

## مجموعة الرقابة الفلسطينية



## PALESTINIAN MONITORING GROUP

**DAILY SITUATION REPORT**  
08:00 11 May 2004 – 08:00 12 May 2004

## SUMMARY OF EVENTS

EVENT	WEST BANK	GAZA STRIP	TOTAL	NOTES
Deaths	—	4	<b>4</b>	Incl. 12 year old child
Injuries	1	127	<b>128</b>	Incl. children & officers
Incursion	—	1	<b>1</b>	Al Zeitun, Gaza
Air Attacks	—	2	<b>2</b>	Incl. missile at car
Attacks	3	4	<b>7</b>	Incl. 6 tank shells at house
Raids	22	3	<b>25</b>	
Air Patrols	—	3	<b>3</b>	Helicopters
Arrests (per person)	11	2	<b>13</b>	Incl. 3 children & 2 officers
Detentions	3	—	<b>3</b>	Incl. 16 civilians in Azzun
House Demolition	—	1	<b>1</b>	2-storey house in Al Amal
Land Levelling	1	1	<b>2</b>	Incl. agricultural land
Wall Construction	14	—	<b>14</b>	Jer'lm, Ramallah, Jenin, Beth.
Destruction of Property	1	1	<b>2</b>	Incl. house in Al Zeitun
House Occupations	2	—	<b>2</b>	
Curfews	2	—	<b>2</b>	Beit Jala & Ya'bad
Checkpoints	All	—	<b>All</b>	
Flying Checkpoints	(Dozens)	(Dozens)	—	Closing all districts
Closures (per District)	(All)	(All)	<b>(All)</b>	
Closure of Main Roads	Most	(6)	<b>Most</b>	Esp. connecting governorates
Closure of Wall Gates	(All)	—	<b>(All)</b>	Permits required to cross
Closure of Crossing Points	—	5	<b>5</b>	1 Partially open
Obstruction of Worship	1	—	<b>1</b>	
School Disruption	—	1	<b>1</b>	11 schools in Al Zeitun, Gaza
New Military Post	1	—	<b>1</b>	Beit Liqya
Settler Violence	1	—	<b>1</b>	Crops burnt in Yatta
Provocation of Pal. Forces	2	—	<b>2</b>	Incl. surrounding of Police st.
Demonstration	1	—	<b>1</b>	Against the Wall, Beit Liqya
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>66</b>	<b>155</b>	<b>221</b>	

DISTRICT	EVENT
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<p style="text-align: center;"><b>ALL DISTRICTS</b></p>	<p>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.</p>
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### WEST BANK

<p style="text-align: center;"><b>JERUSALEM</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Closure:</b> 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>• <b>Wall Construction:</b> Wall construction continues in Al Eizariya, Abu Dis, Al Sawahira al Sharqiya, Sur Bahir, Qatanna, Biddu, and along the main road between Dahiyat Al Bareed checkpoint and Qalandiya checkpoint.</li> <li>• <b>Raid:</b> The Israeli army raided the village of Qatanna, searched several civilians using police dogs and arrested 1 civilian.</li> <li>• <b>Arrest:</b> The Israeli army arrested Muhammad Abdul Fattah Taha, 46 years old, in the village of Qatanna.</li> <li>• <b>Obstruction of Worship:</b> The Israeli authorities prohibited Sheikh Ya'qub Abu Asab from entering Al Aqsa Mosque for 6 months, stating that he would be arrested if he was found in the mosque.</li> </ul>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>RAMALLAH &amp; EL BIREH</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Closure:</b> The Israeli army set up flying checkpoints throughout the district, closing all roads connecting towns and villages and preventing pedestrians and vehicles from crossing.</li> <li>• <b>Wall Construction:</b> 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.</li> <li>• <b>Raids:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) At 15:00, the Israeli army raided the cities of Ramallah and El Bireh and the town of Beituniya and patrolled the area.</li> <li>(ii) At 03:00, the Israeli army raided the village of Abu Shukheidim, searched 1 house and arrested 3 civilians, including 1 officer.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b>Arrests:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) On 8 May 2004, the Israeli army arrested Ayman Taysir Khalaf at the entrance to the village of Jilijliya.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

	<p>The Israeli army arrested 3 civilians in the village of Abu Shukheidim:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(ii) Musa Abdul Hamid, a Palestinian Police officer;</li> <li>(iii) Karim Muhammad Abdul Hamid ; and</li> <li>(iv) Ali Abu Zir.</li> </ul> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b><u>New Military Post:</u></b> The Israeli army set up a new permanent military post on land located on the route of the Wall in the village of Beit Liqya.</li> <li>• <b><u>Demonstration:</u></b> A mass demonstration took place in the village of Beit Liqya in protest against land levelling for construction of the Wall. Confrontations took place between the Israeli army and civilians.</li> </ul>
<b>JENIN</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b><u>Closure:</u></b> 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>• <b><u>Wall Gates:</u></b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) 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>(ii) The Israeli army prevented a medical team from St. John's Eye Hospital from accessing the village of Barta'a through the Wall gate, claiming that the area is a closed military zone.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b><u>Wall Construction:</u></b> Construction of the Wall continues south of Jalbun towards Al Mutilla, Raba, Al Mughayyir, Bardala and 'Ein al Beida and towards the Jordan River.</li> <li>• <b><u>Raids/Curfew:</u></b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) Beginning at 07:00, on 11 May 2004, the Israeli army continues to raid the town of Ya'bad and to impose curfew. Confrontations took place between the Israeli army and civilians, during which the Israeli army injured a Palestinian National Security officer. At 14:00, the Israeli army withdrew from the area and returned again at 03:00 on 12 May 2004 and took position in the area surrounding the town.</li> <li>(ii) At 03:00, the Israeli army raided the city of Jenin, searched 1 house and arrested a civilian.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b><u>Arrest:</u></b> The Israeli army arrested Omar Al Sa'di in the city of Jenin.</li> </ul>
<b>JERICHO</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b><u>Closure:</u></b> 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.</li> </ul>
<b>BETHLEHEM</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b><u>Closure:</u></b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) 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> </ul> </li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(ii) The Israeli army continues to close the only road leading to the village of Al Nu'man, northeast of the Bethlehem district, isolating the village completely and placing the villages of Nu'man and Al Khas under the jurisdiction of the Jerusalem municipality, making its inhabitants illegal residents in Jerusalem because they carry West Bank ID cards.</li> <li>• <b>Wall Construction:</b> 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>• <b>Raids:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) At 09:00, the Israeli army raided the city of Beit Jala, opened indiscriminate fire, imposed curfew, occupied 1 house and converted it into a military post.</li> <li>(ii) At 12:45, the Israeli army raided the city of Bethlehem and patrolled the area.</li> <li>(iii) At 06:00, the Israeli army raided the village of Al Walaja and arrested 2 civilians.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b>Arrests:</b> The Israeli army arrested 2 civilians in the village of Al Walaja: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) Hussein Al Atrash; and</li> <li>(ii) Samid Al Atrash.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
<b>TULKAREM</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Closure:</b> 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>• <b>Wall Gates:</b> 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>• <b>Raids:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) At 11:00, Israeli army jeeps raided the city of Tulkarem and its suburbs, set up a checkpoint in the centre of the city and examined civilian IDs. At 17:30, the Israeli army raided the area again, searched 1 house, took position in several neighbourhoods in the city and patrolled the area.</li> <li>(ii) At 22:35, the Israeli army raided Nur Shams refugee camp and patrolled the area.</li> <li>(iii) At 02:30, the Israeli army raided the town of Anabta and arrested 3 children.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b>Arrests:</b> The Israeli army arrested 3 children in the town of Anabta: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) Muhammad Ibrahim Nur, 17 years old;</li> <li>(ii) Ahmad Issam Nur, 17 years old; and</li> <li>(iii) Jalal Salim, 17 years old.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b>Detention:</b> At 17:00, the Israeli army detained dozens of civilians at a checkpoint set up at the entrance to the town of Bal'a and prevented civilians from entering or leaving the town.</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b><u>Provocation of Palestinian Forces:</u></b> At 16:00, the Israeli army detained 9 Civil Police officers and their vehicles at a checkpoint set up at the entrance to the town of Shuweika.</li> </ul>
<b>NABLUS</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b><u>Closure:</u></b> 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>• <b><u>Raids:</u></b> At 01:30, the Israeli army raided the city of Nablus and its suburbs, occupied 1 house in the centre of the city and converted it into a military post. The Israeli army withdrew at 08:00.</li> <li>• <b><u>Land Levelling:</u></b> The Israeli army levelled 20 <i>dunums</i> (5 acres) of cultivated land in the plateau located between the villages of Azmut, Salim and Deir Al Hatab, and dug a ditch along the length of the plateau.</li> </ul>
<b>HEBRON</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b><u>Closure:</u></b> 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>• <b><u>Raid:</u></b> At 16:30, the Israeli army raided the city of Hebron and its suburbs, surrounded a Palestinian Police station in the city, set up a checkpoint near the Police station, searched civilians and patrolled the area.</li> <li>• <b><u>Settler Violence:</u></b> Israeli settlers from the settlement of Ma'on, east of the town of Yatta, set fire to vast areas of land cultivated with wheat.</li> </ul>
<b>QALQILYA</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b><u>Closure:</u></b> 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>• <b><u>Wall Gates:</u></b> 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>• <b><u>Raid/Detention:</u></b> At 23:00, the Israeli army raided the town of Azzun, searched several houses and detained 16 civilians.</li> </ul>
<b>SALFIT</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b><u>Closure:</u></b> 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>• <b><u>Raid:</u></b> At 07:50 on 11 May 2004, the Israeli army raided the city of Salfit. Confrontations took place between the Israeli army and students. At 17:50, and again at 21:45, the Israeli army raided the area again.</li> <li>• <b><u>Detention:</u></b> At 16:10, the Israeli army detained Nisfat Khafsh at a checkpoint near the village of Al Zawiya until 18:00.</li> </ul>

## GAZA STRIP

<p><b>NORTHERN GAZA</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Closure:</b> Beit Hanoun crossing is closed.</li> <li>• <b>Arrest:</b> At 12:35, the Israeli army arrested 2 unidentified civilians near Point 52.</li> </ul>
<p><b>GAZA CITY</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Closure:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) The junction of Nitsareem remains closed.</li> <li>(ii) Al Muntar crossing (Karni) is closed.</li> <li>(iii) The coastal road remains closed by dirt barricades for the 2<sup>nd</sup> consecutive day.</li> <li>(iv) At 10:55, the Israeli army prohibited all fishing boats from setting sail until further notice.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b>Incursion:</b> Beginning at 18:10 on 10 May 2004, the Israeli army remains positioned in Al Zeitun neighbourhood in Gaza city. The Israeli army was reinforced by helicopters that patrolled the skies over the area and opened intensive fire towards civilian houses, setting 1 house on fire. Fire trucks were not able to reach the area to extinguish the fire. The Israeli army killed 3 civilians, raising the death toll to 6, and injured 93 civilians, raising the number of injured to 123, including many children. The Israeli army remains present in the area as of 08:00 this morning.</li> <li>• <b>Air Attacks:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) At 15:00, an Israeli army helicopter fired 1 missile towards a civilian vehicle in the neighbourhood of Al Shuja'iyah in Gaza city, killing 1 child and injuring 4 others.</li> <li>(ii) At 20:00, an Israeli army helicopter fired 1 missile that did not explode towards a crowd of civilians in Al Zeitun neighbourhood.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b>School Disruption:</b> 11 schools serving 6974 were closed for the 2<sup>nd</sup> consecutive day as a result of the Israeli incursion in Al Zeitun neighbourhood.</li> <li>• <b>Killings:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) The Israeli army killed Yusif Hijazi, a 12 year old boy, in Al Shuja'iyah neighbourhood.</li> </ul> <p>The Israeli army killed 3 civilians in Zeitun neighbourhood:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(ii) Ahmad Slim Al Suweirki;</li> <li>(iii) Rami Ja'far; and</li> <li>(iv) Rafiq Ashur Dighmis.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
<p><b>CENTRAL GAZA</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Activities not yet reported.</li> </ul>

<b>KHAN YUNIS</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Closure:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) Abu al Ajin road (Khan Yunis Al Sharqiya) remains closed.</li> <li>(ii) Western road (Khan Yunis) remains closed.</li> <li>(iii) Al Mawasi/Khan Yunis road (Al Tuffah checkpoint) was open to pedestrians.</li> <li>(iv) Abu Holi road is closed.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b>Raid/Land Levelling:</b> At 14:00, the Israeli army, including 2 tanks and 1 bulldozer, raided the area near Abu Holi checkpoint and levelled land.</li> </ul>
<b>RAFAH</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Closure:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) The Gaza International Airport remains closed.</li> <li>(ii) Rafah crossing is closed to civilians under the age of 35.</li> <li>(iii) The Sufa crossing is closed.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b>Attacks:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) At 18:20, the Israeli army opened intensive fire from Point 9 towards civilian houses in Tel as Sultan neighbourhood in the city of Rafah.</li> <li>(ii) At 23:45, the Israeli army fired 6 tank shells from Point 6 towards civilian houses in Al Amal neighbourhood in the city of Rafah.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b>Raids:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) At 18:20, the Israeli army, including 2 tanks and 1 bulldozer, raided the neighbourhood of Tel as Sultan and opened intensive fire towards civilian houses.</li> <li>(ii) At 23:45, the Israeli army, including 4 tanks and 1 bulldozer, raided 70 meters into Al Amal neighbourhood and demolished a 2-storey house.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b>House Demolition:</b> The Israeli army demolished a 2-storey house in Al Amal neighbourhood belonging to Abdallah Al Shaer.</li> </ul>

**GENERAL**

<b>POLITICAL PRISONERS</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Hunger Strike:</b> For the 2<sup>nd</sup> consecutive day, 25 political prisoners in Qaddumim Detention Centre continue their hunger strike in protest against their inhumane conditions of detention, medical negligence and their continued imprisonment in the detention centre when they should have been transferred to central prisons.</li> </ul>
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