مجموعة الرقابة الفلسطينية



PALESTINIAN MONITORING GROUP

DAILY SITUATION REPORT 08:00 30 April 2010 – 08:00 01 May 2010

SUMMARY OF EVENTS

EVENT	WEST BANK	GAZA STRIP	TOTAL	NOTES
Physical Assaults	2	_	2	2 civilians severely beaten in Jericho
Injuries	2	_	2	1 in Ramallah and 1 in Hebron
Attacks	4	_	4	In the districts of Ramallah and Hebron
Raids	21	_	21	Incl. 4 in Qalqiliya and 5 in Hebron
Arrests (per person)	5	_	5	4 in Ramallah and 1 in Jericho
Detentions	14	_	14	At checkpoints and in residential locales
Wall Construction	22	_	22	Incl. Jer., Raml'h., Salfit, & Qalqiliya
Destruction of Property	2	_	2	incl. house furniture damaged, Jericho
House Occupation	1		1	Converted into a mil. post in Qalqiliya
Closure of Checkpoints	9	_	9	Incl. access impeded at 5 checkpoints
Flying Checkpoints	14	_	14	Incl. 3 in Jerusalem and 6 in Hebron
Closure (per District)	7		7	Incl. 4 areas in the city of Hebron
Closure of Main Roads	40	_	40	Incl. 4 in Bethlehem and 14 in Hebron
Closure of Crossing Points		6	6	Only Beit Hanun (Erez) Crossing open
School Disruption	1	_	1	A school surrounded & pupils detained
Settler Violence	2	_	2	Incl. about 30 olive trees uprooted
Demonstrations	6	_	6	Incl. against Wall & land confiscation
TOTAL	154	6	160	

DISTRICT EVENTS

WEST BANK

Closure:

- (i) On 30 April 2010, the Israeli army intensified its restrictions at checkpoints located at the entrances to the city of Jerusalem and set up several flying checkpoints in the old city of Jerusalem and around Al Aqsa Mosque compound. Excluding those holding Israeli-issued ID cards, the Israeli army denied access to civilians to perform Friday prayers at the mosque.
- (i) On 05 January 2009, the Israeli authorities issued Military Order # S/02/09 on the closure of and denial of civilian access to the "demarcation area" along the Wall in the area surrounding the city of Jerusalem. Accordingly, local residents and civilians holding permits can access this area through crossings and gates set up at the entrances to the city of Jerusalem. (The demarcation area is defined by a set of military orders relating to land confiscation for Wall construction).
- (ii) The Israeli army continues to impose a blockade and deny civilian access to a hill between the village of Biddu and Beit Iksa due to its geographical significance as it overlooks the city of Jerusalem.

• Closure of Main Roads:

(i) The Israeli army continues to close with cement blocks and dirt barricades the entrance to the village of Jaba'.

(ii) The Israeli army continues to close the iron gate along the Wall section, separating the area of Dahiyat al Bareed from the town of Ar Ram.

• Checkpoints:

- (i) The Israeli army continues to consider Qalandiya checkpoint a "border crossing point" and has designated a special crossing lane for holders of Jerusalem IDs and those possessing permits to access the city of Jerusalem.
- (ii) Beginning on 11 April 2010, the Israeli army has continued to close the checkpoint set up near the entrance to Shu'fat refugee camp in the city of Jerusalem and to deny civilian access between 23:00 and 05:00. Claiming to be carrying out infrastructure works between the checkpoint and the road leading to Shu'fat refugee camp, the checkpoint will be closed for two and a half weeks.
- <u>Demonstration</u>: On 30 April 2010, a mass demonstration, including international peace activists, took place in Ash Sheikh Jarrah neighbourhood in the city of Jerusalem in protest against Israeli settlement activity and settlers' seizure of civilian houses.

• Wall Gates:

(i) The Israeli army continues to close the Wall gate in the town of Abu Dis with cement blocks.

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- (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 the area of Al 'Eizariya to Ash Shayyah, from Beit Surik village to Biddu; in the areas of Al Judeira, Bir Nabala, and Beit Hanina; west of the village of Al Jib; in the vicinity of the village of Qatanna; south of the village of Beit Hanina; and in the area surrounding the checkpoint set up at the entrance to Shu'fat refugee camp.

• Closure of Main Roads:

- (i) The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades and cement blocks the entrances to the town of Sinjil, the village of Saffa; and the junction to the villages of Kafr Malik 'Ein Samiya.
- (ii) On 15 March 2010, the Israeli army issued a military order, providing that the area located between civilian houses and the Wall in the town of Ni'lin and the village of Bil'in would be a closed military zone between 08:00 and 20:00 on Fridays for a period of 6 months. To prevent weekly demonstrations against Wall construction, civilian access to the area will be denied except with a special permit.

• Raids:

- (i) At 02:45, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the town of Bir Zeit.
- (ii) At 02:45, the Israeli army raided the town of Beituniya, searched a caravan, and withdrew at 03:40.
- <u>Settler Violence</u>: At 10:50, a group of Israeli settlers gained access to the construction site of the *Rawabi* housing project north of the town of 'Atara and expelled workers and farmers from the area.

• Demonstrations/Attacks/Injuries:

- (i) At 13:30, a mass demonstration, including international peace activists, took place in the village of Bil'in against Wall construction. Confrontations took place between the Israeli army and protestors, during which the Israeli army injured a number of participants as a result of tear gas inhalation.
- (ii) At 14:00, a mass demonstration, including international peace activists, took place in the town of Ni'lin against Wall construction. Confrontations took place between the Israeli army and protestors, during which the Israeli army injured several participants as a result of tear gas inhalation.
- (iii) At 14:00, a mass demonstration took place in the villages of Deir Nidham and An Nabi Salih against settler violence and confiscation of civilian land for expansion of the settlement of Halamish. Confrontations took place between the Israeli army and protestors, during which the Israeli army injured a child. A number of protestors were also wounded as a result of tear gas inhalation. The Israeli army also arrested 4 civilians in the village of An Nabi Salih.

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	 Arrests: The Israeli army arrested 4 civilians in the village of An Nabi Salih: (i) 'Uday Ma'zouz Ahmed Sneif; (ii) Rasem Abdul Karim Abdul 'Aziz Rizqallah; (iii) Mohammed Ibrahim 'Aqel Hujeiji; and (iv) Hamadeh Ibrahim 'Aqel Hujeiji. • Wall Construction: Wall construction continues west of the town of 'Abud; in the village of Bil'in; and in the areas of Al Midya to Ni'lin and Ni'lin to Deir Qaddis.
JENIN	 Closure of Main Road: The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the road leading to the town of 'Arraba east of the settlement of Dotan. Flying Checkpoint: At 10:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to the village of Zububa, searched civilians and vehicles, and denied access to staff of an electricity company to an electricity control room near the junction to the village in order to reconnect electricity to the villages of Rummana and Zububa. Israeli troops claimed that the Israeli army was carrying out security actions near the Salem Military Post. At 12:00, Israeli troops allow the electricity company staff to reconnect the electric current. Raid: At 04:00, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the city of Jenin. 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.
TUBAS	 Checkpoint: Though allowing civilian access to the Northern Jordan Valley between 06:00 and 22:00, the Israeli army continues to intensify its restrictions at Tayasir checkpoint east of the city of Tubas. Flying Checkpoint: At 21:30, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to the village of Bardala and searched civilians and vehicles. Raids: At 17:25, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the village of Bardala. The Israeli army also combed agricultural land around the village. At 23:15, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the city of Tubas. At 01:00, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the village of Tayasir.
TULKAREM	 Closure of Main Roads: The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the road connecting the town of Kafr al Labad to the village of Shufa as well as the road connecting the villages of Shufa and 'Izbat Shufa. Checkpoint: The Israeli army continues to intensify restrictions at 'Einav checkpoint set up on Tulkarem-Nablus main road. Flying Checkpoint: At 18:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to the village of Beit Lid and searched civilians and vehicles. Wall Gates: Passage through the wall gates is restricted to civilians granted special Israeli permits.

QALQILYA	 Closure of Roads: The Israeli army continues to close with cement blocks agricultural roads east of the town of 'Azzun. Raids/House Occupation: At 09:30, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the village of An Nabi Elyas. The Israeli army occupied the roof of a house, converted it into a military post, and withdrew at 14:00. At 09:30, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the town of 'Azzun. At 09:40, the Israeli army raided the village of Jinsafut and searched 1 house. At 18:00, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the city of Qalqiliya. Settler Violence: At 11:35, a group of Israeli settlers from the settlement outpost of Havat Gilead uprooted approximately 30 olive trees on civilian land along the Qalqiliya-Nablus main road in the village of Kafr Qaddum. Wall Gates: The Israeli army continues to intensify its restrictions at 'Azzun 'Atma Wall gate and to search civilians, including students, with a detector. Wall Construction: Wall construction continues south of the town of Jayyus as well as near the settlement of Alfei Menashe in the villages of Ras Tira, Magharet ad Dab'a, and Wadi ar Rasha south of the city of Qalqiliya.
NABLUS	 Closure of Main Roads: The Israeli army continues to close the roads of Till-Burin and Beit Furik-Salem; the settler bypass road connecting the village of Deir al Hatab to the settlement of Alon Moreh; the southern entrance to the village of Duma; and the northern entrance to the town of Qabalan. The Israeli army continues to close with an iron gate the western entrance to An Naqura village opposite Shavei Shomron settlement. The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the southern entrance to the village of Qaryut and the road connecting the town of 'Aqraba to the village of Osarin. Checkpoints: The Israeli army continues to regulate times for crossing checkpoints set up around the city of Nablus: At Tur neighbourhood 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 neighbourhood only between 07:00 and 02:00. At 'Awarta commercial checkpoint, civilians are allowed to cross between 05:00 and 20:00, but between 05:00 and 15:00 on Fridays. All civilian vehicles are allowed to access the city of Nablus, but only commercial vehicles and ambulances can leave the city through the checkpoint. Flying Checkpoints: At 23:50, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to the village of Burin and searched civilians and vehicles. Raids: At 12:20, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the town of Huwwara. At 03:00, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the city of Nablus.

SALFIT	 Closure of Main Roads: The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the northern entrance to the city of Salfit. The Israeli army continues to close with cement blocks and iron gates the northern entrance to the town of Bruqin and the western entrance to the town of Kafr Ad Dik. Checkpoint: The Israeli army continues to intensify its restrictions and impede civilian access at the Za'tara junction checkpoint. 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 Ariel.
JERICHO	 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 at Al Hamra checkpoint set up along Al Badhan road connecting the districts of Jericho and Nablus. However, the Israeli army allows civilian access between 06:00 and 22:00. The Israeli army continues to intensify its restrictions at 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, only allowing access to civilians whose IDs indicate that their place of residence of the district of Jericho as well as to others holding access permits. Physical Assaults: At 23:55, Israeli troops positioned at the checkpoint set up on the junction to the village of Al 'Auja severely beat 2 civilians, leaving them with contusions. The civilians, who were transported to hospital for medical treatment, were:
BETHLEHEM	• Closure: (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) According to Military Order # 07/02/S, the Israeli army has continued since 15 September 2007 to deny civilian access to an area measuring 22 *dunums* (5.436 acres) of land in the area of Mazmuriya in the cities of Beit Sahur and Bethlehem. The land was confiscated pursuant to Military Order # 07/31/T.
- Closure of Main Roads: The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the road of Beit Jala-Wadi Ahmad; a road east of the town of Beit Fajjar; and an agricultural road connecting the town of Tuqu' to the village of Khirbet al Bag'a.

Raids:

- (i) At 10:30, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the village of Husan.
- (ii) At 20:20, the Israeli army raided the village of Dar Salah, set up a checkpoint, searched civilians and vehicles, and impeded civilian access. At 20:30, the Israeli army withdrew from the area.
- <u>Demonstrations</u>: At 13:10, 2 mass demonstrations, including international peace activists, took place in the villages of Al Walaja and Al Ma'sara in protest against Wall construction.
- <u>Wall Construction</u>: Wall construction continues in the area northwest of the town of Al Khadr; northwest of the city of Beit Jala; in the area of Wadi Rahhal east of Efrat settlement; and in the area surrounding Al Walaja.

Closure

- (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. In addition to closing the entrance to Al Laban Market with iron plates, the Israeli army 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, controlling civilian access in the area.
- (ii) Having evacuated civilian residents and denied civilian access, the Israeli army continues to close the area located along the Green Line south of the town of Yatta.

• Closure of Main Roads:

- (i) The Israeli army continues to close with cement blocks the entrance to the town of As Samoa'; the road connecting the town of Surif to the village of Al Jab'a; the eastern entrance to the village of Kharsa; the entrance to the Al Qeisi neighbourhood in the old city of Hebron; as well as the entrances to Al 'Arrub refugee camp, the area of Al Hawawir, the village of At Tuwani, and the town of Adh Dhahiriya.
- (ii) The Israeli army continues to prohibit Palestinian vehicles from travelling along Ash Shalala Old Street in the old city of Hebron.
- (iii) The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the road between the villages of Al Karmil and At Tuwani and all roads leading to Road # 60.

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• Flying Checkpoints:

- (i) At 10:20, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint in the area of Farsh al Hawa (the northern entrance to the city of Hebron, which branches off Road # 35) and searched civilians and vehicles.
- (ii) At 17:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to the town of Idhna and searched civilians and vehicles.
- (iii) At 17:10, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the overpass to the town of Halhul and searched civilians and vehicles.
- (iv) At 17:30, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to the area of Al Hawawir (the northern entrance to the town of Halhul) and searched civilians and vehicles.
- (v) At 17:50, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to the town of Bani Na'im and searched civilians and vehicles.
- (vi) At 17:50, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at entrance to the area of Al Fahs south of the city of Hebron and searched civilians and vehicles

• Raids/Attack/Injury/School Disruption:

- (i) At 08:40, the Israeli army raided the city of Hebron and patrolled the area until 09:40.
- (ii) At 09:00, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the town of Dura.
- (iii) At 15:00, the Israeli army raided the town of Beit 'Awwa. Confrontations took place between the Israeli army and civilians, during which the Israeli army injured 1 civilian. The Israeli army also surrounded the town's boys basic school and prevented pupils from leaving to their homes. At 16:20, the Israeli army withdrew from the area, after coordination with the Israeli authorities (through the DCO).
- (iv) At 17:00, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the town of Beit Ummar and Al 'Arrub refugee camp.
- <u>Wall Construction</u>: Wall construction continues in the section of Tarqumiya checkpoint terminal; in the area surrounding the settlement of Eshkolot near the town of Adh Dhahiriya; and in the area between the villages of 'Arab ar Ramadin and Imneizil.

GAZA STRIP

ALL DISTRICTS

• At 02:00 on 18 January 2009, the unilateral ceasefire declared by the Israeli authorities came into effect. At a later time on the same day, armed Palestinian groups announced an agreement to cease fire for a week. Later, armed Palestinian groups extended the ceasefire until 05 February 2009. Despite the fact that the extension period expired, the ceasefire continues to hold pending negotiations carried out by Egypt.

NORTHERN GAZA

• <u>Closure of Crossing Point</u>: Beit Hanun (Erez) Crossing is partially open for previously-coordinated humanitarian cases and foreign nationals.

GAZA	 Closure of Crossing Points: (i) Al Muntar (Karnei) Crossing is closed. (ii) Ash Shuja'iya (Nahal 'Oz) Crossing is closed. Beginning on 04 January 2010, the Crossing has been closed upon an Israeli unilateral decision. 	
CENTRAL GAZA	Activities not reported.	
KHAN YUNIS	Activities not reported.	
RAFAH	 Closure of Crossing Points: (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) Crossing is closed. 	

GENERAL

POLITICAL PRISONERS	• <u>Death</u> : In the morning of 01 May 2010, Fayez Abdul Muhdi Salem Zeidat, a released political prisoner from the town of Bani Na'im in the district of Hebron, died of cancer at the Al Ahli Hospital in the city of Hebron. After he had been arrested on 15 February 2010, Zeidat was sentenced to 12 years in prisoner by an Israeli military court. As a result of prolonged medical negligence, Zeidat was infected with cancer, which spread throughout his body. On 02 June 2010, the Israeli authorities released him in light of his deteriorated health condition. Upon a decision from PNA President Mahmoud 'Abbas, Zeidat was then transported to a hospital in Jordan for medical treatment.
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