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PALESTINIAN MONITORING GROUP

DAILY SITUATION REPORT
 08:00, 26 May 2009 – 08:00, 27 May 2009

SUMMARY OF EVENTS

EVENT	WEST BANK	GAZA STRIP	TOTAL	NOTES
Injuries	2	—	2	Incl. a woman student attacked by a settler
Expulsion	1	—	1	Political prisoner expelled to Gaza
Arrests (per person)	19	—	19	Incl. 4 children
Detentions	15	1	16	At checkpoints & in residential locals
Raids	35	—	35	Incl. 2 in Jericho & 1 in Nablus
Closure of Checkpoints	12	—	12	Incl. access impeded at 8 checkpoints
Flying Checkpoints	15	—	15	Incl. 3 in Hebron & 2 in Bethlehem
Attacks	3	4	7	Incl. 3 attacks by warboats
Air Patrol	—	1	1	Reconnaissance above Northern Gaza
Destruction of Property	1	—	1	Detonating the door of a house in Heb.
Wall Construction	21	—	21	Jer., Raml'h., Qalq., Salfit, Heb., Beth.
Closure (per District)	7	—	7	Jer., Beth. (2 villages) & Hebron (4 areas)
Closure of Main Roads	47	—	47	Incl. 1 in Jenin & 1 in Tulkarm
Closure of Crossing Points	—	4	4	Partial opening of 3 crossings
Settlement Activity	1	—	1	Building a new settlement road in Hebron
Settler Violence	1	—	1	Beating a university student in Salfit dis.
Demonstration	1	—	1	In Tulkarm in solidarity with prisoners
TOTAL	181	10	191	

DISTRICT	EVENTS
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WEST BANK

<p style="text-align: center;">ALL DISTRICTS</p>	<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.
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<p style="text-align: center;">JERUSALEM</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Closure:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (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 # 02/09 closing the seam line area, an extension of the Wall, according to a set of land confiscation orders, for the construction of the Wall around the city of Jerusalem to prevent civilians from entering the city, with the exception of civilians living in the area and those holding permits. Entry is regulated through crossings and gates set up at entrances to the city of Jerusalem, as designated in the military order. (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 Ikhsa due to its geographical significance as it overlooks the city of Jerusalem. • <u>Closure of Main Roads:</u> <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 in Jerusalem city from the town of Ar Ram. • <u>Checkpoint:</u> 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. • <u>Raid:</u> At 11:50, the Israeli army raided the village of Qatana where confrontations took place between civilians and the Israeli army while patrolling the area. As a result, 15-year-old child Judeh Jamal Hosheh was injured. • <u>Arrests:</u> At 22:00, the Israeli army opened fire towards 2 children and arrested them under the pretext of attempting to stab an Israeli soldier. They are Tal'at Jamal Mubarak, 16-year-old, and Rasheed Muhammad Rasheed, 16-year-old. • <u>Wall Gates:</u> <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.
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	<p>(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.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wall Construction: Wall construction continues 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, and south of Beit Hanina village.
<p>RAMALLAH & EL BIREH</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure of Main Roads: The Israeli army continues to close the entrances to the village of Sinjil, the village of Safa 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 13:30, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint near the junction leading to Surda village and searched civilians and vehicles. • Raids: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 10:30, the Israeli army raided the town of Beit Liqya where confrontations took place between civilians and the Israeli army while patrolling the area. (ii) At 13:35, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the town of Al Mazra’a Al Gharbiya. (iii) At 02:20, the Israeli army raided the village of Kafr Malik and arrested a civilian. • Arrest: The Israeli army arrested in the village of Kafr Malik the civilian Amer Abdulhameed Ahmad Abu Rustom. • Wall Construction: Wall construction continues west of the town of ‘Abud and in the areas of al-Midya to Ni’lin and Ni’lin to Deir Qaddis.
<p>JENIN</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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 00:10, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint in the area between the town of Meithalun and the village of Sanur and searched civilians and vehicles until 02:30. • Raids: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 23:00, the Israeli army raided the town of Meithalun and the villages of Al Jadida, Sirees, Sanur and Seer and patrolled the area. (ii) At 02:20, the Israeli army raided the city of Jenin, searched a house and arrested a civilian. (iii) At 02:30, the Israeli army raided the town of Az Zababida, searched a number of houses and arrested 3 civilians, including 2 brothers (one of them is a child). (iv) At 02:50, the Israeli army raided the village of Bir Al Basha and patrolled the area until 04:20.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Arrests:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) On 26 May 2009, the Israeli army arrested at the checkpoint set up at the entrance to the village of Barta'a Ash Sharqiya the civilian Munir Muhammad Freihat from the town of Al Yamun. (ii) The Israeli army arrested in the city of Jenin the civilian Anas Husam Muhammad Qa'qour. (iii) The Israeli army arrested in the town of Az Zababida the civilians: Bashar Zuhair Ghareeb, 17-year-old; Firas Zuhair Ghareeb; and Muhammad Omar Fayadh. • <u>Expulsion:</u> On 26 May 2009, the Israeli army expelled political prisoner Mahmoud Azzam from the town of As Selah Al Harithiya to Gaza Strip through Beit Hanun – Erez Crossing. He spent 12 years in Israeli jails. • <u>Wall Gates:</u> 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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Checkpoint:</u> The Israeli army continues to close Tayasir checkpoint east of the town of Tubas, denying civilian access to the Northern Jordan Valley, except for civilians whose IDs indicate that their place of residence is the Northern Jordan Valley. • <u>Raids:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 00:25, the Israeli army raided and patrolled Tubas city. (ii) At 00:45, the Israeli army raided and patrolled Al Far'a refugee camp. (iii) At 01:30, the Israeli army raided and patrolled Tammun town.
TULKAREM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Closure of Main Roads:</u> The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the western entrance to the village of Shofeh and the road connecting the town of Kafr Dan to the village of Shofeh. • <u>Checkpoints:</u> The Israeli army continues to intensify restrictions at Einav checkpoint that is set up on Tulkarm-Nablus main road. At 13:10, the Israeli army installed 4 mobile caravans in the periphery of the checkpoint. • <u>Raids:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 12:25, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the village of Izbat Al Jarad. (ii) At 13:00, the Israeli army raided the city of Tulkarm, set up a flying checkpoint and patrolled the area. (iii) At 17:15, the Israeli army raided the village of Izbat Shofeh, set up a flying checkpoint, detained a number of civilians and released them after interrogation and patrolled the area. (iv) At 23:30, the Israeli army raided and patrolled Beit Lid town. (v) At 01:25, the Israeli army raided the town of Zeita and searched 2 houses. • <u>Demonstration:</u> At 11:00, a sit in demonstration took place in the city of Tulkarm opposite the ICRC in solidarity with political prisoners in Israeli jails and against repressive measures against them.

	<p>The demonstration was also against the imposition of the orange uniform on prisoners and demanding their release.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wall Gates: Passage through the wall gates is restricted to civilians granted special Israeli permits.
QALQILYA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure of Roads: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (i) The Israeli army continues to close with cement blocks the agricultural roads east of the town of ‘Azzun. (ii) Beginning on 17 March 2009, the Israeli army continues to close with cement blocks the northern entrance to the town of Azzun. • Checkpoint: The Israeli army continues to intensify restrictions at the checkpoint that is set up at the eastern entrance to the city of Qalqiliya and impede civilian access. • Flying Checkpoints: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 11:50, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to the village of Immatin and searched civilians and vehicles. (ii) At 11:55, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to the village of Izbat At Tabib. (iii) At 12:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to the village of Jinsafut. • Raids: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 22:00, the Israeli army raided the city of Qalqiliya and patrolled the area. Again at 00:45, the Israeli army raided the area, searched 5 houses and arrested 2 civilians. (ii) At 01:15, the Israeli army raided the village of Jit and searched a house. • Arrests: The Israeli army arrested in the city of Qalqiliya the civilians Mus’ab Zahran Mara’beh and Muhammad Radwan Amer. • Wall Gates: <ol 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 detector. • Wall Construction: Wall construction continues 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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure of Main Roads: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (i) The Israeli army continues to close with cement blocks the roads of Sarra-Jit, Tel-Burin, Beit Furik-Salem, the road between Aqraba town and the main road and the eastern entrance to the village of Al Lubban Ash Sharqiya; and with dirt barricades the road between the villages of Tel and Madama, the southern entrances to the villages of Qaryut and 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

	<p>settler bypass road connecting the village of Deir al-Hatab to Alon Moreh settlement.</p> <p>(ii) Passage through the junction to Deir Sharaf village and the settlement of Shavei Shomron on Jenin-Nablus road is allowed daily from 06:00 until 21:00.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Checkpoints: The Israeli army continues to regulate times for crossing checkpoints set up around the city of Nablus: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At Tur neighborhood 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) Palestinian holders of Israeli IDs are allowed to enter with their vehicles into Nablus city through all its checkpoints. They are allowed to depart the city of Nablus through Beit Furik checkpoint and Beit Iba gate. Physicians who are residents of Nablus are also allowed passage with their vehicles without permits. (iii) The Israeli army allowed residents from Nablus city who are above the age of 50 years to cross with their families and vehicles the checkpoints around the city without crossing permits. (iv) The iron gate near the junction leading to the village of Deir Sharaf on Nablus-Tulkarm main road is opened daily from 05:00 to 24:00 for civilian access in both directions without access permits. • Flying Checkpoint: At 18:05, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on Al Badhan road (the eastern entrance to Nablus city) and arrested 5 civilians, including a child. • Raid: At 01:35, the Israeli army raided Balata refugee camp in the city of Nablus and arrested 2 civilians. • Arrests: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) The Israeli army arrested on Al Badhan road (the eastern entrance to Nablus city) the civilians: Salah Sami Muhammad Rimawi, 16-year-old; Tarek Mousa Hamed Idris; Ahmad Hussein Al Mansi; Ahmad Ali Al Ahwal; and Nasouh Ezz Ad Din Abu Sa'dah. (ii) The Israeli army arrested in Balata refugee camp in the city of Nablus the civilians Muhammad Jamal Awad Hashash and Muhammad Fa'eq Marshoud.
SALFIT	<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 northern entrance to Salfit city. (ii) The Israeli army continues to close with cement blocks and iron gates the northern entrances 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. • Settler Violence: At 09:00, an Israeli settler near the Za'tara checkpoint severely beat, with Israeli soldiers at the checkpoint watching, university student Thaminah Khalil Abdulhaq from the village of

	<p>Qusra. As a result, she sustained injuries and contusions and immediately evacuated to hospital for treatment.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wall Construction: Wall construction continues in the area northwest of the city of Salfit, and in the village of Marda and the town of Kafr Hares north of the settlement of Ariel.
JERICHO	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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. • Checkpoints: 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. • Raids: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 09:30, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the village of Ein Ad Duyuk. (ii) At 00:50, the Israeli army raided the village of Al Auja, searched a house and withdrew at 02:00.
BETHLEHEM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (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. (ii) Since September 15, 2007, the Israeli army has been preventing civilian access, according to military order 07.02.S, to the 22-dunum land that has been confiscated in accordance with confiscation order number 07.31.T. The 22-dunum area has been set to construct a passage in the area of Mazmouriyyeh that is located in the cities of Beit Sahur and Bethlehem. • Closure of Main Roads: The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the two sideways east and south of Al Walaja village and the roads of Beit Jala-Wadi Ahmad, Talita-Nazlet As-Sidr in the city of Beit Jala, Al Khadr town-Road # 60, Al Khadr town-Beit Jala housing, Wadi Rahal-Efrat and the sideways east of Beit Fajjar town. • Checkpoint: At 14:35, the Israeli army intensified its restrictions at Al Container checkpoint and impeded civilian access until 16:10. • Flying Checkpoint: At 08:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the northwestern entrance to the city of Beit Jala. Again at 17:15, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint and searched civilians and vehicles. • Raids: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 10:25, the Israeli army raided and patrolled Taqu'a town. (ii) At 17:10, the Israeli army raided the village of Al Walaja and searched a number of houses under the pretext that unknown individuals opened fire towards the bypass road.

	<p>(iii) At 01:00, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the village of Ash Shawawra.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wall Construction: Wall construction continues in the area northwest of the town of Al Khadr; northwest of Beit Jala city; in the area of Wadi Rahhal east of Ephrata settlement; and in the area surrounding al-Walaja village.
<p style="text-align: center;">HEBRON</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) The Israeli army continues to close the following locales in the old city 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 of al-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. (ii) Although it expired on 07 May 2006, the Israeli army continues to implement a military order stipulating the prohibition of civilian vehicles from traveling along the road connecting the settlement of Kiryat Arba' to the Ibrahimi Mosque in the old city of Hebron unless they possess access permits. (iii) On 05 January 2009, the Israeli army issued military order # 06/09 closing 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: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades 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 Israeli army also continues to close with cement blocks 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) In accordance with Military Order # 378, 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. (iv) The Israeli army continues to open the Iron Gate on the junction of Farsh Al Hawa, which leads to Road # 35 that leads to Tarqumiya Crossing, from 05:00 until 07:00 and from 09:00 until 13:00. • Flying Checkpoints: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 10:45, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to the town of Idhna and searched civilians and vehicles.

	<p>(ii) At 19:55, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to the area of An Nabi Yunis (the eastern entrance to Halhul town) and searched civilians and vehicles.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Raids:</u> <p>(i) At 10:30, the Israeli army raided the town of Yatta, set up a flying checkpoint in the middle of the town and searched a house.</p> <p>(ii) At 12:10, the Israeli army raided the city of Hebron. Again at 16:20, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the area.</p> <p>(iii) At 03:00, the Israeli army raided and patrolled Sa'ir town.</p> <p>(iv) At 03:00, the Israeli army raided the town of Tarqumiya and arrested a civilian.</p> <p>(v) At 04:00, the Israeli army raided the town of Ash Shuyukh, searched a number of houses after detonating the main door of a house and arrested a civilian.</p> • <u>Arrests:</u> <p>(i) The Israeli army arrested in the town of Tarqumiya the civilian Firas Hijazi Abu Haltam.</p> <p>(ii) The Israeli army arrested in the town of Ash Shuyukh the civilian Muhammad Ahmad Muhammad Ayaydah.</p> • <u>Settlement Activity:</u> On 26 May 2009, the Israeli army started the construction of 2-kilometers long settlement road in a land belonging to the village of Um Al Kheir, located east of Yatta town, to connect it to a previously constructed settlement road leading to the settlement of Karmi'el, as mentioned in the report of 24 March 2009. • <u>Wall Construction:</u> Wall construction continues 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.
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GAZA STRIP

<p style="text-align: center;">ALL DISTRICTS</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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 breached the ceasefire by opening fire intensively from its locations on the Green Line, opening fire from warboats towards Palestinian fishing boats at sea in the districts of Northern Gaza, Gaza and Rafah and detaining 2 fishermen.
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<p style="text-align: center;">NORTHERN GAZA</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Closure of Crossing Point:</u> Beit Hanun (Erez) Crossing is closed. • <u>Attacks:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) In the evening on 26 May 2009, Israeli warboats opened fire intensively towards Palestinian fishing boats at sea opposite Al Waha area beach, west of Beit Lahiya town. (ii) On 26 May 2009, the Israeli army opened fire intensively from its locations on the Green Line towards agricultural land belonging to civilians east of Jabalya town. • <u>Air Patrol:</u> On 26 May 2009, Israeli reconnaissance aircrafts patrolled the sky above Northern Gaza district.
<p style="text-align: center;">GAZA</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Closure of Crossing Points:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Al-Muntar (Karni) Crossing is partially open for the transport of wheat and fodder. (ii) Al-Shuja'iya (Nahal 'Oz) Crossing is partially open for the transport of fuel. • <u>Attack:</u> In the evening on 26 May 2009, Israeli warboats opened fire intensively towards Palestinian fishing boats at sea opposite Ash Sheikh Ejleen area beach, south of Gaza city.
<p style="text-align: center;">CENTRAL GAZA</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Activities not reported.
<p style="text-align: center;">KHAN YOUNIS</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Activities not reported.
<p style="text-align: center;">RAFAH</p>	<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 the transport of food and humanitarian supplies. • <u>Attack:</u> In the morning on 26 May 2009, Israeli warboats opened fire intensively towards Palestinian fishing boats at sea opposite Rafah city beach, detained 2 fishermen after intercepting their boat and released them at a later time. The 2 fishermen are Nahedh Hasan Hassounah and Muhammad Abdulsalam Hassounah.