

## مجموعة الرقابة الفلسطينية



## PALESTINIAN MONITORING GROUP

## DAILY SITUATION REPORT

08:00 21 May 2009 – 08:00 22 May 2009

## SUMMARY OF EVENTS

EVENT	WEST BANK	GAZA STRIP	TOTAL	NOTES
Deaths	—	2	2	2 armed Palestinian individuals in Rafah
Attacks	4	5	9	Incl. 2 in raids and 1 by navy boats
Raids	27	1	28	Incl. 5 in Qalqiliya and 6 in Hebron
Arrests	20	—	20	Incl. a female civilian in Ramallah
Detentions	18	—	18	Incl. 4 children
Wall Construction	21	—	21	Incl. Jer., Raml'h., Salfit, & Qalqiliya
Destruction of Property	4	—	4	Incl. olive seedlings uprooted in Salfit
Closure of Checkpoints	12	—	12	Incl. access impeded at 8 checkpoints
Flying Checkpoints	19	—	19	Incl. 4 in Jerusalem and 7 in Hebron
Closure (per District)	7	—	7	Incl. Nu'man and Mazmuriya, Bethlehem
Closure of Main Roads	49	—	49	Incl. 12 in Nablus and 17 in Hebron
Closure of Crossing Points	—	3	3	4 crossing points partially open
Settler Violence	4	—	4	Incl. vehicles stoned & land set on fire
Provocation of Pal. Forces	2	—	2	Incl. taking position near a Police station
Palestinian Attacks	—	2	2	Fire opened and 2 anti-tank mortars fired
Pal. Security Measure	1	—	1	An Israeli settler handed over, Ramallah
Demonstration	1	—	1	Against the annexation of Jerusalem
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>189</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>202</b>	

DISTRICT	EVENTS
<b>WEST BANK</b>	
<b>ALL DISTRICTS</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Israeli army continues to intensify its restrictions at checkpoints set up on the main roads connecting the West Bank districts, thereby isolating the northern districts from the southern districts as well as the Jericho district and the Jordan Valley from the remainder of the West Bank.</li> </ul>
<b>JERUSALEM</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Closure:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) Between 08:00 and 20:00, the Israeli army imposed a complete closure on the city of Jerusalem, allegedly for Jewish celebrations of the 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Israeli decision on the annexation of East Jerusalem to the State of Israel. The Israeli army also set up checkpoints on road junctions, at entrances to the old city of Jerusalem, and in the area surrounding Al Aqsa Mosque compound. Only allowing access to previously coordinated humanitarian cases, the Israeli army prevented civilians and workers from accessing the city of Jerusalem.</li> <li>(ii) On 05 January 2009, the Israeli authorities issued Military Order # S/02/09 on the closure of and denial of civilian access to the "demarcation area" along the Wall in the area surrounding the city of Jerusalem. Accordingly, local residents and civilians holding permits can access this area through crossings and gates set up at the entrances to the city of Jerusalem. (The demarcation area is defined by a set of military orders relating to land confiscation for Wall construction).</li> <li>(iii) Beginning on 02 April 2009, the Israeli army has continued to impose a blockade and deny civilian access to a hill located in an area between the village of Biddu and Beit Ikse due to its geographical significance as it overlooks the city of Jerusalem.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b>Closure of Main Roads:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) The Israeli army continues to close with cement blocks and dirt barricades the entrance to the village of Jaba'.</li> <li>(ii) The Israeli army continues to close the iron gate along the Wall section, separating the area of Dahiyat al Bareed from the town of Ar Ram.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b>Checkpoint:</b> The Israeli army continues to consider Qalandiya checkpoint a "border crossing point" and has designated a special crossing for holders of Jerusalem IDs and those possessing permits to access the city of Jerusalem.</li> <li>• <b>Flying Checkpoint:</b> At 08:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint along the settler bypass road near the town of Bir Nabala and searched civilians and vehicles.</li> <li>• <b>Raid:</b> At 16:00, the Israeli army raided the village of Biddu and arrested 2 civilians.</li> <li>• <b>Arrests:</b> The Israeli army arrested 2 civilians in the village of Biddu: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) Ayman Mohammed; and</li> <li>(ii) Saleem 'Ubeid.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b><u>Demonstration:</u></b> On 21 May 2009, a mass demonstration took place in the area of Damascus Gate in the city of Jerusalem in denunciation of and protest against the 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Israeli annexation of East Jerusalem to the State of Israel.</li> <li>• <b><u>Wall Gates:</u></b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) The Israeli army continues to close the Wall gate in the town of Abu Dis with cement blocks.</li> <li>(ii) The Israeli army continues to deny civilian access through the Wall gate on Ash Shayyah road in the area between the villages of As Sawahira ash Sharqiya and As Sawahira al Gharbiya, only allowing civilians holding Jerusalem IDs to cross, after subjecting them to thorough searches using electronic devices.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b><u>Wall Construction:</u></b> Wall construction continues in the area of Al 'Eizariya to Ash Shayyah, from Beit Surik village to Biddu; in the areas of Al Judeira, Bir Nabala, and Beit Hanina; west of the village of Al Jib; in the vicinity of the village of Qatanna; south of the village of Beit Hanina; and in the area surrounding the checkpoint set up at the entrance to Shu'fat refugee camp.</li> </ul>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>RAMALLAH &amp; EL BIREH</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b><u>Closure of Main Roads:</u></b> The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades and cement blocks the entrances to the town of Sinjil, the village of Saffa; and the junction to the villages of Kafr Malik – 'Ein Samiya.</li> <li>• <b><u>Checkpoint:</u></b> The Israeli army continues to intensify restrictions at the checkpoint on the overpass to 'Atara town and impede civilian access.</li> <li>• <b><u>Flying Checkpoint:</u></b> At 23:45, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to the town of Sinjil, searched civilians and vehicles, and impeded civilian access.</li> <li>• <b><u>Raids:</u></b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) At 02:00 on 21 May 2009, the Israeli army raided the village of Kafr Malik, arrested 11 civilians, and served summons 6 others to report to the Israeli Intelligence agency.</li> <li>(ii) At 23:40, the Israeli army raided the city of El Bireh and the town of Beituniya and searched a number of commercial shops as well as 2 detergents factories. At 02:15, the Israeli army withdrew from the area.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b><u>Arrests:</u></b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) At 11:30, Israeli troops positioned at the checkpoint set up on the overpass to the town of 'Atara arrested Nahed Taleb Farhat, a female resident of the village of Kafr 'Ein, claiming that she had attempted to stab an Israeli soldier.</li> </ul> <p>The Israeli army arrested 11 civilians in the village of Kafr Malik:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(ii) Thaer Ali Hamayel;</li> <li>(iii) Mohammed Mustafa Bajes;</li> <li>(iv) Mousa Ridha Hamayel;</li> <li>(v) Amjad Mohammed Abu Leileh;</li> <li>(vi) Suleiman 'Areen Farraj;</li> <li>(vii) Fadi 'Atallah an Niss;</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(viii) ‘Alam ‘Abed Hamayel;</li> <li>(ix) Hakam Jalal Farhat;</li> <li>(x) Ahmed Kifah;</li> <li>(xi) Ra’d Mazen Bu’airat; and</li> <li>(xii) Rani Ahmed Yousef.</li> </ul> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Settler Violence:</b> At 13:15, a group of Israeli settlers from the settlement of Kochav HaShahar threw stones at civilian vehicles travelling the settler bypass road near the settlement.</li> <li>• <b>Palestinian Security Measure:</b> At 14:00, Palestinian security forces handed over to the Israeli authorities (through the DCO) an Israeli settler, who had mistakenly gained access into the city of Ramallah.</li> <li>• <b>Wall Construction:</b> Wall construction continues west of ‘Abud town and in the areas of Al Midya to Ni’lin and Ni’lin to Deir Qaddis.</li> </ul>
<b>JENIN</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Closure of Main Road:</b> The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the road leading to the town of ‘Arraba east of the settlement of Dotan.</li> <li>• <b>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>
<b>TUBAS</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Checkpoint:</b> The Israeli army continues to close Tayasir checkpoint in the eastern Tubas district, denying civilian access to the Northern Jordan Valley, except for civilians whose IDs indicate that their place of residence is the Northern Jordan Valley.</li> <li>• <b>Raids/Provocation of Palestinian Forces:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) At 00:45, the Israeli army raided and patrolled Al Far’a refugee camp.</li> <li>(ii) At 01:00, the Israeli army raided the city of Tubas, took position near the Palestinian Civil Defence offices, and patrolled the area.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
<b>TULKAREM</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Closure of Main Roads:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the western entrance to the village of Shufa.</li> <li>(ii) The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the road connecting the town of Kafr al Labad to the village of Shufa.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b>Checkpoint:</b> The Israeli army continues to intensify restrictions at 'Einav checkpoint set up on Tulkarem-Nablus main road.</li> <li>• <b>Flying Checkpoints:</b> At 19:00, the Israeli army set up 2 flying checkpoints, one at the entrance to the town of Deir al Ghusun and the other on the junction to the village of Al Jarushiya, and searched civilians and vehicles.</li> <li>• <b>Raid:</b> At 10:35, the Israeli army raided the town of Zeita and patrolled the area until 12:00.</li> <li>• <b>Wall Gates:</b> Passage through the wall gates is restricted to civilians granted special Israeli permits.</li> </ul>
<b>QALQILYA</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Closure of Roads:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) The Israeli army continues to close with cement blocks agricultural roads east of the town of ‘Azzun.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

	<p>(ii) Beginning at 15:40 on 20 May 2009, the Israeli army has continued to close with dirt barricades a detour road near the eastern entrance to the city of Qalqiliya along to the Qalqiliya-Nablus main road.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Checkpoint:</b> The Israeli army continues to intensify restrictions at the checkpoint set up at the eastern entrance to the city of Qalqiliya and to impede civilian access.</li> <li>• <b>Flying Checkpoints/Attack:</b> At 14:30, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to the town of ‘Azzun and searched civilians and vehicles. At 21:30, the Israeli army set up another flying checkpoint and opened fire towards a civilian vehicle, ostensibly because it had not stopped at the checkpoint. The vehicle, however, fled.</li> <li>• <b>Raids/Detentions:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) At 13:50, the Israeli army raided the town of Jayyus. While patrolling the area, confrontations took place between the Israeli army and civilians.</li> <li>(ii) At 16:00, the Israeli army raided the town of ‘Azzun and detained 3 civilians, including 2 children, claiming that they had thrown stones at Israeli troops. At 01:35, the Israeli army raided the town again, searched 1 house, and arrested 2 civilians.</li> <li>(iii) At 19:50, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the city of Qalqiliya.</li> <li>(iv) At 06:00, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the village of ‘Asla. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Arrests:</b> The Israeli army arrested 2 civilians in the town of ‘Azzun: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) Zeid Husam Mousa Saleem; and</li> <li>(ii) Mohammed Basem Mohammed Saleem.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b>Detention:</b> At 13:00, Israeli troops positioned at the checkpoint set up at the eastern entrance to the city of Qalqiliya detained a vehicle belonging to the Palestinian Ministry of Health, interrogated passengers, and released them at a later time.</li> <li>• <b>Settler Violence:</b> At 02:00, a group of Israeli settlers opened fire towards a house belonging to Ayman as Saddeh in the vicinity of the village of Jit.</li> <li>• <b>Wall Gates:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) Passage through the Wall gates is restricted to civilians granted special Israeli permits.</li> <li>(ii) The Israeli army continues to intensify its restrictions at ‘Azzun ‘Atma Wall gate and to search civilians, including students, with a metal detector.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b>Wall Construction:</b> Wall construction continues south of the town of Jayyus as well as near the settlement of Alfe Menashe in the villages of Ras Tira, Magharet ad Dab'a, and Wadi ar Rasha south of the city of Qalqiliya.</li> </ul> </li> </ul> </li></ul>
NABLUS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Closure of Main Roads:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) The Israeli army continues to close with cement blocks the roads of Sarra-Jit; Til-Burin; Beit Furik-Salem; the road between the town of 'Aqraba and the main road; and the eastern entrance to the village of Al Lubban Ash Sharqiya. The Israeli army also continues to close with dirt barricades the road between the villages of Til and Madama; the</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

	<p>southern entrance to the village of Qaryut; the eastern entrance to the village of Al Lubban Ash Sharqiya; the western entrance to the town of 'Aqraba; the southern entrance to the village of Duma; the northern entrance to the town of Qabalan; the western entrance to the village of Majdal Bani Fadil; and the settler bypass road connecting the village of Deir al Hatab to the settlement of Alon Moreh.</p> <p>(ii) The Israeli army continues to restrict civilian daily passage along the Jenin-Nablus road between the junction to Deir Sharaf village and the settlement of Shavei Shomron between 06:00 and 21:00.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Checkpoints:</b> The Israeli army continues to regulate times for crossing checkpoints set up around the city of Nablus:       <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) At Tur neighbourhood checkpoint (set up on Jerzim Mount) is closed on Fridays and Saturdays as well as during Jewish holidays. On all other days, it is open for civilian residents of the neighborhood only.</li> <li>(ii) The Israeli army continues to allow Palestinians holding Israeli-issued IDs to access the city of Nablus by their private vehicles through Beit Furik checkpoint and Biet Iba iron gate. Additionally, the Israeli army allows free access to physicians, who are residents of the city of Nablus.</li> <li>(iii) Beginning on 15 February 2009, the Israeli army has allowed free access by private vehicles to all residents of the city of Nablus, who are above 50 years of age and in company with their families, through checkpoints set up around the city of Nablus.</li> <li>(iv) Having removed Beit Iba checkpoint, the Israeli army installed an iron gate near the junction to the village of Deir Sharaf along the Nablus-Tulkarem main road. The iron gate is open everyday between 05:00 and 24:00 to allow civilian access without permits.</li> </ol> </li> <li>• <b>Raids:</b> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) At 17:15, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the village of Al Badhan.</li> <li>(ii) At 01:15, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the city of Nablus.</li> </ol> </li> <li>• <b>Arrest:</b> Israeli troops positioned at Huwwara checkpoint arrested Mahir Rashad Saleem.</li> <li>• <b>Settler Violence:</b> At 18:00, a group of Israeli settlers set fire to civilian land adjacent to the settlements of Bracha and Yitzhar in the village of Burin. The Israeli settlers attempted to burn olive trees.</li> </ul>
SALFIT	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Closure of Main Roads:</b> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the northern entrance to the city of Salfit.</li> <li>(ii) The Israeli army continues to close with cement blocks and iron gates the northern entrance to the town of Bruqin and the western entrance to the town of Kafr Ad Dik.</li> </ol> </li> <li>• <b>Checkpoint:</b> The Israeli army continues to intensify its restrictions and impede civilian access at the Za'tara junction checkpoint.</li> <li>• <b>Flying Checkpoint:</b> At 17:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to the town of Bruqin and searched civilians and vehicles until 17:30.</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Raids:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) At 11:50, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the town of Biddya.</li> <li>(ii) At 16:50, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the town of Bruqin.</li> <li>(iii) At 21:00, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the village of Mas'ha.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b>Settler Violence:</b> At 09:00, a group of Israeli settlers uprooted olive seedlings as well as prevented civilians from reclaiming a piece of land in the town of Deir Istiya.</li> <li>• <b>Wall Construction:</b> Wall construction continues in the area northwest of the city of Salfit, and in the village of Marda and the town of Kafr Haris north of the settlement of Ariel.</li> </ul>
<b>JERICHO</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Closure:</b> The Israeli army continues to close Road # 90 between the city of Jericho and the village of Al 'Auja with cement blocks and to prevent farmers not holding Jericho Governorate IDs from reaching their land, forcing them to apply for access permits. The Israeli army also continues to deny access to the city to holders of Israeli IDs.</li> <li>• <b>Checkpoints:</b> The Israeli army continues to intensify its restrictions and impede civilian access at Al Hamra checkpoint set up along Al Badhan road connecting the districts of Jericho and Nablus as well as on the checkpoint set up on the junction to the village of Al 'Auja along Al Mu'arajat road that connects the districts of Jericho and Ramallah.</li> <li>• <b>Raid:</b> At 23:30, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the village of Al 'Auja.</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 the roads to the village of An Nu'man, with the exception of the road leading to the Wall gate in the south-eastern area of the village.</li> <li>(ii) According to Military Order # 07/02/S, the Israeli army has continued since 15 September 2007 to deny civilian access to an area measuring 22 <i>dunums</i> (5.436 acres) of land in the area of Mazmuriya in the cities of Beit Sahur and Bethlehem. The land was confiscated pursuant to Military Order # 07/31/T.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b>Closure of Main Roads:</b> In addition to 2 side roads east and south of the village of Al Walaja, the Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the roads of Beit Jala-Wadi Ahmad; Talita-Nazlet as Sidr in the city of Beit Jala; Al Khadr -Road # 60; Al Khadr -Beit Jala Housing Project; Wadi Rahal-Efrat; and the side road east of the town of Beit Fajjar.</li> <li>• <b>Checkpoint:</b> At 15:10, the Israeli army intensified its restrictions at As Sawahira ash Sharqiya (the 'Container') checkpoint and impeded civilian access.</li> <li>• <b>Flying Checkpoints:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) At 10:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to the town of Tuqu' and searched civilians and vehicles.</li> <li>(ii) At 12:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the junction to the area of An Nashash (the southern entrance to the city of Bethlehem), searched civilians, and prevented vehicles from leaving the city of Bethlehem.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b><u>Raids:</u></b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) At 10:00, the Israeli army raided the evacuated military post of ‘Ush Ghurab east of the city of Beit Sahur and patrolled the area until 11:45.</li> <li>(ii) At 15:10, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the city of Beit Jala.</li> <li>(iii) At 21:50, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the town of Al Khadr.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b><u>Wall Construction:</u></b> Wall construction continues in the area northwest of the town of Al Khadr; northwest of the city of Beit Jala; in the area of Wadi Rahhal east of Ifrat settlement; and in the area surrounding the village of Al Walaja.</li> </ul>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>HEBRON</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b><u>Closure:</u></b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) The Israeli army continues to close the following locales in the old city of Hebron: Ash Shuhada’ Street and the area of As Sahleh with cement blocks and barbed wire; the old gold market with an iron gate; the area of Khuzq al Far near the settlement of Abraham Avino with a dirt barricade and an iron gate; and the entrance to the area of Al Khan with an electronic gate, isolating the area from Al Laban Market and the area of As Sahleh. The Israeli army also continues to install an iron gate at the entrance to the area of Al Hisba (the fruits and vegetables market) in the old city of Hebron, thereby controlling civilian access in the area.</li> <li>(ii) The Israeli army continues to prevent civilian vehicles from travelling along the road connecting the settlement of Kiryat Arba’ to the Ibrahimi Mosque in the old city of Hebron.</li> <li>(iii) On 05 January 2009, the Israeli army issued Military Order # 09/06/S for closure of the area located along the Green Line south of the town of Yatta, evacuation of civilian residents, and prevention of civilian access to the area. According to Military Orders # 05/03/T and 05/04/T, land in this area was confiscated for Wall construction.</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 the entrance to the town of As Samoa’; the area of Al Hawawir leading to the town of Halhul; the road connecting the town of Surif to the village of Al Jab’a; the eastern entrance to the village of Kharsa; the entrance to the Al Qeisi neighbourhood in the old city of Hebron; as well as the entrances to Al 'Arrub refugee camp, the village of At Tuwani, and the town of Adh Dhahiriya.</li> <li>(ii) The Israeli army continues to prohibit Palestinian vehicles from travelling along Ash Shalala Old Street leading to the old city of Hebron.</li> <li>(iii) The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the road between the villages of Al Karmil and At Tuwani and all roads leading to Road # 60.</li> <li>(iv) The Israeli army continues to open the iron gate on the Farsh Al Hawa junction to Road # 35, which leads to Tarqumiya Crossing, from 05:00 until 07:00 and from 09:00 until 13:00.</li> <li>(iv) At 09:30, the Israeli army closed the entrance to the area of Wadi Qayyun, a branch along Road # 35 north of the city of Hebron.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>



- **Flying Checkpoints:**
  - (i) At 10:25, and again at 22:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to the town of Idhna and searched civilians and vehicles.
  - (ii) At 17:50, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on Al Fawwar junction and searched civilians and vehicles.
  - (iii) At 20:35, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to the area of An Nabi Yunis (the eastern entrance to the town of Halhul) and searched civilians and vehicles.
  - (iv) At 22:10, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to the town of Sa'ir and searched civilians and vehicles.
- **Attack/Destruction of Property:** At 09:15, Israeli troops positioned at the entrance to the town of Beit Ummar opened fire towards civilian vehicles, damaging wheel tyres.
- **Raids/Provocation of Palestinian Forces:**
  - (i) At 12:25, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the city of Hebron. At 17:00, the Israeli army raided the city again, set up a checkpoint, and searched civilians and vehicles. At 01:00, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the city for the third time.
  - (ii) At 12:30, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the town of Nuba.
  - (iii) At 14:25, the Israeli army raided the town of Bani Na'im, set up a checkpoint near the town's Palestinian Police station, searched civilians and vehicles, and patrolled the area.
  - (iv) At 02:00, the Israeli army raided the village of Deir al 'Asal al Fuqa and arrested 3 civilians.
- **Arrests:** the Israeli army arrested 3 civilians in the village of Deir al 'Asal al Fuqa:
  - (i) Hasan Kamal Hasan ash Shawamreh;
  - (ii) Rasmi Fayez Rasmi ash Shawamreh; and
  - (iii) Mohammed Ghaleb Suleiman ash Shawamreh.
- **Detentions:** At 10:45, the Israeli army detained 2 female children near the entrance to the Ibrahimi Mosque in the old city of Hebron while they were returning from school, claiming that they had been in possession of a knife:
  - (i) Mahasen Mousa Hasan ad Dik, 14 years old; and
  - (ii) Suha 'Imran Abdul Mun'em Irfa'iyeh, 14 years old.
 The Israeli army released both female children at a later time.
- **Wall Construction:** Wall construction continues in the section of Tarqumiya checkpoint terminal and in the area between southeast of the village of 'Arab ar Ramadin and the village of Imneizil.

## GAZA STRIP

ALL DISTRICTS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• At 02:00 on 18 January 2009, the unilateral ceasefire declared by the Israeli authorities came into effect. At a later time on the same day, armed Palestinian groups announced an agreement to cease fire for a week. Later, armed Palestinian groups extended the ceasefire until 05 February 2009. Despite the fact that the extension period expired, the ceasefire continues to hold pending negotiations carried out by Egypt.</li> <li>• <b>Violations of the Ceasefire:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) The Israeli army opened intensive fire from its locations on the Green Line towards Palestinian territory, killing 2 armed Palestinian individuals. Israeli navy boats also opened fire towards Palestinian fishing boats at sea.</li> <li>(ii) Armed Palestinian individuals opened fire and fired 2 anti-tank mortars towards an Israeli army patrol near the Green Line.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
NORTHERN GAZA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Closure of Crossing Point:</b> Beit Hanun (Erez) Crossing is closed.</li> <li>• <b>Attack:</b> In the morning of 22 May 2009, Israeli navy boats opened intensive fire towards Palestinian fishing boats at sea off of the As Sudaniya beach east of the town of Beit Lahiya.</li> </ul>
GAZA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Closure of Crossing Points:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) Al Muntar (Karnei) Crossing is closed.</li> <li>(ii) Ash Shuja'iyah (Nahal 'Oz) Crossing is partially open for transportation of fuel.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b>Attack:</b> In the morning of 22 May 2009, the Israeli army opened intensive fire from its location on the Green Line towards agricultural land east of Ash Shuja'iyah neighbourhood east of Gaza city.</li> </ul>
CENTRAL GAZA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Palestinian Attack/Israeli Attack:</b> In the morning of 22 May 2009, armed Palestinian individuals opened fire and fired 2 anti-tank mortars towards an Israeli army patrol near the Green Line east of Al Maghazi refugee camp. Consequently, the Israeli army opened fire towards Palestinian territory.</li> </ul>
KHAN YUNIS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Attack:</b> In the morning of 22 May 2009, the Israeli army opened intensive fire from its location on the Green Line towards civilian houses in the area of Al Farahin.</li> </ul>
RAFAH	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Closure of Crossing Points:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) Yasser 'Arafat International Airport remains closed.</li> <li>(ii) Rafah (Al 'Awdah) Crossing is open on an exceptional basis to allow access to 13 ill civilians to the Gaza Strip, after they had received medical treatment at Egyptian hospitals.</li> <li>(iii) Sufa Crossing is closed.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

	<p>(iv) Karm Abu Salim (Karem Shalom) Crossing is partially open for transportation of food supplies and humanitarian aid.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Raid/Attack:</b> At dawn on 22 May 2009, the Israeli army, including several armoured vehicles, raided Palestinian territory in the area surrounding Karm Abu Salem (Karem Shalom) Crossing Point east of the city of Rafah. An armed confrontation took place between the Israeli army and armed Palestinian individuals, during which the Israeli army killed 2 armed individuals.</li> <li>• <b>Killings:</b> The Israeli army killed 2 armed Palestinian individuals east of the city of Rafah: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) Abdul Majeed Sa'ed Saleh; and</li> <li>(ii) Yaseen Saleem Jaber.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
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### GENERAL

<p><b>POLITICAL PRISONERS</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Sentence:</b> The Israeli military court at 'Ofar Detention and Interrogation Centre sentenced Amjad Ziyad Abu Rammuz, a resident of the city of Hebron, to prison for 48 months.</li> </ul>
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