

## مجموعة الرقابة الفلسطينية



## PALESTINIAN MONITORING GROUP

## DAILY SITUATION REPORT

08:00 18 May 2004 – 08:00 19 May 2004

## SUMMARY OF EVENTS

EVENT	WEST BANK	GAZA STRIP	TOTAL	NOTES
Assassinations	2	—	2	
Deaths	1	8	9	Incl. 2 children (siblings)
Physical Assaults	2	—	2	Civilians beaten
Injuries	10	18	28	Incl. 7 children & 2 officers
Attacks	8	10	18	Incl. tank shells
Raids	24	2	26	
Air Patrols	3	1	4	1 combat, 3 helicopters
Arrests (per person)	16	2	18	Incl. female, journalist, officer
Detentions	1	2	3	Incl. medics
House Demolitions	1	3	4	1 Yatta & 3 Tall as Sultan
Land Levelling	—	1	1	20 <i>dunums</i> cultivated land
Wall Construction	14	—	14	Jer'im, Ramallah, Jenin, Beth.
Destruction of Property	1	3	4	Incl. 2 ambulances, 3 cars
Land Confiscation	1	—	1	380 <i>dunums</i> in Bethlehem
House Occupations	1	—	1	Tel ar Rumeida, Hebron
Curfews	3	1	4	
Checkpoints	(All)	—	(All)	
Flying Checkpoints	(Dozens)	(Dozens)	—	Closing all districts
Closures (per District)	(All)	(All)	(All)	
Closure of Main Roads	Most	(5)	Most	Esp. connecting governorates
Closure of Wall Gates	(All)	—	(All)	Permits required to cross
Closure of Crossing Points	—	5	5	
Attack on Health Sector	1	1	2	Incl. attack on ambulances
School Disruption	1	1	2	Kafr Laqif & Rafah
Settlement Activity	—	1	1	New watchtower, Kissufim
Provocation of Pal. Forces	—	3	3	Attacks on security posts
Palestinian Attacks	—	3	3	4 Mortars
Demonstrations	2	1	3	
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>92</b>	<b>66</b>	<b>158</b>	

DISTRICT	EVENT
ALL DISTRICTS	Since 22 March 2004, the Israeli army has imposed a total closure over the West Bank and Gaza Strip. The Israeli army prevented civilians from crossing the Green Line and entering Jerusalem, closed crossing points to workers, and restricted movement between cities in the West Bank.

## WEST BANK

JERUSALEM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Closure:</b> The Israeli army set up flying checkpoints throughout the city, closing all roads connecting towns and villages and preventing pedestrians and vehicles from crossing.</li> <li>• <b>Wall Construction:</b> Wall construction continues in Al Eizariya, Abu Dis, Al Sawahira al Sharqiya, Sur Bahir, Qatanna, Biddu, and along the main road between Dahiyat Al Bareed checkpoint and Qalandiya checkpoint.</li> <li>• <b>Road Closure:</b> The Israeli army closed the road leading to the only waste disposal site in the town of Ar Ram.</li> <li>• <b>Demonstration:</b> A mass demonstration took place in the Ayad and Al Aqbat neighbourhoods in the town of Al Ram in protest against construction of the Wall. Confrontations took place between the Israeli army and civilians, during which the Israeli army fired tear gas and attacked civilians with sticks, injuring dozens of civilians.</li> </ul>
RAMALLAH & EL BIREH	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Closure:</b> The Israeli army set up flying checkpoints throughout the district, closing all roads connecting towns and villages and preventing pedestrians and vehicles from crossing.</li> <li>• <b>Wall Construction:</b> Construction of the western portion of the Wall continues in Budrus, Deir Qaddis, Rantis, Ni'lin, Beit Liqya, Beituniya and near the village of Midya.</li> <li>• <b>Raids:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) At 15:00, the Israeli army raided the village of Kafr 'Ein and patrolled the area.</li> <li>(ii) At 23:15, the Israeli army raided the cities of Ramallah and El Bireh, raided 1 house in the neighbourhood of Um ash Sharayit and arrested 1 civilian.</li> <li>(iii) The Israeli army raided the town of Silwad and arrested 2 civilians.</li> <li>(iv) The Israeli army raided the town of Abud, searched several houses, took photographs of residents and recorded their telephone numbers.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b><u>Air Patrol:</u></b> At 11:00, Israeli combat aircraft patrolled the skies over the district for several hours.</li> <li>• <b><u>Arrests:</u></b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) At 21:00, the Israeli army arrested Abed al Raouf as he was complying with a summons to appear before the Israeli General Intelligence in the settlement of Bet El.</li> <li>(ii) The Israeli army arrested Muhammad Adib al Ghazawi in the neighbourhood of Um ash Sharayit.</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p>The Israeli army arrested 2 civilians in the town of Silwad:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(iii) Musa Hamid; and</li> <li>(iv) Ayman Salim.</li> </ul> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b><u>Demonstration:</u></b> At 19:30, a mass demonstration took place in the town of Beituniya in the area of construction of the Wall near the Israeli settler by pass road. Brief confrontations took place between civilians and the Israeli army.</li> </ul>
<b>JENIN</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b><u>Closure:</u></b> The Israeli army set up flying checkpoints throughout the district, closing all entrances to the city and roads connecting towns and villages and preventing pedestrians and vehicles from crossing.</li> <li>• <b><u>Wall Gates:</u></b> Passage through the Wall gates is restricted to civilians granted special Israeli permits. The closure continues to negatively impact education, economic and livelihood activities and impede access to health facilities.</li> <li>• <b><u>Wall Construction:</u></b> Construction of the Wall continues south of Jalbun towards Al Mutilla, Raba, Al Mughayyir, Bardala and 'Ein al Beida and towards the Jordan River.</li> <li>• <b><u>Attack:</u></b> At 13:30, the Israeli army opened fire towards a civilian vehicle travelling between the villages of Anza and Sanur, extra-judicially killing 1 civilian and injuring 1 Palestinian National Security officer, who was later arrested. The Israeli army took the corpse of the civilian killed and threw it on the junction leading to the settlement of Dotan.</li> <li>• <b><u>Raids/Curfew:</u></b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) At 13:00, the Israeli army raided the village of Anza and imposed curfew until 14:00.</li> <li>(ii) At 02:00, the Israeli army, supported by helicopters, raided the city of Jenin, opened fire towards civilians in the area of Al Jabriyat, and extra-judicially killed 1 civilian.</li> <li>(iii) At 02:30, the Israeli army raided the village of Birqin and arrested 2 civilians.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b><u>Assassinations:</u></b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) The Israeli army extra-judicially killed Muhammad Ahmad Obeid on the road between the villages of Anza and Al Sanur.</li> <li>(ii) The Israeli army extra-judicially killed Ahmad Hussein Turkman in the area of Al Jabriyat, Jenin.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b><u>Arrests:</u></b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) The Israeli army injured and arrested Muhammad Nasir Barahma, a Palestinian National Security officer, near the village of Anza.</li> </ul> </li> <li>The Israeli army arrested 2 civilians in the village of Birqin: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(ii) Nidal Jamil Al Hasan; and</li> <li>(iii) Rami Saleh Salameh.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
<b>JERICHO</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b><u>Closure:</u></b> The Israeli army set up dozens of checkpoints throughout the city, closing all entrances to the city and roads connecting towns and villages and prevented civilians from crossing.</li> </ul>
<b>BETHLEHEM</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b><u>Closure:</u></b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) The Israeli army set up flying checkpoints throughout the district, closing all entrances to the city and roads connecting towns and villages and preventing civilians from crossing.</li> <li>(ii) 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 completely and placing the villages of Nu'man and Al Khas under the jurisdiction of the Jerusalem municipality, making its inhabitants illegal residents in Jerusalem because they carry West Bank ID cards.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b><u>Wall Construction:</u></b> Construction of the Wall continues north of the district of Bethlehem, west of Wadi Hilwa, near the Armenian monastery, on the Jerusalem-Bethlehem road and along the tunnel road (Gilo).</li> <li>• <b><u>Physical Assault:</u></b> At 21:40, Israeli army soldiers severely beat 1 civilian, Basil Sa'id, at a checkpoint located near the settlement of Gilo. The civilian was severely injured and transferred to hospital.</li> <li>• <b><u>Raids/Curfew:</u></b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) At 08:00, the Israeli army raided the village of Al Walaja and attempted to force residents of the neighbourhood located northwest of the village to sign a document acknowledging that their village is part of West Jerusalem. Civilians refused to sign the documents despite pressure placed on them to do so.</li> <li>(ii) At 13:45, an Israeli army jeep raided the city of Bethlehem and patrolled the area.</li> <li>(iii) At 20:30, the Israeli army raided the cities of Beit Jala and Bethlehem and patrolled the area.</li> <li>(iv) At 21:00, the Israeli army raided the town of Al Khadr and imposed curfew.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b><u>Land Confiscation:</u></b> The Israeli army issued confiscation orders for 380 <i>dunums</i> (95 acres) of land in Beit Sahur and the towns of Za'tara, Ras Al Wad, and Beit Ta'mir for the construction of an Israeli settler by pass road connecting all settlements south east of the district of Bethlehem.</li> </ul>

<p style="text-align: center;"><b>TULKAREM</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Closure:</b> The Israeli army set up flying checkpoints throughout the district, closing all entrances to the city and roads connecting towns and villages and preventing pedestrians and vehicles from crossing.</li> <li>• <b>Wall Gates:</b> Passage through the Wall gates is restricted to civilians granted special Israeli permits. The closure continues to negatively impact education, economic and livelihood activities and impede access to health facilities.</li> <li>• <b>Raids:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) At 16:30, the Israeli army raided the city of Tulkarem and fired sound bombs towards civilians. At 02:00, the Israeli army raided the city again, patrolled the area and took position in the centre of the city.</li> <li>(ii) At 18:20, the Israeli army raided Tulkarem refugee camp and opened indiscriminate fire, injuring 2 children.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b>Air Patrol:</b> At 18:15, and again at 02:00, Israeli army helicopters patrolled the skies over the district of Tulkarem and its suburbs.</li> </ul>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>NABLUS</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Closure:</b> The Israeli army set up flying checkpoints throughout the district, closing all entrances to the city and roads connecting towns and villages and preventing pedestrians and vehicles from crossing.</li> <li>• <b>Raids:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) At 02:30, the Israeli army raided the city of Nablus and its suburbs, opened intensive fire, killing 1 civilian, arrested 5 civilians, including 1 female civilian and 1 journalist, surrounded 1 building in 'Askar refugee camp, opened fire towards the building, injuring 7 civilians, including 5 children, and setting fire to 1 apartment. The Israeli army prevented ambulances from transporting the injured to hospital.</li> <li>(ii) The Israeli army raided the village of Sebastia and arrested 1 unidentified civilian.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b>Killing:</b> The Israeli army killed Nidal Isam Kathem Arafat in the city of Nablus.</li> <li>• <b>Arrests:</b> The Israeli army arrested 5 civilians in the city of Nablus: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) Rana Fureitikh, 35 years old;</li> <li>(ii) Majdi Abu Halawa, a journalist;</li> <li>(iii) Ghassan Abu Sharkh;</li> <li>(iv) Jihad Abu Sharkh; and</li> <li>(v) Yusif Abu Zant.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>HEBRON</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Closure:</b> The Israeli army set up flying checkpoints throughout the district, closing all entrances to the city and roads connecting towns and villages and preventing pedestrians and vehicles from crossing.</li> <li>• <b>Raids:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) At 15:30, Israeli Special Forces raided the city of Hebron and abducted 1 civilian.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

	<p>(ii) At 07:00, the Israeli army raided the town of Yatta and demolished 1 house.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Arrest:</b> The Israeli army abducted Azzam al Shobaki in the city of Hebron.</li> <li>• <b>House Demolition:</b> The Israeli army demolished 1 house in the town of Yatta belonging to Mahmoud Ismael.</li> <li>• <b>House Occupation:</b> The Israeli army occupied 1 house belonging to Anwar Al Qadi in the neighbourhood of Tel Al Rumeida in the city of Hebron after forcing residents to evacuate 2 rooms and the roof and converting the house into a military post.</li> </ul>
<b>QALQILYA</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Closure:</b> The Israeli army set up flying checkpoints throughout the district, closing all entrances to the city and roads connecting towns and villages and preventing pedestrians and vehicles from crossing.</li> <li>• <b>Wall Gates:</b> Passage through the Wall gates is restricted to civilians granted special Israeli permits. The closure continues to negatively impact education, economic and livelihood activities and impede access to health facilities.</li> <li>• <b>Raids/Curfew:</b> <p>(i) At 23:40, the Israeli army raided the village of Kafr Laqif, imposed curfew and searched several houses. The Israeli army continues to impose curfew on the village, forcing the closure of all schools.</p> <p>(ii) At 23:40, the Israeli army raided the village of Azzun. At 04:00, the Israeli army raided the area again, searched 1 house and arrested 2 civilians.</p> </li> <li>• <b>Arrests:</b> The Israeli army arrested 2 civilians in the village of Azzun: <p>(i) Nassar Muhammad Dahbur; and</p> <p>(ii) Muhammad Suweidan.</p> </li> </ul>
<b>SALFIT</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Closure:</b> The Israeli army set up flying checkpoints throughout the district, closing dozens of entrances to the city and roads connecting towns and villages and preventing pedestrians and vehicles from crossing.</li> <li>• <b>Raid:</b> At 08:00, the Israeli army raided the village of Hares and opened indiscriminate fire.</li> </ul>

### GAZA STRIP

<b>NORTHERN GAZA</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Closure:</b> Beit Hanoun crossing is closed.</li> <li>• <b>Killing:</b> At 11:00, Ayman Abdallah Jalhum, 18 years old, died of injuries to the head sustained during an Israeli army raid near Al Nada towers in Beit Lahiya last month.</li> </ul>
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b><u>Palestinian Attacks:</u></b></li> <li>(i) At 21:35, 1 Qassam mortar was fired from the area east of Beit Hanoun towards the Green Line.</li> <li>(ii) At 03:10, 1 Qassam mortar was fired from the area surrounding Beit Lahiya towards the Beit Hanoun crossing.</li> </ul>
<b>GAZA CITY</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b><u>Closure:</u></b></li> <li>(i) The junction of Nitsareem remains closed.</li> <li>(ii) Al Muntar crossing (Karni) is closed.</li> <li>• <b><u>Attacks:</u></b></li> <li>(i) At 12:00, the Israeli army fired tank shells from the area surrounding the settlement of Nitsareem towards a building affiliated with the Islamic Society Centre in Al Zahra' neighbourhood, south of the city of Gaza. The building was severely damaged.</li> <li>(ii) At 17:00, the Israeli army opened intensive fire from its location east of Al Shuhada' junction towards a Palestinian National Security location near the College of Education, south of the city of Gaza.</li> <li>(iii) At 23:20, the Israeli army fired 2 shell tanks from the area surrounding the settlement of Nitsareem towards the area of Al Sheikh Ajlein, south of the city of Gaza.</li> <li>(iv) At 00:45, the Israeli army opened fire towards a Palestinian National Security location south of Al Shuhada' junction.</li> <li>(v) At 01:00, the Israeli army opened intensive fire towards 2 Palestinian National Security locations south and north of Al Shuhada' junction.</li> </ul>
<b>CENTRAL GAZA</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b><u>Palestinian Attack:</u></b> At 23:15, 2 mortars were fired towards the settlement of Nitsareem.</li> </ul>
<b>KHAN YUNIS</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b><u>Closure:</u></b></li> <li>(i) Abu al Ajin road (Khan Yunis Al Sharqiya) remains closed.</li> <li>(ii) Western road (Khan Yunis) remains closed.</li> <li>(iii) Al Mawasi/Khan Yunis road (Al Tuffah checkpoint) is closed.</li> <li>(iv) Abu Holi road is partially open. At 10:00, the Israeli army closed the road between Al Matahin and Abu Holi checkpoints, searched vehicles, and examined civilian IDs.</li> <li>• <b><u>Attacks:</u></b></li> <li>(i) At 11:00, the Israeli army opened intensive fire from the area surrounding the settlement of Hai Tall towards civilian houses in the area of Al Sater al Gharbi, injuring 1 elderly man, Suheib Al Farra, 54 years old, while he was standing in front of his house.</li> <li>(ii) At 11:15, the Israeli army opened intensive fire from Point 168 towards farmers in the town of Abasan Al Kabira.</li> <li>(iii) At 04:30, the Israeli army fired 2 tank shells towards civilian houses in</li> </ul>

	<p>West Khan Yunis refugee camp.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b><u>New Military Post:</u></b> At 11:15, the Israeli army set up a new military post south of the road of Kissufim, west of Hill # 86 in the area of Al Qarara.</li> <li>• <b><u>Demonstration:</u></b> At 21:15, a mass demonstration took place in the city of Khan Yunis in solidarity with civilians in Rafah under attack by the Israeli army and in protest against the killing of civilians and house demolitions.</li> </ul>
<b>RAFAH</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b><u>Closure:</u></b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) The Gaza International Airport remains closed.</li> <li>(ii) Rafah crossing is closed.</li> <li>(iii) The Sufa crossing is closed.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b><u>Raids:</u></b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) At 10:00, the Israeli army, including 1 bulldozer, raided 150 meters into Palestinian Territory near the settlement of East Morag, north of the city of Rafah, opened intensive fire, and levelled 20 <i>dunums</i> (5 acres) of cultivated land.</li> <li>(ii) Beginning at 14:45 on 17 May 2004, the Israeli army continues to raid and impose curfew over the neighbourhood of Tall as Sultan in the city of Rafah. The Israeli army, including snipers, remain positioned on rooftops of civilian houses and opened intensive fire towards civilian houses. Israeli army helicopters fired missiles. Israeli army air attacks continue in the area. The death toll in Rafah was raised from 13 to 20, including a brother and sister aged 14 and 17 years. The number of injuries was raised from 23 to 40, including 1 Palestinian National Security officer and 13 in critical condition. The Israeli army arrested several civilians, demolished 3 houses, surrounded medical teams in a clinic in Tall as Sultan, opened fire towards 2 ambulances, destroying the ambulances, and destroyed 3 civilian vehicles.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b><u>Killings:</u></b> The Israeli army killed 7 civilians, including 2 children, in the city of Rafah: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) Muhammad Jasir Al Sha'er, 17 years old;</li> <li>(ii) Muhammad Al Mughayir, 14 years old; and his sister</li> <li>(iii) Asma' Al Mughayir, 17 years old;</li> <li>(iv) Yusif Qahush;</li> <li>(v) Ismael Al Bal'awi;</li> <li>(vi) Ibrahim Al Qin;</li> <li>(vii) Taysir Zaki Kallub; and</li> <li>(viii) Muhammad Masoud Zu'rob.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b><u>Arrests:</u></b> The Israeli army arrested several civilians, including Hisham Karazun, a lawyer, and his brother in the city of Rafah.</li> <li>• <b><u>House Demolitions:</u></b> The Israeli army demolished 3 2-storey houses in Tall as Sultan belonging to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) Ali Al Shaer;</li> <li>(ii) Ramadan Azzam; and</li> </ul> </li> </ul>



	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(iii) Jum'a al Akhras.</li> <li>• <b>School Disruption:</b> Schools in the district of Rafah were closed due to the ongoing Israeli attacks in the area.</li> </ul>
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## GENERAL

<b>POLITICAL PRISONERS</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Lawyer Visits:</b> Political prisoners in Shati Prison have refused to meet with their lawyers in protest against the humiliating searches they have been subject to by the Israeli army during lawyer visits. The number of political prisoners in Shati Prison has increased to 480 political prisoners after recent transfers of prisoners from other prisons.</li> </ul>
<b>WORK PERMITS</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>West Bank:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) The Israeli authorities cancelled all work permits and stated that new permits will be issued after the closure is lifted. Workers have been prohibited from crossing the Green Line since 22 March 2004.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b>Gaza Strip:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) 2,149 workers carry valid permits to enter the Erez Industrial Zone; however, no workers have been allowed to enter the area since 18 April 2004.</li> <li>(ii) 10,733 workers carry valid permits to cross the Green Line; however, no workers have been allowed to cross the Green Line since the closure imposed on 22 March 2004.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>