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PALESTINIAN MONITORING GROUP

DAILY SITUATION REPORT

08:00, 15 May 2008 – 08:00, 16 May 2008

SUMMARY OF EVENTS

EVENT	WEST BANK	GAZA STRIP	TOTAL	NOTES
Injuries		2	2	2 children in Northern Gaza
Arrests	7		7	Incl. 4 civilians in Hebron
Detentions	18		18	At checkpoints & in residential areas
Raids	28		28	Incl. 3 in Ramallah & 7 in Hebron
Checkpoints	17		17	Incl. stricter measures at 10 checkpoints
Flying Checkpoints	12		12	Incl. 3 in Jenin & 4 in Hebron
Attacks	8	2	10	During 2 raids & 4 confrontations
Air Attacks		1	1	Drone fires missile in Northern Gaza
Air Patrols		1	1	1 drone in Northern Gaza
Demolition of Property	1		1	Israeli army demolish wall in Bethlehem
Land Leveling	1		1	In Ush Ghurab in Bethlehem
Wall Construction	25		25	Continues in West Bank districts
Closures	7		7	Partial in Jerusalem
Closure of Main Roads	52		52	Incl. 10 in Tulkarem & 6 in Nablus
Closure of Crossing Points		6	6	Except for humanitarian cases
Settler Violence	2		2	Incl. settlers attack civilians
Demonstrations	12	1	1	In commemoration of the Nakba
Palestinian Attacks		8	8	Incl. 24 mortars fired at the Green Line
TOTAL	193	21	214	

DISTRICT EVENTS	
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WEST BANK

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. Since 24:00 on May 5, the Israeli army imposed an entire closure on the West Bank on the occasion of the 60th anniversary for the establishment ALL of the state of Israel, and denied civilian access into the city of **DISTRICTS** Jerusalem and the Green Line, except for previously arranged humanitarian cases. The closure will continue until May 17. On May 15, public marches set out in all West Bank districts in commemoration of the Nakba. Civilian marches held UN banners and demanded the implementation if UN Resolution 194 that gives the right of return to Palestinian refugees. In addition, president Mahmoud Abbas gave a speech in which h stressed the right of return of refugees. Closure: The Israeli army continues to intensify its restrictions at checkpoints located at the entrances to the city of Jerusalem. The Israeli army also continued to close the entrances to al-Agsa 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. The Israeli army continues to close the road connecting Dahiyat al-(ii) Bareed to the town of al-Ram in order to complete Wall construction in the area. The Israeli army continues to close with cement blocks and dirt (iii) barricades the entrance to the village of Jaba', which connects the **JERUSALEM** village to the cities of Jerusalem, Ramallah, and Jericho. **Checkpoints:** (i) The Israeli army continues to consider Qalandya 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.
- (ii) At 08:30, the Israeli army intensified restrictions at Jaba' checkpoint and impeded traffic.
- Detention: In the morning of May 15, the Israeli army detained at Jaba' checkpoint a military officer called Ahmad Jamal Mohammad Jodeh, and released him at 15:55.
- Attacks: At 13:00, the Israeli army stationed at Qalandia military checkpoint fired sound and tear gas bombs towards civilians under the pretext of stone throwing.

Wall Gates: (a) The Israeli army continues to close the Wall gate in the town of Abu Dis with cement blocks. (b) The Israeli army continues to deny civilian access through the Wall gate on al-Shayyah road in the area between the villages of al-Sawahira al-Sharqiya and al-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 al-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. **Closure of Main Roads:** The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the eastern (i) entrance to the village of Sinjil. The Israeli army continues to close with cement blocks the western (ii) entrance to the village of Safa. (iii) The Israeli army continues to close with cement blocks the entrance to the village of Ras Karkar. (iv) The Israeli army continues to close the road connecting the villages of Ras Karkar and Kharbatha Bani Hareth, the western entrance to the village of Ain Yabroud, and the junction of Kafr Malik – Ein Samiah with dirt barricades and cement blocks. Checkpoints: The Israeli army continues to intensify restrictions at the checkpoint set up on the overpass to the town of 'Atara and impede civilian **RAMALLAH** access. Flying Checkpoints: At 08:30, the Israeli army set up a checkpoint on the entrance to the village of Ras Karkar and arrested 1 civilian. Raids: At 23:20, the Israeli army raided the village of Deir Abu Mashal and clashed with civilians during patrol. Arrests: The civilian arrested in the village of Ras Karkar is called Jihad Abdallah al-Mileiji. **Detention**: At 16:00, the Israeli army detained in the town of Halhoul overpass a military officer called Johad Odeh Naji but released him at 19:50 after the intervention of the military liaison. 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. Closure of Main Roads: The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the road leading to the town of 'Arraba east of the settlement of Dotan. **JENIN Flying Checkpoints:** (i) at 10:30, the Israeli army set up a checkpoint on the junction of al-Shuhada', and searched civilians and vehicles.

	(ii) At 12:30, the Israeli army set up a checkpoint on the entrance to the
	village of Fahma, and searched civilians and vehicles.
	(iii) At 07:00, the Israeli army set up a checkpoint on the entrance to the
	town of Araba, and searched civilians and vehicles.
	• <u>Raids</u> :
	(i) At 17:30, the Israeli army raided the town of Ya'bod, clashed with
	civilians during patrol, detained 3 children and released them at
	18:30.
	(ii) At 01:00, the Israeli army raided the city of Jenin and its refugee
	camp and patrolled it until 04:40.
	• 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.
	Checkpoints: The Israeli army continues to close Tayasir checkpoint east
	of the town of Tubas, denying civilian access to the Northern Jordan
TOUBAS	Valley, except for civilians whose IDs indicate that their place of residence
1002120	is the Northern Jordan Valley.
	• Raids: At 23:50, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the village of Tayasir.
	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:
	(a) 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's plain; the road to the town of Deir al-Ghusun's
	plain; and the entrance to the village of 'Izbat Abu Khamis.
	(b) At 20:00, the Israeli army closed the road connecting the
	villages of Ramin and Bazaria with dirt barricades.
	(c) At 17:00, the Israeli army closed the northern entrance to
TULKAREM	the town of 'Azzun with barbed wires.
	• Checkpoints: The Israeli army continues to intensify restrictions at Einav
	checkpoint that is set up on Tulkarem-Nablus road and at Jubaa checkpoint.
	• Raids:
	(i) At 18:20, the Israeli army raided the town of Zeita, opened fire and
	fired sound bombs during patrol, detained 1 child and released him
	at 20:15.
	(ii) At 23:20, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the village of Izbet
	Abu Khamish.
	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.
	• Closure of Roads:
	(i) The Israeli army continues to close with cement blocks the agricultural
QALQILYA	roads east of the town of 'Azzun
V.II.VIIII	(ii) The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the road
	connecting the town of 'Azzun to the village of 'Asla.
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- (iii) At 21:00, the Israeli army removed the dirt barricades in the road that connects the town of 'Azzun and the village of Izbet al-Tabib.
- <u>Checkpoints</u>: The Israeli army continues to intensify restrictions at the checkpoint that is set up at the eastern entrance to the city of Qalqilya and impede civilian access.
- <u>Flying Checkpoints</u>: At 16:00, the Israeli army set up a checkpoint on the road leading to al-Atouri swimming pool east of the city of Qalqilya, and searched civilians and vehicles.

• Raids:

- (i) At 00:15, the Israeli army raided the city of Qalqilya and patrolled it until 01:45.
- (ii) At 00:20, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the village of Habla.

• Wall Gates:

- (i) Passage through the Wall gates is restricted to civilians granted special 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.
- <u>Wall Construction</u>: Land leveling for Wall construction continues in villages of Immatin and Kafr Laqif as well as east of the towns of Kafr Thulth and 'Azzun.

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.
- (iii) The Israeli army continues to close the entrance to the village of al Lubban al-Sharqiya with dirt barricades and cement blocks.
- <u>Checkpoints</u>: The Israeli army continues to regulate times for crossing checkpoints set up around the city of Nablus:

(i) At Tur neighborhood 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 neighborhood only.

- (ii) Beit Furik checkpoint is open to civilian residents of the town of Beit Furik and the nearby village of Beit Dajan.
- (iii) 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 al-Shamaliya and to prevent civilians from crossing, only allowing access to humanitarian cases.
- (iv) Since 06:10, the Israeli army closed the checkpoint that is set up on the road connecting the city of Nablus and the town of Aseera al-Shimaliyyeh, and impeded traffic.

• <u>Raids</u>:

(i) At 16:35, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the

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	village of Burqa. (ii) At 01:35, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the village if Kafr Qalil. (iii) At 01:59, the Israeli army raided the city of Nablus and the refugee camps of Balata and Askarm searched a number if civilian houses, and arrested 1 civilian in the city of Nablus. • Attacks: At 23:20, the Israeli army opened fire intensively from the military post that is set up on al-Tur Mount south of the city of Nablus towards civilian houses in the area of al-Dahiyeh in the city of Nablus. • Arrests: (i) On May 10, The civilian arrested in the city of Nablus is called Ghanem Tawfiq Sawalmeh. (ii) The civilian arrested in the city of Nablus is called Ahmad Nasser Abu al-Kalbat.
SALFIT	 Closure of Main Roads: The Israeli army continues to close the main north-western entrance to the city of Salfit with dirt barricades since the beginning of the current <i>Intifada</i> (Uprising). The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the western entrance to the village of Marda and Hares. In addition, the Israeli army continues to close the eastern entrance to the village of Yassouf and the southern entrance to the village of Deir Istiyya with dirt barricades, as well as the southern entrance to the town of Kafl hares and the 2 northern entrances to the town of Bruqin and the village of Qarawa Bani Hassan. At 21:50, the Israeli army removed the dirt barricade set up at the western entrance to the village of Marda. Checkpoints: The Israeli army continues to intensify its restrictions at Deir Ballut and Za'tara checkpoints and prevent civilian vehicles from traveling towards the town of Kafr al-Dik. At 17:00, the Israeli army closed Za'tara checkpoint and impeded traffic upon the arrest of a civilian under the pretext of finding a suspicious object with him. The checkpoint was reopened at 17:40. Raids: At 21:30, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the town of Deir Istiyya. Settler Violence: At 14:10, a bunch of settlers uprooted fruitful trees belonging to civilian Qassem Nasser Mansour near the town of Deir Istiyya.
JERICHO	 Wall Construction: Wall construction continues in the area northwest of the city of Salfit, and in the village of Marda and the town of Kafr Hares north of the settlement of Ariel. 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 that connects the districts of Jericho and Ramallah.
	• Closure: (i) The Israeli army continues to close the reads to the village of An
	(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) Since September 15, 2007, the Israeli army has been preventing
	civilian access, according to military order 07.02.S, to the 22-
	dunum land that has been confiscated in accordance with
	confiscation order number 07.31.T. The 22-dunum area has been set
	to construct a passage in the area of Mazmouriyyeh that is located
	in the cities of Beit Sahur and Bethlehem.
	• <u>Closure of Main Roads</u> : (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) At 12:50, the Israeli army closed the road that connects the city of
	Beir Sahour and the area of 'Ush Ghurab with dirt barricades.
	• Raids:
	(i) At 10:30, the Israeli army and a bunch of settlers raided the debris
	of Ush Ghurab military camp that was previously evacuated and
BETHLEHEM	raised the Israeli flag. The Israeli army withdrew at 14:50. (ii) At 20:15, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the town of al-
	Khader.
	(iii) At 20:40, the Israeli army redid the village of al-Shawawreh, set up
	a checkpoint in the village center, and withdrew at 21:50.
	(iv) At 21:10, the Israeli army raided the city of Beit Sahour and
	patrolled it until 21:30.
	(v) At 22:00, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the city of Beit Jala.
	(vi) At 22:30, the Israeli army raided the town of Tekoa, clashed with civilians during patrol, and withdrew at 00:20.
	• Land Leveling: At 21:35, the Israeli army razed land around the debris of
	the previously evacuated area of Ush Ghurab and demolished wall and
	closed its western entrance.
	• <u>Demonstrations</u> : At 11:00, a public march set out in the villager of al-
	Maasarah, with the participation of international peace activists and
	supporters, in commemoration of the 60 th anniversary of the Nakba.
	civilians marches raised UN banners and called for the implementation if
	 UN resolution number 194. Wall Construction: Wall construction continues in the area northwest of
	the town of al-Khader; northwest of the city of Beit Jala; in the area of
	Wadi Rahhal east of the settlement of Ephrata; and in the area surrounding

- (iii) At 18:00, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the town of Yatta.
- (iv) At 18:40, the Israeli army raided the town of Dura, set up a checkpoint in the town center, and searched a number of civilian houses.
- (v) At 19:10, the Israeli army raided the village of Khirbet al-Tarameh and searched 1 civilian house.
- (vi) At 02:30, the Israeli raided the town of Tarqumia, searched 1 civilian house, and withdrew at 03:25.
- Arrests: The 4 civilians arrested in the town of Bani Na'im are:
 - (a) Mohammad Ali Jadallah Manasra, 17;
 - (b) Jihad Hassan Salem Manasra;
 - (c) Ziyad Yasser Khalil Manasra; and
 - (d) Akef Ali Jadallah Manasra.
- <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 al-Ramadin, and near the village of Imneizil southeast of the town of Yatta.

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- <u>Closure of Crossing Point</u>: Beit Hanoun (Erez) Crossing is partially open (to allow previously coordinated humanitarian access).
- Attacks:
- (i) At 14:00, the Israeli army opened fire intensively from its posts near Beit Hano0un Erez crossing on the green Line towards civilian who were marching on the occasion of the 6oth anniversary of the Nakba, and injured 2 children.
- (ii) A dawn on May 16, the Israeli army fired 1 tank missile from its posts inside the Green Line towards armed individuals.

NORTHERN GAZA

- <u>Air Attacks</u>: At dawn on May 16, an Israeli drone fired 1 missile towards armed individuals near Sheik Zayed Towers north-east of Beit Lahia.
- Palestinian Attacks:
 - (i) At 13:00, one unidentified mortar was fired towards the Green Line.
 - (ii) At 15:30, two unidentified mortars were fired towards the Green Line.
 - (iii) At 19:00, six unidentified mortars were fired towards the Green Line.
 - (iv) At 21:00, four mortars were fired towards Beit Hanoun Erez Crossing on the Green Line.
 - (v) At 01:20, two unidentified mortars were fired towards the Green Line.

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GAZA	• <u>Closure of Crossing Points</u> :
	(i) Al-Muntar (Karni) Crossing is closed.
	(ii) Al-Shuja'iya (Nahal 'Oz) Crossing is partly open to let in limited
	amounts of fuel.
	• Palestinian Attacks: At 13:00, five mortars were fired towards al-Shuja'iya –
	Nahal Oz Crossing on the Green Line.
	• <u>Closure of Crossing Points</u> : (All closed)
	(i) Yasser 'Arafat International Airport remains closed.
	(ii) Rafah (al-Awdah) Crossing is closed.
RAFAH	(iii) Sufa Crossing is closed.
	(i) Karm Abu Salim (Karem Shalom) is closed.
	• Palestinian Attacks: At 19:00, one unidentified mortar was fired towards the
	Green Line.

PRISONERS CONDITIONS

• The Israeli military court at Ofer military detention camp sentenced a child called Ali Mohammad Suleiman Abu Saleh, 14, from the town of Dura in Hebron, to 13 months in jail and a fine of 1000 shekels equivalent to 280 dollars