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PALESTINIAN MONITORING GROUP

DAILY SITUATION REPORT 08:00 14 May 2007 – 08:00 15 May 2007

SUMMARY OF EVENTS

EVENT	WEST BANK	GAZA STRIP	TOTAL	NOTES
Death	1	_	1	A taxi driver from Jerusalem in Tal Aviv
Injury	1	_	1	1 civilian in Jenin refugee camp
Attacks	3	1	4	Incl. 2 in raids & 1 from a military post
Raids	21	2	23	Incl. 6 in Jenin & 5 in Hebron
Air Patrol		1	1	Helicopters over Northern Gaza district
Arrests (per person)	8	_	8	Incl. 1 university student
Detentions	21	_	21	Incl. civilians used as human shields
Land Levelling		1	1	Near the Green Line in Central Gaza
Wall Construction	25	_	25	Jer., Raml'h., Qalq., Salfit, Hebron, Beth.
Closure of Checkpoints	15	_	15	Incl. access impeded at 8 checkpoints
Flying Checkpoints	17	_	17	Incl. 5 in Jenin and 3 in Qalqiliya
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	_	4	4	Incl. Beit Hanun (Erez) partially
Medical Obstruction	1	_	1	An ambulance denied access, Jenin RC
Settlement Activity	1	_	1	Barbed wire installed in Jenin district
Settler Violence	1	_	1	1 civilian killed inside the Green Line
TOTAL	157	9	166	

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DISTRICT	EVENT
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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. At 22:00, the Israeli army intensified its restrictions at Ramot checkpoint, impeded civilian access, and arrested 1 civilian. 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 close the Wall gate in the town of Abu Dis with cement blocks. The Israeli army continues to close the Wall gate in the town of Aba Sawahira ash Sharyah road in the area between the villages of As Sawahira and Sharyia 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

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. 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 Oaddis. **RAMALLAH** Flying Checkpoint: At 07:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint æ near the village of Beit Liqya and searched civilians and vehicles. **EL BIREH** Raids/Attack: (i) At 22:15, the Israeli army, including 5 jeeps, raided the town of Beituniya, searched 1 house, and withdrew at 22:50. (ii) At 23:15, the Israeli army, including 4 jeeps, raided the city of El Bireh and patrolled the area until 24:00. At 03:40, the Israeli army, including 12 jeeps, raided and patrolled the (iii) city of Ramallah. Armed Palestinian individuals opened fire towards the Israeli army, while it was patrolling the area. In response, the Israeli army opened fire and withdrew at 04:30. The Israeli army raided the town of 'Ein Yabrud and arrested 1 civilian. (iv) Arrest: The Israeli army arrested Anas Hamad 'Abed in the town of 'Ein Yabrud. <u>Closure of Roads</u>: 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 **JENIN** Israeli permits. Beginning on 29 March 2007, the Israeli army has continued to (ii) 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/Detentions:** At 13:00, the Israeli army set up 3 flying checkpoints: 2 on the (i) junctions to the town of 'Arraba and the village of Al Kufeir and 1 in the area between the town of Qabatiya and the village of Misliya. Israeli troops positioned at these flying checkpoints searched civilians and vehicles.

- (ii) At 19:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to the town of Tammun, searched civilians and vehicles, and detained 1 Palestinian Police officer as well as 1 Palestinian Preventive Security officer.
- (iii) At 07:50, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to the town of Kafr Ra'i, searched civilians and vehicles, and arrested 1 university student.

• Raids/Attacks/Injury/Detentions/Medical Obstruction:

- (i) At 11:30, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the area of As Suweitat.
- (ii) At 17:00, the Israeli army, including 15 jeeps, raided the town of Qabatiya and arrested 3 civilians.
- (iii) At 19:00, the Israeli army raided Al Far'a refugee camp. While patrolling the area, confrontations took place between the Israeli army and civilian.
- (iv) At 20:00, the Israeli army raided the village of Tayasir and searched 1 house.
- (v) At 01:00, the Israeli army, including 10 jeeps and 1 bulldozer, raided the city of Jenin and Jenin refugee camp. An armed confrontation took place between the Israeli army and armed Palestinian individuals in Jenin refugee camp, during which the Israeli army injured 1 civilian. The Israeli army also used a number of civilians as human shields, while searching houses in the refugee camp. In addition, the Israeli army impeded access to an ambulance to transport the injured civilian to hospital. At 05:00, the Israeli army withdrew from the area.

• <u>Arrests</u>

- (i) On 13 May 2007, Israeli troops positioned at a flying checkpoint set up on the junction to the village of Al Kufeir arrested Mahmoud 'Isa Shabrawi.
- (ii) Israeli troops positioned at the flying checkpoint set up at the entrance to the town of Kafr Ra'i arrested 'Issam Khaled Milhem.

The Israeli army arrested 3 civilians in the town of Oabatiya:

- (iii) Abdul Rahman Hamzeh Abu ar Rub;
- (iv) Mohammed Hamzeh Abu ar Rub; and
- (v) Hasam Mohammed Abu ar Rub.
- <u>Settlement Activity</u>: At 17:30, the Israeli army installed barbed wire around an area located near the village of Zabda.

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.
- <u>Closure of Main Roads</u>: 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).

	Wall Gates: Passage through the Wall gates is restricted to civilians granted special Israeli permits. This Glades: A 22 00 the Leading State of the L
	• Flying Checkpoint: At 22:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the junction to the town of Bal'a and searched civilians and vehicles.
	• Raids: (i) At 14:00, the Israeli army raided and patrolled an area near the entrance to the town of Baqa ash Sharqiya.
	(ii) At 19:30, the Israeli army, including 2 jeeps, raided and patrolled the town of 'Anabta.
	(iii) At 01:20, the Israeli army, including 6 jeeps, raided Tulkarem refugee camp, searched 3 houses, and withdrew at 02:05.
	Closure of Roads: The Israeli army continues to close with cement blocks the agricultural roads east of the town of 'Azzun.
	• Wall Gates: (i) Passage through the Wall gates is restricted to civilians granted special Israeli permits.
QALQILIYA	(ii) The Israeli army continues to intensify its restrictions at 'Azzun 'Atma Wall gate and to search civilians, including students, with a metal detector.
	 <u>Wall Construction</u>: 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. <u>Flying Checkpoints</u>:
	(i) At 10:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the northern entrance to the town of 'Azzun and searched civilians and vehicles. (ii) At 22:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to Habla tunnel (the southern entrance to the city of Qalqiliya) and searched civilians and vehicles.
	• Raid: At 00:30, the Israeli army raided the city of Qalqiliya, set up a checkpoint, and searched civilians and vehicles. The Israeli army also patrolled the area and withdrew at 02:30.
	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.
	(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	 (iii) The Israeli army continues to close the entrance to the village of Al 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.

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	(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 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.
	• Flying Checkpoint: At 11:30, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint in the area between the villages of Salim and Deir al Hatab, searched civilians and vehicles, and arrested 1 civilian.
	 Raids: (i) At 20:45, the Israeli army, including 3 jeeps, raided the village of Sabastiya and patrolled the area until 21:15.
	(ii) At 02:00, the Israeli army raided the city of Nablus and patrolled the area until 04:50.
	 Arrest: Israeli troops positioned at the flying checkpoint set up in the area between the villages of Salim and Deir al Hatab arrested Fadi 'Adnan Ishtayyeh.
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.
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.

ВЕТНІЕНЕМ	 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.
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. Wall Construction: Wall construction continues in the section of Tarqumiya checkpoint terminal, the

• Flying Checkpoints:

- (i) At 10:15, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the overpass to the town of Halhul and searched civilians and vehicles until 11:20.
- (ii) At 16:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to Al Fawwar refugee camp and denied civilian access to and from the refugee camp until 16:30.
- (iii) At 18;25, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the junction to the village of Kharsa, searched civilian vehicles, and forced civilians to strip.

• Raids:

- (i) At 08:20, the Israeli army raided the city of Hebron and searched a number of houses. The Israeli army also set up a checkpoint near Palestine Polytechnic University, impeded access to university students, and served summons to a number of students to report to the Israeli Intelligence agency. At 15:00, and again at 24:00, the Israeli army raided the city and patrolled the area.
- (ii) At 09:00, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the town of Beit Kahil.
- (iii) At 22:50, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the town of Dura.

• Detentions:

(i) At 07:30 on 15 May 2007, the Israeli army detained Jalal Jibreel, a Palestinian Police officer, in the old city of Hebron while he was travelling to his workplace and released him at 11:00.

At 18:00, the Israeli army detained 3 Palestinian Police officers, while they were travelling to their houses near the Ibrahimi Mosque in the old city of Hebron:

- (ii) Shihdeh Talab Hirbawi;
- (iii) Mohammed Talab Gheith; and
- (iv) Abdul Mun'em as Salaymeh.

At 19:00, the Israeli army released all detained Police officers.

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 towards Palestinian territory on 1 occasion. The Israeli army also carried out 2 raids into Palestinian territory, during one of which the Israeli army levelled land. In addition, Israeli combat helicopters patrolled the skies over Palestinian territory.
NORTHERN GAZA	 <u>Closure of Crossing Point</u>: Beit Hanun (Erez) Crossing is partially open to foreign nationals, humanitarian cases, and VIPs. <u>Air Patrol</u>: At 22:20, Israeli combat helicopters patrolled the skies over the district of Northern Gaza.
GAZA	Activities not reported.

CENTRAL GAZA	• Raid/Land Levelling: At 10:45, in violation of the Israeli-Palestinian ceasefire agreement, the Israeli army, including 3 armoured vehicles and 2 bulldozers, raided 50 metres into Palestinian territory near Point 127 on the Green Line east of Al Maghazi refugee camp, levelled land, and withdrew at 17:40.
KHAN YUNIS	• Raid: At 12:40, the Israeli army, including 2 armoured vehicles and 2 bulldozers, raided 10 metres into Palestinian territory near Point 147 on the Green Line east of the area of Al Qarara, thereby violating the Israeli-Palestinian ceasefire agreement.
RAFAH	 Closure of Crossing Points: Yasser 'Arafat International Airport remains closed. Rafah Crossing is open to civilian passengers in both directions. Sufa Crossing is partially open to the transportation of construction cargo only. Karm Abu Salim (Karem Shalom) Crossing is closed. Attack: At 18:20, the Israeli army opened fire from the area near Point 207 on the Green Line towards Palestinian territory north of Sufa Crossing east of the city of Rafah, thereby violating the Israeli-Palestinian ceasefire agreement.

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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