مجموعة الرقابة الفلسطينية



PALESTINIAN MONITORING GROUP

DAILY SITUATION REPORT 08:00 17 June 2005 – 08:00 18 June 2005

SUMMARY OF EVENTS

EVENT	WEST BANK	GAZA STRIP	TOTAL	NOTES
Death	1		1	1 elderly female civilian
Physical Assaults	3		3	Incl. 1 high school student beaten
Injuries	10	2	12	Incl. 1 mentally challenged civilian
Attacks	3	7	10	Incl. 2 during raids & 7 from posts
Raids	15	2	17	Incl. 4 in Hebron & 2 in Khan Yunis
Arrests (per person)	10	1	11	Incl. 1 injured civilian & 3 students
Detentions	10	1	11	Incl. 3 Israeli peace activists
Land Levelling		1	1	East of 'Abasan in Khan Yunis
Confiscation of Property	1		1	Notice of land to be confiscated
House Occupation	1		1	In the town of Yatta in Hebron
Checkpoints	(All)		(All)	
Flying Checkpoints	18		18	Incl. 1 in Jerusalem & 8 in Tulkarem
Closure (per District)	5		5	Incl. Jerusalem and Jericho (partially)
Closure of Main Roads	(Unidentified)	(10)		Incl. 2 partially
Closure of Wall Gates	(All)		(All)	Incl. searches at 'Azzun 'Atma
Closure of Crossing Points		4	4	Incl. 1 partially open
Attack on Religious Site	1		1	Call to prayers prevented in Hebron
Settler Violence	2		2	Incl. olive trees cut down in Ramallah
Provocation of Pal. Forces	1		1	Open fire towards 1 Police station
Palestinian Attacks		3	3	4 unidentified mortars fired
Pal. Security Measures	2	4	6	Incl. 2 explosive devices located
Demonstrations	2		2	Incl. against the Wall in Bil'in
TOTAL	85	25	110	

DISTRICT

EVENT

WEST BANK

JERUSALEM	 <u>Closure</u>: 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 Bab al Asbat (the 'Lion's Gate'). <u>Checkpoints</u>: The Israeli army continues to intensify its restrictions at Qalandiya and An Nabi Samwil checkpoints and impede civilian access. Israeli troops positioned at Qalandiya checkpoint arrested 2 civilians. <u>Wall Gates</u>: The Israeli army continues to close the Wall gate in the town of Abu Dis with cement blocks. <u>Wall Construction</u>: 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. <u>Flving Checkpoint</u>: The Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the junction of the Industrial Zone of 'Atarot and searched civilians and vehicles. <u>Arrests</u>: Israeli troops positioned at Qalandiya checkpoint arrested 2 unidentified civilians.
RAMALLAH & EL BIREH	 <u>Wall Construction</u>: 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. <u>Flving Checkpoint/Detention</u>: The Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the junction to Bir Zeit University, detained a number of civilians, and arrested 1 civilian. <u>Raids</u>: (i) At 08:10, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the village of Qarawat Bani Zeid. (ii) At 10:20, the Israeli army raided and patrolled a neighbourhood in the city of El Bireh. (iii) At 22:30, an Israeli army patrol raided a neighbourhood in the city of El Bireh, set up a checkpoint, and searched civilians and vehicles until 23:30. <u>Settler Violence</u>: At 10:00, Israeli settlers from the settlement of Halamish cut down a number of olive trees on civilian land in the village of Deir Nidham, belonging to Abdul Hafeeth at Tamimi, east of the settlement.

	Demonstrations/Physical Assault/Detention:
	 (i) At 11:50, a mass demonstration, including Palestinian Christian civilians, took place in the city of Ramallah in protest against the selling of property belonging to the Greek Orthodox Church to Jewish investors by Irenios, the former Patriarch of Jerusalem. Protestors also demanded that the Greek Orthodox Church undergo Arabization. (ii) At 14:40, a mass demonstration, including international and Israeli 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 10 protestors, including 1 child and 3 international peace activists, who sustained rubber coasted steel bullet wounds. The Israeli army also severely beat a number of protestors, arrested 2 protestors, and detained 3 Israeli peace activists. Arrests: (i) Israeli troops positioned at the flying checkpoint set up on the junction to Bir Zeit University arrested an unidentified civilian. The Israeli army arrested 2 civilians in the village of Bil'in: (ii) Akram Abdul Kareem Al Khatib; and
	(iii) Abdullah Abu Rahmeh.
JENIN	 Wall Gates: Passage through the Wall gates is restricted to civilians granted special Israeli permits. Checkpoint: The Israeli army intensified its restrictions at Tayasir checkpoint east of the town of Tubas and prevented civilians, except those possessing access permits, from crossing. Flving Checkpoints: (i) At 12:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint between the town of Tubas and the village of 'Aqqaba and searched civilians and vehicles until 14:00. (ii) At 14:45, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to the village of Sir and searched civilians and vehicles. Raid: At 01:45, the Israeli army, including 15 jeeps, raided the area of Al Jabiriyyat and the eastern quarter of the city of Jenin, opened fire, and destroyed a number of barrels (using explosives) along a road. The Israeli army also searched 1 house, arrested 1 civilian, and withdrew at 05:00. <u>Arrest</u>: The Israeli army arrested Rami Riyadh Qandeel in the city of Jenin. <u>Confiscation of Property</u>: At 14:40, the Israeli army posted an announcement near a piece land in the village of Imreiha near the town of Ya'bad, stating that the Israeli army will confiscate the land for construction a military post.
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	 Flving Checkpoints: (i) At 10:00, the Israeli army set up 2 flying checkpoints on the junction to the settlement of 'Einav between the cities of Tulkarem and Nablus and another flying checkpoint between the town of Bal'a and the village of Al 'Atara and searched civilians and vehicles. (ii) At 20:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint between the towns of 'Attil and Deir al Ghusun and searched civilians and vehicles. (iii) At 20;10, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint in the area of Al Kharq in the town of Bal'a and searched civilians and vehicles. (iv) At 06:30, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the junction to the settlement of 'Einav between the cities of Tulkarem and Nablus and searched civilians and vehicles. (v) At 06:45, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the eastern entrance to the village of Bizzariya and searched civilians and vehicles. (vi) At 07:30, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the junction to Dahiyat Shuweika and searched civilians and vehicles. (vi) At 15:00, the Israeli army raided and patrolled Palestinian Authority-controlled area (according to the Palestinian interpretation of the protocol regarding the transfer of security responsibility for the district of Tulkarem) between the towns of 'Illar and Bal'a.
QALQILYA	 Wall Gates: Passage through the Wall gates is restricted to civilians granted special Israeli permits. The Israeli army continues to intensify restrictions at 'Azzun 'Atma Wall gate and search civilians with a metal detector. Flving Checkpoint: At 09:50, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint between the town of Jayyus and the village of Kafr Jammal and searched civilian vehicles. Physical Assault: At 17:30, Israeli troops severely beat Abdul Qader Nasr Allah, a mentally challenged civilian, near the DCO offices, claiming that he threw stones at Israeli army, including 4 jeeps, raided and patrolled the town of 'Azzun. Settler Violence/Physical Assault: A group of Israeli settlers severely beat Abdul Salaam Abu 'Amrah along the Nablus-Qalqiliya road near the settlement of Alfe Menashe, leaving him with injuries and contusions. Palestinian Security Measure: At 16:20, Palestinian security forces handed over 'Ahed Ibrahim Talalqah, an Israeli citizen, who was captured in the city of Qalqiliya possessing illegal drugs, to the Israeli authorities (through the DCO).

NABLUS	 <u>Raid/Provocation of Palestinian Forces</u>: At 02:40, an Israeli army patrol raided the city of Nablus and opened fire towards 1 Palestinian Police station in the city centre while patrolling the area. <u>Arrest</u>: At 17:15, Israeli troops positioned at Huwwara checkpoint arrested Fadi Rashid al Lahham.
SALFIT	 Closure of Main Roads: The Israeli army continues to close with cement blocks the northeastern entrance to the city of Salfit through the village of Yasuf. The Israeli army opens the road from 06:00 until 18:00 only. The Israeli army continues to close the main northwestern entrance to the city of Salfit with dirt barricades. The road has been closed since the beginning of the current <i>Intifada</i> (Uprising). Checkpoints: The Israeli army continues to intensify restrictions at the town of Deir Ballut checkpoint, impeding civilian movement. The Israeli army closes the checkpoint overnight and opens it at various times in the morning. The Israeli army intensified its restrictions at Za'tara checkpoint and impeded civilian movement in both directions. Wall Construction: Wall construction was suspended for the weekend in the town of Deir Ballut near the Green Line, in the village of Marda and the settlement of Ari'el. Flving Checkpoint: At 18:30, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to the town of Haris and searched civilians and vehicles. Raids/Physical Assault: (i) At 08:10, the Israeli army raided the villages of Farkha and Khirbet Qeis and patrolled the area until 09:00. (ii) At 18:50, an Israeli army patrol raided the town of Haris, severely beat a high school ('Tawjihi') student, while he was studying on the roof of his house, and took him to an area outside the town. At 20:30, the Israeli army released the student.
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	• <u>Closure</u> : The Israeli army continues to close the only road leading to the village of Al Nu'man, in the northeastern 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.

	 <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, and west of the village of Husan. <u>Death</u>: At 10:30, Zuhrah Issa Izbun, a 70-year-old female civilian from Al 'Aza refugee camp, died at the checkpoint set up near the settlement of Gilo leading to the city of Jerusalem. Izbun's health condition deteriorated after waiting for 4 hours under the blazing sun to cross to the city of Jerusalem in order to perform Friday prayers at Al Aqsa Mosque. <u>Raid</u>: At 04:30 on 17 June 2005, the Israeli army raided the village of Khirbet al Ma'sara and arrested 3 university students. <u>Arrests</u>: The Israeli army arrested 3 university students in the village of Khirbet al Ma'sara: Mohammed Abdul Raheem Ibreijiyyeh; (ii) Omar Mousa Zawahreh. <u>Palestinian Security Measure</u>: At 01:40, Palestinian security forces handed over to the Israeli authorities (through the DCO) Michel Emile, an Israeli citizen carrying an M16 rifle, and Stein Colman, a British national, after they drove into the city of Beit Sahur by mistake.
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 Ash Shallala 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, from Beit 'Awwa to the village of Al Burj, and south of the towns of Adh Dhahiriya and As Samoa'. Flving Checkpoint: The Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the western entrance to the village of Khirbet al Mayyeh east of the town of Yatta and prevented civilians from crossing in both directions. Raids/House Occupation: At 15:30, the Israeli army raided the town of Yatta, set up a checkpoint, searched civilians and vehicles, and patrolled the area. At 23:00, the Israeli army raided the town again, searched a number of houses, occupied 1 house, and converted it into a military post. The Israeli army raided and patrolled the town of Dura. At 22:00, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the town of Dura. The Israeli army raided the town of As Samoa' and searched a number of houses.

GAZA STRIP

NORTHERN GAZA	 <u>Closure</u>: Beit Hanun Crossing is partially open to humanitarian cases, VIPs, and civilians possessing access permits only. <u>Attack</u>: At 12:05, the Israeli army opened fire from Point 62 on the Green Line east of the town of Jabalya towards, and injured, 1 civilian, claiming that he was attempting to gain access into areas inside the Green Line. The Israeli army also arrested the injured civilian. <u>Arrest</u>: The Israeli army arrested an unidentified, injured civilian east of the town of Jabalya. <u>Palestinian Attacks</u>: (i) At 19:00, 2 unidentified mortars were fired towards the Green Line. 1 mortar exploded in the area where it was fired. (ii) At 00:40, 1 unidentified mortar was fired towards the settlement of Dugit.
GAZA	 <u>Closure</u>: (i) Ash Shuhada' (Nitsareem) Junction remains closed. (ii) Ash Shuhada' Junction-Al Muntar (Karnei) Crossing road is closed. (iii) Al Muntar (Karnei) Crossing is closed.
CENTRAL GAZA	• <u>Palestinian Attack</u> : At 21:30, 1 unidentified mortar was fired, but exploded meters away from the area where it was fired.
KHAN YUNIS	 <u>Closure</u>: (i) Abu Al 'Ajin road (Khan Yunis Al Sharqiya) is closed. (ii) Western road (Khan Yunis) is closed. (iii) Al Mawasi/Khan Yunis road (At Tuffah checkpoint) is partially open. (iv) Deir al Balah junction to Abu Holi checkpoint (Kfar Darom road) is closed. (v) Morag road, connecting Khan Yunis' eastern and western roads, is closed. (vi) Abu Holi Road is open. At 13:45, the Israeli army closed Salah ad Din road between Al Matahin and Abu Holi checkpoints, preventing civilians from crossing until 15:35. <u>Attacks:</u> (i) At 13:30, the Israeli army opened fire from Point 11 towards Palestinian territory in West Khan Yunis refugee camp in the city of Khan Yunis. (ii) At 17:20, the Israeli army opened fire from Point 9 towards Palestinian territory in West Khan Yunis refugee camp in the city of Khan Yunis.

	 <u>Raids/Land Levelling</u>: At 10:45, the Israeli army, including 1 tank and 1 bulldozer, raided 40 meters into Palestinian territory near Point 160 on the Green Line east of the area of 'Abasan east of the city of Khan Yunis and levelled land. (ii) At 15:10, an Israeli army bulldozer raided Palestinian territory near Point 174 on the Green Line east of the area of 'Abasan east of the city of Khan Yunis. <u>Palestinian Security Measures:</u> (i) At 13:35, a Palestinian security patrol combed the area near Point 174 on the Green Line east of 'Abasan and located 2 explosive devices. (ii) At 17:40, a Palestinian security patrol combed the area near Point 10 opposite West Khan Yunis refugee camp in the city of Khan Yunis in search of a tunnel suspected to be located in the area. (iii) At 00:20, a Palestinian security patrol evacuated a number of armed Palestinian individuals near Point 9.5 opposite West Khan Yunis refugee camp in the city of Khan Yunis
RAFAH	 <u>Closure</u>: Yasser Arafat International Airport remains closed. Alon – Tall as Sultan checkpoint, at the entrance to Al Mawasi/Rafah, south of the city of Deir al Balah, is partially open. Al Mawasi/Rafah road is closed. <u>Attacks</u>: At 13:30, the Israeli army opened fire from Point 7 along the Egyptian border towards Palestinian territory in the area surrounding Salah ad Din gate. (ii) At 14:30, the Israeli army opened fire from the area surrounding Rafah Crossing towards Palestinian territory, injuring Malek Daghmash, a mentally challenged civilian who sustained several bullet wounds to the leg. (iii) At 17:50, the Israeli army opened fire from Tall Zu'rub military post towards Palestinian territory to the east. (iv) At 03:00, the Israeli army opened fire from its location along the Egyptian border towards civilian houses in Tall Zu'rub neighbourhood in Rafah refugee camp. Palestinian Security Measure: At 18:00, a Palestinian security patrol combed the area near Point 194 on the Green Line north of Sufa Crossing and located a 20 kg. explosive device.