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PALESTINIAN MONITORING GROUP

DAILY SITUATION REPORT
08:00 19 May 2004 – 08:00 20 May 2004

SUMMARY OF EVENTS

EVENT	WEST BANK	GAZA STRIP	TOTAL	NOTES
Deaths	1	23	24	Incl. 6 children & 1 officer
Physical Assault	1	—	1	Civilian beaten
Injuries	24	51	75	Incl. 9 children
Incursions	1	1	2	Jenin & Rafah RC
Air Attacks	—	4	4	Incl. at demonstrators in Gaza
Attacks	16	8	24	Incl. from tanks
Raids	21	—	21	
Air Patrols	7	1	8	Supporting raids
Arrests (per person)	42	4	46	Incl. 27 in Jenin
House Demolitions	—	2	2	Incl. Rafah Sports Club
Wall Construction	14	—	14	Jer'lm, Ramallah, Jenin, Beth.
Destruction of Property	2	5	7	
House Occupations	(3)	(Many)	(Many)	
Curfews	1	1	2	
Checkpoints	(All)	—	(All)	
Flying Checkpoints	(Dozens)	(Dozens)	—	Closing all districts
Closures (per District)	(All)	(All)	(All)	
Closure of Main Roads	Most	(5)	Most	Esp. connecting governorates
Closure of Wall Gates	(All)	—	(All)	Permits required to cross
Closure of Crossing Points	—	5	5	
Attack on Religious Sites	1	—	1	Mosque occupied
School Disruption	—	(Many)	—	Schools closed in Rafah
Settler Violence	2	—	2	Incl. hot water at children
Provocation of Pal. Forces	1	—	1	Police car & officer detained
Palestinian Attacks	—	3	3	Mortars towards settlement
Demonstrations	5	4	9	
TOTAL	139	112	251	

DISTRICT	EVENT
<p style="text-align: center;">ALL DISTRICTS</p>	<p>(i) Since 22 March 2004, the Israeli army has imposed a total closure over the West Bank and Gaza Strip. The Israeli army prevented civilians from crossing the Green Line and entering Jerusalem, closed crossing points to workers, and restricted movement between cities in the West Bank.</p> <p>(ii) A general strike was observed in all districts in solidarity with civilians in the district of Rafah and in protest against continued Israeli army attacks and house demolitions in Rafah.</p>

WEST BANK

<p style="text-align: center;">JERUSALEM</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure: The Israeli army set up flying checkpoints throughout the city, closing all roads connecting towns and villages and preventing pedestrians and vehicles from crossing. • Wall Construction: Wall construction continues in Al Eizariya, Abu Dis, Al Sawahira al Sharqiya, Sur Bahir, Qatanna, Biddu, and along the main road between Dahiyat Al Bareed checkpoint and Qalandiya checkpoint. • Raid: The Israeli army raided the town of Al Ram and searched several houses. • Demonstrations: <p>(i) At 18:00, a mass demonstration took place in Qalandiya refugee camp in solidarity with civilians in the district of Rafah and in protest against continued Israeli army attacks and house demolitions in the district. Confrontations took place between the Israeli army and civilians near Qalandiya checkpoint, during which the Israeli army injured 3 civilians.</p> <p>(ii) A mass demonstration took place in the neighbourhoods of Ayad and Dahiyat al Aqbat in the town of Al Ram in protest against the levelling of land for construction of the Wall. The Israeli army fired sound bombs and tear gas towards civilians during the demonstration, injuring several civilians as a result of tear gas inhalation.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">RAMALLAH & EL BIREH</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure: The Israeli army set up flying checkpoints throughout the district, closing all roads connecting towns and villages and preventing pedestrians and vehicles from crossing. • Wall Construction: Construction of the western portion of the Wall continues in Budrus, Deir Qaddis, Rantis, Ni'lin, Beit Liqya, Beituniya

	<p>and near the village of Midya.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Attack: At 12:40, the Israeli army, positioned in Khirbet Um al Toot, opened fire towards civilians in the village of Kafr 'Ein. • Raids: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At dawn on 19 May 2004, the Israeli army raided the city of Ramallah and arrested 1 Civil Defence officer. (ii) At 15:00, the Israeli army raided the village of Deir Qaddis and informed the family of political prisoner Fawaz Yasir that their house will be demolished within 48 hours. (iii) At 15:00, the Israeli army raided the cities of Ramallah and El Bireh and arrested 1 officer in the neighbourhood of Um ash Sharayit. • Air Patrol: At 11:30, Israeli combat aircraft patrolled the skies over the districts of Ramallah and El Bireh. • Arrests: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At dawn on 19 May 2004, the Israeli army arrested Muhammad Taysir Al Shanit, a Civil Defence officer, in the city of Ramallah. (ii) The Israeli army arrested Towfiq Ya'qub Dhiyab, a Palestinian National Security officer, in the neighbourhood of Um ash Sharayit. (iii) At 09:30, the Israeli army arrested Tariq Hassan Al Barghouti on the Atara Bridge. • Demonstration: At 19:10, a mass demonstration took place in Ramallah in solidarity with civilians in the district of Rafah and in protest against continued Israeli army attacks and house demolitions in the district.
<p style="text-align: center;">JENIN</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure: The Israeli army set up flying checkpoints throughout the district, closing all entrances to the city and roads connecting towns and villages and preventing pedestrians and vehicles from crossing. • Wall Gates: Passage through the Wall gates is restricted to civilians granted special Israeli permits. The closure continues to negatively impact education, economic and livelihood activities and impede access to health facilities. • Wall Construction: Construction of the Wall continues south of Jalbun towards Al Mutilla, Raba, Al Mughayyir, Bardala and 'Ein al Beida and towards the Jordan River. • Incursion/Curfew: At 23:45, the Israeli army raided the city of Jenin and its refugee camps, imposed curfew, occupied 1 house and 1 mosque, and converted them into military posts. The Israeli army conducted a search campaign of houses and stores, using explosives to force entry, causing severe damage to the structures and their contents. The Israeli army confiscated 1 computer and 1 fax machine from a house and arrested 27 civilians before withdrawing at 05:30. • Arrests: The Israeli army arrested 27 civilians in the city of Jenin and its refugee camps.

JERICHO	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure: The Israeli army set up dozens of checkpoints throughout the city, closing all entrances to the city and roads connecting towns and villages and prevented civilians from crossing.
BETHLEHEM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (i) The Israeli army set up flying checkpoints throughout the district, closing all entrances to the city and roads connecting towns and villages and preventing civilians from crossing. (ii) The Israeli army continues to close the only road leading to the village of Al Nu'man, northeast of the Bethlehem district, isolating the village completely and placing the villages of Nu'man and Al Khas under the jurisdiction of the Jerusalem municipality, making its inhabitants illegal residents in Jerusalem because they carry West Bank ID cards. • Wall Construction: Construction of the Wall continues north of the district of Bethlehem, west of Wadi Hilwa, near the Armenian monastery, on the Jerusalem-Bethlehem road and along the tunnel road (Gilo). • Raids: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 11:05, the Israeli army raided the village of Al Juweiza, near the village of Al Walaja, and warned residents that they are not permitted to remain in their houses over night as the area has been declared a closed military zone and is part of the Jerusalem municipality. (ii) At 11:40, the Israeli army raided the city of Bethlehem and its suburbs and patrolled the area. (iii) At 20:20, an Israeli army jeep raided the town of Al Khadr, searched 1 house, set up a checkpoint and detained several civilians. (iv) At 23:00, an Israeli army jeep raided the city of Beit Jala and patrolled the area. • Arrest/Physical Assault: At 13:45, the Israeli army arrested 1 civilian, Muhammad Ibrahim Zawahra, after beating him and breaking his arm. • Demonstration: At 18:00, a mass demonstration took place in the city of Bethlehem in solidarity with civilians in the district of Rafah and in protest against continued Israeli army attacks and house demolitions in the district.
TULKAREM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure: The Israeli army set up flying checkpoints throughout the district, closing all entrances to the city and roads connecting towns and villages and preventing pedestrians and vehicles from crossing. • Wall Gates: Passage through the Wall gates is restricted to civilians granted special Israeli permits. The closure continues to negatively impact education, economic and livelihood activities and impede access to health facilities. • Attack: At 21:30, the Israeli army opened fire from the Enav iron gate towards a civilian vehicle, killing 1 civilian and injuring another.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Raids:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 08:10, the Israeli army raided Tulkarem refugee camp, opened fire and fired tear gas. The Israeli army raided the area again at 14:00 and 18:20, opened fire and fired sound bombs towards a demonstration in solidarity with civilians in Rafah, injuring 8 civilians, including 6 children. (ii) At 08:20, the Israeli army raided the city of Tulkarem and its suburbs, opened indiscriminate fire and took position in the centre of the city. At 12:00, and again at 20:15, the Israeli army opened fire again, occupied 1 building and converted it into a military post. (iii) At 20:45, the Israeli army raided the town of Anabta and the villages of Ramin and Bizzariya and opened indiscriminate fire. • <u>Air Patrols:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 01:30, Israeli army helicopters patrolled the skies over the district of Tulkarem and its suburbs. (ii) At 08:10, and again at 11:50, 17:20 and 01:30, Israeli reconnaissance aircraft patrolled the skies over the district of Tulkarem and its suburbs. • <u>Killing:</u> The Israeli army killed Hussein Sadiq Subeihat near the Enav iron gate. • <u>Demonstration:</u> At 18:00, a mass demonstration took place in the Tulkarem refugee camp in solidarity with civilians in the district of Rafah and in protest against continued Israeli army attacks and house demolitions in the district.
NABLUS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Closure:</u> The Israeli army set up flying checkpoints throughout the district, closing all entrances to the city and roads connecting towns and villages and preventing pedestrians and vehicles from crossing. • <u>Raid:</u> At 02:30, the Israeli army raided the city of Nablus and its suburbs, occupied 2 houses, searched 1 house and arrested 1 civilian. • <u>Arrests:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) The Israeli army arrested Rubin Qatuni in the city of Nablus. (ii) The Israeli army arrested Mu'taz Al Tiryaqi at Huwwara checkpoint.
HEBRON	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Closure:</u> The Israeli army set up flying checkpoints throughout the district, closing all entrances to the city and roads connecting towns and villages and preventing pedestrians and vehicles from crossing. • <u>Attack:</u> At 21:00, the Israeli army opened fire towards the entrance of Al Arrub refugee camp. • <u>Raids:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 10:00, the Israeli army raided the town of Beit Ummar and opened indiscriminate fire, injuring 1 civilian. (ii) At 12:30, the Israeli army raided the town of Yatta. Confrontations

	<p>took place between civilians and the Israeli army, during which the Israeli army injured 11 civilians, including 3 children, and arrested 1 Palestinian Police officer.</p> <p>(iii) The Israeli army raided the village of Beit Kahil and arrested 1 civilian.</p> <p>(iv) The Israeli army raided the town of Tarqumiya and arrested 3 civilians.</p> <p>(v) The Israeli army raided the town of Beit Awwa and arrested 3 civilians, including 1 child.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Arrests: <p>(i) The Israeli army arrested Muhammad Mahmoud Zawahra, a Palestinian Police officer, in the town of Yatta.</p> <p>(ii) The Israeli army arrested Muhammad Badawi Zuhur in the town of Abu Kahil.</p> <p>The Israeli army arrested 3 civilians in the town of Tarqumiya:</p> <p>(iii) Radi Shehadeh Qa'war;</p> <p>(iv) Firas Fathi Al Ja'afra; and</p> <p>(v) Muhammad Fathi Al Ja'afra.</p> <p>The Israeli army arrested 3 civilians in the town of Beit Awwa:</p> <p>(vi) Muhammad Abdul Hamid, 16 years old;</p> <p>(vii) Omar Muhammad Salim Al Masalma; and</p> <p>(viii) Nayif Abu Al Ghalasi.</p> • Settler Violence: Israeli settlers from the settlement of Ramat Yashay attacked 2 children, Ibrahim Tasir Abu 'Eisha, 5 years old, and Sharif Ibrahim Abu 'Eisha, 6 years old in Tel Rumeida by pouring hot water over their bodies.
QALQILYA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure: The Israeli army set up flying checkpoints throughout the district, closing all entrances to the city and roads connecting towns and villages and preventing pedestrians and vehicles from crossing. • Wall Gates: Passage through the Wall gates is restricted to civilians granted special Israeli permits. The closure continues to negatively impact education, economic and livelihood activities and impede access to health facilities. • Provocation of Palestinian Forces: At 12:30, the Israeli army detained a Palestinian Police vehicle and Police officer at the junction of Jit and took them to the Israeli military post of Kedumim, despite prior arrangements for the Police vehicle to travel from Qalqiliya to Nablus.
SALFIT	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure: The Israeli army set up flying checkpoints throughout the district, closing dozens of entrances to the city and roads connecting towns and villages and preventing pedestrians and vehicles from crossing.

GAZA STRIP

<p style="text-align: center;">NORTHERN GAZA</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure: Beit Hanoun crossing is closed. • Attack: At 23:25, the Israeli army opened intensive fire and fired several tank shells towards civilian houses in the area of Al Atatra, north of the town of Beit Lahiya. • Demonstration: At 20:15, a mass demonstration took place in Jabalya refugee camp in solidarity with civilians in the district of Rafah and in protest against continued Israeli army attacks and house demolitions in the district. • Palestinian Attacks: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 20:35, 2 mortars were fired towards the settlement of Dokeet. (ii) At 00:10, 4 Qassam mortars were fired from the area surrounding Al 'Atatra towards settlements.
<p style="text-align: center;">GAZA CITY</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) The junction of Nitsareem remains closed. (ii) Al Muntar crossing (Karni) is closed. • Attack: At 18:50, the Israeli army opened intensive fire towards 2 Palestinian National Security locations south and north of Al Shuhada' junction.
<p style="text-align: center;">CENTRAL GAZA</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Destruction of Property: At 15:55, the Israeli army soldiers, positioned at Point 115, east of Al Bureij refugee camp, set fire to land cultivated with wheat. • Demonstration: At 20:30, a mass demonstration took place in Al Bureij refugee camp in solidarity with civilians in the district of Rafah and in protest against continued Israeli army attacks and house demolitions in the district. • Palestinian Attack: At 23:00, 2 mortars were fired towards the settlement of Kfar Daroom.
<p style="text-align: center;">KHAN YUNIS</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Abu al Ajin road (Khan Yunis Al Sharqiya) remains closed. (ii) Western road (Khan Yunis) remains closed. (iii) Al Mawasi/Khan Yunis road (Al Tuffah checkpoint) is closed. (iv) Abu Holi road is partially open. At 8:00, the Israeli army closed the road between Al Matahin and Abu Holi checkpoints, searched vehicles, and examined civilian IDs. The road was reopened at 12:00. • Attack: At 20:00, an Israeli army tank fired 1 shell towards civilian houses in West Khan Yunis refugee camp, injuring 1 civilian. • Palestinian Attack: At 17:30, 1 Qassam mortar was fired towards the

	<p>settlement of Kded.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Demonstration: At 20:00, a mass demonstration took place in the city of Khan Yunis in solidarity with civilians in the district of Rafah and in protest against continued Israeli army attacks and house demolitions in the district.
RAFAH	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) The Gaza International Airport remains closed. (ii) Rafah crossing is closed. (iii) The Sufa crossing is closed. • Incursions: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Beginning at 14:45 on 17 May 2004, the Israeli army continues to isolate the district of Rafah from other districts, and occupy and impose curfew in the neighbourhood of Tall as Sultan in the city of Rafah. The Israeli army opened intensive fire towards civilians, raided civilian houses and demanded civilians in the neighbourhoods of Al Barazil to gather in the playground of Al Amiriya School. As civilians were leaving their houses to comply with the Israeli orders, the Israeli army opened fire towards the civilians, killing 4, including 2 children and 1 Palestinian National Security officer, and injuring 50 others. Israeli army helicopters patrolled the skies over the area. The total number of civilians arrested in Rafah is still unknown. (ii) At 22:05, the Israeli army continued their attack on the district of Rafah and raided the neighbourhoods of Al Barazil, Al Jinenah and Al Salam, opened intensive fire and fired tank shells. Israeli army helicopters fired missiles towards civilian houses, killing 3 civilians. The Israeli army demolished 2 houses and 1 Sports Club, occupied several houses and converted them into military posts. • Air Attacks: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 14:20, Israeli army helicopters fired missiles towards a peaceful demonstration that took place in the neighbourhood of Tall as Sultan, killing 16 civilians, including 4 children, and critically injuring 15 others. Only 11 of the civilians killed could be identified. (ii) At 23:10, an Israeli army helicopter fired missiles towards the area near the settlement of Western Morag, north of the district of Rafah. • Killings: The Israeli army killed 16 civilians, including 4 children, during a demonstration in the neighbourhood of Tall as Sultan. Only 11 civilians were identified: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Naji Abu Qamar, 12 years old; (ii) Muhammad Mansur, 12 years old; (iii) Mubarak Salim Al Hashash, 9 years old; (iv) Ahmad Abu Sa'd, 14 years old; (v) Ala Saleem Al Abed; (vi) Muhammad Abu Shi'r;

- (vii) Said Jum'a;
- (viii) Walid Abu Qamar;
- (ix) Shadi Al Maghazi;
- (x) Foad Al Saqa; and
- (xi) Rajab Barhum.

The Israeli army killed 4 civilians in the neighbourhood of Tall as Sultan:

- (xii) Mahmoud Abu Nasir, 16 years old;
- (xiii) Sabir Abu Libda, 16 years old;
- (xiv) Osama Abu Nasir, a Palestinian National Security officer; and
- (xv) Khalil Abu Sa'da.

The Israeli army killed 3 civilians in the neighbourhood of Al Jeneina:

- (xvi) Yusif Al Maghari;
- (xvii) Mahmoud Deeb; and
- (xviii) Hamid Bahlul.

- **Arrests:** The Israeli army arrested an unknown number of civilians in the neighbourhood of Tall as Sultan, including:

- (i) Hatim Abed; and
- (ii) Sa'id Abu Jazar.

- **House Demolitions:**

- (i) The Israeli army demolished 2 civilian houses in Al Barazil neighbourhood belonging to:
 - (ii) Sheikh Nafiz Azam; and
 - (iii) Yasir Abu Zeid.
- (iv) The Israeli army demolished a Sports Club in Al Barazil neighbourhood in the district of Rafah.

- **School Disruption:** Schools in the district of Rafah were closed due to the ongoing Israeli attacks in the area.

- **Road Construction:** At 22:40, Israeli army bulldozers cleared an area for a dirt road located 500 meters east along the main road of Salah ad Din.

GENERAL

INCITEMENT	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Incitement by Officials:</u> Israeli Minister of Foreign Affairs: The French Press On 18 May 2004, the Israeli Minister of Foreign Affairs claimed that the Palestinian President, Yasir Arafat, refuses to combat terrorism and that his presidency will end without any sufficient replacement to combat terrorism. Israeli Minister of Foreign Affairs justified the demolition of hundreds of houses in Rafah and the forced displacement of its civilians by stating that these houses were used to fire towards Israeli civilians and soldiers. (NOTE: Most of the houses demolished were located on the border between Rafah and the Egyptian borders where no Israeli civilians reside.) Israeli Minister of Tourism: Internet site: arabynet.com On 13 May 2004, the Israeli Minister of Tourism called for the dismantling of tents of Palestinian refugees in the Gaza Strip and for the deportation of refugees to neighbouring Arab countries, the Sinai Peninsula, Australia or America, considering it a humane solution to the refugee issue. Rabbi Rafi Paretz (a reserve officer and head of the Military College affiliated with religious settlers in the settlement of Bni Atzmona): Internet site: Arab 48 On 13 May 2004, the Rabbi Rafi Paretz, in an interview with Israeli Channel 7, called for the planting of “boxes” of bombs in the neighbourhood of Al Zeitun in Gaza and giving civilians 2 hours to leave the area, then detonating the explosive boxes. He included children, as does not consider children to be innocent. <u>Public Incitement:</u> Article by Yaron London, from arabynet.com: On 17 May 2004, Yaron London wrote: “We are not saying that all Palestinians are participants in the blood battle, of course we are not saying that they are not human, but it could be said that many of them deserve to be called barbaric... In other words, humans that act outside of the constraints of civilization.”
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