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PALESTINIAN MONITORING GROUP

DAILY SITUATION REPORT 08:00 04 May 2007 – 08:00 05 May 2007

SUMMARY OF EVENTS

EVENT	WEST BANK	GAZA STRIP	TOTAL	NOTES
Assassinations	2	_	2	2 armed Palestinian individuals, Jenin
Deaths	1	1	2	In Jenin and Northern Gaza districts
Injuries	6	_	6	Incl. 3 children
Attacks	9	2	11	Incl. 5 in raids & 2 from military posts
Raids	28	7	35	Incl. 8 in Jenin and 4 in Tulkarem
Air Patrol	_	1	1	Helicopters over the city of Khan Yunis
Arrests	9	3	12	Incl. 1 female civilian in Ramallah
Detentions	18	_	18	At checkpoints and in residential areas
House Demolition	*	_	_	A notice delivered to demolish 1 house
Land Levelling	_	2	2	In the Gaza and Central Gaza districts
Destruction of Property	1	_	1	Furniture of 1 house damaged, Tulkarem
Confiscation of Property	3	_	3	2 M16 rifles and 1 civilian vehicle
Closure of Checkpoints	14	_	14	Incl. 1 checkpoint closed
Flying Checkpoints	9	_	9	Incl. 2 in Jerusalem and 4 in Hebron
Closure (per District)	6	_	6	Incl. Jerusalem and Tulkarem partially
Closure of Main Roads	35	_	35	Incl. 3 in Jerusalem & 3 in Ramallah
Closure of Crossing Points	_	6	6	Incl. Beit Hanun (Erez) partially
Settler Violence	2	_	2	Incl. civilians beaten in Hebron district
Provocation of Pal. Forces	1	_	1	A sound grenade fired at a Police station
Palestinian Attacks	_	3	3	4 mortars fired towards the Green Line
Demonstrations	2		2	Against the Wall, Ramallah & Bethlehem
TOTAL	146	25	171	

DISTRICT	EVENT
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WEST BANK The Israeli army continues to intensify its restrictions at checkpoints set up **ALL** on the main roads connecting the West Bank districts, thereby isolating the northern districts from the southern districts as well as the Jericho district DISTRICTS and the Jordan Valley from the remainder of the West Bank. Closure: The Israeli army intensified its restrictions at checkpoints located at the entrances to the city of Jerusalem, set up several checkpoints in the old city of Jerusalem and around Al Aqsa Mosque compound, and prevented civilians from accessing the mosque to perform Friday prayers. As a result, civilians were forced to perform Friday prayers along main streets, roads, and in the area surrounding the old city of Jerusalem. **Closure of Main Roads:** The Israeli army continues to close the entrance opposite the junction to (i) 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 Ar Ram in order to complete Wall construction in the area. The Israeli army continues to close with cement blocks the entrance to (iii) 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 **JERUSALEM** access the city of Jerusalem. **Wall Gates:** The Israeli army continues to close the Wall gate in the town of Abu (i) Dis with cement blocks. The Israeli army continues to deny civilian access through the Wall (ii) 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 suspended for the weekend 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.

allegedly for throwing stones.

camp.

Raid: At 02:45, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the Qalandiya refugee

Attack: At 16:00, Israeli troops positioned at Qalandiya checkpoint fired rubber-coated steel bullets and tear gas grenades towards civilians,

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. At 22:35, the Israeli army closed the checkpoint in both directions and arrested 1 female civilian, ostensibly for locating an explosive belt in her possession. The Israeli army reopened the checkpoint **RAMALLAH** at a later time. & Wall Construction: Wall construction was suspended for the weekend in **EL BIREH** 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. Raids: At 23:10, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the cities of Ramallah and El Bireh. The Israeli army also searched 1 house in the city of Ramallah. At 03:30, the Israeli army withdrew from the area. **Arrest:** Israeli troops positioned at the checkpoint set up on the overpass to the town of 'Atara arrested an unidentified female civilian. **Demonstration/Attack/Injuries:** mass demonstration, including international peace activists, took place in the village of Bil'in in protest against Wall construction. Confrontations took place between the Israeli army and protestors, during which the Israeli army injured 3 civilian protestors, including 2 children. 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. Beginning on 29 March 2007, the Israeli army has continued to (ii) **JENIN** regulate times to open Al Jalama and Salim Wall gates between 06:30 until 10:00 and 17:00 until 21:00 respectively. Flying Checkpoint: At 06:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the junction to the town of 'Arraba and searched civilians and vehicles. Raids/Attack/Confiscation of Property/Injury: (i) At 18:20, the Israeli army raided the city of Jenin, the towns of Al Yamun and As Silat al Harithiya, and the village of Ti'innik and Kafr Dan. The Israeli army also set up an ambush near the forest of the town of As Silat al Harithiya and opened fire towards a civilian vehicle transporting armed Palestinian individuals, extra-judicially killing 2 armed individuals as well as killing 1 civilian bystander. In addition,

the Israeli army confiscated 2 M16 rifles from the targeted vehicle.
While searching houses in the town of As Silat al Harithiya, the Israeli
army opened fire, injuring 1 civilian. Furthermore, the Israeli army
arrested 4 civilians and withdrew at 19:50.

- (ii) At 00:30, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the towns of Tubas and Tammun.
- At 03:20, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the city of Jenin. (iii)
- Assassinations: The Israeli army extra-judicially killed 2 armed Palestinian individuals near the town of As Silat al Harithiya:
- Khaled Saleh 'Ashour: and (i)
- Mahdi Mohammed Abu al Kheir. (ii)
- Killing: The Israeli army killed Ahmed 'Izzat Zyoud, a civilian bystander, near the town of As Silat al Harithiya.
- Arrests: The Israeli army arrested 4 civilians in the town of As Silat al Harithiya:
- Ahmed Taher Zyoud; (i)
- Abdullah Husni Zyoud; (ii)
- 'Imad Yousef Zyoud; and (iii)
- (iv) Yihya Yousef Jaradat.

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: 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.
- Checkpoints: 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.
- Flying Checkpoint: At 20:50, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the junction to the town of Bal'a and searched civilians and vehicles.

Raids/Attack/Injury/Detentions/Destruction of Property:

- At 19:10, the Israeli army, including 4 jeeps, raided Dahiyat Shuweika (i) in the city of Tulkarem. While patrolling the area, confrontations took place between the Israeli army and civilians, during which the Israeli army injuring 13-year-old Bakr 'Issam N'aloh in the back. At 20:15, the Israeli army withdrew from the area.
- (ii) At 20:45, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the town of 'Anabta.
- At 02:50, the Israeli army, including 6 jeeps, raided the city of (iii) Tulkarem and Tulkarem refugee camp as well as searched a number of houses, after detaining residents. In the city, the Israeli army also damaged the furniture of a house and arrested 1 civilian. At 05:30, the Israeli army withdrew from the area.
- Arrest: The Israeli army arrested Ihab Saleh 'Illariyyeh in the city of Tulkarem.

TULKAREM

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 was suspended for the weekend in the villages of Immatin and Kafr Laqif as well as east of the towns of Kafr Thulth and 'Azzun. Raids: At 10:10, and again at 19:10, the Israeli army, including 7 jeeps, raided and patrolled the city of Qalqiliya. House Demolition: At 17:00, the Israeli army delivered a notice for the demolition of a house under construction belonging to Zeid Shaher 'Ubeid in the village of Jinsafut, claiming that it was being built with the required construction licence.
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. 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. Raids/Confiscation of Property/Attacks/Provocation of Palestinian Forces: At 15:40, the Israeli army raided the village of 'Ein Shibli and confiscated a vehicle belonging to Murad Mustafa Ghareeb. At 22:30, the Israeli army raided the village of Burqa. Confrontations took place between the Israeli army and civilians.

	 (iii) At 04:15, the Israeli army raided the village of Till, searched 6 houses, and fired a sound grenade towards the village's Palestinian Police station. At 05:00, the Israeli army withdrew from the area. (iv) At 04:20, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the city of Nablus.
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 <i>Intifada</i> (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 was suspended for the weekend 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. Flving Checkpoint: At 20:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to the village of Yasuf and searched civilians and vehicles. Raid/Detentions: At 22:30, the Israeli army raided the village of Iskaka, searched a number of houses, and detained young civilians between 15 and 20 years of age in one of the village's yards.
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.
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 suspended for the weekend 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/Attack:

- (i) At 01:30, the Israeli army raided the town of Beit Fajjar, searched a number of houses, and arrested 3 civilians. The Israeli army also served summons to 3 other civilians to report to the Israeli Intelligence agency.
- (ii) At 04:45, the Israeli army raided the village of Artas and fired flares, while patrolling the area.
- (iii) At 05:00, the Israeli army, including 8 jeeps, raided the town of Al Khadr and patrolled the area until 05:30.
- Arrests: The Israeli army arrested 3 civilians in the town of Beit Fajjar:
- (i) Iyad Abdul Rahman Taqatqah;
- (ii) Ahmed Abdul Rahman Taqatqah; and
- (iii) Shareef Mohammed Taqatqah.
- <u>Settler Violence</u>: At 09:30, a confrontation took place between a group of Israeli settlers and civilians along Road # 60 near the town of Al Khadr, during which Israeli settlers injured As'ad Sa'eed Abu Subh.
- <u>Demonstration</u>: At 13:40, a mass demonstration, including international peace activists, took place in the village of Um Salamuna in protest against Wall construction.

• 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.

HEBRON

- (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 was suspended for the weekend 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 01:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint in the area of Al Birka east of the town of Yatta and searched civilians and vehicles.

• Raids:

- (i) At 10:20, the Israeli army raided the city of Hebron, set up a checkpoint in the area of Nimra, and searched civilians and vehicles. At 15:20, the Israeli army raided the city again, set up 2 checkpoints in the areas of Ras al Jora and Nimra, searched civilians and vehicles, and patrolled the area.
- (ii) At 23:00, the Israeli army raided Al 'Arrub refugee camp. While patrolling the area, confrontations took place between the Israeli army and civilians.

• Detentions:

- (i) At 13:40, the Israeli army detained Sheikh Haroun ash Sharabati as well as a number of civilians, after they performed Friday prayers at the Ibrahimi Mosque in the old city of Hebron. The Israeli army released the detained civilians at a later time.
- (ii) At 21:00, the Israeli army detained 13-year-old Ali Barkat near the Ibrahimi Mosque in the old city of Hebron and released him at a later time.
- <u>Settler Violence</u>: At 18:15, a group of Israeli settlers from the settlement of Karmei Tzur beat a number of civilians, while they were working on their land near the settlement. As a result, a female civilian sustained contusions.

GAZA STRIP

• 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 2 occasions. The Israeli army also carried out 7 raids into Palestinian territory, during which it arrested 3 farmers and levelled land on 2 occasions. In addition, Israeli combat helicopters patrolled the skies over Palestinian territory on 1 occasion. Moreover, armed Palestinian individuals fired 4 mortars towards the Green Line, of which 1 mortar exploded in the area from which it was launched. NORTHERN GAZA • Closure of Crossing Point: Beit Hanun (Erez) Crossing is partially open to foreign nationals, humanitarian cases, and VIPs.

	Raids: In violation of the Israeli-Palestinian ceasefire agreement, the Israeli
	army raided Palestinian territory, as follows:
	(i) At 19:30, Israeli Special Forces raided Palestinian territory near Point 6
	on the Green Line northwest of the town of Beit Lahiya and arrested 3
	farmers.
	(ii) At 21:15, Israeli army infantry forces raided Palestinian territory near
	Point 15 on the Green Line north of the town of Beit Lahiya and
	withdrew at 04:00.
	(iii) At 22:40, the Israeli army, including 4 armoured vehicles, raided 150
	metres into Palestinian territory near Point 25 on the Green Line
	northeast of the town of Beit Hanun.
	Arrests: Israeli Special Forces arrested 3 farmers northwest of the town of
	Beit Lahiya:
	(i) Abdullah Abdul Kareem as Sabe';
	(ii) Nizar Ghazi Abu Haleemeh; and
	(iii) Mohammed Habboush.
	Palestinian Attacks: In violation of the Israeli-Palestinian ceasefire
	agreement, armed Palestinian individuals fired 4 mortars towards the Green
	Line, as follows:
	(i) At 16:40, 1 unidentified mortar was fired towards the Green Line, but it
	exploded in the area from which it was launched.
	(ii) At 21:25, 2 unidentified mortars were fired towards the Green Line.
	(iii) At 21:30, 1 unidentified mortar was fired towards the Green Line.
	Closure of Crossing Point: Ash Shuja'iya (Nahal 'Oz) Crossing is closed. Description: Ash Shuja'iya (Nahal 'Oz) Crossing is closed.
	• <u>Death</u> : At 19:40, Mahdi Sufyan ad Dahdouh, an armed Palestinian
	individual, died of critical injuries sustained a year ago during an Israeli air
	attack on his vehicle in Gaza city.
	• Attack: At 16:00, the Israeli army opened fire from the area near Point 105
	on the Green Line towards a number of shepherds in the area of Juhor ad
	Dik southeast of Gaza city, thereby violating the Israeli-Palestinian ceasefire
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	(i) At 12:00, the Israeli army, including 4 armoured vehicles and 3 bulldozers, raided 50 metres into Palestinian territory near Point 75 on
	the Green Line east of Gaza city, levelled land, and withdrew at 16:15.
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	(ii) At 03:40, Israeli Special Forces raided Palestinian territory near Point 91 on the Green Line east of Gaza city. An armed confrontation also
	took place between the Israeli Special Forces troops and armed
	Palestinian individuals.
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	• Raid/Land Levelling: At 16:00, in violation of the Israeli-Palestinian
CENTRAL	ceasefire agreement, the Israeli army, including 2 armoured vehicles and 2
GAZA	bulldozers, raided Palestinian territory near Point 129 on the Green Line
	east of Al Maghazi refugee camp, levelled land, and withdrew at 17:00.

KHAN YUNIS	Air Patrol: At 11:30, Israeli combat helicopters patrolled the skies over Palestinian territory.
RAFAH	 Closure of Crossing Points: Yasser 'Arafat International Airport remains closed. Rafah Crossing is closed. 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.