مجموعة الرقابة الفلسطينية



PALESTINIAN MONITORING GROUP

DAILY SITUATION REPORT

08:00, 22 May 2010 – 08:00, 23 May 2010

SUMMARY OF EVENTS

EVENT	WEST BANK	GAZA STRIP	TOTAL	NOTES
Injuries	1	1	2	1 in Nablus & 1 in Northern Gaza districts
Arrests (per person)	3	_	3	3 civilians in Silwad town in Ramallah dis.
Detentions	13	_	13	At checkpoints & in residential locales
Raids	14	_	14	Incl. 4 in Ramallah & 1 in Qalqiliya
Checkpoints	9		9	Access impeded at 5 checkpoints
Flying Checkpoints	10		10	Incl. 2 in Jerusalem & 1 in Jenin
Attacks	3	1	4	Incl. 2 in confrontations & 1 by settlers
Confiscation of Property	1	_	1	Cell phone from child detained in Beth.
Destruction of Property	4	_	4	Incl. destroy large areas of grazing land
Wall Construction		_	_	Suspended for the weekend
Closure (per District)	7	_	7	Incl. Jerusalem city & areas in Hebron city
Closure of Main Roads	42	_	42	Incl. 3 in Ramallah & 2 in Jerusalem
Closure of Crossing Points		7	7	All closed.
Settler Violence	5	_	5	Incl. erect tents near Dura Al Qari' village
Demonstrations	2	_	2	Incl. against settler attacks & confiscations
TOTAL	114	9	123	

DISTRICT EVENTS	
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WEST BANK

• Closure:

- (i) The Israeli army continues to intensify restrictions at checkpoints set up at entrances to the city of Jerusalem and Al Aqsa Mosque.
- (ii) On 05 January 2009, the Israeli army issued military order # S/02/09 closing the seam line area, an extension of the Wall.
- (iii) The Israeli army continues to impose a blockade and deny civilian access to a hill located in an area between the villages of Biddu and Beit Iksa.

• Closure of Main Roads:

- (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 in Jerusalem city from the town of Ar Ram.

• Checkpoints:

- (i) The Israeli army continues to consider Qalandiya checkpoint a "border crossing point" and only allows holders of Jerusalem IDs to access the city of Jerusalem.
- (ii) As of 11 April 2010, the Israeli army continues to close the checkpoint set up near the entrance to Shu'fat refugee camp in the city of Jerusalem and prevent daily civilian traffic access from 23:00 until 05:00. The closure of the checkpoint will continue for a week and half under the pretext of maintenance and setting up an infrastructure between the checkpoint and the road leading to Shu'fat refugee camp.

• 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 al-Shayyah road in the area between the villages of al-Sawahira al-Sharqiya and al-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 for the weekend in the area of al-'Eizariya to al-Shayyah, from Beit Surik village to Biddu, in the areas of al-Judeira, Bir Nabala, and Beit Hanina, west of al-Jib village, in the vicinity of the village of Qatanna, south of Beit Hanina village, and in the area surrounding the checkpoint set up at the entrance to Shu'fat refugee camp.

JERUSALEM

RAMALLAH & EL BIREH	 Closure of Main Roads: The Israeli army continues to close the entrances to Sinjil village, Safa village and the junction to the villages of Kafr Malik – Ein Samiya. On 15 March 2010, the Israeli army issued military order declaring the area located between civilian houses and the Wall in the town of Ni'lin and the village of Bil'in as closed military zones from 08:00 until 20:00 every Friday and for a period of 6 months. Civilian access is denied during the mentioned period without a special permit in order to prevent the weekly demonstrations against the Wall. Raids: At 12:00, the Israeli army raided the town of Silwad and arrested 3 civilians (including 2 brothers). At 20:55, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the village of Al Mughayyir. At 00:45, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the town of Abu Shukheidim. At 00:55, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the town of Bir Zeit. Arrests: The Israeli army arrested in the town of Silwad Bilal and Nazmi Abdulmajeed Hammad and Mujahed Mahmoud Jum'ah Hamed. Settler Violence: At 21:05, a group of Israeli settlers erected a number of tents near the entrance to the village of Dura Al Qari'. Consequently, the Israeli army intervened and evacuated the settlers from the area. At 23:50, a group of Israeli settlers maintained presence near Atara town bridge. Consequently, the Israeli army intervened and evacuated the settlers from the area at 00:30. Wall Construction: Wall construction was suspended for the weekend west of the towns and villages of 'Abud and Bil'in, and in the areas of al-Midya to Ni'lin and Ni'lin to Deir Qaddis.
JENIN	 Closure of Main Roads: The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the road leading to 'Arraba town, east of the settlement of Dotan. Flying Checkpoint: At 09:30, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the junction leading to the village of Rummana and searched civilians and vehicles until 11:00. 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.
TOUBAS	 <u>Checkpoint</u>: The Israeli army continues to intensify restrictions at Tayasir checkpoint, east of the city of Tubas, allowing civilian access from 06:00 to 22:00. <u>Detention</u>: At 10:00, the Israeli army at Tayasir checkpoint detained the civilian Ammar Muhammad Mahmoud Sawaftah and released him at 12:00. <u>Settler Violence</u>: At 12:00, a group of Israeli settlers from the settlement

	of Maskyout torched grazing land near the village of Al Malih in the Northern Jordan Valley that is inhabited by Bedouins. The fire destroyed large areas of the land.
TULKAREM	 Closure of Main Roads: The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the road between the town of Kafr Al Labad and the village of Shofeh and the road between the villages of Shofeh and Izbat Shofeh. Checkpoints: The Israeli army continues to intensify restrictions at Einav checkpoint that is set up on Tulkarm-Nablus main road. 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.
QALQILYA	 Closure of Roads: The Israeli army continues to close with cement blocks the agricultural roads east of the town of 'Azzun. Flying Checkpoints: At 09:30, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint near the entrance to the village of Jinsafut (on Qalqiliya – Nablus main road) and searched civilians and vehicles. At 10:30, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint near the entrance to the village of Izbat At Tabib (on Qalqiliya – Nablus main road). Again at 20:30, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint and searched civilians and vehicles. At 16:20, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to the town of Azzun and searched civilians and vehicles. At 19:20, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to the village of Hajja and searched civilians and vehicles. At 20:30, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint in the area between the villages of Al Funduq and Immatin and searched civilians and vehicles. Raid: At 17:00, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the town of Azzun. Settler Violence: At 17:30, a group of Israeli settlers opened fire indiscriminately near the town of Azzun and pelted with stones civilian vehicles travelling on the main road. As a result, the windshield of 2 vehicles have been destroyed. Wall Gates: 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 was suspended for the weekend south of the town of Jayyus as well as near the settlement of Alfeh Minesheh in the villages of Ras Tira, Magharet Ad Dab'a and Wadi Ar Rasha, located south of Qalqiliya city.
NABLUS	Closure of Main Roads: The Israeli army continues to close with cement blocks the roads of Tel-Burin, Beit Furik-Salem, and the eastern entrance to the village of

	Al Lubban Ash Sharqiya; and with dirt barricades the southern entrance to the village of Duma, the eastern entrance to the village of Al Lubban Ash Sharqiya, the western entrances to the town of Aqraba and the village of Majdal Bani Fadil, the northern entrance to the town of Qabalan, as well as the settler bypass road connecting the village of Deir al-Hatab to Alon Moreh settlement. (ii) The Israeli army continues to close by an iron gate the western entrance to An Naqura village, opposite Shavi Shomron settlement. (iii) The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the southern entrance to the village of Qaryut and the road connecting the town of Aqraba to the village of Osarin. (iv) The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the side road between the town of Qabalan and the village of Osarin. • Checkpoints: (i) At Tur neighborhood checkpoint (set up on Jerzim Mount) is closed on Fridays and Saturdays as well as during Jewish holidays. On other days, it is open for civilian residents of the neighborhood only from 07:00 until 02:00. (ii) Awarta commercial checkpoint is open for civilians from 05:00 until 20:00 and on Friday from 05:00 until 15:00. • Demonstration: At 14:15, a mass demonstration with the participation of international activists took place in the village of Iraq Burin in protest at the confiscation of civilian land for setting up settlement projects. Confrontations took place with the Israeli army. As a result, a civilian was injured and a number of demonstrators suffered suffocation from tear gas inhalation. Fire also caught and burnt a number of olive trees due to the firing of stun grenades and tear gas bombs.
SALFIT	 Closure of Main Roads: The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the northern entrance to the city of Salfit, and 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. Checkpoint: The Israeli army continues to intensify its restrictions at Za'tara checkpoint and impede civilian access. Wall Construction: Wall construction was suspended for the weekend in the area northwest of the city of Salfit, and in the village of Marda and the town of Kifl Hares north of the settlement of Ariel.
JERICHO	 Closure: The Israeli army continues to close Road # 90 between the city of Jericho and the village of al-'Auja with cement blocks. Checkpoints: The Israeli army continues to intensify its restrictions at al-Hamra checkpoint and allow civilian access from 06:00 until 22:00. The Israeli army continues to intensify its restrictions on the checkpoint set up on the junction to the village of al-'Auja and allow access only to civilians holding Jericho and Jordan Valley IDs and those with permits.

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. The Israeli army continues to prevent civilian access to an area that (ii) is located in the cities of Beit Sahur and Bethlehem. Closure of Main Roads: The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the roads of Beit Jala-Wadi Ahmad, the sideway east of Beit Fajjar town and the agricultural road that is located between the town of Taqu'a and the village of Khirbet Al Baq'a. Raids: (i) At 16:20, the Israeli army raided the village of Ash Shawawra, **BETHLEHEM** detained 17-year-old child Mahmoud Muhammad Salem, took him to the settlement of Kfar Etzion and released him at a later time after interrogating him and confiscating his cell phone. Again at 01:15, the Israeli army raided the village, searched a house and served summon to the civilian Muhammad Ibrahim Khalil Salem to report to the Israeli Intelligence agency. At 23:15, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the city of (ii) Beit Sahur and the towns of Al Ubeidiya and Taqu'a. Wall Construction: Wall construction was suspended for the weekend in the area northwest of the town of al-Khadr and Beit Jala city; in the area of Wadi Rahhal east of Ephrata settlement; and in the area surrounding al Walaja village. **Closure:** The Israeli army continues to close the following locales in the old city (i) of Hebron: al-Shuhada' Street and the area of al-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 The Israeli army continues to close the entrance to of al-Sahleh. al Laban Market by iron boards. The Israeli army also continues to install an iron gate at the entrance to the area of al-Hisba (the fruits and **HEBRON** vegetables market) in the old city of Hebron, thereby controlling civilian access in the area. (ii) The Israeli army continues to close the area located near the Green Line, south of Yatta town, evacuating the area of those inside it and denying them access to it. **Closure of Main Roads:**

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The Israeli army continues to close with cement blocks the following

locales: the entrance to the town of al-Samoa'; the area of al-Hawawir leading to the town of Halhoul; the road connecting the town of Surif to the village of al-Jab'a; and the eastern entrance to the village of Kharsa; the entrance to al-Qeisi neighborhood in the old city of Hebron; the

- main entrance to al-'Arrub refugee camp; the village of At Tuwani as well as the entrance to the town of Adh Dhahiriya.
- (ii) The Israeli army continues to prohibit Palestinian vehicles from traveling along Shalala Old Street that leads to the old city of Hebron, only allowing Israeli vehicles as well as Israeli army vehicles to travel along this street.
- (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 bypass Road # 60.
- Flying Checkpoint: At 17:35, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the northern entrance to the city of Hebron, off bypass road # 35, and searched civilians and vehicles.

• Raids:

- (i) At 12:00, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the town of Idhna until 13:30.
- (ii) At 14:00, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the towns of Ash Shuyukh and Sa'ir.
- (iii) At 19:50, the Israeli army raided the area of Dhahr Al Barahish that follows the town of Beit Ummar and located north of the settlement of Karmi Tsur. Confrontations took place with civilians while patrolling the area.
- <u>Demonstration</u>: At 17:00, a mass demonstration, with the participation of international peace activists, took place in the old city of Hebron in protest at settlement and to demand the opening of Ash Shuhada' street and freedom of movement for civilians. A group of Israeli settlers pelted stones and empty bottles and sprayed sewage water towards the demonstrators.
- <u>Wall Construction</u>: Wall construction was suspended for the weekend in the section of Tarqumiya checkpoint terminal, in the periphery of Eshkolot settlement southwest of Adh Dhahiriya town and between southwest of Arab Ar Ramadin village and the village of Imneizil.

GAZA STRIP

ALL DISTRICTS

- At 02:00 on 18 January 2009, the Israeli army declared a unilateral ceasefire. In the meantime, armed Palestinian groups declared a one-week-long ceasefire. Meanwhile, the ceasefire was extended until 05 February 2009. The ceasefire is holding despite the end of the specified period.
- The Israeli army violated the ceasefire by opening fire intensively from its locations on the Green Line in the district of Northern Gaza. As a result, 1 civilian was injured.

NORTHERN GAZA	 Closure of Crossing Point: Beit Hanun (Erez) Crossing is closed. Attack: In the morning of 23 May 2010, the Israeli army opened fire intensively from its locations on the Green Line towards Palestinian territory northwest of Beit Lahiya town. As a result, the civilian Muhammad Sa'dallah was injured.
GAZA	Closure of Crossing Points: (i) Al-Muntar (Karni) Crossing is closed. (ii) Al-Shuja'iya (Nahal 'Oz) Crossing for fuel transport is closed since 04 January 2010 by an Israeli unilateral decision.
CENTRAL GAZA	Activities not reported.
KHAN YOUNIS	Activities not reported.
RAFAH	 Closure of Crossing Points: (All Closed) Yasser 'Arafat International Airport remains closed. Rafah (Al Awdah) Crossing is closed. Sufa Crossing is closed. Karm Abu Salim (Karem Shalom) Crossing is closed.