### مجموعة الرقابة الفلسطينية



### PALESTINIAN MONITORING GROUP

### **DAILY SITUATION REPORT**

08:00 20 May 2007 - 08:00 21 May 2007

### **SUMMARY OF EVENTS**

EVENT	WEST BANK	GAZA STRIP	TOTAL	NOTES
Deaths	_	10	10	Incl. 2 children & 3 elderly civilians
Physical Assaults	3		3	Incl. Pal. Minister of Information beaten
Injuries	_	19	19	Incl. 2 civilians in critical condition
Air Attacks	_	5	5	3 by F16 combat aircraft & 2 by UAVs
Attacks	4	14	18	Incl. 8 in raids & 7 from military posts
Raids	18	2	20	Incl. 5 in Jenin & 3 in Hebron
Air Patrols	_	8	8	Incl. 3 by F16 aircraft & 3 by helicopters
Arrests (per person)	5	_	5	1 civilian in Qalqiliya & 4 in Bethlehem
Detentions	17	_	17	Incl. 2 Palestinian Police officers, Hebron
Wall Construction	25	_	25	Jer., Raml'h., Qalq., Salfit, Hebron, Beth.
Destruction of Property	1	4	5	Incl. a water well destroyed in Jerusalem
Confiscation of Property	5	_	5	Incl. TV broadcasting equipment, Nablus
Attacks on Property	2	_	2	Incl. 1 barracks converted into a mil. post
Closure of Checkpoints	17		17	Incl. access impeded at 10 checkpoints
Flying Checkpoints	13		13	Incl. 3 in Jerusalem and 2 in Qalqiliya
Closure (per District)	6		6	Incl. Jerusalem and Tulkarem partially
Closure of Main Roads	38		38	Incl. 3 in Jerusalem & 3 in Qalqiliya
Closure of Crossing Points	_	6	6	Incl. Beit Hanun (Erez) partially
Palestinian Attacks		12	12	26 mortars fired towards the Green Line
Demonstration	1		1	Against Wall construction in Bethlehem
TOTAL	155	80	235	

DISTRICT	EVENT
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### **WEST BANK**

### ALL DISTRICTS

• The Israeli army continues to intensify its restrictions at checkpoints set up on the main roads connecting the West Bank districts, thereby isolating the northern districts from the southern districts as well as the Jericho district and the Jordan Valley from the remainder of the West Bank.

### • <u>Closure</u>: The Israeli army continues to intensify its restrictions at checkpoints located at the entrances to the city of Jerusalem. The Israeli army also continues 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.
- (ii) The Israeli army continues to close the road connecting Dahiyat al Bareed to the town of Ar Ram in order to complete Wall construction in the area.
- (iii) The Israeli army continues to close with cement blocks the entrance to the village of Jaba', which connects the village to the cities of Jerusalem, Ramallah, and Jericho.
- <u>Checkpoint</u>: The Israeli army continues to consider Qalandiya checkpoint a "border crossing point" and has designated a special crossing for holders of Jerusalem IDs and those possessing permits to access the city of Jerusalem.

### **JERUSALEM**

### • Wall Gates:

- (i) The Israeli army continues to close the Wall gate in the town of Abu Dis with cement blocks.
- (ii) The Israeli army continues to deny civilian access through the Wall gate on Ash Shayyah road in the area between the villages of As Sawahira ash Sharqiya and As 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 Ash 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.

### • Raids/Destruction of Property:

- (i) The Israeli army raided the town of Abu Dis and searched a number of houses. The Israeli army also set up a checkpoint near Al Quds University and served summons to a number of university students to report to the Israeli Intelligence agency.
- (ii) The Israeli army raided the town of Al 'Eizariya, searched 1 house as well as 1 restaurant, and destroyed a water well (using explosives).

### **Closure of Main Roads:** The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the eastern (i) entrance to the village of Sinjil as well as the road to the village of Ras Karkar. The Israeli army continues to close with cement blocks the western (ii) entrance to the village of Saffa. • Checkpoint: The Israeli army continues to intensify its restrictions at the checkpoint set up on the overpass to the town of 'Atara and to impede civilian access. RAMALLAH Wall Construction: 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 EL BIREH Oaddis. • Flying Checkpoint: The Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint in the area between the village of Dura al Qar' and Al Jalazun refugee camp and searched civilians and vehicles. Raids: (i) At 01:20, the Israeli army, including 4 jeeps, raided and patrolled the city of El Bireh. The Israeli army raided the town of Turmus'ayya, set up a checkpoint (ii) in the town's centre, and searched civilians and vehicles. Closure of Roads: The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the unpaved detour roads leading to the town of 'Arraba east of the settlement of Dotan. **Checkpoint:** The Israeli army continues to close Tayasir checkpoint east of the town of Tubas, denying civilian access to the Northern Jordan Valley, except for civilians whose IDs indicate that their place of residence is the Northern Jordan Valley. Wall Gates: Passage through the Wall gates is restricted to civilians granted special Israeli permits. **Flying Checkpoints:** At 08:30, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint along Wadi al (i) Far'a road and searched civilians and vehicles. **JENIN** At 10:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint along the settler (ii) bypass road east of the city of Jenin refugee camp. The Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint in the area between the (iii) villages of Al Jarba and Sanur and searched civilians and vehicles. **Raids:** (i) At 24:00, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the town of Al Yamun. At 00:15, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the town of Tammun. (ii) At 01:00, the Israeli army, including 10 jeeps, raided the city of Jenin (iii) and Jenin refugee camp and opened intensive fire, while searching a number of houses. At 03:00, the Israeli army withdrew from the area. At 01:00, the Israeli army, including 5 jeeps, raided the village of Kafr (iv) Dan and opened intensive fire, while searching a house. At 03:00, the Israeli army withdrew from the area.

### Closure: 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: 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 plain, the road connecting the town of Kafr al Labad to the village of Shufa, and the road to the town of Deir al Ghusun's plain. Checkpoints: The Israeli army continues to intensify its restrictions at **TULKAREM** Jubara checkpoint (the southern entrance to the city of Tulkarem) as well as at 'Einav checkpoint (the eastern entrance to the city). Wall Gates: Passage through the Wall gates is restricted to civilians granted special Israeli permits. Flying Checkpoint: At 21:40, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the junction to the town of Bal'a, searched civilians and vehicles, and impeded civilian access. **Raid:** The Israeli army raided the town of 'Anabta and searched 1 house. **Closure of Roads:** (i) The Israeli army continues to close with cement blocks the agricultural roads east of the town of 'Azzun as well as the road connecting the town of 'Azzun to the village of 'Izbat at Tabib. The Israeli army closed with dirt barricades road connecting the (ii) villages of 'Izbat at Tabib and 'Asla. **Wall Gates:** Passage through the Wall gates is restricted to civilians granted special (i) 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 levelling for Wall construction continues in the villages of Immatin and Kafr Laqif as well as east of the towns of Kafr **QALQILIYA** Thulth and 'Azzun. **Flying Checkpoints:** At 23:30, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the eastern (i) entrance to the city of Qalqiliya and searched civilians and vehicles. The Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to the village (ii) of An Nabi Elyas, searched civilians and vehicles, and arrested 1 civilian. Arrest: Israeli troops positioned at the flying checkpoint set up at the entrance to the village of An Nabi Elyas arrested Bashar Mohammed Ju'eidi. Attack on Property: Israeli army infantry forces seized control of and converted into a military post a barracks, located along the road connecting the town of 'Azzun to the village of 'Izbat at Tabib.

### **Closure of Main Roads:** (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. (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. The Israeli army continues to close the entrance to the village of Al (iii) Lubban ash Sharqiya with dirt barricades and cement blocks. Checkpoints: The Israeli army continues to regulate times for crossing checkpoints set up around the city of Nablus: Huwwara and Beit Iba checkpoints (set up at the southern and western (i) entrances to the city of Nablus respectively) are closed at 23:00. The Israeli army only allows civilian vehicles possessing access permits to cross these checkpoints. The Israeli army also searches civilians using metal detectors at Beit Iba checkpoint, impeding their access. (ii) At Tur neighbourhood checkpoint (set up on Jirzim 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 neighbourhood only. (iii) Beit Furik checkpoint is open to civilian residents of the town of Beit **NABLUS** Furik and the village of Beit Dajan until 17:30. Beginning on 23 November 2006, the Israeli army continues to close (iv) the checkpoint set up in the area between the city of Nablus and the town of 'Asira ash Shamaliya and to prevent civilians from crossing, only allowing access to humanitarian cases. (v) At 08:00, the Israeli army intensified its restrictions at checkpoints set up around the city of Nablus and denied access to civilians between 16 and 30 years of age. Flying Checkpoint: At 08:10, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the junction to the settlement of Yitzhar, searched civilians and vehicles, and impeded civilian access. Attack: At 22:15, Israeli troops positioned on At Tur Mount opened indiscriminate fire and fired flares. **Raids/Confiscation of Property:** At 10:10, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the village of Burga. (i) At 23:20, the Israeli army raided the city of Nablus and searched a (ii) number of houses as well as the offices of 4 local television stations. The Israeli army also confiscated television broadcasting equipment. In addition, the Israeli army searched the offices of 2 local radio stations and confiscated radio transmission equipment from one of the offices. **Closure of Main Roads:** The Israeli army has continued to close the main north-western (i) entrance to the city of Salfit with dirt barricades since the beginning of **SALFIT** the current *Intifada* (Uprising). The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the western (ii) entrance to the village of Marda and, with cement blocks, the western entrance to the town of Kafr ad Dik.

### **Checkpoints:** The Israeli army continues to intensify its restrictions at Deir Ballut (i) checkpoint and to deny civilian access to the town of Kafr ad Dik. The Israeli army continues to intensify its restrictions at the Za'tara (ii) junction checkpoint and to impede civilian access. Wall Construction: Wall construction continues in the area northwest of the city of Salfit, and in the village of Marda and the town of Kifl Haris north of the settlement of Ari'el. Attack on Property: The Israeli army carried out excavations in search of archaeological artefacts in an area between the town of Deir Ballut and the village of Al Lubban al Gharbi. 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 connecting the districts of Jericho and Ramallah. Raid: At 23:50, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the village of Al 'Auja. Closure: 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. **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) The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the detour roads leading to the town of Tuqu'. Wall Construction: Wall construction continues in the area northwest of the town of Al Khadr, northwest of the city of Beit Jala, and in the area of **BETHLEHEM** Wadi Rahhal east of the settlement of Efrat. **Raids:** (i) At 08:25, the Israeli army, including 8 jeeps, raided and patrolled the village of Artas. (ii) At 02:25, the Israeli army, including 3 armoured vehicles and 16 jeeps, raided Dahiyat ad Doha in the city of Bethlehem, searched 4 houses, and arrested 4 civilians. At 04:30, the Israeli army withdrew from the area. **Arrests:** The Israeli army arrested 4 civilians in Dahiyat ad Doha in the city of Bethlehem: Murad Abdul Haleem Salhab; (i) (ii) Ayman Khadher Da'amseh;

- (iii) Raed Mousa Da'amseh; and
- (iv) 'Isa 'Odeh al Jawarish.
- <u>Demonstration/Physical Assaults</u>: At 13:00, a mass sit-in demonstration, including the Palestinian Minister of Information as well as international peace activists, took place in the area of Um Rukba in protest against Wall construction. Israeli troops beat a number of civilian protestors, including the Minister of Information.

### • <u>Closure</u>:

- (i) The Israeli army continues to close the following locales in the old city of Hebron: Ash Shuhada' Street and the area of As 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 As 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 to and from 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 travelling 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 As Samoa'; the area of Al Hawawir leading to the town of Halhul; 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 neighbourhood in the old city of Hebron as well as the main entrance to Al 'Arrub refugee camp.

- (ii) In accordance with Military Order # 378, the Israeli army continues to prohibit Palestinian vehicles from travelling 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.
- Wall Construction: 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 Ar Ramadin, and near the village of Imneizil southeast of the town of Yatta.
- <u>Flying Checkpoint</u>: At 08:30, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the overpass to the town of Halhul, searched civilians and vehicles, and impeded civilian access.

### **HEBRON**

### • Raids:

- (i) At 16:00, and again at 21:15, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the city of Hebron.
- (ii) At 02:00, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the town of Adh Dhahiriya.
- <u>Detentions</u>: The Israeli army detained 2 Palestinian Police officers near the Ibrahimi Mosque in the old city of Hebron and released them at a later time.

### **GAZA STRIP**

### Despite frequent violations, the ceasefire agreement that entered into ALL **DISTRICTS** force at 06:00 on 26 November 2006 remains effective. Closure of Crossing Point: Beit Hanun (Erez) Crossing is partially open to foreign nationals, humanitarian cases, merchants, and VIPs. Attacks/Air Patrols/Destruction of Property/Injuries: In violation of the Israeli-Palestinian ceasefire agreement, the Israeli army and air force opened fire towards Palestinian territory, as follows: At 13:10, the Israeli army fired 1 artillery shell from one of its locations (i) inside the Green Line towards the area of Ash Shayma' in the town of Beit Lahiya. At 13:40, at 14:00, and again at 17:55, Israeli army armoured vehicles (ii) positioned on Palestinian territory north of the town of Beit Lahiya opened fire towards farmers. At 13:55, the Israeli army opened fire from one of its locations on (iii) Palestinian territory north of the town of Beit Lahiya towards the area of Al Hawuz near An Nada residential towers. At 14:10, Israeli combat helicopters opened machinegun fire towards (iv) agricultural land along As Sikka Street in the town of Beit Hanun. **NORTHERN** At 15:50, the Israeli army opened fire from its one of its locations on (v) **GAZA** Palestinian territory towards Al Qarya al Badawiya north of the town of Beit Lahiya. (vi) At 19:40, the Israeli army fired 1 artillery shell from one of its locations inside the Green Line towards and damaged a civilian house in the area of Sha'sha'a east of the town of Jabalya. At 20:10, the Israeli army opened fire from one of its locations on (vii) Palestinian territory towards agricultural land northwest of the town of Beit Lahiya. At 22:50, the Israeli army fired 1 artillery shell from one of its locations (viii) inside the Green Line towards a civilian house in the area of Ash Shayma' in the town of Beit Lahiya, killing 1 child and injuring 5 five civilians from the same family. The Israeli attack also resulted in the damaging of the house. At 22:55, the Israeli army fired 2 artillery shells from its locations inside (ix) the Green Line towards the area surrounding Ash Sheikh Zayed residential towers east of the town of Beit Lahiya.

- (x) At 06:30, Israeli combat helicopters opened machinegun fire towards agricultural land north and northwest of the town of Beit Lahiya.
- <u>Killing</u>: The Israeli army killed 3-year-old 'Uday Amin al Massri in the area of Ash Shayma' in the town of Beit Lahiya.
- <u>Raids</u>: In violation of the Israeli-Palestinian ceasefire agreement, the Israeli army raided Palestinian territory, as follows:
- (i) Beginning at 10:50 on 17 May 2007, the Israeli army has remained positioned on Palestinian territory north and east of the town of Beit Hanun. At 11:20, the Israeli army forces were supported by a number of armoured vehicles.
- (ii) Beginning at 09:40 on 18 May 2007, the Israeli army has remained positioned on the debris of evacuated settlements north and northwest of the town of Beit Lahiya.
- <u>Palestinian Attacks/Israeli Attack</u>: In violation of the Israeli-Palestinian ceasefire agreement, armed Palestinian individuals fired 12 mortars towards the Green Line, as follows:
- (i) At 08:15, 4 unidentified mortars were fired towards the Green Line.
- (ii) At 09:00, 3 unidentified mortars were fired towards the Green Line. Consequently, the Israeli army fired 1 artillery shell from one of its locations inside the Green Line towards Palestinian territory east of the town of Jabalya.
- (iii) At 09:20, 2 unidentified mortars were fired towards the Green Line.
- (iv) At 13:35, 1 unidentified mortar was fired towards the Green Line.
- (v) At 17:00, 1 unidentified mortar was fired towards the Green Line.
- (vi) At 22:50, 1 unidentified mortar was fired towards the Green Line.
- Closure of Crossing Point: Al Muntar (Karnei) Crossing is closed.
- <u>Air Attacks/Injuries/Destruction of Property</u>: In violation of the Israeli-Palestinian ceasefire agreement, the Israeli air force carried out 3 air attacks towards Palestinian territory, as follows:
- (i) At 21:10, an Israeli UAV fired 1 missile towards the Al Hayyeh family council near the Eastern Road east of Gaza city, killing 8 civilians, including 7 family members. Of these were 1 child and 3 elderly civilians. The Israeli air attack also resulted in the injury of 10 civilians, including 2 civilians who were in critical condition, as well as the destruction of the family council.
- (ii) At 00:30, Israeli F16 combat aircraft fired 1 missile towards a brick factory in the area of At Tuffah in Gaza city, killing 1 civilian and injuring 3 others.
- (iii) At 01:35, an Israeli UAV fired 1 missile towards an injured an armed Palestinian individual, while he was riding a bicycle in the area of 'Asqula in Gaza city.
- <u>Killings</u>: Israeli combat aircraft killed 8 civilians in the Al Hayyeh family council east of Gaza city:
- (i) Mohammed Al Hayyeh, 16 years old;
- (ii) Bakr al Hayyeh, 66 years old;
- (iii) Nimer al Hayyeh, 60 years old;
- (iv) Abdul Hameed al Hayyeh, 50 years old;

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	(v) Jihad al Hayyeh;
	(vi) Ibrahim al Hayyeh;
	(vii) Ala' al Hayyeh; and
	(viii) Sameh Farawneh.
	(ix) Israeli combat aircraft killed Hamadeh al Fayyoumi in the area of At Tuffah in Gaza city.
	<ul> <li>Palestinian Attacks: In violation of the Israeli-Palestinian ceasefire agreement, armed Palestinian individuals fired 2 mortars towards the Green Line, as follows:</li> <li>(i) At 01:20, 1 unidentified mortar was fired towards the Green Line.</li> <li>(ii) At 02:15, 1 unidentified mortar was fired towards the Green Line.</li> </ul>
CENTRAL GAZA	<ul> <li>Air Attack /Destruction of Property: At 00:50, in violation of the Israeli-Palestinian ceasefire agreement, Israeli F16 combat aircraft fired 1 missile towards the Abu Mhadi family council in An Nuseirat refugee camp. At 01:50, Israeli F16 combat aircraft fired 6 more missiles towards and destroyed the family council. However, 4 missiles did not explode.</li> <li>Palestinian Attack: At 06:30, armed Palestinian individuals fired 1 mortar towards the Green Line, thereby violating the Israeli-Palestinian ceasefire agreement.</li> </ul>
KHAN YUNIS	Palestinian Attack: At 01:30, armed Palestinian individuals fired 1 mortar towards the Green Line, thereby violating the Israeli-Palestinian ceasefire agreement.
RAFAH	<ul> <li>Closure of Crossing Points: <ol> <li>Yasser 'Arafat International Airport remains closed.</li> <li>Rafah Crossing is closed.</li> <li>Sufa Crossing is closed.</li> <li>Karm Abu Salim (Karem Shalom) Crossing is closed.</li> </ol> </li> <li>Palestinian Attacks: In violation of the Israeli-Palestinian ceasefire agreement, armed Palestinian individuals fired 10 mortars towards the Green Line, as follows: <ol> <li>At 18:00, 3 mortars were fired towards the Green Line.</li> <li>At 05:20, 7 mortars were fired towards the Green Line.</li> </ol> </li> </ul>

### **GENERAL**

## West Bank: The Israeli authorities renewed 7,483 work permits for crossing the Green Line. However, the number of permit-holding workers who were allowed to access areas inside the Green Line is unknown. Gaza Strip: Valid work permits that have been issued by the Israeli authorities for crossing the Green Line total 10.