# مجموعة الرقابة الفلسطينية



### PALESTINIAN MONITORING GROUP

### DAILY SITUATION REPORT

08:00 05 August 2005 - 08:00 06 August 2005

### **SUMMARY OF EVENTS**

EVENT	WEST BANK	GAZA STRIP	TOTAL	NOTES
Injuries	3	_	3	Incl. a 5-year-old girl in Bethlehem
Attacks	5	9	14	Incl. 4 during raids & 9 from posts
Raids	22	_	22	Incl. 1 in Jerusalem & 4 in Jenin
Arrests	2	_	2	In Tulkarem and Hebron
Detentions	10	2	12	Incl. 17 international peace activists
Checkpoints	(All)	_	(All)	
Flying Checkpoints	5	_	5	Incl. 1 in Ramallah & 1 in Qalqiliya
Destruction of property	2	2	4	Incl. furniture of 3 houses damaged
House Occupations	5	_	5	Incl. 1 house in Silat adh Dhahr
Closure (per District)	5	_	5	Incl. Jerusalem & Jericho (partially)
Closure of Main Roads	(Unidentified)	(8)	_	Roads connecting districts
Closure of Wall Gates	(All)	_	(All)	Incl. 3 Wall gates closed in Qalqiliya
Closure of Crossing Points	_	6	6	Incl. 2 partially open
Settlement Activity	*	_		72 housing units to be constructed
Settler Violence	2	1	3	1 child severely beaten in Hebron
Pal. Security Measures	_	2	2	Incl. 1 tunnel sealed in Rafah RC
Demonstrations	2	_	2	Incl. in Bil'in against the Wall
TOTAL	63	22	85	

DISTRICT	EVENT
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## WEST BANK

JERUSALEM	<ul> <li>Closure: The Israeli army intensified its restrictions at checkpoints located at the entrances to the city of Jerusalem and set up several checkpoints in the old city of Jerusalem and in the area surrounding Al Aqsa Mosque compound, forcing hundreds of civilians to perform Friday prayers near checkpoints and at the gates to Al Aqsa Mosque.</li> <li>Checkpoints: The Israeli army continues to intensify its restrictions at Qalandiya and An Nabi Samwil checkpoints and impede civilian access.</li> <li>Wall Gates: The Israeli army continues to close the Wall gate in the town of Abu Dis with cement blocks.</li> <li>Wall Construction: Wall construction was suspended for the weekend in Dahiyat al Aqbat, from the village of Hizma to 'Anata, along the Hizma-Jaba' road, the area of Al 'Eizariya to Ash Shayyah, near Al Quds University, in the town of As Sawahira ash Sharqiya, from the village of Beit Surik to Biddu, and in the areas of Al Judeira, Bir Nabala, and Beit Hanina.</li> <li>Raid: The Israeli army raided the village of Beit 'Anan, opened fire, fired flares, and combed civilian land in the vicinity of the village.</li> </ul>
RAMALLAH & EL BIREH	<ul> <li>Wall Construction: Wall construction was suspended for the weekend in the areas of Al Midya to Budrus, Al Midya to Ni'lin, Bil'in to Saffa, in the village of Beit Liqya, and in the town of Beituniya.</li> <li>Flying Checkpoint: At 19:30, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the overpass to the town of 'Atara and searched civilians and vehicles.</li> <li>Raids: <ul> <li>(i) At 08:00, an Israeli army patrol raided the villages of Kafr 'Ein and Qarawat Bani Zeid and patrolled the area.</li> <li>(ii) At 20:50, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the city of El Bireh.</li> </ul> </li> <li>Demonstration/Detention: 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 a number of civilian protestors as a result of tear gas inhalation and detained 17 international peace activists.</li> </ul>
JENIN	<ul> <li>Wall Gates: Passage through the Wall gates is restricted to civilians granted special Israeli permits.</li> <li>Flying Checkpoint: At 13:30, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint in the area between the town of Ya'bad and the village of Al Kufeir and denied civilian access in both directions until 14:30.</li> </ul>

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	<ul> <li>Raids/House Occupation: <ol> <li>At 13:00, Israeli army infantry forces, including approximately 20 soldiers, raided the town of Silat adh Dhahr, occupied a 2-storey house, and converted it into a military post. At 18:00, the Israeli army withdrew from the area.</li> <li>At 20:30, the Israeli army, including 8 jeeps, raided and patrolled the village of 'Ajja until 21:30.</li> <li>At 00:05, the Israeli army, including 4 jeeps, raided and patrolled the town of Kafr Ra'i until 01:00.</li> <li>The Israeli army raided and patrolled the town of Tammun.</li> </ol> </li> </ul>
TULKAREM	<ul> <li>Closure of Main Road: The Israeli army continues to close the iron gate set up on the junction to the settlement of 'Einav along the Tulkarem-Nablus road, preventing civilian vehicles from crossing.</li> <li>Wall Gates: Passage through the Wall gates is restricted to civilians granted special Israeli permits.</li> <li>Raids/Destruction of Property: <ol> <li>At 20:30, the Israeli army, including 7 tanks and 1 jeep, raided the city of Tulkarem and Tulkarem and Nur Shams refugee camp, opened fire, and fired sound grenades while patrolling the area. The Israeli army also arrested 1 civilian in Nur Shams refugee camp and withdrew at 03:00.</li> <li>At 00:30, the Israeli army, including 2 jeeps, raided and patrolled the town of Kafr al Labad.</li> <li>At 00:45, the Israeli army, including 16 jeeps, raided the town of 'Illar, opened fire, fired sound grenades, and searched 3 houses, damaging furniture. At 03:15, the Israeli army withdrew from the area.</li> </ol> </li> <li>Arrest: The Israeli army arrested Mohammed Ali Hasan in Nur Shams refugee camp.</li> </ul>
QALQILYA	<ul> <li>Wall Gates: <ol> <li>Passage through the Wall gates is restricted to civilians granted special Israeli permits.</li> <li>The Israeli army continues to intensify restrictions at 'Azzun 'Atma Wall gate and search civilians with a metal detector.</li> <li>The Israeli authorities issued a decision to close Wall gate #25 north of the town of Jayyus, the Wall gate to the village of An Nabi Elyas, and Wall gate #16 to the village of 'Izbat Jal'ud.</li> </ol> </li> <li>Wall Construction: Land levelling for Wall construction was suspended for the weekend in the village of Immatin and in the area east of the towns of Kafr Thulth and 'Azzun.</li> <li>Flying Checkpoint: At 08:40, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the southern entrance to the town of Kafr Thulth and searched civilians and vehicles.</li> </ul>

NABLUS	• Raid/House Occupation: At 13:00, the Israeli army raided the village of Burqa, occupied 1 house overlooking the Nablus-Jenin main road, and converted it into a military post.
SALFIT	<ul> <li>Closure of Main Roads: <ol> <li>The Israeli army continues to close the north-eastern entrance to the city of Salfit through the village of Yasuf with cement blocks. The Israeli army opens the road from 06:00 until 18:00 only.</li> <li>The Israeli army continues to close the main north-western entrance to the city of Salfit with dirt barricades. The road has been closed since the beginning of the current <i>Intifada</i> (Uprising).</li> <li>Checkpoints: <ol> <li>The Israeli army continues to close Deir Ballut checkpoint overnight and open it at various times in the morning, impeding civilian movement.</li> <li>The Israeli army continues to intensify its restrictions at Za'tara checkpoint and impede civilian access in both directions, claiming to be conducting thorough searches. The Israeli army also closed the checkpoint on several occasions.</li> <li>Wall Construction: Wall construction was suspended for the weekend in the town of Deir Ballut and the villages of Az Zawiya and Rafat near the Green Line, northwest of the city of Salfit, and in the villages of Marda and Kifl Haris north of the settlement of Ari'el.</li> <li>Raids: <ol> <li>At 08:00, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the village of Farkha.</li> <li>At 09:50, the Israeli army, including 2 jeeps, raided and patrolled the villages of Khirbet Qeis and 'Ammuriya.</li> <li>At 00:30, the Israeli army, including 2 jeeps, raided and patrolled the town of Deir Istiya until 01:40.</li> <li>At 02:30, the Israeli army, including 2 jeeps, raided and patrolled the villages of Al Lubban ash Sharqi and 'Ammuriya until 02:45.</li> </ol> </li> </ol></li></ol></li></ul>
JERICHO	• <u>Closure</u> : The road between the city of Jericho and the village of Al 'Auja (Road # 90) is closed with cement blocks. The Israeli army continues to prevent farmers not holding Jericho IDs from reaching their agricultural land, forcing them to apply for access permits. At various times, the Israeli army also impeded civilian movement into the city of Jericho.
BETHLEHEM	<ul> <li><u>Closure</u>: The Israeli army continues to close the road to the village of An Nu'man, in the north-eastern Bethlehem district, isolating the village. The Israeli army considers civilians' residence in the village illegal.</li> <li><u>Wall Construction</u>: Wall construction was suspended for the weekend north of 'Ayda refugee camp towards the area north of the city of Beit Jala.</li> </ul>

- **Settlement Activity:** Israeli authorities issued a decision to construct 72 housing units in the settlement of Beitar 'Ilit in the south-western district of Bethlehem.
- **Settler Violence:** At 19:20, a traffic accident took place between an Israeli settler vehicle and a Palestinian taxi along Road # 60 leading to the city of Jerusalem, resulting in the injury of 3 civilians, including a 5-year-old girl, and damage of the taxi.
- **Demonstration:** At 17:40, a mass demonstration, including international peace activists, took place in the city of Bethlehem in solidarity with political prisoners held in Israeli prisons.

#### **Closure:**

- (i) The Israeli army continues to close Ash Shuhada' Street and the area of As Sahleh in the H2 section of the city of Hebron with cement blocks and barbed wire, denying civilians and vehicles access.
- The Israeli army continues to close Ash Shallala old and new streets in (ii) the H1 section of the city of Hebron with cement blocks located 300 meters inside the H1 section.
- Wall Construction: Wall construction was suspended for the weekend west of the town of Surif to Beit Ula, in the town of Idhna, from the village of Deir Samit to Beit 'Awwa, from Beit 'Awwa to the village of Al Burj, and south of the towns of Adh Dhahiriya and as Samoa'.

#### **Flying Checkpoints:**

- At 19:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to (i) the village of As Sarra south of the town of Dura and searched civilians and vehicles.
- At 21:15, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to (ii) the village of Tarusa, searched civilian vehicles, and impeded civilian access.

#### **Raids/House Occupations:**

- At dawn on 05 August 2005, the Israeli army raided the village of (i) Khirbet as Salama south of the town of Dura, occupied 1 house, and converted it into a military post. At 09:15, the Israeli army withdrew from the area.
- (ii) At 09:30, the Israeli army raided the city of Hebron, occupied 1 house in Dahiyat az Zaytun, and converted it into a military post. The Israeli army also arrested 1 civilian in the neighbourhood of Abu Ikteilah.
- Arrest: The Israeli army arrested Rami Qassem al Qawasmeh in the neighbourhood of Abu Ikteilah in the city of Hebron.
- House Occupation: At 08:30, the Israeli army occupied the 3<sup>rd</sup> floor of a house belonging to Raed Hajjah along the Hebron-Dura main road and converted it into a military post.
- **Settler Violence:** At 23:40, Israeli settlers from the settlement of Kiryat Arba' severely beat 14-year-old 'Uday Abdul Kareem al Ja'bari while he was in the vicinity of the settlement.

#### **HEBRON**

### **GAZA STRIP**

NORTHERN GAZA	<ul> <li>Closure: Beit Hanun (Erez) Crossing is partially open to humanitarian cases and VIPs only.</li> <li>Attacks: <ol> <li>At 20:15, the Israeli army opened fire from Point 40 on the Green Line towards Palestinian territory east of the town of Beit Hanun.</li> <li>At 23:15, the Israeli army opened fire from Point 54 on the Green Line towards Palestinian territory east of the town of Jabalya.</li> </ol> </li> </ul>
GAZA	<ul> <li>Closure:</li> <li>(i) Ash Shuhada' - Nitsareem Junction remains closed.</li> <li>(ii) Ash Shuhada' Junction - Al Muntar (Karnei) Crossing road is closed.</li> <li>(iii) Al Muntar (Karnei) Crossing is closed.</li> <li>(iv) Nahal 'Oz Crossing is closed.</li> </ul>
CENTRAL GAZA	Activities not reported.
KHAN YUNIS	<ul> <li>Closure of Main Roads: <ol> <li>Abu Al 'Ajin road (Khan Yunis Al Sharqiya) is closed.</li> <li>Western road (Khan Yunis) is closed.</li> <li>Morag road, connecting Khan Yunis' eastern and western roads, is closed.</li> <li>Deir al Balah junction to Abu Holi checkpoint (Kfar Darom road) is closed.</li> <li>Al Mawasi/Khan Yunis road (At Tuffah Checkpoint) is closed.</li> <li>Abu Holi road is open. At 15:40, the Israeli army closed Salah ad Din road between Al Matahin and Abu Holi checkpoints, preventing civilians from crossing until 16:55. The Israeli army closed the road again at 19:30 until 06:05.</li> </ol> </li> <li>Attacks/Destruction of Property: <ol> <li>At 17:55, the Israeli army opened fire from Points 8 and 9 towards Palestinian territory in Al Amal neighbourhood and West Khan Yunis refugee camp in the city of Khan Yunis.</li> <li>At 19:00, Israeli troops positioned at Abu Holi checkpoint opened fire towards a civilian vehicle travelling along Salah ad Din road, damaging the vehicle.</li> <li>At 19:30, the Israeli army opened fire from Point 11 towards Palestinian territory in West Khan Yunis refugee camp.</li> <li>At 06:35, the Israeli army opened fire from the settlement of Gadid towards civilian houses in An Namsawi neighbourhood in the city of Khan Yunis.</li> </ol> </li></ul>

	• Settler Violence: At 04:00, an Israeli settler threw 1 Molotov cocktail at a
	civilian house in the area of Al Mawasi/Khan Yunis, damaging the house.
RAFAH	<ul> <li>Closure: <ul> <li>(i) Yasser Arafat International Airport remains closed.</li> <li>(ii) Al Mawasi/Rafah road is closed.</li> <li>(iii) Rafah Crossing is closed to Palestinian civilians under the age of 35.</li> <li>(iv) Sufa Crossing is closed.</li> </ul> </li> <li>Attacks: <ul> <li>(i) At 18:50, the Israeli army opened fire from the settlement of Rafiah Yam towards civilian houses in Tall as Sultan neighbourhood in the city of Rafah.</li> <li>(ii) At 03:20, the Israeli army opened fire from the vicinity of Salah ad Din gate towards Palestinian territory</li> </ul> </li> <li>Palestinian Security Measures: <ul> <li>(i) At 10:20, Palestinian security forces sealed 1 tunnel near Point 8 along the Egyptian border opposite Yabna neighbourhood in Rafah refugee camp.</li> <li>(ii) At 22:50, Palestinian security forces notified the Israeli authorities to defuse an explosive device located in the vicinity of the settlement of Morag.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

### **GENERAL**

WORK PRMITS	<ul> <li>West Bank: <ol> <li>Israeli authorities renewed 13,214 work permits to cross the Green Line. However, workers were not allowed access to areas inside the Green Line due to the imposed closure.</li> <li>Israeli authorities continued to restrict the issuing of work permits to civilians who are married with children and over the age of 30.</li> </ol> </li> <li>Gaza Strip: <ol> <li>Israeli authorities renewed 719 work permits for workers to enter the Industrial Zones. However, only 495 workers (approximately 69% of those possessing work permits) were allowed access to the Industrial Zones.</li> <li>Israeli authorities renewed 1,950 work permits for workers to cross the Green Line. However, only 1,516 workers (approximately 78% of those possessing work permits) were allowed access to areas inside the Green Line.</li> </ol> </li></ul>
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