# مجموعة الرقابة الفلسطينية



# PALESTINIAN MONITORING GROUP

# DAILY SITUATION REPORT 08:00 21 May 2010 – 08:00 22 May 2010

# **SUMMARY OF EVENTS**

EVENT	WEST BANK	GAZA STRIP	TOTAL	NOTES
Deaths	_	2	2	Armed individuals in Khan Yunis
Injuries	3	3	6	Incl. 2 in Bethlehem & 3 in K. Yunis
Attacks	6	5	11	Incl. 3 in raids and 1 by helicopters
Raids	8	1	9	Incl. 2 in Jenin and 2 in Hebron
Air Patrols	_	2	2	By helicopters and reconnaissance
Deportations	_	2	2	2 brothers from Bir as Sabe' to Gaza
Arrests (per person)	3	_	3	Incl. a university student
Expulsions	2	_	2	2 civilians from Al Aqsa Mosque
Detentions	13	_	13	Incl. a journalist and 2 peace activists
House Demolition	_	1	1	A house in Khan Yunis
Land Levelling	_	1	1	Agricultural land in Khan Yunis
Wall Construction	19	_	19	Incl. Jer., Raml'h., Salfit, & Hebron
Destruction of Property	2	1	3	Incl. a camel killed and seedlings burnt
Closure of Checkpoints	9	_	9	Incl. 1 checkpoint closed temporarily
Flying Checkpoints	12	_	12	Incl. 3 in Jerusalem and 4 in Qalqiliya
Closure (per District)	9	_	9	Incl. 4 areas in the city of Hebron
Closure of Main Roads	42	_	42	Incl. 10 in Nablus and 15 in Hebron
Closure of Crossing Points	_	5	5	2 crossing points partially open
Settler Violence	4		4	Gaining access to residential locales
Palestinian Attack		1	1	Fire opened on Israeli troops
Demonstrations	6	_	6	Incl. against land confiscation & Wall
TOTAL	140	24	164	

DISTRICT	EVENTS	
WEST B	ANK	
JERUSALEM	<ul> <li>Closure: <ul> <li>(i) On 21 May 2010, the Israeli army intensified its restrictions at checkpoints located at the entrances to the city of Jerusalem and set up several flying checkpoints in the old city of Jerusalem and around Al Aqsa Mosque compound. Excluding those holding Israeli-issued ID cards, the Israeli army denied access to civilians to perform Friday prayers at the mosque.</li> <li>(i) 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>(ii) The Israeli army continues to impose a blockade and deny civilian access to a hill between the village of Biddu and Beit Iksa due to its geographical significance as it overlooks the city of Jerusalem.</li> <li>Closure of Main Roads:</li> <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>Checkpoints:</li> <li>(i) The Israeli army continues to consider Qalandiya checkpoint a "border crossing point" and has designated a special crossing lane for holders of Jerusalem IDs and those possessing permits to access the city of Jerusalem.</li> <li>(ii) Beginning on 11 April 2010, the Israeli army has continued to close the checkpoint set up near the entrance to Shu'fat refugee camp in the city of Jerusalem and to deny civilian access between 23:00 and 05:00, claiming to be carrying out infrastructure works between the checkpoint and the road leading to Shu'fat refugee camp.</li> <li>Arrest: On 21 May 2</li></ul></li></ul>	

Waqf Department, from Al Aqsa Mosque compound and keep as far as

at least 150 metres away from it for a period of 6 months.

## • Demonstrations:

- (i) At 13:00, civilians performed Friday prayers in the sit-in tent erected in Silwan neighbourhood in the city of Jerusalem in protest against evacuation of civilian houses for construction of Israeli settlement projects.
- (ii) At 14:00, a mass demonstration, including international peace activists, took place in Ash Sheikh Jarrah neighbourhood in the city of Jerusalem in protest against Israeli settlement activity and settlers' seizure of civilian houses.

## • Wall Gates:

- (i) The Israeli army continues to close the Wall gate in the town of Abu Dis with cement blocks.
- (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.
- Wall Construction: Wall construction was suspended on the occasion of Shavuot 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.

#### • Closure of Main Roads:

- (i) 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.
- (ii) On 15 March 2010, the Israeli army issued a military order, providing that the area located between civilian houses and the Wall in the town of Ni'lin and the village of Bil'in would be a closed military zone between 08:00 and 20:00 on Fridays for a period of 6 months. To prevent weekly demonstrations against Wall construction, civilian access to the area will be denied except with a special permit.
- Flying Checkpoint: At 23:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint and searched civilians and vehicles on the main road between the overpass to the town of 'Atara and 'Uyun al Harmiya junction on the Ramallah-Nablus main road.

#### • Demonstrations/Attacks/Injuries/Detentions:

(i) At 13:00, a mass demonstration, including international peace activists, took place in the village of Bil'in against Wall construction. Confrontations took place between the Israeli army and protestors, during which the Israeli army injured a number of participants as a result of tear gas inhalation. In addition, the Israeli army detained a journalist and 2 international peace activists.

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	<ul> <li>(ii) At 13:00, a mass demonstration, including international peace activists, took place in the town of Ni'lin against Wall construction. Confrontations took place between the Israeli army and protestors, during which the Israeli army injured several participants as a result of tear gas inhalation.</li> <li>(iii) At 13:30, a mass demonstration took place in the villages of Deir Nidham and An Nabi Salih against Israeli settler violence and confiscation of civilian land for expansion of the settlement of Halamish. Confrontations took place between the Israeli army and protestors, during which the Israeli army injured 1 civilian. A number of protestors also sustained wounds as a result of tear gas inhalation.</li> <li>• Wall Construction: Wall construction was suspended on the occasion of Shavuot west of the town of 'Abud; in the village of Bil'in; and in the areas of Al Midya to Ni'lin and Ni'lin to Deir Qaddis.</li> </ul>
JENIN	<ul> <li>Closure of Main Road: 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>Flying Checkpoint: At 19:15, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the junction to the village of Rummana and searched civilians and vehicles until 20:50.</li> <li>Raids: At 10:45, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the town of Meithalun and the village of Jadida.</li> <li>Settler Violence: At 16:30, a group of Israeli settlers protected by Israeli troops gained access to the evacuated settlement of Homesh and withdrew at a later time.</li> <li>Wall Gates: Passage through the Wall gates is restricted to civilians granted special Israeli permits, which affects the educational and health conditions of civilians living behind the Wall.</li> </ul>
TUBAS	<ul> <li>Checkpoint: Though allowing civilian access to the Northern Jordan Valley between 06:00 and 22:00, the Israeli army continues to intensify its restrictions at Tayasir checkpoint east of the city of Tubas.</li> <li>Flying Checkpoint: At 18:30, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the junction to the village of Bardala and searched civilians and vehicles.</li> <li>Attack: At 19:45, the Israeli army opened fire towards and killed a camel belonging to Mohammed Rahil al Ka'abneh.</li> <li>Raid: At 15:00, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the village of Al Far'a.</li> </ul>
TULKAREM	<ul> <li>Closure of Main Roads: The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the road connecting the town of Kafr al Labad to the village of Shufa as well as the road connecting the villages of Shufa and 'Izbat Shufa.</li> <li>Checkpoint: The Israeli army continues to intensify restrictions at 'Einav checkpoint set up on Tulkarem-Nablus main road.</li> <li>Wall Gates: Passage through the wall gates is restricted to civilians granted special Israeli permits.</li> </ul>

	• <u>Closure of Roads</u> : The Israeli army continues to close with cement blocks
	agricultural roads east of the town of 'Azzun.
	• Flying Checkpoints:
	(i) At 11:15, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint underneath the overpass to the town of 'Azzun on the Qalqiliya-Tulkarem main road
	and searched civilians and vehicles.
	(ii) At 14:20, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint near the entrance to
	the village of 'Izbat at Tabib and searched civilians and vehicles.
	(iii) At 14:50, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to
	the city of Qalqiliya and searched civilians and vehicles.
	(iv) At 15:40, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to
QALQILYA	the town of 'Azzun and searched civilians and vehicles.
	• Raid: At 11:50, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the town of Jayyus.
	• Wall Gates:
	(i) The Israeli army continues to intensify its restrictions at 'Azzun 'Atma
	Wall gate and to search civilians, including students, with a detector.
	(ii) Beginning on 12 May 2010, the Israeli army has continued to install an
	iron gate at 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. The Israeli army removed the wall gate at the
	entrance to the village of Ras 'Atiya and only allows students to cross
	to their school outside the village through the Habla gate.
	Closure of Main Roads:
	(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 southern entrance to the
	village of Duma; and the northern entrance to the town of Qabalan.
	(ii) The Israeli army continues to close with an iron gate the western
	entrance to An Naqura village opposite Shavei Shomron settlement.
	(iii) The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the southern
	entrance to the village of Oarvut and the road connecting the town of
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	<ul> <li>Flying Checkpoint: At 19:15, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to the town of Beit Furik and searched civilians and vehicles.</li> <li>Raid: At 23:45, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the town of Beit Furik.</li> <li>Settler Violence: At 12:30, a group of Israeli settlers gained access to civilian land in the Jurish village plain. Consequently, the Israeli army evacuated settlers at 16:30.</li> </ul>
SALFIT	<ul> <li>Closure of Main Roads: <ol> <li>The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the northern entrance to the city of Salfit.</li> <li>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> <li>Checkpoint: The Israeli army continues to intensify its restrictions and impede civilian access at the Za'tara junction checkpoint.</li> <li>Raid: At 02:00, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the village of Yasuf.</li> <li>Detentions: At 17:50, Israeli troops positioned at the Za'tara junction checkpoint detained 4 Palestinian National Security officers and released them at 18:20 after coordination with the Israeli authorities (through the DCO).</li> <li>Provocation of Palestinian Forces: At 18:50, Israeli troops positioned at the Za'tara junction checkpoint detained 2 Palestinian National Security officers and allowed them to cross after coordination with the Israeli authorities (through the DCO).</li> <li>Wall Construction: Wall construction was suspended on the occasion of Shavuot in the area northwest of the city of Salfit, and in the village of Marda and the town of Kifl Haris north of the settlement of Ariel.</li> </ol> </li> </ul>
JERICHO	<ul> <li>Closure: 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>Checkpoints:         <ul> <li>The Israeli army continues to intensify its restrictions at Al Hamra checkpoint set up along Al Badhan road connecting the districts of Jericho and Nablus. However, the Israeli army allows civilian access between 06:00 and 22:00.</li> <li>The Israeli army continues to intensify its restrictions at the checkpoint set up on the junction to the village of Al 'Auja along Al-Mu'arrajat road that connects the districts of Jericho and Ramallah, only allowing access to civilians whose IDs indicate that their place of residence of the district of Jericho as well as to others holding access permits.</li> <li>Provocation of Palestinian Forces: At 21:30, Israeli troops positioned at Al Hamra checkpoint detained 3 buses transporting 150 Palestinian National Security officers, while they were travelling from the city of Jenin to the city of Jericho. Following coordination with the Israeli authorities (through the DCO), Israeli troops allowed access to the bus at 22:10.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

## **Closure**: (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. According to Military Order # 07/02/S, the Israeli army has (ii)continued since 15 September 2007 to deny civilian access to an area measuring 22 dunums (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. Closure of Main Roads: The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the road of Beit Jala-Wadi Ahmad; a road east of the town of Beit Fajjar; and an agricultural road connecting the town of Tuqu' to the **BETHLEHEM** village of Khirbet al Baq'a. Demonstration/Attack/Injuries: At 13:10, a mass demonstration, including international peace activists, took place in the village of Al Ma'sara in protest against Wall construction. Confrontations took place between the Israeli army and protestors, during which the Israeli army injured 2 civilians. A number of participants also sustained wounds as a result of tear gas inhalation. The Israeli army also arrested 2 civilians. **Arrests:** The Israeli army arrested 2 civilians in the village of Al Ma'sara: (i) Iyad Mohammed Zawahreh; and Mohammed Abdul Karim Zawahreh. (ii) Wall Construction: Wall construction was suspended on the occasion of Shavuot 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 Efrat settlement; and in the area surrounding Al Walaja. **Closure:** The Israeli army continues to close the following locales in the old city (i) 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. In addition to closing the entrance to Al Laban Market with iron plates, the Israeli army continues to install an iron gate at the entrance to the area of Al Hisba (the fruits and vegetables market) in **HEBRON** the old city of Hebron, controlling civilian access in the area. (ii) Having evacuated civilian residents and denied civilian access, the Israeli army continues to close the area located along the Green Line south of the town of Yatta. **Closure of Main Roads:** (i) The Israeli army continues to close with cement blocks the entrance to the town of As Samoa'; the eastern entrance to the village of Kharsa; the entrance to the Al Qeisi neighbourhood in the old city of Hebron; the entrances to Al 'Arrub refugee camp, the village of At Tuwani, and

the town of Adh Dhahiriya; and the road connecting the town of Surif

- to the village of Al Jab'a.
- (ii) The Israeli army continues to prohibit Palestinian vehicles from travelling along Ash Shalala Old Street in the old city of Hebron.
- (iii) The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the road between the villages of Al Karmil and At Tuwani and all roads leading to Road # 60.
- (iv) The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades an entrance to the town of Beit Ummar near the town's cemetery.
- <u>Flying Checkpoint</u>: At 09:40, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to the area of Al Fahs south of the city of Hebron and searched civilians and vehicles.
- Attack: At 13:10, Israeli troops positioned at the entrance to Al 'Arrub refugee camp fired rubber-coated steel bullets and tear gas grenades towards civilians, allegedly for throwing stones.

#### Raids:

- (i) At 10:00, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the town of Beit Kahil.
- (ii) At 21:10, the Israeli army raided the city of Hebron, searched 1 house, and served a summons to Mahmoud al Bitar to report to the Israeli Intelligence agency.

## • Settler Violence:

- (i) At 09:30, a group of Israeli settlers protected by Israeli troops gained access to the area of Al Haska near the town of Halhul and withdrew at 15:00
- (ii) At 10:50, a group of Israeli settlers set fire to agricultural land in the area of Wadi Sa'ir and burned approximately 200 olive and almond seedlings.
- Wall Construction: Wall construction was suspended on the occasion of Shavuot in the section of Tarqumiya checkpoint terminal; in the area surrounding the settlement of Eshkolot near the town of Adh Dhahiriya; and in the area between the villages of 'Arab ar Ramadin and Imneizil.

## **GAZA STRIP**

# ALL DISTRICTS

• 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.

# • Violations of the Ceasefire:

- (i) The Israeli army raided Palestinian territory. Israeli armoured vehicles and combat helicopters opened intensive fire and tanks fired shells towards civilian houses and property in the district of Khan Yunis. The Israeli navy opened fire towards Palestinian fishing boats at sea off the coast of the district of Northern Gaza.
- (ii) Armed Palestinian territory opened fire towards Israeli troops.

NORTHERN GAZA	<ul> <li>Closure of Crossing Point: Beit Hanun (Erez) Crossing is closed on the occasion of Shavuot.</li> <li>Attack: On 22 May 2010, Israeli navy officers opened intensive fire towards Palestinian fishing boats at sea off the Ash Sudaniya beach west of the town of Beit Lahiya.</li> <li>Deportation: On 21 May 2010, the Israeli army deported brothers 'Imad and Hamed Abu Dawabbeh, residents of the city of Bir as Sabe' inside the Green Line to the Gaza Strip. It should be noted their father is married to an Israeli citizen holding an Israeli ID and resides with his family in the city of Bir as Sabe'. The incident is in implementation of Military Order #1650 on the deportation of civilians, who do not hold a permit to reside in the West Bank, hold Gaza-issued ID cards, or were born in the Gaza Strip.</li> </ul>
GAZA	Closure of Crossing Points:     Al Muntar (Karnei) Crossing is closed.     Ash Shuja'iya (Nahal 'Oz) Crossing is closed. Beginning on 04 January 2010, the Crossing has been closed upon an Israeli unilateral decision.
CENTRAL GAZA	Activities not reported.
KHAN YUNIS	<ul> <li>Raid/Air Patrol/Attack/Land Levelling: At 13:40, the Israeli army, including several tanks, armoured vehicles, and bulldozers covered by combat helicopters and reconnaissance aircraft, raided 400 metres into Palestinian territory east of the area of Al Farahin east of the town of 'Abasan al Kabira. During an armed confrontation with armed Palestinian individuals, who had allegedly attempted to gain access into the Green Line, armoured vehicles and combat helicopters opened intensive fire and tanks fired shells towards civilian houses and property. As a result, the Israeli army killed 2 armed individuals and injured 3 civilians. The Israeli army also levelled land cultivated with fruit-bearing trees, demolished 1 house, withdrew late on 21 May 2010.</li> <li>Killings: The Israeli army killed 2 armed Palestinian individuals east of the area of Farahin east of the town of 'Abasan al Kabira:         <ol> <li>Nader Is'haq Abu Daqqah; and</li> <li>Hamdi 'Adel Abu Ahmed.</li> <li>House Demolition: The Israeli army demolished a house belonging to Jaber Abu Rjeilah east of the area of Farahin east of the town of 'Abasan al Kabira.</li> <li>Palestinian Attack/Israeli Attack: At 19:45, armed Palestinian individuals opened fire towards Israeli troops on the Green Line east of the area of Al Farahin east of the town of 'Abasan al Kabira. Consequently, the Israeli army opened fire intensively towards Palestinian territory.</li> </ol> </li> </ul>

RAFAH	<ul> <li>Closure of Crossing Points:         <ul> <li>Yasser 'Arafat International Airport remains closed.</li> <li>Rafah (Al 'Awdah) Crossing is open on an exceptional basis to allow access to an American delegation of 7 members.</li> <li>Sufa Crossing is closed.</li> <li>Karm Abu Salim (Karem Shalom) Crossing is closed.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
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