(iv) Ihab Mohammed Younes.</li> </ul> </li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b>Demonstration:</b> At 11:30, families of political prisoners held a sit-in demonstration in front of offices of the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) in Tulkarem city in solidarity with their relative prisoners. Protestors also demanded that all prisoners be released from Israeli jails.</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 Checkpoints/Detentions:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) At 09:30, and again at 17:15, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the junction to Jit village and searched civilians and vehicles.</li> <li>(ii) At 10:50, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to Kafr Laqif village and searched civilians and vehicles. Israeli troops also detained two civilians and Abdul Fattah Bassam Saleem, a Palestinian General Intelligence officer, and released them at a later time.</li> <li>(iii) At 17:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint near ‘Azzun ‘Atma village and searched civilians and vehicles.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b>Raids/Detention:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) At 09:40, the Israeli army raided Qalqiliya city, searched a number of houses, arrested a civilian, detained Fadhel Hamad, a Palestinian National Security officer, and released him at a later time. The Israeli army also served summonses on five civilians to report to the Israeli Intelligence agency: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) Thaer Marwan Theeb;</li> <li>(ii) Mohammed Saleh Abu ‘Assab;</li> <li>(iii) Mus’ab Zahran Mara’beh;</li> </ul> </li> </ul> </li> </ul>

	<p>(iv) Abdul Haleem ‘Attar; and (v) Rami ‘Uweissi. At 12:00, the Israeli army withdrew from the area.</p> <p>(ii) At 02:15, the Israeli army raided ‘Azzun town and arrested nine civilians, including five children.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Arrests:</b> <p>(i) The Israeli army arrested Mahmoud Ramzi Tayyem in Qalqiliya city. The Israeli army arrested nine civilians in ‘Azzun town:</p> <p>(ii) Omar Ma’in Hussein, 17 years old; (iii) Thaer Sufyan Abu Haniyyeh, 16 years old; (iv) Khaled Ayman Abu Haniyyeh, 17 years old; (v) Sa’id Ziyad Abu Haniyyeh, 17 years old; (vi) ‘Adi Sameer Saleem, 15 years old; (vii) Ihab As’ad Hussein; (viii) Omar Abdul Haleem Saleem; (ix) Mohammed ‘Aziz Qaher; and (x) Mohammed Yousef Salameh.</p> </li> <li>• <b>Wall Gates:</b> <p>(i) The Israeli army continues to intensify its restrictions at ‘Azzun ‘Atma Wall gate and to search civilians, including students, with a metal detector.</p> <p>(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.</p> </li> <li>• <b>Wall Construction:</b> 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.</li> </ul>
NABLUS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Closure of Main Roads:</b> <p>(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> <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> </li> <li>• <b>Checkpoints:</b> The Israeli army continues to regulate times for crossing checkpoints set up around the city of Nablus: <p>(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.</p> </li> </ul>

	<p>(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.</p> <p>(iii) At 11:50, the Israeli army closed Shavei Shomron checkpoint and impeded civilian access.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b><u>Flying Checkpoints:</u></b> <p>(i) At 11:35, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint near the junction to Deir Sharaf village on the Nablus-Tulkarem main road and impeded civilian access.</p> <p>(ii) At 19:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint in the area between Nablus city and 'Asira ash Shamaliya town and searched civilians and vehicles.</p> <p>(iii) At 19:40, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the junction to Salem village and searched civilians and vehicles.</p> <p>(iv) At 19:45, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to Beit Furik town and impeded civilian access.</p> <p>(v) At 00:40, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on Al Badhan road (the eastern entrance to Nablus city) and searched civilians and vehicles.</p> </li> <li>• <b><u>Raids:</u></b> <p>(i) At 00:45, the Israeli army raided and patrolled Talluza village.</p> <p>(ii) At 03:00, the Israeli army raided Beita town, searched a house, and served a summons on Mohammed Nabih Bani Shamseh to report to the Israeli Intelligence agency. At 04:00, the Israeli army withdrew from the area.</p> </li> <li>• <b><u>Settler Violence:</u></b> <p>(i) At 09:55, a group of Israeli settlers damaged wheel tyres of a vehicle belonging to Hassan Rizq 'Udeili in the area between Beita and Odala villages.</p> <p>(ii) At 12:20, a group of armed Israeli settlers gained access to civilian land in 'Aqraba town and withdrew at a later time.</p> </li> </ul>
SALFIT	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b><u>Closure:</u></b> At 10:00, the Israeli army closed Wadi Qana area, declared it a closed military zone, and expelled Palestinian farmers from their land in order to provide protection to a group of Israeli settlers in the area.</li> <li>• <b><u>Closure of Main Roads:</u></b> <p>(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.</p> <p>(ii) The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the entrance to two detour roads connecting Marda village to respective farmland.</p> <p>(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.</p> </li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Checkpoint:</b> At 11:30, the Israeli army intensified restrictions and impeded civilian access at the Za'tara junction checkpoint.</li> <li>• <b>Raid:</b> At 02:00, the Israeli army raided Qarawat Bani Hassan town, arrested two civilians, including a child, and withdrew at 03:00.</li> <li>• <b>Arrests:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) At 17:00, the Israeli army arrested 15-year-old Khaled Abdul Hamid Mohammed Abdul Rahman, while he was tending sheep near the settler bypass road in Bruqin town.</li> </ul> <p>The Israeli army arrested two civilians in Qarawat Bani Hassan town:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(ii) Karam 'Izzat Sa'id Mar'i, 17 years old; and</li> <li>(iii) Abdullah Abdul Majid Mar'i.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b>Provocation of Palestinian Forces:</b> At 11:35, Israeli troops positioned at the Za'tara junction checkpoint detained a bus transporting Palestinian National Security officer, while they were leaving for a leave from Nablus city to Hebron district. Israeli troops allowed the bus to cross after coordination with the Israeli authorities (through the DCO).</li> <li>• <b>Wall Construction:</b> Wall construction continues in the area north of Deir Istiya town southeast of Emmanuel settlement.</li> </ul>
<b>JERICHO</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Closure of Main Road:</b> The Israeli army continues to close Road # 90 between Jericho city and Al 'Auja village with cement blocks.</li> <li>• <b>Checkpoints:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(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.</li> <li>(ii) The Israeli army continues to intensify restrictions at the checkpoint set up on the junction to Al 'Auja village along Al-Mu'arrajat road connecting Jericho and Ramallah districts, only allowing access to residents of Jericho district as well as to others holding access permits.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b>Flying Checkpoint:</b> At 16:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the southern entrance to Jericho city and searched civilians and vehicles.</li> <li>• <b>Raids:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) At 08:20, the Israeli army raided Fasayil village and accompanied staff members of the Israeli Archaeology Department, who excavated land a piece of land belonging to As'ad al Agha in search of archaeological artefacts. At 18:15, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the village again.</li> <li>(ii) At 23:40, the Israeli army raided 'Aqbat Jaber refugee camp in Jericho city and patrolled the area until 04:50.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b>Arrest:</b> At 14:30, Israeli troops positioned at Al Karama (Allenby) Bridge arrested Wisam Khalil Abdullah, a Palestinian National Security officer, while he was returning from Jordan. Abdullah hold a Gaza-issued ID card.</li> </ul>
<b>BETHLEHEM</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Closure:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) The Israeli army continues to close 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.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

	<p>(ii) Beginning on 15 September 2007, the Israeli army has continued to prevent civilians from accessing or staying on 22 <i>dunums</i> of confiscated land in Al Mazmuriya area in Beit Sahur and Bethlehem cities.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Closure of Main Roads:</b> 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.</li> <li>• <b>Flying Checkpoints:</b> At 10:35, and again at 14:30, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on An Nashash junction (the southern entrance to Bethlehem city) and searched civilians and vehicles.</li> <li>• <b>Raids/Destruction of Property/Physical Assault:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) At 23:20, the Israeli army raided Husan village, searched a house, and damaged furniture as a result of thorough searches. The Israeli army also arrested a child and a Palestinian security officer.</li> <li>(ii) At 23:30, the Israeli army raided Um Rukba area in Al Khadr town and severely beat two civilians (brothers): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) Ali Samer al Balboul; and</li> <li>(ii) Sameh Samer al Balboul.</li> </ul> </li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p>At 23:50, the Israeli army withdrew from the area.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Arrests:</b> The Israeli army arrested a child and a Palestinian security officers in Husan village: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) Rami Mohammed 'Amireh, a Palestinian National Security officer; and</li> <li>(ii) Mohammed Na'im 'Amireh, 17 years old.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b>Wall Construction:</b> Wall construction continues in the area northwest of Beit Jala city; around Al Walaja village; and east of Efrat settlement.</li> </ul>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Hebron</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Closure:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) The Israeli army continues to close Ash Shuhada' Street, 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.</li> <li>(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.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b>Closure of Main Roads:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(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.</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 all roads leading to Road # 60 as well as detour roads along the settler bypass road leading to Yatta town.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>



	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b><u>Flying Checkpoints/Attack:</u></b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) At 10:55, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint in Khamat Hadur area in the old city of Hebron and searched civilians and vehicles until 12:00.</li> <li>(ii) At 14:50, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to Idhna town and searched civilians and vehicles.</li> <li>(iii) At 16:55, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the junction to Kharsa village and searched civilians and vehicles.</li> <li>(iv) At 17:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the overpass to Halhul town and searched civilians and vehicles.</li> <li>(v) At 18:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on Al Fawwar junction and fired sound and tear gas grenades on civilians, allegedly for throwing stones.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b><u>Raids:</u></b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) At 09:15, the Israeli army raided Deir Samit village and arrested a civilian.</li> <li>(ii) At 10:50, the Israeli army raided Hebron city and patrolled the area until 17:30.</li> <li>(iii) At 22:40, the Israeli army raided and patrolled Tarqumiya town.</li> <li>(iv) At 01:00, the Israeli army raided Sa'ir town and patrolled the area until 03:40.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b><u>Arrests:</u></b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) On 15 May 2011, the Israeli army arrested Ahmed Mohammed Yousef Bayabneh at the entrance to Al 'Arrub refugee camp, in addition to those reported on 16 May 2011.</li> <li>(ii) The Israeli army arrested Adib Mohammed Abdul Hadi al Huroub in Deir Samit village.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b><u>Attack on Religious Site:</u></b> At 12:10, the Israeli army closed the iron gate and denied civilian access to the Ibrahim Mosque in the old city of Hebron.</li> <li>• <b><u>Settler Violence:</u></b> At 18:00, a group of Israeli settlers gained access to and erected tents on civilian land in Yaqin area near the entrance to Bani Na'im town.</li> <li>• <b><u>Wall Construction:</u></b> Wall construction continues in the area surrounding Eshkolot settlement west of Adh Dhahiriya town.</li> </ul>
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### GAZA STRIP

<p style="text-align: center;"><b>ALL DISTRICTS</b></p>	<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. The ceasefire has been further renewed on 10 April 2011.</li> <li>• <b><u>Violation of the Ceasefire:</u></b> The Israeli army raided Palestinian territory and opened fire on civilian houses and property in Rafah district.</li> </ul>
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<p><b>NORTHERN GAZA</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Closure of Crossing Point:</b> 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.</li> <li>• <b>Demonstration:</b> In the morning of 17 May 2011, a mass demonstration, including international peace activists, took place in the area surrounding Beit Hanun (Erez) Crossing north of Beit Hanun town in protest against the Seam Zone. The Israeli army prevents landlords and farmers from accessing or tending their land at a distance of 300 metres along the Border Fence.</li> </ul>
<p><b>GAZA</b></p>	<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. Beginning on 02 March 2011, the Crossing has been effectively closed upon an Israeli unilateral decision.</li> <li>(ii) Ash Shuja'iyah (Nahal 'Oz) Crossing is closed. Beginning on 04 January 2010, the Crossing has been closed upon an Israeli unilateral decision.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
<p><b>CENTRAL GAZA</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Activities not reported.</li> </ul>
<p><b>KHAN YUNIS</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Activities not reported.</li> </ul>
<p><b>RAFAH</b></p>	<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 (<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 patients who had received medical attention at Egyptian hospitals and civilians arriving from other countries via Egypt.</li> <li>(iii) Sufa Crossing is closed.</li> <li>(iv) Karm Abu Salem (Karem Shalom) Crossing was partially open for transportation of food supplies, goods, humanitarian aid, and cooking gas.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b>Raid/Attack/Land Levelling:</b> In the morning of 17 May 2011, the Israeli army, including several armoured vehicles and bulldozers, raided Palestinian territory in the area surrounding Sufa Crossing northeast of Rafah city. While levelling land, the Israeli army opened intensive fire on civilian houses and property.</li> </ul>

**GENERAL**

<b>POLITICAL PRISONERS</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b><u>Hunger Strike</u></b>: On 17 May 2011, political prisoners held in ‘Asqalan Prison declared a one-day hunger strike in protest against the Israeli Prisons Administration, which prevented imprisoned students from sitting for high school examinations. Prisoners also protested against provocative physical searches, solitary confinement, and medical negligence.</li></ul>
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