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### PALESTINIAN MONITORING GROUP

# **DAILY SITUATION REPORT** 08:00 25 May 2011 – 08:00 26 May 2011

### SUMMARY OF EVENTS

EVENT	WEST BANK	GAZA STRIP	TOTAL	NOTES
Physical Assault	1	_	1	A mentally challenged boy beaten
Attacks	3	3	6	Incl. 2 from mil. posts and 2 by navy
Raids	30	_	30	Incl. 4 in Bethlehem and 10 in Hebron
Air Patrol		1	1	F16 combat aircraft over Gaza
Arrests (per Person)	16	_	16	Incl. a child and university student
Detentions	15	_	15	Incl. a child and 2 security officers
Land Levelling	1	_	1	Farmland east of Hebron city
Wall Construction	14	_	14	Incl. in Jerusalem, Qalqiliya, & Tulkarem
Destruction of Property	2	_	2	Crops and water pipelines damaged
Confiscation of Property	2	_	2	Caravan and container, Qalqiliya & Salfit
Closure of Checkpoints	9	_	9	Incl. access impeded at 6 checkpoints
Flying Checkpoints	32	_	32	Incl. 7 in Qalqiliya and 7 in Hebron
Closure (per District)	8	_	8	Incl. Jerusalem and 5 areas in Hebron
Closure of Main Roads	44	_	44	Incl. 10 in Nablus and 14 in Hebron
Closure of Crossing Points	_	4	4	Incl. humanitarian cases allowed access
Settlement Activity	1		1	Settlement outpost inaugurated
Settler Violence	1	_	1	Access to evacuated settlement, Jenin
Provocation of Pal. Forces	4	_	4	Incl. taking positions near Pal. posts
Demonstration	1	_	1	Against settlement activity, Jerusalem
TOTAL	184	8	192	

DISTRICT EVENTS

### WEST BANK

### • Closure:

- (i) The Israeli army continues to intensify restrictions at checkpoints located at the entrances to Jerusalem city and to prevent civilians from other Palestinian districts from entering the city, only allowing access to civilians holding special permits.
- (ii) The Israeli army continues to close the 'demarcation area' along the Wall in the area surrounding Jerusalem city and restrict access to the area to local residents as well as to civilians holding special permits.
- (iii) The Israeli army continues to impose a blockade and deny civilian access to a hill between Biddu and Beit Iksa villages.

### • 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 from the town of Ar Ram.
- (iii) The Israeli army continues to close with an iron gate the eastern entrance to Beit Iksa village and force civilians to access Jerusalem city through Qalandiya checkpoint.
- <u>Checkpoint</u>: The Israeli authorities continue to consider Qalandiya checkpoint a "border crossing point" and designates a special crossing lane for holders of Jerusalem IDs and those possessing permits to access Jerusalem city.
- Attack: At 22:30, the Israeli army fired tear gas grenades on civilians in Silwan neighbourhood in Jerusalem city, allegedly for throwing stones in protest against the inauguration of a portion of the Har Hasidim settlement outpost in Ras al 'Amud neighbourhood in the city. A number civilians sustained injuries as a result of tear gas inhalation.
- <u>Settlement Activity/Demonstration</u>: In the evening of 25 May 2011, the Israeli authorities inaugurated a portion of the Har Hasidim settlement outpost in Ras al 'Amud neighbourhood in Jerusalem city. Consequently, a mass demonstration, including international peace activists, took place in the area in protest against Israeli settlement projects.

### • Wall Gates:

- (i) The Israeli army continues to close with cement blocks the Wall gate in Abu Dis town.
- (ii) The Israeli army continues to deny civilian access through the Wall gate on Ash Shayyah road in the area between As Sawahira ash Sharqiya and As Sawahira al Gharbiya villages, only allowing civilians holding Jerusalem IDs to cross, after subjecting them to thorough searches using electronic devices.
- <u>Wall Construction</u>: Wall construction continues in the area north of Qalandiya village; south of Az Za'ayyem village; and in Wadi al 'Eizariya west of Ma'ale Adumim settlement.

### **JERUSALEM**

RAMALLAH & EL BIREH	<ul> <li>Closure of Main Roads: The Israeli army continues to close the entrances to Sinjil town and Saffa village as well as the junction to Kafr Malik and 'Ein Samiya villages.</li> <li>Flying Checkpoints: At 19:00, the Israeli army set up two flying checkpoints at the entrances to 'Abud town and Deir Abu Mash'al village and searched civilians and vehicles.</li> <li>Raids: At 02:30, the Israeli army raided Ramallah and El Bireh cities, searched a number of houses, arrested three civilians, and withdrew at 05:15.</li> <li>Arrests: The Israeli army arrested three civilians in Ramallah and El Bireh cities: <ol> <li>Firas Jaber;</li> <li>Ahmed Husni Ahmed Qutteineh; and</li> <li>Raed Khattab.</li> <li>Wall Construction: Wall construction continues in the area west of 'Abud town in the area surrounding 'Ofarim settlement and north of Al Lubban al Gharbi and Rantis villages.</li> </ol> </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 Dotan settlement.</li> <li>Flying Checkpoint: At 10:30, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the junction to Al Jarba village and searched civilians and vehicles.</li> <li>Raids: At 10:30, the Israeli army raided and patrolled Jaba' town and Sanur village.</li> <li>Settler Violence: At 18:00, a group of Israeli settlers gained access to the evacuated settlement of Homesh and expelled a civilian, while he was tending sheep in the surrounding area.</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	• <u>Checkpoint</u> : 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.
TULKAREM	<ul> <li>Closure of Main Roads: <ol> <li>The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the road connecting Kafr al Labad town to Shufa village as well as the road connecting Shufa and 'Izbat Shufa villages.</li> <li>The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the detour road leading to Ramin village along the Tulkarem-Nablus main road.</li> <li>Checkpoint: The Israeli army continues to intensify restrictions and impede civilian access at 'Einav checkpoint on the Tulkarem-Nablus main road.</li> <li>Flving Checkpoint: At 12:25, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the junction to Beit Lid town and searched civilians and vehicles.</li> <li>Raid: At 24:00, the Israeli army raided and patrolled Dahiyat Irtah in Tulkarem city.</li> </ol> </li> </ul>

- <u>Wall Gates</u>: Passage through the wall gates is restricted to civilians granted special Israeli permits.
   Wall Construction: The Israeli army continues to level land for adjustment
- Wall Construction: The Israeli army continues to level land for adjustment of the Wall route in the area surrounding Jubara village. According to an Israeli High Court decision, the new Wall route will be constructed west of Jubara, placing the village and a portion of its land outside the Wall.
- <u>Closure of Roads</u>: The Israeli army continues to close with cement blocks agricultural roads east of the town of 'Azzun.

### • Flying Checkpoints/Detention:

- (i) At 08:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint near Ras 'Atiya village and searched civilians and vehicles.
- (ii) At 08:05, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to 'Azzun town and searched civilians and vehicles.
- (iii) At 08:10, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to 'Izbat Jal'ud village and searched civilians and vehicles.
- (iv) At 09:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to 'Izbat at Tabib village and searched civilians and vehicles. Israeli troops also detained a Palestinian Preventive Security officer and released him after coordination with the Israeli authorities (through the DCO).
- (v) At 15:20, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to Qalqiliya city and searched civilians and vehicles.
- (vi) At 18:50, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint in the area between 'Azzun and Kafr Thulth towns and searched civilians and vehicles.
- (vii) At 07:30, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the junction to Jit village and searched civilians and vehicles.
- <u>Attack</u>: At 01:45, Israeli troops opened fire and fired sound grenades on civilians near 'Azzun 'Atma village, allegedly because they had attempted to gain access to Israel.

### • Raids:

- (i) At 09:25, the Israeli army raided and patrolled Jit village.
- (ii) At 17:40, the Israeli army raided and patrolled 'Azzun town. At 00:10, the Israeli army raided the town again and served summonses on two civilians to report to the Israeli Intelligence agency.
- (iii) At 19:45, the Israeli army raided Qalqiliya city, interrogated a number of civilians about their economic conditions, and requested their telephone numbers, allegedly to provide assistance to them.
- (iv) At 24:00, the Israeli army raided An Nabi Elyas village and served a summons on a civilian to report to the Israeli Intelligence agency.
- <u>Confiscation of Property</u>: At 09:00, the Israeli army confiscated a caravan belonging to Dr. Hasan al Habbash near 'Izbat at Tabib village.

### • Wall Gates:

(i) The Israeli army continues to intensify its restrictions at 'Azzun 'Atma Wall gate and to search civilians, including students, with a metal detector.

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- (ii) The Israeli army continues close with an iron gate 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. Having removed the iron gate at the entrance to the village of Ras 'Atiya, the Israeli army only allows students to cross to their schools outside the village through the Habla gate.
- Wall Construction: Wall construction continues in Kafr Lagif village north of Karnei Shomron settlement; in Immatin village northeast of Imanuel settlement; and east of Kafr Thulth town near Ma'ale Shomron settlement.

### **Closure of Main Roads:**

- The Israeli army continues to close the roads of Till-Burin and Beit (i) Furik-Salem; the settler bypass road connecting the village of Deir al Hatab to the settlement of Alon Moreh; the road connecting the town of 'Agraba to the village of Osarin; and the detour road between the town of Oabalan and the village of Osarin.
- The Israeli army continues to close the northern entrance to the town of (ii) Qabalan; the southern entrances to the town of Jamma'in and the villages of Duma and Qaryut; and the western entrance to An Naqura village opposite the settlement of Shavei Shomron.
- Checkpoints: The Israeli army continues to regulate times for crossing checkpoints set up around the city of Nablus:
- (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 neighbourhood only between 07:00 and 02:00.
- At 'Awarta commercial checkpoint, civilians are allowed to cross (ii) between 05:00 and 20:00, but between 05:00 and 15:00 on Fridays. All vehicles can access the city of Nablus, but only commercial vehicles and ambulances can leave the city through the checkpoint.

### Flying Checkpoints/Detention:

- (i) At 08:10, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the junction to Deir Sharaf village and searched civilians and vehicles.
- At 10:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to (ii) Beit Furik town and searched civilians and vehicles.
- At 10:30, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to (iii) Qabalan town and searched civilians and vehicles.
- (iv) At 18:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint near the junction to Deir Sharaf village on the Nablus-Tulkarem main road and searched civilians and vehicles. Israeli troops also detained Raed Dandan, a Palestinian Police officer and released him at 18:25, after coordination with the Israeli authorities (through the DCO).
- At 20:45, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint near the junction to (v) Yitzhar settlement and searched civilians and vehicles.

### Raids/Physical Assault:

(i) At 09:30, the Israeli army raided and patrolled Madama village.

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	(ii) At 10:35, the Israeli army raided Huwwara town and patrolled it until 11:00.				
	(iii) At 11:50, the Israeli army raided Til village and arrested a university student.				
	(iv) At 12:10, the Israeli army raided Sarra village. Confrontations took place between the Israeli army and civilians. Meantime, Israeli troops				
	severely beat and arrested a mentally challenged child.				
	(v) At 02:50, the Israeli army raided Al Badhan village and searched a number of houses, including a house belonging to Usamah Janajreh, a Palestinian Preventive Security officer.				
	• Arrests:				
	(i) The Israeli army arrested Muthanna Ahmed Ya'qoub Zeidan in Til village.				
	(ii) The Israeli army arrested Sa'id Ahmed Abdul Haq Abdullah, a 17-year-old mentally challenged boy, in Sarra village.				
	• Closure of Main Roads:				
	(i) The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the northern				
	entrance to Salfit city and with cement blocks the northern entrance to				
	the Bruqin town.				
	(ii) The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the entrance to				
	two detour roads connecting Marda village to respective farmland.  (iii) Beginning on 14 November 2010, the Israeli army has continued to				
	open the northern entrance to Salfit city to civilian buses only. The				
	entrance had been closed for seven years.				
	• <u>Checkpoint</u> : The Israeli army continues to intensify restrictions and impede				
	civilian access at the Za'tara junction checkpoint.				
SALFIT	• Flying Checkpoints:				
	(i) At 09:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to Yasuf village and searched civilians and vehicles.				
	between Kifl Haris town and Haris village and searched civilians and				
	vehicles until 16:30.				
	(iii) At 22:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to Haris village and searched civilians and vehicles.				
	• Confiscation of Property: At 11:30, the Israeli army confiscated a container				
	belonging to Fadi Hasan Saleh Kuleib near the western entrance to Haris				
	village.				
	• Wall Construction: Wall construction continues in the area north of Deir				
	Istiya town southeast of Emmanuel settlement.				
	Closure of Main Road: The Israeli army continues to close Road # 90				
JERICHO	between Jericho city and Al 'Auja village with cement blocks.				
	• Checkpoints:				
	(i) The Israeli army continues to intensify restrictions at Al Hamra				
	checkpoint set up along Al Badhan road connecting Jericho and Nablus				
	districts, only allowing access to residents of Jericho district of the Jordan Valley area.				
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- (ii) The Israeli army continues to intensify restrictions at the checkpoint set up on the junction to Al 'Auja village along Al-Mu'arrajat road connecting Jericho and Ramallah districts, only allowing access to residents of Jericho district as well as to others holding access permits.
- <u>Flying Checkpoints</u>: At 08:05, and again at 14:40, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the southern entrance to Jericho city and searched civilians and vehicles.
- Raid: At 00:50, the Israeli army raided 'Aqbat Jaber refugee camp in Jericho city, searched a number of houses, arrested a civilian, and withdrew at 03:20.

### • Arrests:

- (i) On 25 May 2011, Israeli troops positioned on *Al Karama* (Allenby) Bridge arrested Riyadh Abdul Razeq Shkoukani, a resident of 'Askar refugee camp in Nablus city, while he was returning from Jordan.
- (ii) The Israeli army arrested Mohammed Abu 'Eid Baraqah in 'Aqbat Jaber refugee camp in Jericho city.

### • Closure:

- (i) The Israeli army continues to close roads to An Nu'man village, with the exception of the road leading to the Wall gate in the southeastern area of the village.
- (ii) Beginning on 15 September 2007, the Israeli army has continued to prevent civilians from accessing or staying on 22 *dunums* of confiscated land in Al Mazmuriya area in Beit Sahur and Bethlehem cities.
- Closure of Main Roads: The Israeli army continues to close the Beit Jala-Wadi Ahmad road; a road east of Beit Fajjar town; the road connecting Tuqu' town to Khirbet al Baq'a village; and the detour road connecting Wadi Fukin and Al Jab'a villages.

# • <u>Checkpoint</u>: At 23:10, the Israeli army intensified restrictions at As Sawahira ash Sharqiya (the 'Container') checkpoint and impeded civilian access until 03:30.

• **Flying Checkpoint:** At 10:15, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to Battir village and searched civilians and vehicles.

### • Raids:

- (i) At 09:30, the Israeli army raided Nahhalin village. At 22:05, the Israeli army raided the village again and patrolled it until 22:45.
- (ii) At 09:55, the Israeli army raided Battir village and arrested two civilians.
- (iii) At 22:10, the Israeli army raided Um Rukba area in Al Khadr town, set up a checkpoint, searched civilians and vehicles, and patrolled the area until 23:10.
- Arrests: The Israeli army arrested two civilians in Battir village:
- (i) Mohammed Ribhi Sa'id 'Uweineh; and
- (ii) Sa'id Seif Mohammed Ali ash Shami.

### **BETHLEHEM**

- <u>Provocation of Palestinian Forces</u>: At 17:15, Israeli troops served a summons on Mohammed Ahmed Nimer Abu 'Ubeid, a Palestinian National Security officer, in Bethlehem city to report to the Israeli Intelligence agency on 29 May 2011.
- <u>Wall Construction</u>: Wall construction continues in the area northwest of Beit Jala city; around Al Walaja village; and east of Efrat settlement.

### • Closure:

- (i) The Israeli army continues to close Ash Shuhada' Street, As Sahleh and Khuzq al Far areas, and the old gold market in the old city of Hebron. In addition to closing the entrance to Al Qeisi neighbourhood, the Israeli army continues to close the entrances to the area of Al Hisba (the fruits and vegetables market) with an iron gate and Al Laban Market with iron plates.
- (ii) Beginning on 05 January 2009, the Israeli army has continued to close the area located along the Green Line south of the town of Yatta. Having seized land for Wall construction, the Israeli army evacuated residents and denied civilian access to the area.

### Closure of Main Roads:

- (i) The Israeli army continues to close the entrances to Adh Dhahiriya and As Samoa' towns, Al 'Arrub refugee camp, and At Tuwani and Al Karmil villages.
- (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 all roads leading to Road # 60 as well as detour roads along the settler bypass road leading to Yatta town.

### • Flying Checkpoints:

- (i) At 09:30, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to Sa'ir town and searched civilians and vehicles.
- (ii) At 10:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint in the area between Yatta and As Samoa' towns and searched civilians and vehicles.
- (iii) At 10:20, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to An Nabi Yunis area on the Hebron-Bethlehem main road and searched civilians and vehicles.
- (iv) At 14:45, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to As Samoa' town and searched civilians and vehicles.
- (v) At 15:10, and again at 19:30, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on Al Fawwar junction and searched civilians and vehicles.

### • Raids/Detention/Provocation of Palestinian Forces:

- (i) At dawn on 25 May 2011, the Israeli army raided Al 'Arrub refugee camp, searched a number of houses, and arrested three civilians.
- (ii) At 09:30, the Israeli army raided Hebron city and patrolled it until 12:00.
- (iii) At 09:40, the Israeli army raided and patrolled Kurza village.

### Hebron

- (iv) At 13:50, the Israeli army raided Ghuwein area along the settler bypass road south of As Samoa' town and detained 15-year-old Ibrahim Isma'il Mohammed ad Daghamin in an attempt to force his brother Muntasser, a Palestinian National Security officer, to surrender himself to the Israeli authorities. After coordination with the Israeli authorities (through the DCO), Israeli troops released the child at 15:45.
- (v) At 15:45, the Israeli army raided Idhna town and arrested two civilians.
- (vi) At 00:30, the Israeli army raided the area between Beit Ummar and Surif towns, searched a number of houses, and arrested a civilian.
- (vii) At 01:00, the Israeli army raided Beit 'Awwa town, searched three houses, and arrested a civilian.
- (viii) At 01:05, the Israeli army raided Ruq'a area in Yatta town, took position in front of a Palestinian Civil Defence station, and patrolled the area.
- (ix) At 01:20, the Israeli army raided Beit Ummar town and searched a house
- (x) At 07:20, the Israeli army raided Adh Dhahiriya town, set up a checkpoint near the town's Palestinian Police station, searched civilians and vehicles, and patrolled the area.
- Arrests: The Israeli army arrested three civilians in Al 'Arrub refugee camp:
- (i) Hashem Jaber at Titi;
- (ii) Omar Abdul 'Aziz al Balassi; and
- (iii) 'Ammar Mohammed Jawabreh.

The Israeli army arrested two civilians in Idhna town:

- (iv) Ahmed Mousa Ibrahim Sawayfeh; and
- (v) Amin Mohammed Hasan Sawayfeh.
- (vi) The Israeli army arrested Mohammed Isma'il Abu 'Awwad in the area between Beit Ummar and Surif towns.
- (vii) The Israeli army arrested Musallam Ibrahim Abu Shakir in Beit 'Awwa town.
- <u>Land Levelling/Destruction of Property</u>: At 08:00, the Israeli army levelled approximately 30 *dunums* of land cultivated with vegetables in Al Baq'a area east of Hebron city. As a result, crops and water pipelines were damaged. The land belonged to:
- (i) Mohammed Mustafa Jaber;
- (ii) Shadi Fahmi Jaber;
- (iii) Fadi Jawad Jaber;
- (iv) Rashad Khadher Jaber; and
- (v) Rashed Khadher Jaber.
- <u>Wall Construction</u>: Wall construction continues in the area surrounding Eshkolot settlement west of Adh Dhahiriya town.

### **GAZA STRIP**

### 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. The ceasefire has been further renewed on 10 April 2011. ALL **DISTRICTS** Violation of the Ceasefire: The Israeli army opened fire from its location on the Green Line on civilian houses and property in Khan Yunis district. The Israeli navy opened fire on Palestinian fishing boats at sea off the beaches of Northern Gaza and Gaza districts. <u>Closure of Crossing Point</u>: Beit Hanun (Erez) Crossing was partially open to previously-coordinated critically ill civilians, foreign journalists, international organisations staff, merchants, businesspeople, and civilians **NORTHERN** intending to travel to Jordan through Al Karama (Allenby) Bridge in the GAZA West Bank. Attack: At 06:00 on 25 May 2011, the Israeli navy opened fire intensively on Palestinian fishing boats at sea off As Sudaniya beach west of Beit Lahiya town. **Closure of Crossing Points:** (i) Al Muntar (Karnei) Crossing is closed. Beginning on 02 March 2011. the Crossing has been effectively closed upon an Israeli unilateral decision. (ii) Ash Shuja'iya (Nahal 'Oz) Crossing is closed. Beginning on 04 January **GAZA** 2010, the Crossing has been closed upon an Israeli unilateral decision. Attack: At dawn on 26 May 2011, the Israeli navy opened intensive fire on Palestinian fishing boats at sea off As Sudaniya beach west of Beit Lahiya Air Patrol: At noon on 25 May 2011, Israeli F16 combat aircraft patrolled the skies over Gaza district CENTRAL Activities not reported. **GAZA** Attack: In the morning of 25 May 2011, the Israeli army opened fire from its location on the Green Line on civilian houses and agricultural land east **KHAN YUNIS** of Al Qarara town.

### **Closure of Crossing Points:** Yasser 'Arafat International Airport remains closed. (i) Rafah (Al 'Awdah) Crossing was open to allow civilians, students, and (ii) others holding visas and residence cards abroad to depart the Gaza Strip. Access was also allowed to patients who had received medical attention at Egyptian hospitals and civilians arriving from other countries via **RAFAH** Egypt. Sufa Crossing is closed. (iii) (iv) Karm Abu Salem (Karem Shalom) Crossing was partially open for transportation of food supplies, goods, humanitarian aid, and cooking gas. Construction cargo designated to internationally-funded projects was transported through the Crossing.