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PALESTINIAN MONITORING GROUP

DAILY SITUATION REPORT 08:00 12 May 2007 – 08:00 13 May 2007

SUMMARY OF EVENTS

EVENT	WEST BANK	GAZA STRIP	TOTAL	NOTES
Death	1	_	1	A 62-year-old female civilian, Jerusalem
Physical Assaults	2	_	2	2 civilians beaten, Ramallah & Jerusalem
Injuries	2	_	2	A female civilian and her son, Qalqiliya
Attacks	5	1	6	Incl. 3 in raids & 1 from a military post
Raids	24	_	24	Incl. 7 in Tulkarem & 3 in Bethlehem
Air Patrol	1	_	1	Helicopter over Al 'Ubeidiya, Bethlehem
Arrests (per person)	7	_	7	Incl. 2 children and 1 journalist
Detentions	17	_	17	At checkpoints & in residential locales
Wall Construction	25	_	25	Jer., Raml'h., Qalq., Salfit, Hebron, Beth.
Destruction of Property	1	_	1	Content of a coffee shop damaged, Bireh
Attacks on Property	15	_	15	Incl. Notices to cease building 11 houses
House Occupation	1	_	1	Converted into a military post in Nablus
Closure of Checkpoints	17	_	17	Incl. access impeded at 10 checkpoints
Flying Checkpoints	17	_	17	Incl. 5in Jenin and 5 in Hebron
Closure (per District)	6	_	6	Incl. Jerusalem and Tulkarem partially
Closure of Main Roads	36	_	36	Incl. 3 in Jerusalem & 4 in Nablus
Closure of Crossing Points	_	7	7	Incl. Beit Hanun (Erez) partially
Settler Violence	3	_	3	Incl. an elderly female civilian run over
Palestinian Attacks	_	2	2	2 mortars fired towards the Green Line
Pal. Security Measures	18	_	18	Incl. 7 illegal vehicles handed over
Demonstration	1		1	Against expulsion of civilians in Jenin
TOTAL	199	10	209	

DISTRICT	EVENT		
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.		
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. Checkpoints: 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. The Israeli army intensified its restrictions at the checkpoint set up near the village of Jaba' and impeded civilian access. 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 was resumed 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		

	 Physical Assault: Israeli troops positioned at the checkpoint set up near the village of Jaba' severely beat a civilian, after he attempted to bypass the checkpoint. Arrests: The Israeli army arrested 2 children, while they were attempting to throw Molotov cocktails at the Wall near the town of Al 'Eizariya: (i) 'Imad Nidhal 'Arar, 15 years old; and (ii) Bassam Abdullah Far'oneh, 14 years old.
RAMALLAH & EL BIREH	 Closure of Main Roads: The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the eastern 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 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 was resumed 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. Physical Assault: At 10:10, Israeli troops positioned at the checkpoint set up near 'Ofar military post in the town of Beituniya severely beat Mohammed Fawzi Rashed, leaving him with contusions. Rashed was transported to hospital for medical treatment. Raids/Destruction of Property: At 07:00 on 12 May 2007, the Israeli army raided a residential neighbourhood in the city of Ramallah, set up a checkpoint, searched civilians and vehicles, and patrolled the area. At 15:35, the Israeli army, including 4 jeeps, raided and patrolled the city of El Bireh. At 00:05, the Israeli army raided the city again, raided a coffee shop, and damaged its contents. In addition, the Israeli army set up a checkpoint, searched civilians and vehicles, patrolled the area, and withdrew at 03:30. Arrests: At 17:30, Israeli troops positioned at the checkpoint set up on the overpass to the town of 'Atara arrested an unidentified civilian, allegedly for locating a knife in his possession. At 23:00, Israeli troops positioned at a checkpoint set up near the village of Rantis arrested Mohammed 'Abed Rabbu as Sayyed, a journalist.
JENIN	 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:

- (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 08:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to the village of Al Kufeir and searched civilians and vehicles.
- (ii) At 09:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to the town of Az Zababida and searched civilians and vehicles.
- (iii) At 09:40, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the junction to the village of Al Jarba and searched civilians and vehicles.
- (iv) The Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to the village of Zububa and searched civilians and vehicles.
- (v) The Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint in the area between the villages of Al Jadida and Sir and searched civilians and vehicles.
- Raids: At 01:30, the Israeli army raided the city of Jenin and Jenin refugee camp. While searching a house in the refugee camp, an armed confrontation took place between the Israeli army and armed Palestinian individuals. At 04:00, the Israeli army withdrew from the area.
- <u>Demonstration</u>: A delegation from the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) and international peace activists held a sit-in demonstration in the area of Al Hadidiya east of the town of Tubas in solidarity with civilian residents of the area. Demonstrators also protested against the Israeli authorities' decision to expel a number of livestock owners from the area within 48 hours, claiming that it is a closed military zone.

TULKAREM

- <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</u>: The Israeli army continues to intensify its restrictions at Jubara checkpoint (the southern entrance to the city of Tulkarem) as well as at 'Einav checkpoint (the eastern entrance to the city).
- <u>Wall Gates</u>: Passage through the Wall gates is restricted to civilians granted special Israeli permits.

• Flying Checkpoints:

- (i) At 10:40, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the southern entrance to Dahiyat Shuweika in the city of Tulkarem and searched civilians and vehicles.
- (ii) At 16:30, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the eastern entrance to Dahiyat Dhinnaba in the city of Tulkarem and searched civilian sand vehicles.

Raids/Attack on Property/Attack: At 08:50, the Israeli army, including 3 jeeps, raided and patrolled the (i) town of 'Illar. At 09:35, the Israeli army, including 4 jeeps, raided and patrolled the (ii) village of Seida. (iii) At 10:40, the Israeli army, including 5 jeeps, raided the city of Tulkarem and patrolled the area until 12:55. At 23:05, the Israeli army raided the village of Far'un, fired flares, and (iv) forced civilians to close their commercial shops. The Israeli army also set up a checkpoint, searched civilians and vehicles, patrolled the area, and withdrew at 23:50. (v) At 01:00, the Israeli army raided the city of Tulkarem as well as Tulkarem and Nur Shams refugee camps and patrolled the area until 02:15. 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 (i) Israeli permits. The Israeli army continues to intensify its restrictions at 'Azzun 'Atma (ii) Wall gate and to search civilians, including students, with a metal detector. Wall Construction: Land levelling for Wall construction was resumed in **QALQILIYA** the villages of Immatin and Kafr Lagif as well as east of the towns of Kafr Thulth and 'Azzun. Settler Violence: A group of 11 Israeli settlers from the settlement of Kedumim severely beat 3 civilians, including a female civilian and her 3year-old son, while they were present on their land in the village of Far'ata. As a result, the female civilian and her son sustained injuries. Palestinian Security Measures: At 09:00, Palestinian security forces handed over 1 illegal fridge truck, 7 vehicles, and 10 motorcycles, seized in the city of Qalqiliya, to the Israeli authorities (through the DCO). **Closure of Main Roads/Destruction of Property:** The Israeli army continues to close the Jenin-Nablus road between the (i) 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. **NABLUS** 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: (i) 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 (ii) 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 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. At 08:00, the Israeli army intensified its restrictions at checkpoints (v) set up around the city of Nablus and denied access to civilians between 16 and 30 years of age. At 13:00, the Israeli army intensified its restrictions at Al Badhan (vi) checkpoint and impeded civilian access. Raids/House Occupation/Attack: At 18:10, the Israeli army raided the village of Deir al Hatab. (i) Confrontations took place between the Israeli army and civilians. The Israeli army also searched 1 house and arrested 1 civilian. At 20:45, the Israeli army raided the city of Nablus, occupied 1 (ii) building, and converted it into a military post. The Israeli army also searched 1 building as well as a number of houses and withdrew at 04:15. (iii) The Israeli army raided the village of Burga. While patrolling the area, the Israeli army opened fire and fired sound grenades. Arrest: The Israeli army arrested Hammoudeh Bahjat 'Odeh in the village of Deir al Hatab. **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 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: SALFIT** (i) 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 (ii) junction checkpoint and to impede civilian access. Wall Construction: Wall construction was resumed 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/Detention:** At 17:00, an Israeli army patrol raided the town of Biddya, searched a (i)

number of commercial shops, and withdrew at 18:00.

	(ii) At 01:00, the Israeli army, including 2 jeeps, raided the village of Haris, detained 1 civilian after locating a sum of money in his possession, and released him at a later time.
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. Raid: At 22:30, the Israeli army, including 6 jeeps, raided the village of Fasayil and searched a number of uninhabited houses.
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 was resumed 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. Raids: At 11:20, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the city of Beit Jala. At 15:10, and again at 22:30, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the town of Al Khadr. Air Patrol: At 15:10, an Israeli combat helicopter patrolled the skies over the town of Al 'Ubeidiya.
HEBRON	• 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. 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.
- <u>Wall Construction</u>: Wall construction was resumed 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 Checkpoints:

- (i) At 08:10, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the junction to the town of Beit 'Einun and searched civilians and vehicles.
- (ii) At 17:35, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the overpass to the town of Halhul and searched civilians and vehicles.

• Raids:

- (i) At 14:00, the Israeli army raided the city of Hebron, set up a number of checkpoints, searched civilians and vehicles, and patrolled the area. At 24:00, the Israeli army raided the city again and patrolled the area.
- (ii) At 15:45, the Israeli army raided the town of Yatta. While patrolling the area, confrontations took place between the Israeli army and civilians.
- <u>Arrests</u>: At 18:00, the Israeli army arrested 2 civilians (brothers), while they were collecting scrap iron east of the town of Yatta:
- (i) Khaled Mohammed Mahmoud Abu Ali; and
- (ii) Raed Mohammed Mahmoud Abu Ali.
- Attack on Property: The Israeli army distributed notices for cessation of the construction of 11 houses and 1 mosque in the villages of Khirbet Salama and Fuqeiqis, claiming that they are located in closed proximity to the settlement of Negohot.
- <u>Settler Violence</u>: At 09:30, a group of Israeli settlers from the settlement of Sussia southeast of the town of Yatta beat Mahmoud Ahmed Nawaj'ah and attempted to steal his sheep, while he was grazing them near the settlement.

GAZA STRIP

ALL DISTRICTS	• The ceasefire agreement that entered into force at 06:00 on 26 November 2006 remains effective. However, the Israeli army opened fire on 1 occasion. Armed Palestinian individuals also fired 2 mortars towards the Green Line.	
NORTHERN GAZA	 <u>Closure of Crossing Point</u>: Beit Hanun (Erez) Crossing is partially open to foreign nationals, humanitarian cases, and VIPs. <u>Palestinian Attack</u>: At 19:30, armed Palestinian individuals fired 1 unidentified mortar towards the Green Line, thereby violating the Israeli-Palestinian ceasefire agreement. 	
GAZA	 Closure of Crossing Points: (i) Al Muntar (Karnei) Crossing is closed. (ii) Ash Shuja'iya (Nahal 'Oz) Crossing is closed. 	
CENTRAL GAZA	• <u>Palestinian Attack</u> : At 12:05, armed Palestinian individuals fired 1 unidentified mortar towards the Green Line, thereby violating the Israeli-Palestinian ceasefire agreement.	
KHAN YUNIS	• Attack: At 10:40, the Israeli army opened fire from the area near Point 164 on the Green Line towards a number of farmers east of the village of 'Abasan as Saghira, thereby violating the Israeli-Palestinian ceasefire agreement.	
RAFAH	 Closure of Crossing Points: (i) Yasser 'Arafat International Airport remains closed. (ii) Rafah Crossing is closed. (iii) Sufa Crossing is closed. (iv) Karm Abu Salim (Karem Shalom) Crossing is closed. 	

GENERAL

WORK PERMITS	 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.
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