مجموعة الرقابة الفلسطينية



PALESTINIAN MONITORING GROUP

DAILY SITUATION REPORT 08:00 13 May 2005 – 08:00 14 May 2005

SUMMARY OF EVENTS

EVENT	WEST BANK	GAZA STRIP	TOTAL	NOTES
Attacks	1	6	7	1 during a raid & 6 from mil. posts
Raids	9	1	10	Incl. 2 in Nablus & 1 in Jericho
Arrests (per person)	_	2	2	Incl. 1 child in Central Gaza
Detentions	3	2	5	At checkpoints, incl. 1 child
Destruction of Property	1	_	1	Crops set on fire in Ramin
Checkpoints	(All)	_	(All)	
Flying Checkpoints	5	_	5	Incl. 2 in Nablus and 1 in Hebron
Closure (per District)	5	_	5	Incl. complete closure on all districts
Closure of Main Roads	(Unidentified)	(9)	_	Incl. 2 partially
Closure of Wall Gates	(All)	_	(All)	Incl. searches at 'Azzun 'Atma
Closure of Crossing Points	_	5	5	All closed
Settler Violence	1		1	Fire set to cultivated land in Ramin
Palestinian Attack	_	1	1	1 unidentified mortar
Pal. Security Measures		6	6	Civilians evacuated along Green Line
TOTAL	25	23	48	

DISTRICT	EVENT
ALL DISTRICTS	 Beginning on 11 November 2004, following the official announcement of the death of President Yasser Arafat, the Israeli army continues to impose a total closure on the West Bank, preventing civilians and workers from crossing the Green Line. Beginning at 24:00 on 10 May 2005, the Israeli army continues to impose a total closure on all Palestinian districts due to celebrations of the 57th anniversary of the proclamation of the State of Israel. The Israeli army prevented civilians from travelling among districts in the West Bank and Gaza Strip and from entering the city of Jerusalem. The Israeli army also prevented workers from accessing their workplaces in areas inside the
	Green Line. The closure will be in effect until the evening of 14 May 2005.

WEST BANK

JERUSALEM	 Closure: The Israeli army intensified its restrictions at checkpoints 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, obstructing worshippers from accessing Al Aqsa Mosque to perform Friday prayers. The Israeli army also prevented workers and ill civilians, possessing access permits, from entering the city. Closure of Main Road: The Israeli army continues to close Ar Ram junction leading to the town of Bir Nabala for Wall construction. Checkpoints: The Israeli army continues to intensify its restrictions at Qalandiya and An Nabi Samwil checkpoints and obstruct civilian movement. Wall Gates: The Israeli army continues to close the Wall gate in the town of Abu Dis with cement blocks. Wall Construction: Wall construction was suspended for the weekend in Dahiyat al Aqbat, from the village of Hizma to 'Anata, 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. 	
RAMALLAH & EL BIREH	 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. Raid: At 12:30, an Israeli army patrol raided the city of Ramallah and patrolled several neighbourhoods. 	
JENIN	Wall Gates: Passage through the Wall gates is restricted to civilians granted special Israeli permits.	

	 Wall Construction: Wall construction was suspended for the weekend in the area of Jalbun to Al Mutilla, Raba to Al Mughayyir, from Bardala to 'Ein al Beida, and towards the Jordan River. Flying Checkpoint: The Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint between the town of Tubas and the village of 'Aqqaba and searched civilians and vehicles.
TULKAREM	 Wall Gates: Passage through the Wall gates is restricted to civilians granted special Israeli permits. Flying Checkpoint: At 21:10, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint in the area of Ras Rummana near the town of Baqa ash Sharqiya, searched civilian vehicles, and impeded civilian movement. Raids: At 18:00, and again at 23:40, the Israeli army, including 2 jeeps, raided and patrolled Area (B) in Dahiyat Shuweika in the city of Tulkarem. At 24:00, the Israeli army, including 5 jeeps, raided and patrolled the town of Deir al Ghusun. Settler Violence: At 23:00, a group of Israeli settlers set fire to cultivated civilian land on the plain of the village of Ramin.
QALQILYA	 Wall Gates: (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 search civilians with a metal detector.
NABLUS	 Flying Checkpoint: At 08:05, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint along Wadi al Badhan road and searched civilians and vehicles. Raids: At 11:50, an Israeli Police patrol raided the town of Beit Iba, set up a checkpoint on the junction to the village of Zawata, and searched civilians and vehicles. At 01:35, the Israeli army, including 2 jeeps, raided the city of Nablus and opened indiscriminate fire while patrolling the area.
SALFIT	 Closure of Main Road: The Israeli army continues to open the iron gate set up at the entrance to the village of Yasuf from morning until 18:00 only. Wall Construction: Wall construction was suspended for the weekend in the town of Deir Ballut near the Green Line and in the villages of Az Zawiya and Rafat.

JERICHO	 Closure: The road between the city of Jericho and the village of Al 'Auja (Road # 90) is closed with cement blocks. At various times, the Israeli army impeded civilian movement into the city of Jericho. Raid: At 20:00, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the village of Fasayil.
BETHLEHEM	 Closure: 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 and placing it, together with the adjacent village of Al Khas, under the jurisdiction of the Jerusalem municipality. The Israeli army considers the civilian presence in the villages illegal. Wall Construction: Wall construction was suspended for the weekend north of 'Ayda refugee camp towards the area north of the city of Beit Jala, and west of the village of Husan. Raids: At 17:00, an Israeli army patrol raided the town of Al Khadr and patrolled the area. At 22:35, Israeli Special Forces, traveling in a civilian vehicle, raided and patrolled the city of Bethlehem.
HEBRON	 Closure: 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 Shalala Street with cement blocks. 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, and from Beit 'Awwa to the village of Al Burj. Flying Checkpoint: At 09:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to the town of Idhna and searched civilians and vehicles. Detention: Israeli troops detained a number of civilians in the old city of Hebron and prevented them from accessing the Ibrahimi Mosque to perform Friday prayers.

GAZA STRIP

NORTHERN GAZA Closure: Beit Hanun (Erez) Crossing is closed. Attack: At 23:15, the Israeli army opened fire from its location at Point 28 on the Green Line towards Palestinian territory northeast of the town of Beit Hanun.

GAZA	 Closure: Nitsareem junction remains closed. Al Shuhada Junction-Al Muntar Crossing road is closed. Al Muntar (Karnei) Crossing is closed. Nahal 'Oz Crossing is closed. Palestinian Attack: At 03:15, an unidentified mortar was fired, but exploded in the area where it was launched in the area of Ash Shuja'iyyah.
CENTRAL GAZA	 Arrest/Detention: At 22:20, the Israeli army arrested 13-year-old Mahmoud Saleh Abu Rakan and detained 13-year-old Ayman 'Awadh Rabah, as they were attempting to gain access into areas inside the Green Line east of Al Maghazi neighbourhood. The Israeli army released Rabah at a later time. Palestinian Security Measures: At 07:00 on 14 May 2005, a Palestinian security patrol evacuated a number of civilians near Point 135 on the Green Line east of the city of Deir al Balah.
KHAN YUNIS	 Closure: Abu Al 'Ajin road (Khan Yunis Al Sharqiya) is closed. Western road (Khan Yunis) remains partially open. Al Mawasi/Khan Yunis road (Al Tuffah checkpoint) is partially open. Deir al Balah junction to Abu Holi checkpoint (Kfar Darom road) is closed. Morag road, connecting Khan Yunis' eastern and western roads, is closed. Abu Holi road is open. At 16:10, the Israeli army closed Salah ad Din road between Al Matahin and Abu Holi checkpoints, preventing civilians from crossing until 17:10. Attacks: At 10:40, and again at 12:20, the Israeli army opened fire from its locations at Points 9 and 11 towards civilian houses in West Khan Yunis refugee camp. At 12:10, the Israeli army opened fire from its locations at Points 8.5 and 9.5 towards Palestinian territory in West Khan Yunis refugee camp. At 01:05, the Israeli army fired 1 sound grenade from its location at Point 12 towards civilian houses in An Namsawi neighbourhood. Raid: At 14:10, the Israeli army, including 1 tank and 1 bulldozer, raided Palestinian territory near Points 8 and 9 along West Khan Yunis refugee camp. Arrest: At 23:00, the Israeli navy arrested Ibrahim Murad on high seas opposite the city of Khan Yunis beach.

Palestinian Security Measures: At 10:40, a Palestinian security patrol evacuated a number of civilians (i) near Point 9.5 opposite West Khan Yunis refugee camp. At 12:20, and again at 13:45, a Palestinian security patrol evacuated a (ii) number of civilians near Point 11 opposite West Khan Yunis refugee camp. (iii) At 13:45, a Palestinian security patrol evacuated a number of civilians near Point 13 opposite the area of Batn as Samin. **Closure:** (i) Yasser Arafat International Airport remains closed. (ii) Al Mawasi/Rafah road is closed. (iii) Sufa Crossing is closed. Alon – Tall as Sultan checkpoint, at the entrance to Al Mawasi/Rafah, (iv) south of the city of Deir al Balah, is partially open. **RAFAH** Attack: At 17:40, the Israeli army opened intensive fire from its location at Point 7 along the Egyptian border towards Palestinian territory in the area surrounding Salah ad Din gate. Palestinian Security Measures: At 00:45, a Palestinian security patrol evacuated a number of civilians near Point 214 on the Green Line south of Sufa Crossing.