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DAILY SITUATION REPORT 08:00 03 May 2007 – 08:00 04 May 2007

SUMMARY OF EVENTS

EVENT	WEST BANK	GAZA STRIP	TOTAL	NOTES
Injuries	2		2	2 civilians, incl. 1 child, in Hebron district
Attacks	9		9	Incl. 2 in raids & 5 during confrontations
Raids	34	2	36	Incl. 6 in Bethlehem & 7 in Hebron
Air Patrol	1		1	Helicopters over the district of Qalqiliya
Arrests	10		10	Incl. a civilian and his 3 sons, Jerusalem
Detentions	16		16	At checkpoints and in residential areas
House Demolitions	*		_	Notices for demolition of 12 houses
Land Levelling	_	1	1	Near the Green Line in the Gaza district
Wall Construction	25		25	Jer., Raml'h., Qalq., Salfit, Hebron, Beth.
Destruction of Property	1		1	Olive trees set on fire in Qalqiliya district
Closure of Checkpoints	15		15	Incl. access impeded at 6 checkpoints
Flying Checkpoints	20		20	Incl. 5 in Jenin and 7 in Hebron
Closure (per District)	6		6	Incl. Jerusalem and Tulkarem partially
Closure of Main Roads	35		35	Incl. 3 in Salfit & 12 in Hebron
Closure of Crossing Points	_	5	5	Incl. Beit Hanun (Erez) & Rafah partially
Palestinian Attack	_	1	1	1 mortar fired towards the Green Line
Demonstration	1		1	In Jerusalem against Wall and checkpoint
TOTAL	175	9	184	

DISTRICT	EVENT			
WEST B	ANK			
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.			
JERUSALEM	 Closure: 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 the Al Aqsa Mosque compound in the old city of Jerusalem and impede civilian access to the mosque. Closure of Main Roads: 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 Bareed to the town of Ar Ram in order to complete Wall construction in the area. 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. Checkpoint: 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. Wall Gates: The Israeli army continues to close the Wall gate in the town of Abu Dis with cement blocks. 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. Attack: At 16:45, Israeli troops positioned at Qalandiya checkpoint fired rubber-coated steel bullets and tear gas grenades towards civil			

The Israeli army raided the village of Biddu and arrested 2 civilians. (ii) The Israeli army raided the village of Beit Ijza and arrested 4 civilians (iii) (a civilian and his 3 sons). Arrests: The Israeli army arrested 2 civilians in the village of Biddu: Mizher Ali Hamdan: and (i) (ii) Saleh 'Abed Saleh ash Sheikh. The Israeli army arrested 4 civilians in the village of Beit Ijza: Sabri Ghareeb; Farah Sabri Ghareeb: (iv) Mas'oud Sabri Ghareeb: and (v) Mohammed Sabri Ghareeb. (vi) **Demonstration:** Civilian residents of Al Mukabbir Mount neighbourhood and the village of Ash Sheikh Sa'd as well as international peace activists held a sit-in demonstration near the Israeli army checkpoint set up at the entrance to the village of Ash Sheikh Sa'd in protest against Wall construction. Demonstrators also protested against the Israeli army's checkpoint set up the entrance to the village. **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 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. 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 **RAMALLAH** Deir Oaddis. Flying Checkpoints/Detention: EL BIREH At 21:30, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to (i) the village of Beitillu and searched civilians and vehicles. (ii) At 00:20, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to the village of Surda, detained a civilian, forced him to strip, and released him at a later time. At 02:20, the Israeli army withdrew from the area. **Raids:** At 11:40, the Israeli army, including 6 jeeps, raided and patrolled the (i) city of El Bireh. At 21:10, the Israeli army raided the village of Ras Karkar. (ii) Confrontations took place between civilians and the Israeli army, while it was patrolling the area. <u>Closure of Road</u>: The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the **JENIN** unpaved detour road leading to the town of 'Arraba east of the settlement of Dotan.

• <u>Checkpoint</u>: 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:

- (i) Passage through the Wall gates is restricted to civilians granted special Israeli permits.
- (ii) Beginning on 29 March 2007, the Israeli army has continued to regulate times to open Al Jalama and Salim Wall gates between 06:30 until 10:00 and 17:00 until 21:00 respectively.

• Flying Checkpoints:

- (i) At 09:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the junction to the village of Al Kufeir, searched civilians and vehicles, and arrested 1 civilian.
- (ii) At 22:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint near the village of Al Mansura and searched civilians and vehicles.
- (iii) The Israeli army set up 3 flying checkpoints on the junctions to the towns of 'Arraba and Az Zababida as well as the village of Al Jarba and searched civilians and vehicles.

• Raids:

- (i) At 12:00, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the town of Tubas.
- (ii) At 22:00, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the town of Az Zababida.
- (iii) At 01:00, the Israeli army raided the village of Al Far'a and patrolled the area until 01:30.
- (iv) At 06:30, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the city of Jenin.
- <u>Arrest</u>: Israeli troops positioned at the flying checkpoint set up on the junction to the village of Al Kufeir arrested 'Adel Kamel al Ja'bari.

- <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: 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.

• <u>Checkpoints/Detentions</u>:

TULKAREM

- (i) The Israeli army continues to intensify its restrictions at 'Einav checkpoint (at the eastern entrance to the city of Tulkarem) as well as at Jubara checkpoint (at the southern entrance to the city). At 11:00, the Israeli army closed Jubara checkpoint and detained civilians, claiming to be investigating a suspicious object. The Israeli army reopened the checkpoint at a later time.
- (ii) At 13:00, the Israeli army closed 'Einav checkpoint, claiming to be carrying out maintenance works.
- <u>Wall Gates</u>: Passage through the Wall gates is restricted to civilians granted special Israeli permits.

	 Raids: At 11:20, the Israeli army raided the city of Tulkarem and the village of Al Jarushiya as well as searched a number of mechanics' shops and a sewing workshop. At 12:10, the Israeli army withdrew from the area. At 17:25, the Israeli army raided the village of Seida and searched 1 house. 	
QALQILIYA	 Closure of Roads: The Israeli army continues to close with cement blocks the agricultural roads east of the town of 'Azzun. Wall Gates: Passage through the Wall gates is restricted to civilians granted special Israeli permits. 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 Thulth and 'Azzun. Flving Checkpoints: At 11:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to the town of 'Azzun and searched civilians and vehicles. At 20:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to the village of Hajja, searched civilians and vehicles, and denied civilian access to or from the village. Air Patrol/Attack/Destruction of Property: At 14:00, an Israeli combat helicopter patrolled the skies over the area between the villages of Kafr 'Abbush and Baqat al Hatab and fired flares, thereby setting fire to olive trees. 	
NABLUS	 Closure of Main Roads: 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. 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. 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 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. 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. Beit Furik checkpoint is open to civilian residents of the town of Beit Furik and the village of Beit Dajan until 17:30. 	

	 (iv) 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 ash Shamaliya and to prevent civilians from crossing, only allowing access to humanitarian cases. (v) At 14:00, the Israeli army intensified its restrictions at Al Badhan checkpoint and impeded civilian access. Flying Checkpoint: At 17:50, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint near the junction to the village of Salim and searched civilians and vehicles. Raids/Attack: At 21:40, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the village of Deir al Hatab. At 23:20, the Israeli army raided the city of Nablus and Balata refugee camp, patrolled the area, opened fire, and fired sound grenades. At 01:00, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the village of Till. At 01:55, the Israeli army raided the village of Sarra and searched 3 houses.
SALFIT	 Closure of Main Roads: The Israeli army has continued to close the main north-western entrance to the city of Salfit with dirt barricades since the beginning of the current Intifada (Uprising). The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the western 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 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 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. Raids: At 16:10, the Israeli army raided and combed the town of Kafr ad Dik as well as the mountainous area between the towns of Kafr ad Dik and Deir Ghassana. At 17:00, the Israeli army withdrew from the area. The Israeli army raided and patrolled the town of Bruqin.
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 and 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.

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	• Raid: At 03:00, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the village of Al 'Auja.
BETHLEHEM	 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: 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. 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 Wadi Rahhal east of the settlement of Efrat. Flying Checkpoint: At 18:40, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to the town of Tuqu' and searched civilians and vehicles. Raids/Attack: At 08:30, the Israeli army, including 10 jeeps, raided the city of Beit Sahur and distributed notices for the demolition of 12 houses in the area of Ar Roum residential project, claiming that they are located on the Wall route. At 13:30, the Israeli army raided the city of Beit Jala and arrested 1 university student. At 00:30, the Israeli army raided the villages of Al Khas and An Nu'man and fired flares, while patrolling the area. At 01:40, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the city of Bethlehem and Ad Duheisha refugee camp. Arrest: The Israeli army arrested Nihad Farid ad Daqqaq in the city of Beit Jala. House Demolitions: The Israeli army distributed notices for the demolition of 12 houses in the city of Beit Sahur. Names of the affected house owners have not been reported.
HEBRON	 Closure: 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. 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 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.
- (iii) At 17:00, the Israeli army closed with dirt barricades the entrance to the town of As Samoa', after international peace activists had opened it.
- <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 Ar Ramadin, and near the village of Imneizil southeast of the town of Yatta.
- **Flying Checkpoint:** At 10:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the overpass to the town of Halhul and searched civilians and vehicles.

• Raids/Attacks/Injuries:

- (i) At 10:00, the Israeli army raided the city of Hebron, set up 5 checkpoints in the areas of Ras al Jora, Nimra, and Al Hawuz al Awwal, as well as along 'Ein Sara and As Salam Streets, searched civilians and vehicles, and patrolled the area. At 22:00, the Israeli army raided the city again, set up a checkpoint, searched civilians and vehicles, and arrested 1 civilian.
- (ii) At 18:15, the Israeli army raided the town of Sa'ir. While patrolling the area, confrontations took place between the Israeli army and civilians, during which the Israeli army injured 1 child.
- (iii) At 18:20, the Israeli army raided Al 'Arrub refugee camp. Confrontations took place between the Israeli army and civilians, during which the Israeli army injured 1 civilian.
- (iv) At 22:30, the Israeli army raided the town of Beit Ummar. Confrontations took place between civilians and the Israeli army.
- (v) At 00:30, the Israeli army raided the town of As Samoa' and searched 3 houses.
- (vi) At 03:00, the Israeli army raided the town of Beit Ula and arrested 1 child.

• Arrests:

- (i) The Israeli army arrested an unidentified civilian in the city of Hebron.
- (ii) The Israeli army arrested 17-year-old Raed Ziyad al 'Akel in the town of Beit Ula.

GAZA STRIP

ALL DISTRICTS	The ceasefire agreement that entered into force at 06:00 on 26 November 2006 remains effective. However, the Israeli army carried out 2 raids into Palestinian territory, during 1 of which it levelled land. In addition, armed Palestinian individuals attempted to fire 1 mortar towards the Green Line, but it landed on Palestinian territory.
NORTHERN GAZA	Closure of Crossing Point: Beit Hanun (Erez) Crossing is partially open to foreign nationals, humanitarian cases, and VIPs.
GAZA	 Raid/Land Levelling: At 07:50, in violation of the Israeli-Palestinian ceasefire agreement, the Israeli army, including 1 armoured vehicle and 2 bulldozers, raided 150 metres into Palestinian territory near Point 75 on the Green Line east of Gaza city and levelled land. Palestinian Attack: At 22:20, in violation of the Israeli-Palestinian ceasefire agreement, armed Palestinian individuals attempted to fire 1 mortar towards the Green Line, but it landed on Palestinian territory.
CENTRAL GAZA	Activities not reported.
KHAN YUNIS	Activities not reported.
RAFAH	 Closure of Crossing Points: Yasser 'Arafat International Airport remains closed. Rafah Crossing is partially open to arrivals only. Sufa Crossing is closed. Karm Abu Slim (Karem Shalom) Crossing is closed. Raid: At 16:30, the Israeli army, including 4 armoured vehicles, raided 80 metres into Palestinian territory near Point 235 on the Green Line east of the city of Rafah, thereby violating the Israeli-Palestinian ceasefire agreement.