مجموعة الرقابة الفلسطينية



PALESTINIAN MONITORING GROUP

DAILY SITUATION REPORT 08:00 28 May 2010 – 08:00 29 May 2010

SUMMARY OF EVENTS

EVENT	WEST BANK	GAZA STRIP	TOTAL	NOTES
Physical Assaults	2	_	2	2 civilians beaten in Jericho
Injuries	5	_	5	1 in Ramallah and 4 in Qalqiliya
Air Attacks	_	5	5	Missiles fired by F16 combat aircraft
Attacks	5	_	5	1 in a raid and 4 during confrontations
Raids	14	_	14	Incl. 3 in Tulkarem and 4 in Nablus
Air Patrols	_	2	2	By F16 combat aircraft, Gaza and Rafah
Detentions	14		14	Incl. a child and 4 int'l peace activists
Wall Construction	19	_	19	Incl. Jer., Raml'h., Salfit, & Hebron
Destruction of Property	3	1	4	Incl. a blacksmiths' workshop in Gaza
Closure of Checkpoints	9	_	9	Incl. 1 checkpoint closed temporarily
Flying Checkpoints	11	_	11	Incl. 4 in Jerusalem and 3 in Hebron
Closure (per District)	9	_	9	Incl. 2 areas in the city of Ramallah
Closure of Main Roads	41	_	41	Incl. 3 in Jerusalem and 2 in Salfit
Closure of Crossing Points	_	6	6	Beit Hanun Crossing partially open
Settler Violence	2	_	2	Incl. civilian vehicles stoned, Qalqiliya
Demonstrations	6	_	6	Incl. against settlement activity & Wall
TOTAL	140	14	154	

DISTRICT EVENTS

WEST BANK

• Closure:

- (i) On 28 May 2010, the Israeli army intensified its restrictions at checkpoints located at the entrances to the city of Jerusalem and set up several flying checkpoints in the old city of Jerusalem and around Al Aqsa Mosque compound. Excluding those holding Israeli-issued ID cards, the Israeli army denied access to civilians to perform Friday prayers at the mosque.
- (i) On 05 January 2009, the Israeli authorities issued Military Order # S/02/09 on the closure of and denial of civilian access to the "demarcation area" along the Wall in the area surrounding the city of Jerusalem. Accordingly, local residents and civilians holding permits can access this area through crossings and gates set up at the entrances to the city of Jerusalem. (The demarcation area is defined by a set of military orders relating to land confiscation for Wall construction).
- (ii) The Israeli army continues to impose a blockade and deny civilian access to a hill between the village of Biddu and Beit Iksa due to its geographical significance as it overlooks the city of Jerusalem.

• 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) On 28 May 2010, the Israeli army closed with an iron gate the eastern entrance to the village of Beit Iksa leading to the city of Jerusalem and reported to civilians that they should cross Qalandiya checkpoint to access the city.

• Checkpoints:

- (i) The Israeli army continues to consider Qalandiya checkpoint a "border crossing point" and has designated a special crossing lane for holders of Jerusalem IDs and those possessing permits to access the city of Jerusalem.
- (ii) Beginning on 11 April 2010, the Israeli army has continued to close the checkpoint set up near the entrance to Shu'fat refugee camp in the city of Jerusalem and to deny civilian access between 23:00 and 05:00, claiming to be carrying out infrastructure works between the checkpoint and the road leading to Shu'fat refugee camp.
- <u>Flying Checkpoint</u>: At 21:40, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to the village of Beit Iksa and searched civilians and vehicles.
- <u>Demonstration</u>: At 16:00, a mass demonstration, including international peace activists, took place in Ash Sheikh Jarrah neighbourhood in the city of Jerusalem in protest against Israeli settlement activity and settlers' seizure of civilian houses.

JERUSALEM

• Wall Gates:

- (i) The Israeli army continues to close the Wall gate in the town of Abu Dis with cement blocks.
- (ii) The Israeli army continues to deny civilian access through the Wall gate on Ash Shayyah road in the area between the villages of As Sawahira ash Sharqiya and As Sawahira al Gharbiya, only allowing civilians holding Jerusalem IDs to cross, after subjecting them to thorough searches using electronic devices.
- Wall Construction: Wall construction 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.

• Closure of Main Roads:

- (i) The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades and cement blocks the entrances to the town of Sinjil, the village of Saffa; and the junction to the villages of Kafr Malik 'Ein Samiya.
- (ii) On 15 March 2010, the Israeli army issued a military order, providing that the area located between civilian houses and the Wall in the town of Ni'lin and the village of Bil'in would be a closed military zone between 08:00 and 20:00 on Fridays for a period of 6 months. To prevent weekly demonstrations against Wall construction, civilian access to the area will be denied except with a special permit.

• Demonstrations/Attacks/Injuries/Detentions:

- (i) At 13:00, a mass demonstration, including international peace activists, took place in the village of Bil'in against Wall construction. Confrontations took place between the Israeli army and protestors, during which the Israeli army injured 1 civilian. A number of participants also sustained injuries as a result of tear gas inhalation. In addition, the Israeli army detained 4 international peace activists.
- (ii) At 13:00, a mass demonstration, including international peace activists, took place in the town of Ni'lin against Wall construction. Confrontations took place between the Israeli army and protestors, during which the Israeli army injured several participants as a result of tear gas inhalation.
- (iii) At 14:00, a mass demonstration took place in the villages of Deir Nidham and An Nabi Salih against Israeli settler violence and confiscation of civilian land for expansion of the settlement of Halamish. Confrontations took place between the Israeli army and protestors, during which the Israeli army injured 3 civilians, including a female civilian, as a result of tear gas inhalation. The Israeli army also detained Murad Abdul Hafith at Tamimi along with his 12-year-old son Walid, and released them at a later time.

RAMALLAH & EL BIREH

	 Wall Construction: Wall construction continues west of the town of 'Abud; in the village of Bil'in; and in the areas of Al Midya to Ni'lin and Ni'lin to Deir Qaddis.
JENIN	 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. Flving Checkpoint: At 18:30, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the junction to the village of Ti'innik and searched civilians and vehicles until 19:30. 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.
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	 Closure of Main Roads: The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the road connecting the town of Kafr al Labad to the village of Shufa as well as the road connecting the villages of Shufa and 'Izbat Shufa. Checkpoint: The Israeli army continues to intensify restrictions at 'Einav checkpoint set up on Tulkarem-Nablus main road. Flving Checkpoint: At 12:40, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the junction to the town of Baqa ash Sharqiya and searched civilians and vehicles. Raids: At 13:00, and again at 00:40, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the town of 'Illar. At 02:30, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the village of Seida. Wall Gates: Passage through the wall gates is restricted to civilians granted special Israeli permits.
QALQILYA	 Closure of Roads: The Israeli army continues to close with cement blocks agricultural roads east of the town of 'Azzun. Flving Checkpoints: At 17:20, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to the town of 'Azzun and searched civilians and vehicles. At 18:45, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint in the area between the town of 'Azzun and the village of 'Izbat at Tabib and searched civilians and vehicles. Raid: At 18:45, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the town of 'Azzun. Settler Violence: At 22:00, a group of Israeli settlers from the settlement of Karnei Shomron threw stones at civilian vehicles travelling the Qalqiliya-Nablus main road, breaking the windshields of a vehicle and injuring 4 civilians. 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.

	(ii) Beginning on 12 May 2010, the Israeli army has continued to install an iron gate at the entrance to the village of Wadi ar Rasha and to deny civilian access. The Israeli army allows residents to access the village through Gate #109. The Israeli army removed the wall gate at the entrance to the village of Ras 'Atiya and only allows students to cross to their school outside the village through the Habla gate.
NABLUS	 Closure of Main Roads: The Israeli army continues to close the roads of Till-Burin and Beit Furik-Salem; the settler bypass road connecting the village of Deir al Hatab to the settlement of Alon Moreh; the road connecting the town of 'Aqraba to the village of Osarin; and the detour road between the town of Qabalan and the village of Osarin. The Israeli army continues to close the northern entrance to the town of Qabalan; the southern entrances to the villages of Duma and Qaryut; and the western entrance to An Naqura village opposite Shavei Shomron settlement. Checkpoints: The Israeli army continues to regulate times for crossing checkpoints set up around the city of Nablus: 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 between 05:00 and 20:00, but between 05:00 and 15:00 on Fridays. All civilian vehicles are allowed to access the city of Nablus, but only commercial vehicles and ambulances can leave the city through the checkpoint. Raids:
SALFIT	Closure of Main Roads: The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the northern entrance to the city of Salfit. The Israeli army continues to close with cement blocks the northern entrance to the town of Bruqin. Checkpoint: The Israeli army continues to intensify its restrictions and impede civilian access at the Za'tara junction checkpoint.

	Wall Construction: Wall construction continues in the area northwest of the city of Salfit, and in the village of Marda and the town of Kifl Haris north of the settlement of Ariel.
JERICHO	 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 at Al Hamra checkpoint set up along Al Badhan road connecting the districts of Jericho and Nablus. However, the Israeli army allows civilian access between 06:00 and 22:00. The Israeli army continues to intensify its restrictions at the checkpoint set up on the junction to the village of Al 'Auja along Al-Mu'arrajat road that connects the districts of Jericho and Ramallah, only allowing access to civilians whose IDs indicate that their place of residence of the district of Jericho as well as to others holding access permits. Raids/Physical Assaults: At 13:25, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the village of Al 'Auja. At 17:50, the Israeli army raided the village again and severely beat 2 civilians: Saleem Abdullah Du'meh; and Suleiman Jamil Zuyoud.
BETHLEHEM	 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. (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 dunums (5.436 acres) of land in the area of Mazmuriya in the cities of Beit Sahur and Bethlehem. The land was confiscated pursuant to Military Order # 07/31/T. Closure of Main Roads: The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the road of Beit Jala-Wadi Ahmad; a road east of the town of Beit Fajjar; and an agricultural road connecting the town of Tuqu' to the village of Khirbet al Baq'a. Raid: At 10:30, and again at 21:05, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the city of Beit Jala. Detention: At 20:30, Israeli troops positioned at As Sawahira ash Sharqiya (the 'Container') checkpoint detained Rami Khaled Salem Abu Hadid, a Palestinian National Security officer, and released him at a later time. Demonstrations: (i) At 13:00, a mass demonstration, including international peace activists, took place in the village of Marah Abu Ma'alla in protest against Wall construction.

- (ii) At 13:25, a mass demonstration, including international peace activists, took place in the village of Al Ma'sara in protest against Wall construction.
- <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 Efrat settlement; and in the area surrounding Al Walaja.

• Closure:

- (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. In addition to closing the entrance to Al Laban Market with iron plates, the Israeli army continues to install an iron gate at the entrance to the area of Al Hisba (the fruits and vegetables market) in the old city of Hebron, controlling civilian access in the area.
- (ii) Having evacuated civilian residents and denied civilian access, the Israeli army continues to close the area located along the Green Line south of the town of Yatta.

• Closure of Main Roads:

- (i) The Israeli army continues to close with cement blocks the entrance to the town of As Samoa'; the eastern entrance to the village of Kharsa; the entrance to the Al Qeisi neighbourhood in the old city of Hebron; the entrances to Al 'Arrub refugee camp, the village of At Tuwani, and the town of Adh Dhahiriya; and the road connecting the town of Surif to the village of Al Jab'a.
- (ii) The Israeli army continues to prohibit Palestinian vehicles from travelling along Ash Shalala Old Street in the old city of Hebron.
- (iii) The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the road between the villages of Al Karmil and At Tuwani and all roads leading to Road # 60.
- (iv) The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades an entrance to the town of Beit Ummar near the town's cemetery.

• Flying Checkpoints:

- (i) At 13:00, and again at 21:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the overpass to the town of Halhul and searched civilians and vehicles.
- (ii) At 15:15, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to the town of Tarqumiya and searched civilians and vehicles.
- Attack: At 13:45, Israeli troops positioned at the entrance to Al 'Arrub refugee camp fired rubber-coated steel bullets and tear gas grenades towards a number of civilians, allegedly for throwing stones.

• Raids/Attack:

(i) At 18:20, the Israeli army raided the city of Hebron and opened indiscriminate fire while patrolling the area.

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- (ii) At 01:30, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the town of Tarqumiya.
- **Detention:** At 11:45, Israeli troops positioned in the area surrounding the Ibrahimi Mosque in the old city of Hebron detained Mohammed Khalil al Ja'bari, a Palestinian National Security officer, prevented him from accessing the mosque, and released him after coordination with the Israeli authorities (through the DCO).
- Wall Construction: Wall construction continues in the section of Targumiya checkpoint terminal; in the area surrounding the settlement of Eshkolot near the town of Adh Dhahiriya; and in the area between the villages of 'Arab ar Ramadin and Imneizil.

GAZA STRIP

ALL DISTRICTS

- At 02:00 on 18 January 2009, the unilateral ceasefire declared by the Israeli authorities came into effect. At a later time on the same day, armed Palestinian groups announced an agreement to cease fire for a week. Later, armed Palestinian groups extended the ceasefire until 05 February 2009. Despite the fact that the extension period expired, the ceasefire continues to hold pending negotiations carried out by Egypt.
- Violation of the Ceasefire: Israeli F16 combat aircraft fired missiles over 5 air riads towards a blacksmith's workshop in Gaza city as well as towards Yasser Arafat International Airport in the district of Rafah.

NORTHERN GAZA	Closure of Crossing Point: Beit Hanun (Erez) Crossing is closed on the occasion of Shavuot.
GAZA	 Closure of Crossing Points: Al Muntar (Karnei) Crossing is closed. Ash Shuja'iya (Nahal 'Oz) Crossing is closed. Beginning on 04 January 2010, the Crossing has been closed upon an Israeli unilateral decision. Air Attack: At dawn on 29 May 2010, Israeli F16 combat aircraft fired 1 missile towards and destroyed a blacksmith's workshop in Az Zaytun neighbourhood east of Gaza city.
CENTRAL GAZA	Activities not reported.
KHAN YUNIS	Activities not reported.
RAFAH	 Closure of Crossing Points: Yasser 'Arafat International Airport remains closed. Rafah (Al 'Awdah) Crossing is closed.

- (iii) Sufa Crossing is closed.
- (iv) Karm Abu Salim (Karem Shalom) Crossing is closed.
- <u>Air Attack</u>: At dawn on 29 May 2010, Israeli F16 combat aircraft fired a number of missiles (during 4 consecutive air raids) towards Yasser Arafat International Airport east of the city of Rafah.