# مجموعة الرقابة الفلسطينية



#### PALESTINIAN MONITORING GROUP

#### **DAILY SITUATION REPORT**

08:00 05 May 2004 - 08:00 06 May 2004

#### **SUMMARY OF EVENTS**

EVENT	WEST BANK	GAZA STRIP	TOTAL	NOTES
Assassination	1	_	1	
Death	1	_	1	While on way to mosque
Physical Assaults	3	_	3	3 college students beaten
Injuries	4	9	13	Incl. 4 children
Attacks	9	5	14	
Raids	38	5	43	
Air Patrols	3	1	4	
Arrests (per person)	38	9	47	Incl. 8 children & 1 injured
Detentions	3	_	3	
House Demolitions	2	8	10	Incl. 7 partially demolished
Land Levelling	_	1	1	
Wall Construction	14	_	14	Jer'lm, Ramallah, Jenin, Beth.
Destruction of Property	5	1	6	
Land Confiscation	2	_	2	23 dunums for bypass road
House Occupations	2	1	3	
Curfews	3	_	3	
Checkpoints	All	_	All	
Flying Checkpoints	(Dozens)	(Dozens)	_	Closing all districts
Closures (per District)	(All)	(All)	(All)	
Closure of Main Roads	Most	(5)	Most	Esp. connecting governorates
Closure of Wall Gates	(All)	_	(All)	Permits required to cross
Closure of Crossing Points		4	4	2 Partially open
Attack on Religious Sites	2		2	Attack & mosque surrounded
School Disruption	3		3	
Palestinian Attack		1	1	Mortar
TOTAL	133	45	178	

DISTRICT	EVENT	
ALL DISTRICTS	Since 22 March 2004, the Israeli army has imposed a total closure over the West Bank and Gaza Strip. The Israeli army prevented civilians from crossing the Green Line and entering Jerusalem, closed crossing points to workers, and restricted movement between cities in the West Bank.	

#### **WEST BANK**

JERUSALEM	<ul> <li>Closure: The Israeli army set up flying checkpoints throughout the city, closing all roads connecting towns and villages and preventing pedestrians and vehicles from crossing.</li> <li>Wall Construction: <ol> <li>Wall Construction continues in Al Eizariya, Abu Dis, Al Sawahira al Sharqiya, Sur Bahir, and along the main road between Dahiyat Al Bareed checkpoint and Qalandiya checkpoint.</li> <li>Wall construction was suspended in Qatanna and Biddu pending an Israeli High Court ruling.</li> <li>Raids: <ol> <li>The Israeli army raided the town of Beit Hanina and demolished 2 civilian houses.</li> <li>The Israeli army raided Dahiyat al Bared and detained worshipers at the Anas Bin Malek 'mosque until late into the evening and examined their IDs.</li> <li>The Israeli army raided the town of Bir Nabala, arrested 1 college professor and his wife, whose son is a political prisoner, and transferred them to Muscobiyeh Interrogation Centre. Both were later released.</li> <li>The Israeli army raided the towns of Abu Dis and Al Eizariya and shut down 2 offices, including the Heritage Council office in Al Eizariya, claiming that the offices have a relationship with the Islamic Jihad movement.</li> <li>House Demolition: The Israeli army demolished 2 houses in Beit Hanina, claiming that the structures were not licensed. The houses belong to Osama al Razim and Munthir al Razim.</li> </ol> </li> </ol></li></ul>
RAMALLAH & EL BIREH	• <u>Closure</u> : The Israeli army set up flying checkpoints throughout the district, closing all roads connecting towns and villages and preventing pedestrians and vehicles from crossing.

- <u>Wall Construction</u>: Construction of the western portion of the Wall continues in Budrus, Deir Qaddis, Rantis, Ni'lin, Beit Liqya, Beituniya and near the village of Midya.
- <u>Attack</u>: At 14:30, the Israeli army set up a checkpoint at the entrance to Birzeit University. Confrontations took place between students and the Israeli army, during which the Israeli army injured 10 students due to tear gas inhalation. The Israeli army severely beat 3 other students.

#### Raids:

- (i) At 08:50, an Israeli jeep raided the village of Kafr 'Ein and patrolled the area. At 00:20, the Israeli army raided the area again and opened indiscriminate fire.
- (ii) At 12:00, the Israeli army raided the town of Beituniya and closed all roads leading to the Wall in order to prevent civilians from demonstrating near the Wall.
- (iii) At 15:00, and again at 22:30, the Israeli army raided the city of Ramallah, confiscated 7 vehicles (taxis) in Um ash Sharayit neighbourhood and at Surda junction, transported the vehicles to the settlement of Bet El and used the vehicles to raid the cities of Ramallah and El Bireh at 01:00.
- (iv) The Israeli army raided the village of Beit Ur al Tahta, imposed curfew, searched several houses and arrested 4 civilians.

#### • Arrests:

(i) At 13:40, the Israeli army arrested Jum'a Al Juju, a Palestinian National Security officer, on the Ramallah-Bethlehem road.

The Israeli army arrested 4 civilians in the village of Beit Ur al Tahta:

- (ii) Atallah Atallah;
- (iii) Ala' Khadr;
- (iv) Khaled Abu Nar; and
- (v) Yusef Taha.

#### **JENIN**

- <u>Closure</u>: The Israeli army set up flying checkpoints throughout the district, closing all entrances to the city and roads connecting towns and villages and preventing pedestrians and vehicles from crossing.
- Wall Gates: Passage through the Wall gates is restricted to civilians
  granted special Israeli permits. The closure continues to negatively impact
  education, economic and livelihood activities and impede access to health
  facilities.
- <u>Wall Construction</u>: Construction of the Wall continues south of Jalbun towards Al Mutilla, Raba, Al Mughayyir, Bardala and 'Ein al Beida and towards the Jordan River.

#### • Raids:

(i) At 18:30, the Israeli army raided the town of Ya'bad, imposed curfew, searched several houses, closed all entrances leading to the town and prohibited municipal employees from working at water distribution

JERICHO	locations.  (ii) At 03:00, the Israeli army raided the town of Tubas, searched several houses and arrested 2 officers.  • Arrests: The Israeli army arrested 2 officers in the town of Tubas:  (i) Jowdat Al Masri, a Palestinian Police officer; and  (ii) Omar Abu Bshara, a Palestinian National Security officer.  • Closure/Closed Military Zone: The Israeli army declared the Jordan Valley area a closed military zone. The Israeli army set up dozens of checkpoints throughout the city, closing all entrances to the city and roads connecting towns and villages and prevented civilians from crossing.
BETHLEHEM	<ul> <li>Closure/Closed Military Zone: The Israeli army declared the Bethlehem District a closed military zone. The Israeli army set up flying checkpoints throughout the district, closing all entrances to the city and roads connecting towns and villages and preventing civilians from crossing.</li> <li>Wall Construction: Construction of the Wall continues north of the district of Bethlehem, west of Wadi Hilwa, near the Armenian monastery, on the Jerusalem-Bethlehem road and along the tunnel road (Gilo).</li> <li>Attack: At 10:20, the Israeli army located at the checkpoint of Al Sawahira ash Sharqiya opened indiscriminate fire towards civilians.</li> <li>Raids: <ol> <li>At 22:20, the Israeli army raided the city of Bethlehem. At 03:00, the Israeli army raided the city again and patrolled the area.</li> <li>At 22:30, the Israeli army raided the town of Ta'mri and opened indiscriminate fire, damaging a power generator supplying electricity to the town, causing a power black-out.</li> <li>At 02:30, the Israeli army raided the city of Beit Jala and Ayda refugee camp, searched several houses in the refugee camp and arrested 1 civilian.</li> <li>The Israeli army raided the village of Harmala, raided the village school while classes were in session and searched classrooms.</li> <li>The Israeli army raided the town of Tuqu', raided a secondary school, detained the school's principal and confiscated teacher's ID cards.</li> <li>Arrest: The Israeli army arrested Muhammad Lutfi Ak Dirbani in Ayda refugee camp.</li> </ol> </li> </ul>
TULKAREM	<ul> <li><u>Closure</u>: The Israeli army set up flying checkpoints throughout the district, closing all entrances to the city and roads connecting towns and villages and preventing pedestrians and vehicles from crossing.</li> <li><u>Wall Gates</u>: Passage through the Wall gates is restricted to civilians granted special Israeli permits. The closure continues to negatively impact education, economic and livelihood activities and impede access to health</li> </ul>

facilities.

• <u>Detention</u>: At 15:30, the Israeli army detained approximately 200 civilians at Al Kafriyat checkpoint and opened indiscriminate fire.

#### • Raids:

- (i) At 13:00, the Israeli army raided the city of Tulkarem and its suburbs. At 19:00, the Israeli army opened indiscriminate fire.
- (ii) At 20:30, the Israeli army raided Tulkarem refugee camp and opened indiscriminate fire.
- (iii) At 23:10, the Israeli army raided Nur Shams refugee camp and opened indiscriminate fire, injuring 2 civilians.
- (iv) At 04:00, the Israeli army raided the town of Anabta and arrested 2 civilians.

#### • Air Patrols:

- (i) At 13:15, Israeli reconnaissance aircraft patrolled the skies over the district and its suburbs.
- (ii) At 15:00, Israeli helicopters and combat aircraft patrolled the skies over the district and its suburbs.
- Arrests: The Israeli army arrested 2 civilians in the town of Anabta:
- (i) Rafat Nasieef; and
- (ii) Amir Shehadeh.
- <u>Land Confiscation</u>: The Israeli authorities issued confiscation orders for 21.8 *dunums* (5.45 acres) in the village of Far'un, along Al Kafriyat checkpoint, for the construction of a settler by pass road and for military purposes.

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#### • Raids:

- (i) At 17:10, the Israeli army raided the city of Nablus and its suburbs, searched several houses, occupied 2 houses and converted them into military posts.
- (ii) At 18:45, the Israeli army raided the village of Talluza, imposed curfew, assassinated 1 civilian and arrested 7 civilians, including 1 child
- <u>Assassination</u>: The Israeli army assassinated Imad Janajra in the village of Talluza.

#### • Arrests:

The Israeli army arrested 7 civilians from the village of Talluza:

- (i) Hasan Shanabla, 15 years old;
- (ii) Allam Janajra;
- (iii) Adnan Janajra;
- (iv) Nidal Abu Leimun:
- (v) Ahmad Shanabla;

#### **NABLUS**

	<ul><li>(vi) Iyad Darawsha; and</li><li>(vii) Anwar Abu Leimun.</li><li>(viii) The Israeli army arrested Ja'far Mara'i, an injured civilian, at Beit Iba</li></ul>
	checkpoint while he was being transferred from Jenin Hospital to a hospital in the city of Nablus.
HEBRON	<ul> <li>Closure: The Israeli army set up flying checkpoints throughout the district, closing all entrances to the city and roads connecting towns and villages and preventing pedestrians and vehicles from crossing.</li> <li>New Military Watchtower: On 26 April 2004, the Israeli army erected a military watchtower at the entrance to the town of Idhna.</li> <li>Land Confiscation/House Demolition Orders: The Israeli authorities issued 2 military orders for the construction of a settler by pass road connecting the settlement of Kiryat Arba to the Ibrahimi Mosque: <ol> <li>Military Order # T/ 1/0/4 to demolish 11 houses in the old city of Hebron; and</li> <li>Military Order # T/26/4 confiscating 700 square meters of land.</li> <li>Raids:</li> <li>At 08:00, the Israeli army raided the city of Hebron, set up a checkpoint in the city, examined civilian IDs and arrested 4 civilians, including 1 officer.</li> <li>At 03:00, the Israeli army raided Al Arrub refugee camp, searched several houses and arrested 8 civilians, including 6 children.</li> <li>At 06:00, the Israeli army raided the town of Idhna and searched several houses.</li> <li>At 06:00, the Israeli army raided the old city of Hebron, opened fire and killed 1 civilian walking to the Ibrahimi Mosque to pray, and surrounded worshippers inside the mosque.</li> <li>Killing: The Israeli army killed Yasin Al Julani, 22 years old.</li> <li>Arrests: The Israeli army arrested 4 civilians from the city of Hebron:</li> <li>Firas Abu Sbeih, a Palestinian Police officer;</li> <li>Muhammad Yunis;</li> <li>Salah Abu Asba; and</li> <li>Nidal Amro.</li> <li>The Israeli army arrested 8 civilians in Al Arrub refugee camp:</li> <li>Rami abu Ghazi, 17 years old;</li> <li>Yus Yusef Nimer, 16 years old;</li> <li>Nadir Al Titi, 17 years old;</li> <li>Mahmoud Abu Jawdeh.</li> </ol> </li> </ul>

QALQILYA	<ul> <li>Closure: The Israeli army set up flying checkpoints throughout the district, closing all entrances to the city and roads connecting towns and villages and preventing pedestrians and vehicles from crossing.</li> <li>Wall Gates: Passage through the Wall gates is restricted to civilians granted special Israeli permits. The closure continues to negatively impact education, economic and livelihood activities and impede access to health facilities.</li> <li>Raid: At 03:30, the Israeli army raided the city of Qalqiliya, searched several houses and arrested 8 civilians, including 1 child and 1 officer.</li> <li>Arrests: The Israeli army arrested 8 civilians in the city of Qalqiliya: <ol> <li>Mu'ayad Al Shobaki, 17 years old;</li> <li>Hamid Oweisi, a Palestinian Police officer;</li> <li>Muhammad Suweilim;</li> <li>Muhammad Qur'an;</li> <li>Sa'ed Qur'an;</li> <li>Mohammad Al Aqr'a;</li> <li>Abdallah Oweinat; and</li> <li>Ibrahim Samara.</li> </ol> </li> </ul>
SALFIT	<ul> <li><u>Closure</u>: The Israeli army set up flying checkpoints throughout the district, closing dozens of entrances to the city and roads connecting towns and villages and preventing pedestrians and vehicles from crossing.</li> <li><u>Raid</u>: At 09:40, an Israeli army jeep raided the city of Salfit and patrolled the area.</li> </ul>

#### **GAZA STRIP**

NORTHERN GAZA	<ul> <li><u>Closure</u>: Beit Hanoun crossing is closed. (Open only to foreign nationals and diplomats)</li> <li><u>Attack</u>: At 11:10, the Israeli army opened fire towards civilian houses in Al Nada towers in the town of Beit Lahiya, injuring 2 children.</li> <li><u>Arrest</u>: At 18:00, the Israeli army arrested 5 unidentified civilians, claiming that they were trying to cross the Green Line from the eastern side of the town of Beit Hanoun.</li> </ul>
GAZA CITY	<ul> <li><u>Closure</u>: The junction of Nitsareem remains closed.</li> <li><u>Attack</u>: At 11:20, the Israeli army opened intensive fire from its location in the area surrounding Al Muntar (Karni) crossing towards the area east of the city of Gaza.</li> </ul>

	• Palestinian Attack: At 03:15, 1 mortar was fired towards the Green Line.
CENTRAL GAZA	<ul> <li>Raids/Land Levelling: <ol> <li>Beginning at 00:20 on 5 May 2004, the Israeli army continues to raid the city of Deir Al Balah and opened intensive fire towards civilian houses, injuring 7 civilians, including 2 children, 1 journalist and an ambulance driver, raising the number of injuries from 6 to 15 civilians since the beginning of the raid. The Israeli army levelled agricultural land, destroyed fences surrounding 2 houses, and arrested 2 civilians before withdrawing at 11:35.</li> <li>At 15:30, the Israeli army, including 3 tanks and 2 bulldozers, raided 300 meters into the area of Abu Haddaf, south of the city of Deir Al Balah, opened intensive fire towards civilian houses and levelled cultivated land.</li> </ol> </li></ul>
KHAN YUNIS	<ul> <li>Closure: <ol> <li>Abu al Ajin road (Khan Yunis Al Sharqiya) remains closed.</li> <li>Western road (Khan Yunis) remains closed.</li> <li>Al Mawasi/Khan Yunis road (Al Tuffah checkpoint) was open to pedestrians.</li> <li>Abu Holi road was partially open. At 17:50, the Israeli army closed the road between Abu Holi and Al Matahin checkpoints and arrested 2 civilians.</li> </ol> </li> <li>Arrests: The Israeli army arrested 2 civilians on the Abu Holi road, one of whom was identified as Yunis Abu Ta'miya.</li> <li>Road Construction: At 18:45, the Israeli army began construction of a 12-meter wide dirt road behind the area of Qalbat Mahfutha and connecting to the Kissufim road, cutting through Palestinian land in the area of Al Qarara.</li> </ul>
RAFAH	<ul> <li>Closure: <ol> <li>The Gaza International Airport remains closed.</li> <li>Rafah crossing is closed to civilians under the age of 35.</li> <li>Sufa crossing is open to specific cargo only.</li> </ol> </li> <li>Raids/Land Levelling: <ol> <li>At 01:00, Israeli army troops raided west of the area of Rafah and searched 1 house.</li> <li>At 02:20, the Israeli army, including 30 tanks and 7 bulldozers and supported by helicopters, raided 150 meters into Al Barazil and Al Sha'er neighbourhoods, opened intensive fire towards civilian houses, occupied 1 house, converted it into a military post, demolished a 3-storey house, partially demolished 7 houses, and levelled land, destroying water and sewage infrastructure.</li> </ol> </li></ul>

- (iii) At 03:15, 2 Israeli army tanks raided 500 meters into Palestinian Territory near Salah ad Din Gate.
- House Demolitions: The Israeli army partially demolished 7 houses and completely demolished 1 3-storey house belonging to Abdul Qader Al Sha'er.

### WORK

**PERMITS** 

#### • West Bank:

(i) The Israeli authorities cancelled all work permits and stated that new permits will be issued after the closure is lifted. Workers have been prohibited from crossing the Green Line since 22 March 2004.

#### • Gaza Strip:

- (i) 5,002 workers carry valid permits to enter the Erez Industrial Zone; however, no workers have been allowed to enter the area since 18 April 2004.
- (ii) 11,425 workers carry valid permits to cross the Green Line; however, no workers have been allowed to cross the Green Line since the closure imposed on 22 March 2004.