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PALESTINIAN MONITORING GROUP

DAILY SITUATION REPORT 08:00 08 May 2007 – 08:00 09 May 2007

SUMMARY OF EVENTS

EVENT	WEST BANK	GAZA STRIP	TOTAL	NOTES
Physical Assaults	3		3	A number of civilians beaten in Jerusalem
Injuries	2		2	2 civilians in Jenin and Qalqiliya
Attacks	8	3	11	Incl. 4 in raids & 3 from military posts
Raids	38	3	41	Incl. 6 in Ramallah & 3 in Northern Gaza
Air Patrols	2		2	Helicopters & reconnaissance, Bethlehem
Arrests	19	1	20	Incl. 1 Palestinian security officer
Detentions	20	1	21	Incl. 3 children and 3 fishermen
House Demolition	1		1	1 house in 'Isawiya village, Jerusalem
Wall Construction	25		25	Jer., Raml'h., Qalq., Salfit, Hebron, Beth.
Destruction of Property	5		5	Incl. a charitable association demolished
Confiscation of Property	4		4	4 computers from a cultural centre, Jenin
House Occupation	1		1	Converted into a military post, Qalqiliya
Curfews	2		2	In the districts of Jerusalem & Nablus
Closure of Checkpoints	15		15	Incl. access impeded at 8 checkpoints
Flying Checkpoints	10		10	Jerusalem (3), Jenin (5), & Qalqiliya (2)
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		5	5	Incl. Beit Hanun (Erez) partially
Palestinian Attacks		2	2	3 mortars fired towards the Green Line
Pal. Security Measures	1	1	2	Incl. a tunnel sealed off in Rafah district
TOTAL	197	16	213	

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: (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. (ii) 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. (iii) 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 close the Vall Gates:

	 (iii) The Israeli army raided the village of Al 'Isawiya, demolished 1 house, and beat a number of civilians. The Israeli army also detained 10 civilians. (iv) The Israeli army raided the town of Al 'Eizariya and arrested 2 civilians. <u>Arrests:</u> (i) The Israeli army arrested an unidentified civilian in the village of Beit Duqqu. (ii) The Israeli army arrested Isma'il Ibrahim al Faqeeh in the village of Qatanna. The Israeli army arrested 2 civilians in the town of Al 'Eizariya: (iii) Qasem Isma'il Dahdoul; and (iv) Mohammed Basem ar Reesh. <u>House Demolition</u>: The Israeli army demolished 1 house in the village of Al 'Isawiya belonging to an unidentified civilian. <u>Destruction of Property</u>: The Israeli army demolished the offices of a charitable association that serves handicapped children in Wadi al Joz neighbourhood in the city of Jerusalem, after having expelled handicapped
	children outside.
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 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 Qaddis. Raids/Detentions: (i) At 11:30, the Israeli army, including 4 jeeps, raided and patrolled the city of El Bireh. (ii) At 12:00, the Israeli army, including 14 jeeps, raided the village of 'Ein Yabrud and arrested 3 civilians, including a university student. The Israeli army also served summons to a number of civilians to report to the Israeli Intelligence agency. (iii) At 13:30, the Israeli army raided the village of An Nabi Salih and searched 1 house. (iv) At 23:00, the Israeli army raided the town of Turmus'ayya and searched 1 house, after detaining residents. (v) At 03:10, the Israeli army, including 10 jeeps, raided the village of Kobar, arrested 1 civilian, and withdrew at 03:50. (vi) At 05:10, the Israeli army, including 10 jeeps, raided the town of Beituniya and searched 1 house as well as a packing factory. The Israeli army also arrested 2 civilians and 1 Palestinian Police officer.

	• <u>Arrests</u> : The Israeli army arrested 3 civilians in the village of 'Ein Yabrud:
	(i) Yusri Abdul Rahman Yaman;
	(ii) Awwab Muneeb al Massri; and
	(iii) Mahmoud Lutfi 'Ayyad.
	(iv) The Israeli army arrested Zahran Ahmed al Fahel in the village of
	Kobar.
	The Israeli army arrested 2 civilians and 1 Palestinian security officer in the
	town of Beituniya:
	(v) Murad Ziyad Missfer, a Palestinian Police officer;
	(vi) Khaled Hussein Missfer; and
	(vii) Mohammed Mustafa Mis'ef.
	 <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. <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. <u>Wall Gates</u>: (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: At 08:30, the Israeli army set up 2 flying checkpoints on the junctions to the villages of Al Kufeir and Al Jarba, searched civilians and vehicles, and impeded civilian access. The Israeli army set up 2 flying checkpoints on the junctions to the
JENIN	villages of Kafr Dan and Sir and searched civilians and vehicles.
	(iii) The Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the junction to the village of Zububa, searched civilians and vehicles, and arrested 1 civilian.
	<u>Raids/Attacks/Injury/Destruction/Confiscation of Property</u> :
	(i) At 22:30, the Israeli army raided the village of Kafr Dan. While patrolling the area, an armed confrontation took place between the Israeli army and armed Palestinian individuals. At 22:40, the Israeli
	 army withdrew from the area. (ii) At 24:00, the Israeli army raided the town of Tammun. Confrontations took place between civilians and the Israeli army, while it was patrolling the area.
	 patrolling the area. (iii) At 01:00, the Israeli army, including 1 armoured vehicle and 13 jeeps, raided the town of Al Yamun and opened fire, injuring 1 civilian. The Israeli army also searched a number of houses. After destroying its doors, the Israeli army searched a cultural centre belonging to the Islamic Resistance Movement (Hamas) and confiscated 4 computers. At 02:40, the Israeli army withdrew from the area.

	 (iv) At 01:30, the Israeli army, including 9 jeeps and 2 bulldozers, raided the city of Jenin and Jenin refugee camp and patrolled the area until 04:00. <u>Arrest</u>: Israeli troops positioned at the flying checkpoint set up on the junction to the village of Al Jarba arrested Kamal Mahmoud 'Ubeidi.
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 Deir al Ghusun to 'Attil plain, the road connecting the town of Labor to the village of Suffarin, the road connecting the town of Labor to the village of Suffarin, the road connecting the town of Labor to the village of Suffarin, the road connecting the town of Labor to the village of Suffarin, 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 southern entrance to the city). <u>Wall Gates</u>: Passage through the Wall gates is restricted to civilians granted special Israeli permits. <u>Raids</u>: (i) At 11:00, the Israeli army, including 6 jeeps, raided the city of Tulkarem, searched 1 house, and withdrew at 11:50. (ii) At 02:15, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the village of 'Izbat al Jarad. <u>Arrests</u>: At 02:20 on 08 May 2007, the Israeli army arrested 5 civilians during its raids into the city of Tulkarem and Tulkarem refugee camp, in addition to those reported yesterday: (i) Nassr Samarah; (ii) Ahmed Matrouk; (iii) Nidhal Abu Thareefeh; (iv) Ahmed Abu Salah; and (v) 'Issam Jeetawi.
QALQILIYA	 <u>Closure of Roads</u>: The Israeli army continues to close with cement blocks the agricultural roads east of the town of 'Azzun. <u>Wall Gates</u>: 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. <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.

	Flying Checkpoints:
	(i) At 12:30, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the southern
	entrance to the city of Qalqiliya and searched civilians and vehicles.
	(ii) The Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the northern entrance to
	the town of 'Azzun and searched civilians and vehicles.
	<u>Raids/House Occupation/Attack/Injury:</u>
	(i) At 22:30, the Israeli army raided the village of Kafr Laqif, occupied 1
	house under construction, converted it into a military post, and
	withdrew at a later time.
	(ii) At 22:30, the Israeli army raided the city of Qalqiliya. Confrontations
	took place between the Israeli army and civilians, during which the
	Israeli army injured 1 civilian. At 03:30, the Israeli army withdrew
	from the area.
	Palestinian Security Measure: At 15:00, Palestinian security forces handed
	over 1 illegal vehicle, seized in the city of Qalqiliya, to the Israeli
	authorities (through the DCO).
	• <u>Closure of Main Roads</u> :
	(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.
	• <u>Checkpoints</u> : 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.
	(ii) At Tur neighbourhood checkpoint (set up on Jirzim Mount) is closed
NABLUS	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.
	<u>Raids/Curfew/Detentions/Attack</u> :
	(i) At 08:50, the Israeli army raided the town of Huwwara and imposed
	curfew, allegedly for throwing stones. At 10:00, the Israeli army
	withdrew from the area.
	(ii) At 15:45, the Israeli army, including 3 jeeps, raided and patrolled the
	village of Sabastiya.
	(iii) At 23:00, the Israeli army raided the village of 'Iraq at Tayyah and
	detained 3 children.

	(iv) At 02:00, the Israeli army raided the city of Nablus and Balata refugee
	camp. While patrolling the refugee camp, the Israeli army opened fire.
	At 04:30, the Israeli army withdrew from the area.
	(v) The Israeli army raided and patrolled the village of Sabastiya.
	• <u>Arrest</u> : At 12:30, Israeli troops positioned at Beit Iba checkpoint arrested
	'Imad Abdul Ghani al Aswad.
	• Destruction of Property: At 01:40 on 08 May 2007, the Israeli army
	destroyed (using explosives) a blacksmith's workshop belonging to As'ad
	Nassrallah during its raid into the city of Nablus.
	• <u>Closure of Main Roads</u> :
	(i) 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).
	(ii) 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.
	• <u>Checkpoints</u> : (i) The Israeli army continues to intensify its restrictions at Deir Ballut
	(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.
SALFIT	(ii) 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/Attacks:
	(i) At 20:45, the Israeli army raided the town of Deir Ballut and opened
	indiscriminate fire, while patrolling the area. At 21:15, the Israeli army
	withdrew from the area.
	(ii) The Israeli army raided the village of Yasuf. While patrolling the area,
	confrontations took place between the Israeli army and civilians.
	• <u>Closure</u> : 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.
JERICHO	• <u>Checkpoints</u> : 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.
	• <u>Closure</u> : The Israeli army continues to close the roads to the village of
BETHLEHEM	An Nu'man, with the exception of the road leading to the Wall gate in
	the south-eastern area of the village.
	<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.
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	(ii) The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the detour roads leading to the town of Tuqu'.
	• <u>Wall Construction</u> : 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.
	Raids/Destruction of Property: (i) At 09:00, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the town of Za'tara and the village of Dar Salah.
	 (ii) At 03:00, the Israeli army raided the city of Beit Jala and the town of Al Khadr, searched 1 building, and patrolled the area. (iii) At 06:30, the Israeli army raided the village of Al Walaja and
	 demolished a sheep pen, claiming that it was built without the required construction licence. <u>Air Patrols</u>: At 15:00, Israeli combat helicopters patrolled the skies over towns and villages in the eastern Bethlehem district. In addition, Israeli reconnaissance aircraft patrolled the skies over the city of Bethlehem.
	• <u>Closure:</u> (i) The Israeli army continues to close the following locales in the old city
	 (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.
HEBRON	 (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.
	 <u>Closure of Main Roads</u>: 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. Vall Construction: Wall construction continues in the section of arqumiya checkpoint terminal, the remaining section of the Wall route nat separates the settlement of Eshkolot from the village of Ar Ramadin, nd near the village of Imneizil southeast of the town of Yatta.
	Raids/Destruction of Property/Detention:
(i)	At 23:45, the Israeli army, including 1 armoured vehicle and 8 jeeps, raided the city of Hebron and searched a number of houses as well as 1 commercial shop. At 00:25, the Israeli army raided the town of Taffuh, destroyed the door
	of a house, detained 1 civilian, and released him at a later time.
(iii)	At 02:00, the Israeli army raided the town of Beit Ula, searched a number of houses, and arrested 1 civilian.
	At 03:30, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the town of Halhul. arrest: The Israeli army arrested Mu'ayyad Mohammed as Sarahin in the own of Beit Ula.

GAZA STRIP

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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 3 occasions. The Israeli army also carried out 3 raids into Palestinian territory. In addition, Israeli navy boats arrested a fisherman and detained 3 others. Moreover, armed Palestinian individuals fired 3 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>Raids</u>: In violation of the Israeli-Palestinian ceasefire agreement, the Israeli army carried out 3 raids into Palestinian territory, as follows: At 10:50, the Israeli army, including 1 armoured vehicle and 2 bulldozers, raided Palestinian territory near Point 15 on the Green Line north of the town of Beit Lahiya. At 12:30, the Israeli army, including 1 armoured vehicle and 2 bulldozers, raided 500 metres into Palestinian territory near Point 64 on the Green Line east of the town of Jabalya. At 21:30, Israeli army infantry forces raided Palestinian territory near Point 15 on the Green Line army infantry forces raided Palestinian territory near Point 15 on the Green Line army infantry forces raided Palestinian territory near Point 15 on the Green Line north of the town of Jabalya. At 21:30, Israeli army infantry forces raided Palestinian territory near Point 15 on the Green Line north of the town of Beit Lahiya. Israeli army infantry forces remain positioned in the area as of 08:00 this morning. <u>Palestinian Attack</u>: At 16:00, armed Palestinian individuals fired 1 unidentified mortar towards the Green Line, thereby violating the Israeli-Palestinian ceasefire agreement.

GAZA	 <u>Closure of Crossing Point</u>: Al Muntar (Karnei) Crossing is closed. <u>Attacks</u>: In violation of the Israeli-Palestinian ceasefire agreement, the Israeli army opened fire towards Palestinian territory, as follows: At 10:40, the Israeli army opened fire from the area near Point 73 on the Green Line towards a number of farmers east of Gaza city. At 15:20, the Israeli army opened fire from the area near Point 83 on the Green Line towards a number of farmers east of Gaza city.
CENTRAL GAZA	Activities not reported.
KHAN YUNIS	Activities not reported.
RAFAH	 <u>Closure of Crossing Points</u>: Yasser 'Arafat International Airport remains closed. Rafah Crossing is open to civilian passengers in both directions. Sufa Crossing is closed. Karm Abu Slim (Karem Shalom) Crossing is closed. <u>Attack</u>: At 01:30, the Israeli army opened fire from the area near Point 207 on the Green Line towards Palestinian territory east of the city of Rafah, thereby violating the Israeli-Palestinian ceasefire agreement. <u>Arrest/Detentions</u>: At 08:10, Israeli navy boats arrested Jamil an Nada, a fishermen, at sea as well detained 3 others. <u>Palestinian Attack</u>: At 06:00, armed Palestinian individuals fired 2 unidentified mortars towards the Green Line, thereby violating the Israeli-Palestinian ceasefire agreement. <u>Palestinian Security Measure</u>: At 10:40, Palestinian security forces sealed off and demolished a tunnel, located on the Egyptian border in Rafah refugee camp.