# مجموعة الرقابة الفلسطينية



# PALESTINIAN MONITORING GROUP

# **DAILY SITUATION REPORT**

08:00, 19 May 2008 - 08:00, 20 May 2008

# **SUMMARY OF EVENTS**

EVENT	WEST BANK	GAZA STRIP	TOTAL	NOTES
Deaths	1		1	1 child in Nablus
Injuries	1		1	1 civilian in Hebron
Physical Assaults	1		1	1 civilian beaten in Hebron
Arrests	8		8	Incl. 2 civilians in Ramallah
Detentions	16		16	At checkpoints & in residential areas
Raids	38	2	40	Incl. 4 in Ramallah & 6 in Jenin
Checkpoints	17		17	Incl. stricter measures at 10 checkpoints
Flying Checkpoints	15		15	Incl. 2 in Jerusalem & 3 in Hebron
Attacks	6	3	9	During 5 raids & 1 confrontation
Air Patrols		4	4	Incl. 2 combat helicopters in Rafah
Provocation of Pal. Forces	1		1	Police vehicle detained in Hebron
Demolition of Property		2	2	Trees and green houses razed in Rafah
Land Leveling		1	1	Agricultural land in Rafah
Wall Construction	25		25	Continues in West Bank districts
Closures	7		7	Partial in Jerusalem
Closure of Main Roads	53		53	Incl. 10 in Tulkarem & 6 in Nablus
Closure of Crossing Points		5	5	Except for humanitarian cases
Medical Obstruction	1		1	Israeli forces impeded ambulance
Settler Violence	2		2	Settlers stone civilian houses
Palestinian Attacks		11	11	Incl. 32 mortar fired at the Green Line
TOTAL	192	28	220	

DISTRICT	EVENTS
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#### WEST BANK

# The Israeli army continues to intensify its restrictions at checkpoints set up on the main roads connecting the West Bank districts, thereby **ALL** isolating the northern districts from the southern districts as well as the **DISTRICTS** Jericho district and the Jordan Valley from the remainder of the West Bank. Closure: The Israeli army continues to intensify its restrictions at checkpoints located at the entrances to the city of Jerusalem. The Israeli army also continued to close the entrances to al-Aqsa Mosque compound in the old city of Jerusalem and impede civilian access to the mosque. **Closure of Main Roads:** (i) The Israeli army continues to close the entrance opposite the junction to Dahiyat al-Bareed in the city of Jerusalem with a barbed wire gate and to deny civilian access. The Israeli army continues to close the road connecting Dahiyat al-(ii) Bareed to the town of al-Ram in order to complete Wall construction in the area. (iii) The Israeli army continues to close with cement blocks and dirt barricades the entrance to the village of Jaba', which connects the village to the cities of Jerusalem, Ramallah, and Jericho. Checkpoints: The Israeli army continues to consider Qalandya checkpoint a "border crossing point" and has designated a special crossing for holders of Jerusalem IDs and those possessing permits to **JERUSALEM** access the city of Jerusalem. Raids: The Israeli army raided the village of Hizma and searched 1 civilian house. **Wall Gates:** (a) The Israeli army continues to close the Wall gate in the town of Abu Dis with cement blocks. (b) The Israeli army continues to deny civilian access through the Wall gate on al-Shayyah road in the area between the villages of al-Sawahira al-Sharqiya and al-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 Dahiyat al-Bareed, Dahiyat al-Aqbat, from the village of Hizma to 'Anata, along the Hizma-Jaba' road, the area of al-'Eizariya to al-Shayyah, from the village of Beit Surik to Biddu, in the areas of al-Judeira, Bir Nabala, and Beit Hanina, west of the village of al-Jib, and in the vicinity of the village of Qatanna. **Closure of Main Roads: RAMALLAH** The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the eastern (i)

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	entrance to the village of Sinjil.
	(ii) The Israeli army continues to close with cement blocks the western
	entrance to the village of Safa.
	(iii) The Israeli army continues to close with cement blocks the entrance to
	the village of Ras Karkar.
	(iv) The Israeli army continues to close the road connecting the villages of
	Ras Karkar and Kharbatha Bani Hareth, the western entrance to the
	village of Ain Yabroud, and the junction of Kafr Malik – Ein Samiah
	with dirt barricades and cement blocks.
	• <u>Checkpoints</u> : The Israeli army continues to intensify restrictions at the
	checkpoint set up on the overpass to the town of 'Atara and impede civilian
	access.
	• <u>Flying Checkpoints</u> : At 20:15, the Israeli army set up a checkpoint on the
	overpass of he town of Deir Dibwan, and searched civilians and vehicles.
	• Raids:
	(i) At 05:00 on May 19, the Israeli army raided the village of Ramon
	and arrested 2 civilians.
	(ii) At 18:00, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the town of Silwad.
	(iii) At 01:30, the Israeli army raided the city of al-Bireh and the refugee
	camp of al-Amari, searched a bakery in the camp, and handed 2
	civilians notifications to report to the Israeli military intelligence.
	• <u>Arrests</u> : The 2 civilians arrested in the village of Ramon are:
	(a) Hassan Mazen Hisham Kuhleh; and
	(b) Jalal Ibrahim Ishtiyyeh.
	• <u>Wall Construction</u> : Wall construction continues in the area west of the
	town of 'Abud as well as in the areas of al-Midya to Ni'lin and Ni'lin to
	Deir Qaddis.
	• Closure of Main Roads: The Israeli army continues to close with dirt
	barricades the road leading to the town of 'Arraba east of the settlement of
	Dotan.
	• <u>Raids</u> :
	(i) At 01:40, the Israeli army raided the town of Mithelon and the
	village of Sanour, and patrolled them until 02:30.
	(ii) At 03:45, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the city of Jenin.
<b>JENIN</b>	(iii) At 03:50, the Israeli army raided the town of Silet al-Harithiyyeh,
	opened fire during house search, and arrested 1 civilian.
	(iv) The Israeli army raided the village of 'Anin and Rumanna, and searched 2 civilian houses.
	• Arrests: The civilian arrested in the town of Silet al-Harithiyyeh is called
	'Asem Fayez Bashir Jaradat.
	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.
	Checkpoints: The Israeli army continues to close Tayasir checkpoint east
TOUBAS	of the town of Tubas, denying civilian access to the Northern Jordan
	Valley, except for civilians whose IDs indicate that their place of residence
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	is the Northern Jordan Valley.
	• Raids: The Israeli army raided and patrolled the village of al-Far'a.
	• <u>Closure</u> : The Israeli army continues to declare the district of Tulkarem
	a closed military zone and to impede civilian access to and from the district.
	• Closure of Main Roads:
	(a) The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the
	Dahiyat Iktaba-Bal'a road; the entrance to the village of
	Saffarin; the road connecting the town of Deir al Ghusun to
	'Attil's plain; the road to the town of Deir al-Ghusun's plain; and the entrance to the village of 'Izbat Abu Khamis.
	(b) At 20:00, the Israeli army closed the road connecting the
	villages of Ramin and Bazaria with dirt barricades.
	(c) At 17:00, the Israeli army closed the northern entrance to
	the town of 'Azzun with barbed wires.
TULKAREM	• Checkpoints: The Israeli army continues to intensify restrictions at Einav
	checkpoint that is set up on Tulkarem-Nablus road and at Jubaa checkpoint.
	• Flying Checkpoints: At 08:50, the Israeli army set up a checkpoint on the
	junction of the town of Bal'a, and searched civilians and vehicles.
	• Raids:
	(i) At 12:00, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the refugee camp of
	Nour Shams.
	(ii) At 23:00, the Israeli army raided the town of Zeita and opened fire
	and fired sound bombs during patrol.
	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.
	• Closure of Roads:
	(i) The Israeli army continues to close with cement blocks the agricultural
	roads east of the town of 'Azzun
	(ii) The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the road
	connecting the town of 'Azzun to the village of 'Asla.
	(iii) At 21:00, the Israeli army removed the dirt barricades in the road that
	connects the town of 'Azzun and the village of Izbet al-Tabib.
	• <u>Checkpoints</u> : The Israeli army continues to intensify restrictions at the
	checkpoint that is set up at the eastern entrance to the city of Qalqilya and
QALQILYA	impede civilian access.
QALQILIA	• <u>Raids</u> :
	(i) At 11:00, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the towns of 'Azzun and Kafr Thulth.
	(ii) At 00:10, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the city of Qalqilya.
	(iii) The Israeli army raided the village of Kafr Qaddoum and opened
	fire indiscriminately during patrol.
	(iv) The Israeli army raided and patrolled the village of Khirbet Sir.
	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 to search civilians, including students, with a metal detector.
	Wall Construction: Land leveling for Wall construction continues in villages of Immatin and Kafr Laqif as well as east of the towns of Kafr Thulth and 'Azzun.
	Closure of Main Roads:
NABLUS	<ul> <li>(i) The Israeli army continues to close the Jenin-Nablus road between the junction to the village of Deir Sharaf and the settlement of Shavei Shomron.</li> <li>(ii) The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the settler bypass road connecting the village of Deir al-Hatab to the settlement of Alon Moreh as well as the southern entrance to the village of Qaryut.</li> <li>(iii) The Israeli army continues to close the entrance to the village of al Lubban al-Sharqiya with dirt barricades and cement blocks.</li> <li>• Checkpoints: The Israeli army continues to regulate times for crossing checkpoints set up around the city of Nablus:</li> <li>(i) At Tur neighborhood 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 neighborhood only.</li> <li>(ii) Beit Furik checkpoint is open to civilian residents of the town of Beit Furik and the nearby village of Beit Dajan.</li> <li>(iii) Beginning on 23 November 2006, the Israeli army continues to close the checkpoint set up in the area between the city of Nablus and the town of 'Asira al-Shamaliya and to prevent civilians from crossing, only allowing access to humanitarian cases.</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>(iv) At 19:30, the Israeli army closed Huwara checkpoint and killed a child suspected of having an explosive belt. The Israeli army prevented the ambulance from carrying the child to hospital.</li> <li>(v) At 21:10, the Israeli army closed Beit Fourik checkpoint and impeded traffic until 22:45.</li> <li>Raids:</li> </ul>
	(i) At 21:00, the Israeli army raided the town of Beit
	Fourik and clashed with civilians during house search.  (ii) The Israeli army raided and patrolled the village of al-
	Nasiriyyeh.
	• <u>Deaths</u> : The child killed at Huwara checkpoint is called Fahmi Abdel Jawad al-Dardouk, 16.
	• Closure of Main Roads:
	(i) The Israeli army continues to close the main north-western entrance to
	the city of Salfit with dirt barricades since the beginning of the current
SALFIT	Intifada (Uprising).
DIALITY I	(ii) The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the western
	entrance to the village of Marda and Hares. In addition, the Israeli army
	continues to close the eastern entrance to the village of Yassouf and the
	southern entrance to the village of Deir Istiyya with dirt barricades, as

well as the southern entrance to the town of Kafl hares and the 2 northern entrances to the town of Bruqin and the village of Qarawa Bani Hassan. (iii) At 21:50, the Israeli army removed the dirt barricade set up at the western entrance to the village of Marda. Checkpoints: The Israeli army continues to intensify its restrictions at Deir Ballut and Za'tara checkpoints and prevent civilian vehicles from traveling towards the town of Kafr al-Dik. At 17:00, the Israeli army closed Za'tara checkpoint and impeded traffic upon the arrest of a civilian under the pretext of finding a suspicious object with him. The checkpoint was reopened at 17:40. **Flying Checkpoints:** (i) At 09:00, the Israeli army set up a checkpoint between the towns of Brougin and Kafr al-Dik, and searched civilians and vehicles until 09:40. At 09:00, the Israeli army se up a checkpoint on the entrance to (ii) the town of Deir Ballout, and searched civilians and vehicles. At 07:45 on May 20, the Israeli army set up a checkpoint on the (iii) junction of the town of Kafl Hares. Raids: At 10:20, the Israeli army raided the town of Bidya. The raid (i) recurred at 20:10. (ii) At 10:40, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the town of Kafl Hares. The raid recurred at 20:00 during which the Israeli army searched 4 civilian houses, and then withdrew at 21:30. (iii) At 00:30, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the town of Brougin. At 01:00, the Israeli army raided the town of Kafr al-Dik, (iv) searched a number of civilian houses, and handed 6 civilians notifications to report to the Israeli military intelligence. The Israeli army withdrew at 01:50. Wall Construction: Wall construction continues in the area northwest of the city of Salfit, and in the village of Marda and the town of Kafr Hares north of the settlement of Ariel. 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 and **JERICHO** impede civilian access at al-Hamra checkpoint set up along al-Badhan road connecting the districts of Jericho and Nablus as well as on 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. **Arrests**: (i) On May 18, the Israeli army arrested at al-Karama (Allenby)

	Crossing a civilian called Jamil Mousa Abel Wahid Ata, from the village of Deir Abu Mashal in Ramallah district, while he was on his way back from Jordan.  (ii) On May 19, the Israeli army arrested at al-Hamra checkpoint a
	civilian called Ibrahim Khaled Hamdan.
	• <u>Closure</u> :
	(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) Since September 15, 2007, the Israeli army has been preventing civilian access, according to military order 07.02.S, to the 22-dunum land that has been confiscated in accordance with
	confiscation order number 07.31.T. The 22-dunum area has been set to construct a passage in the area of Mazmouriyyeh that is located in the cities of Beit Sahur and Bethlehem.
	• Closure of Main Roads:
	(i) The Israeli army continues to close all roads to Road # 60 leading to the city of Jerusalem, thereby isolating the city of Bethlehem from its towns and villages located west of Road # 60.
	(ii) At 12:50, the Israeli army closed the road that connects the city of Beir Sahour and the area of 'Ush Ghurab with dirt barricades.
	• Flying Checkpoints:
	(i) At 10:10, the Israeli army set up a checkpoint on the junction of al- Nashash southern entrance to the city of Bethlehem), and searched civilian and vehicles until 10:40.
BETHLEHEM	<ul><li>(ii) At 17:20, the Israeli army set up a checkpoint on the entrance to the town of Jenata, and searched civilians and vehicles.</li><li>(iii) At 17:30, the Israeli army set up a checkpoint on the north-western</li></ul>
	entrance to the city of Beit Jala.
	(iv) At 20:00, the Israeli army set up a checkpoint on the entrance to the village of Housan, and searched civilians and vehicles.
	<ul> <li>Raids:         <ul> <li>(i) At 20:00 on May 18, the Israeli army raided the village of Arab al-Rashaydeh and arrested 1 civilian.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
	(ii) At 13:20, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the city of Beit Sahour.
	(iii) At 16:05, the Israeli army raided the village of Dier Salah and set up a checkpoint until 17:00
	(iv) At 21:00, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the village of Housan.
	<ul> <li><u>Arrests</u>: The civilian arrested in the village of Arab al-Rashaydeh is called Omer Abdel Hamid al-Aramin.</li> </ul>
	• Wall Construction: Wall construction continues in the area northwest of the town of al-Khader; northwest of the city of Beit Jala; in the area of Wadi Rahhal east of the settlement of Ephrata; and in the area surrounding the village of al-Walaja.
	the village of al-Walaja.

#### • <u>Closure</u>:

- (i) The Israeli army continues to close the following locales in the old city of Hebron: al-Shuhada' Street and the area of al-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 al-Sahleh. The Israeli army also 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, thereby controlling civilian access in the area.
- (ii) Although it expired on 07 May 2006, the Israeli army continues to implement a military order stipulating the prohibition of civilian vehicles from traveling along the road connecting the settlement of Kiryat Arba' to the Ibrahimi Mosque in the old city of Hebron unless they possess access permits.

# • Closure of Main Roads:

- (i) The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the following locales: the entrance to the town of al-Samoa'; the area of al-Hawawir leading to the town of Halhoul; the area of al-Fahs south of the city of Hebron; the junction to the area of Farsh al-Hawa leading to Road # 35 northwest of the city of Hebron; the road connecting the town of Surif to the village of al-Jab'a; the entrance to the village of Beit 'Einun; and the eastern entrance to the village of Kharsa. The Israeli army also continues to close with cement blocks the entrance to al-Qeisi neighborhood in the old city of Hebron as well as the main entrance to al-'Arroub refugee camp.
- (ii) In accordance with Military Order # 378, the Israeli army continues to prohibit Palestinian vehicles from traveling along Shalala Old Street that leads to the old city of Hebron, only allowing Israeli vehicles as well as Israeli army vehicles to travel along this street.

#### • <u>Raids</u>:

- (i) At 13:50, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the town of Beit Kahel.
- (ii) At 14:00, the Israeli army raided the city of Hebron and set up 2 checkpoints in the areas of Ras al-Jora and Bir al-Mahjar. In addition, the Israeli army detained a civil police vehicle carrying 10 detainees but released it at 02:00 after the intervention of the military liaison. Furthermore, the Israeli troops searched 1 civilian houses and arrested 1 civilian.
- (iii) At 23:00, the Israeli army raided the village of Karza and searched 1 civilian house.
- (iv) At 24:00, the Israeli army raided the village of Kharsa, searched 1 civilian house, and handed 1 civilian a notification to report to the Israeli military intelligence.
- (v) At 01:40, the Israeli army raided the town of al-Thahiriyyeh.
- (vi) The Israeli army raided the refugee camp of al-Arroub and arrested 1 civilian.

#### **HEBRON**

### • <u>Arrests</u>:

- (i) The civilian arrested in the city of Hebron is called Safwat Mohammad Jihad Eddin Hassouneh.
- (ii) The civilian arrested in the refugee camp of al-Arroub is called Ziyad Agmad Janazreh.
- <u>Physical Assaults</u>: At 10:00, the Israeli army attacked a civilian called Ziyad Manasra, from the ton of Bani Na'im, while he was traveling on the bypass road near the town.

# • Settler Violence:

- (i) At 20:30, a bunch of settlers stoned civilian houses in the area of Wadi al-Nasara in the old city of Hebron.
- (ii) At 22:00, a settler opened fire towards a civilian called Jawad Mustrafa Abdel Jawad Idkidek, near the area of al-Fahs south of the city of Hebron.
- <u>Wall Construction</u>: Wall construction continues in the section of Tarqumiya checkpoint terminal, the remaining section of the Wall route that separates the settlement of Eshkolot from the village of al-Ramadin, and near the village of Imneizil southeast of the town of Yatta.

### **GAZA STRIP**

	• Closure of Crossing Point: Beit Hanoun (Erez) Crossing is partially open (to		
	allow previously coordinated humanitarian access).		
NORTHERN GAZA	Palestinian Attacks:		
	(i) In the morning of May 19, one unidentified mortar was fired		
	towards the Green Line.		
	(ii) At 18:00, one unidentified mortar was fired towards the Green		
	Line.		
	(iii) At 00:50, one unidentified mortar was fired towards the Green		
	Line.		
	(iv) At 08:00, three unidentified mortars were fired towards the		
	Green Line.		

	• Closure of Crossing Points:		
GAZA	(i) Al-Muntar (Karni) Crossing is closed.		
	(ii) Al-Shuja'iya (Nahal 'Oz) Crossing is partly open to let in limited		
	amounts of fuel.		
	• Raids: In the evening of may 19, the Israeli army raided the area east of the		
	refugee amp of al-Maghazi and opened fire intensively.		
CENTRAL	• Palestinian Attacks:		
GAZA	(i) In the morning of May 19, eleven mortars were fired		
	towards the Green Line.		
	(ii) At 12:00, three mortars were fired towards the Green		

	Line.	
	(iii) At 13:00, armed individuals fired 3 anti-tank missiles	
	towards the Israeli army on the Green Line east of the	
	refugee camp of al-Breij.	
	(iv) At 01:40, two unidentified mortars were fired towards	
	the Green Line.	
KAHN	• Palestinian Attacks: At 15:20, four unidentified mortars were fired towards	
YOUNIS	the Green Line.	
	• <u>Closure of Crossing Points</u> : (All closed)	
	(i) Yasser 'Arafat International Airport remains closed.	
	(ii) Rafah (al-Awdah) Crossing is closed.	
	(iii) Sufa Crossing is closed.	
	(iv) Karm Abu Salim (Karem Shalom) is closed.	
	• Raids: At dawn on May 20, the Israeli army raided the area of Sufa	
RAFAH	Crossing east of the city of Rafah, opened fire intensively, and razed	
	agricultural land.	
	Palestinian Attacks:	
	(i) In the morning of May 19, one unidentified mortar	
	was fired towards the Green Line.	
	(ii) At 15:10, two unidentified mortars were fired towards	
	the Green Line.	

# PRISONERS CONDITIONS

- The Israeli military court at Salem detention camp sentenced prisoner Bilal Khamis Abu Sfeir to 14 months in jail and a fine of 120000 shekels equivalent to 3360 dollars.. In addition, the court extended the administrative detention of 12 prisoners from Jenin district.
- The military court at the Negev prison extended the administrative detention of 19 prisoners from the town of Beit Awwa in Hebron district.
- The prisoner's club that sick prisoners in section 9 in Ramla detention camp are being deliberately deprived of proper medical care. Additionally, prisoners' money and properties are being confiscated by the prison administration.
- The prisoner's Club reported that the 16 prisoners in Etzyon investigation center do not drink clean water and they are allowed to use toilets three times a day only.