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PALESTINIAN MONITORING GROUP

DAILY SITUATION REPORT

08:00 22 May 2009 – 08:00 23 May 2009

SUMMARY OF EVENTS

EVENT	WEST BANK	GAZA STRIP	TOTAL	NOTES
Physical Assaults	9	—	9	Incl. a Palestinian security officer beaten
Injuries	10	—	10	Incl. 85-year-old female civilian injured
Attacks	6	2	8	Incl. 4 in raids and 1 from a checkpoint
Raids	24	1	25	Incl. 5 in Qalqiliya and 5 in Hebron
Arrests	7	—	7	Incl. 1 child and 3 brothers in Jenin
Detentions	18	—	18	Incl. 3 children and 1 Pal. security officer
Wall Construction	21	—	21	Incl. Jer., Raml'h., Salfit, & Qalqiliya
Destruction of Property	3	—	3	Incl. shops and lamp posts destroyed
Closure of Checkpoints	12	—	12	Incl. access impeded at 8 checkpoints
Flying Checkpoints	18	—	18	Incl. 3 in Jerusalem and 3 in Salfit
Closure (per District)	7	—	7	Incl. Nu'man and Mazmuriya, Bethlehem
Closure of Main Roads	48	—	48	Incl. 12 in Nablus and 16 in Hebron
Closure of Crossing Points	—	6	6	Only Karm Abu Salem CP partially open
Settler Violence	3	—	3	Incl. malt crops set on fire in Nablus
Palestinian Attacks	—	2	2	Incl. an explosive device detonated
Pal. Security Measures	2	—	2	2 Israeli female settlers handed over
Demonstrations	6	—	6	Incl. against the Wall & settler violence
TOTAL	194	11	205	

DISTRICT	EVENTS
WEST BANK	
ALL DISTRICTS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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.
JERUSALEM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) On 22 May 2009, the Israeli army intensified its restrictions at checkpoints located at the entrances to the city of Jerusalem, set up several flying checkpoints in the old city of Jerusalem and around Al Aqsa Mosque compound, and denied access to civilians to perform Friday prayers at the mosque. (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). (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. • Closure of Main Roads: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) The Israeli army continues to close with cement blocks and dirt barricades the entrance to the village of Jaba'. (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. • Checkpoint: 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. • Physical Assaults: On 22 May 2009, the Israeli army severely beat with clubs 3 civilians inside a commercial shop in the Khan az Zeit market in the old city of Jerusalem, leaving them with contusion. The 3 civilians, who were transported to hospital for medical treatment, were: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Nasser Qos; (ii) Ala' al Haddad; and (iii) Muhyi Abu 'Assab. • Attack: At 17:20, Israeli troops positioned in the area surrounding Qalandiya refugee camp opened fire towards a number of civilians, allegedly for throwing stones. • Settler Violence/Destruction of Property: On 22 May 2009, a group of Israeli settlers destroyed vitrines of a number of commercial shops as well as street lamp posts in the old city of Jerusalem.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wall Gates: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (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 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.
<p style="text-align: center;">RAMALLAH & EL BIREH</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure of Main Roads: 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. • Checkpoint: The Israeli army continues to intensify restrictions at the checkpoint on the overpass to 'Atara town and impede civilian access. • Flying Checkpoint: At 09:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint near the village of Um Safa and searched civilians and vehicles. • Raids/Attack: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 22:50, the Israeli army raided the town of 'Arura and opened fire, while patrolling the area. (ii) At 24:00, the Israeli army raided the town of Beit Liqya and searched summons to a number of civilians to report to the Israeli Intelligence agency. The Israeli army also arrested 1 civilian. • Arrest: The Israeli army arrested Bakr Rabah Bakr 'Abed 'Assi in the town of Beit Liqya. • Demonstrations/Attacks/Injuries/Detention/Physical Assault: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 13:00, a mass demonstration, including international peace activists, took place in the village of Bil'in in protest against Wall construction. Confrontations took place between the Israeli army and protestors, during which the Israeli army injured 3 civilians, including 1 child. Other civilians also sustained injuries as a result of tear gas inhalation. (ii) At 13:00, a mass demonstration, including international peace activists, took place in the town of Ni'lin in protest against Wall construction. Confrontations also took place between the Israeli army and protestors, during which the Israeli army injured 5 civilians. In addition, a number of civilians sustained injuries as a result of tear gas inhalation. The Israeli army also detained and severely beat a civilian. • Palestinian Security Measure: On 22 May 2009, Palestinian security forces handed over to the Israeli authorities (through the DCO) 2 Israeli female settlers, after they had gained access into the city of Ramallah. • Wall Construction: Wall construction continues west of 'Abud town and in the areas of Al Midya to Ni'lin and Ni'lin to Deir Qaddis.

<p style="text-align: center;">JENIN</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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. • Raids/Attack/Injury: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 02:40, the Israeli army raided the village of ‘Arrana and closed all its entrances with flying checkpoints. While searching a number of houses, the Israeli army opened fire as well as fired sound grenades and flares, resulting in the injury of Fatima Sa’id al Khalidi, an 85-year-old female civilian. In addition, the Israeli army arrested 6 civilians, including 1 child and 3 brothers. (ii) At 03:00, the Israeli army raided the village of Deir Abu Da’if and patrolled the area until 04:30. • Arrests: The Israeli army arrested 6 civilians in the village of ‘Arrana: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Mazen Wassef Sidqi Abu Hananeh, 16 years old; (ii) Mohammed Rajeh al Khalidi; (iii) Lu’ay Rajeh al Khalidi; (iv) Qussay Rajeh al Khalidi; (v) Hasan Rashid al Khalidi; and (vi) Shadi Hasan Rashid al Khalidi. • 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.
<p style="text-align: center;">TUBAS</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Checkpoint: 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. • Raids: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 02:40, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the city of Tubas. (ii) At 02:50, the Israeli army raided the town of ‘Aqqaba, set up a checkpoint at its entrance, searched civilians and vehicles, and patrolled the area. (iii) At 20:50, the Israeli army raided and patrolled Al Far’a refugee camp.
<p style="text-align: center;">TULKAREM</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure of Main Roads: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the western entrance to the village of Shufa. (ii) The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the road connecting the town of Kafr al Labad to the village of Shufa. • Checkpoint: The Israeli army continues to intensify restrictions at 'Einav checkpoint set up on Tulkarem-Nablus main road. • Flying Checkpoint: At 17:40, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the junction to the town of Bal’a and searched civilians and vehicles. • Raids: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 12:00, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the town of ‘Anabta. (ii) At 12:15, the Israeli army raided the city of Tulkarem and patrolled the area until 13:20.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wall Gates: Passage through the wall gates is restricted to civilians granted special Israeli permits.
<p style="text-align: center;">QALQILYA</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure of Roads: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) The Israeli army continues to close with cement blocks agricultural roads east of the town of ‘Azzun. (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. • Checkpoint: 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. • Flying Checkpoints: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 13:20, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to the town of Jayyus and searched civilians and vehicles. (ii) At 17:20, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to the village of Jinsafut and searched civilians and vehicles. • Physical Assault/Detention: At 14:30, Israeli troops positioned at the Wall gate leading to the village of Ras ‘Atiya detained and severely beat Amjad ‘Adel ‘Odeh, a Palestinian National Security officer. Following coordination with the Israeli authorities (through the DCO), Israeli troops released ‘Odeh. • Raids: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 21:20, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the village of Jit. (ii) At 21:30, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the village of Kafr Qaddum. (iii) At 22:10, the Israeli army raided the village of Immatin and searched a coffee shop. (iv) At 22:20, the Israeli army raided the village of Sanniriya, set up a checkpoint at its entrance, searched civilians and vehicles, and patrolled the area. (v) At 01:10, the Israeli army raided the city of Qalqiliya and patrolled the area until 06:00. • Demonstration: At 12:30, a mass demonstration, including international peace activists, took place in the village of Jit in protest against land confiscation and Israeli settler violence. • Wall Gates: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Passage through the Wall gates is restricted to civilians granted special Israeli permits. (ii) The Israeli army continues to intensify its restrictions at ‘Azzun ‘Atma Wall gate and to search civilians, including students, with a metal detector. • Wall Construction: 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.

<p style="text-align: center;">NABLUS</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Closure of Main Roads:</u> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (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 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. (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. • <u>Checkpoints:</u> The Israeli army continues to regulate times for crossing checkpoints set up around the city of Nablus: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (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. (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. (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. (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. • <u>Settler Violence:</u> On 22 May 2009, a group of Israeli settlers set fire to civilian land cultivated with malt crops in the village of Burin, completely destroying the malt harvest.
<p style="text-align: center;">SALFIT</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Closure of Main Roads:</u> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (i) The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the northern entrance to the city of Salfit. (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. • <u>Checkpoint:</u> The Israeli army continues to intensify its restrictions and impede civilian access at the Za'tara junction checkpoint.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Flying Checkpoints:</u> (i) At 16:40, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to the village of Qarawat Bani Hassan and searched civilians and vehicles until 00:30. (ii) At 22:20, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint in the area between the towns of Bruqin and Kafr ad Dik and searched civilians and vehicles. • <u>Raid:</u> At 18:50, the Israeli army raided the city of Salfit, set up a checkpoint at its eastern entrance, searched civilians and vehicles, and patrolled the area. • <u>Wall Construction:</u> 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.
JERICHO	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Closure:</u> 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. • <u>Checkpoints:</u> 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’arrajat road that connects the districts of Jericho and Ramallah.
BETHLEHEM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Closure:</u> (i) The Israeli army continues to close the roads to the village of An Nu’mān, with the exception of the road leading to the Wall gate in the south-eastern area of the village. (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. • <u>Closure of Main Roads:</u> 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. • <u>Checkpoint:</u> At 13:00, the Israeli army intensified its restrictions at As Sawahira ash Sharqiya (the ‘Container’) checkpoint and searched civilians and vehicles. • <u>Raids:</u> (i) At 09:50, the Israeli army raided and provided protection to a group of Israeli settlers, who gained access to the evacuated military post of ‘Ush Ghurab east of the city of Beit Sahur. (ii) At 12:00, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the town of Al Khadr.

	<p>(iii) At 18:00, the Israeli army raided the town of Al ‘Ubeidiya and patrolled the area until 18:30.</p> <p>(iv) At 00:20, the Israeli army raided the city of Bethlehem and patrolled the area until 01:30.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Demonstrations/Physical Assaults:</u> <p>(i) At 13:30, a mass demonstration, including international peace activists, took place in the village of Al Ma’sara in protest against Wall construction. Obstructing access to the Wall construction site, Israeli troops severely beat protestors, leaving a number of civilians with contusions.</p> <p>(ii) On 15 May 2009, a mass demonstration, including international peace activists, took place in the area of Shi’b Suleiman near the village of Artas in protest against Wall construction. Protestors planted olive seedlings in the area adjacent to the Wall.</p> • <u>Wall Construction:</u> 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.
HEBRON	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Closure:</u> <p>(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.</p> <p>(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.</p> <p>(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.</p> • <u>Closure of Main Roads:</u> <p>(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.</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> (ii) The Israeli army continues to prohibit Palestinian vehicles from travelling along Ash Shalala Old Street leading to 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 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. • <u>Flying Checkpoints:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 09:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to the town of Idhna and searched civilians and vehicles. (ii) At 15:15, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to the town of Beit Ummar and searched civilians and vehicles. (iii) At 18:30, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to the area of Al Fahs (the southern entrance to the city of Hebron) and searched civilians and vehicles. • <u>Raids/Physical Assault/Detentions:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 09:35, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the city of Hebron. At 14:30, the Israeli army raided the city again, beat 1 civilian, detained 3 children, and released them at a later time. (ii) At 10:30, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the town of Dura. (iii) At 23:50, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the town of Nuba. (iv) At 00:15, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the town of Halhul. • <u>Demonstration/Physical Assaults:</u> At 15:15, a mass sit-in demonstration, including international peace activists, took place in the area of Al Buweira near the settlement of Harsina in the old city of Hebron in protest against settlement activity. The Israeli army pursued and assaulted protestors, leaving a civilian with injuries and contusions. • <u>Wall Construction:</u> 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.
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<p style="text-align: center;">ALL DISTRICTS</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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. • <u>Violations of the Ceasefire:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) The Israeli army raided and opened intensive fire from its locations on the Green Line towards Palestinian territory east of Gaza city. (ii) Armed Palestinian individuals detonated an explosive device near an Israeli army patrol as well as fired 1 mortar towards the Green Line.
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NORTHERN GAZA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Closure of Crossing Point:</u> Beit Hanun (Erez) Crossing is closed. • <u>Palestinian Attack:</u> At 12:30, 1 mortar was fired towards the Green Line.
GAZA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Closure of Crossing Points:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Al Muntar (Karnei) Crossing is closed. (ii) Ash Shuja'ya (Nahal 'Oz) Crossing is closed. • <u>Raid/Attack:</u> At 13:00, the Israeli army, including several armoured vehicles and 1 bulldozer, raided Palestinian territory northeast of Ash Shuja'ya refugee camp and opened intensive fire towards agricultural land and civilian houses. • <u>Palestinian Attack/Israeli Attack:</u> At 12:30, armed Palestinian individuals detonated an explosive device near an Israeli army patrol near the Green Line east of Gaza city. Consequently, the Israeli army opened intensive fire towards Palestinian territory.
CENTRAL GAZA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Activities not reported.
KHAN YUNIS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Activities not reported.
RAFAH	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Closure of Crossing Points:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Yasser 'Arafat International Airport remains closed. (ii) Rafah (Al 'Awdah) Crossing is closed. (iii) Sufa Crossing is closed. (iv) Karm Abu Salim (Karem Shalom) Crossing is partially open for transportation of food supplies and humanitarian aid.