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PALESTINIAN MONITORING GROUP

DAILY SITUATION REPORT 08:00 05 May 2006 – 08:00 06 May 2006

SUMMARY OF EVENTS

EVENT	WEST BANK	GAZA STRIP	TOTAL	NOTES
Deaths	1	5	6	Incl. 5 civilians during air attack, Gaza
Physical Assaults	4	_	4	Incl. 1 French journalist beaten in Bil'in
Injuries	2	4	6	Incl. civilians in critical condition
Air Attack	_	1	1	3 missiles fired by UAV, west of Gaza
Attacks	5	9	14	Incl. 108 artillery shells fired
Raids	30	1	31	Incl. 7 in Tulkarem & 9 in Bethlehem
Air Patrol	_	1	1	An Israeli army UAV over Gaza district
Arrests	9	_	9	Incl. 2 female university students
Detentions	15	_	15	At checkpoints & in residential areas
Confiscation of Property	1	_	1	1 civilian vehicle in Jenin district
House Occupations	6	_	6	Converted into mil. posts in Balata RC
Closure of Checkpoints	10	_	10	Incl. the DCO checkpoint in Jericho
Flying Checkpoints	12	_	12	Incl. 5 in Jenin & 4 in Tulkarem
Closure (per District)	6	1	7	Incl. a buffer zone in Northern Gaza
Closure of Main Roads	27	_	27	Incl. Ash Shuhada' Street in Hebron
Closure of Crossing Points	_	6	6	Incl. Beit Hanun and Rafah partially
Medical Obstruction	1	_	1	An ambulance denied access, Nablus
Provocation of Pal. Forces	1	2	3	Incl. shelling near Pal. security posts
Palestinian Attacks	_	5	5	6 unidentified mortars fired
Demonstrations	2	_	2	Against the Wall, Shu'fat RC & Bil'in
TOTAL	132	35	167	

DISTRICT	EVENT
ALL DISTRICTS	 Beginning on 11 March 2006, the Israeli army has continued to impose a complete closure on the West Bank and Gaza Strip districts and to prevent civilians with permits, including workers, from crossing into areas inside the Green Line and into the city of Jerusalem. Beginning on 17 April 2006, and following the suicide attack carried out in the city of Tel Aviv inside the Green Line, the Israeli army has intensified 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.

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JERUSALEM	 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 impeded the access of civilians to Al Aqsa Mosque to perform Friday prayers. 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 checkpoint, only allowing civilians residing behind the Wall, holders of Jerusalemissued IDs, and civilians with permits to cross. The Israeli army closed the eastern entrance to Dahiyat Bir Nabala with cement slabs, thereby completing the Wall section in the area. Checkpoint: According to new measures implemented at Qalandiya checkpoint, which the Israeli army has converted into a "border crossing point", the Israeli army has designated a special crossing for civilians holding Jerusalem-issued IDs and those possessing permits to access the city of Jerusalem. The Israeli army has allowed other civilians to access the main road leading to the junction to the village of Jaba', which branches off to other districts. Wall Gates: The Israeli army continues to close the Wall gate in the town of Abu Dis with cement blocks. Wall Construction: Wall construction was suspended for the weekend in Dahiyat al Aqbat, from the village of Hizma to 'Anata, along the Hizma-Jaba' road, the area of Al 'Eizariya to Ash Shayyah, near Al Quds University, in the town of As Sawahira ash Sharqiya, from the village of Beit Surik to Biddu, in the areas of Al Judeira, Bir Nabala, and Beit Hanina, and west of the village of Al Jib. Demonstration: A mass demonstration, including international peace activists, took place in Shu'fat refugee camp in protest against Wall

protestors as a result of tear gas inhalation.

construction. Confrontations took place between the Israeli army and protestors, during which the Israeli army injured a number of civilian

Closure of Main Road: The Israeli army continues to close the eastern entrance to the village of Sinjil with dirt barricades. Checkpoint: The Israeli army continues to intensify its restrictions at the checkpoint set up on the overpass to the town of 'Atara and to deny access to the city of Ramallah for civilians holding IDs issued in the northern districts of the West Bank. Wall Construction: Wall construction was suspended for the weekend in the areas of Al Midya to Budrus, Al Midya to Ni'lin, Bil'in to Saffa, in the village of Beit Liqya, in the town of Beituniya, and west of the town of 'Abud and the village of Beit Sira. **Raids/Provocation of Palestinian Forces:** At 13:55, the Israeli army, including 5 jeeps, raided and patrolled the (i) city of El Bireh and the town of Beituniya. **RAMALLAH** At 03:45, the Israeli army, including 15 jeeps, raided the town of (ii) & Beituniya as well as surrounded and searched the town's Palestinian **EL BIREH** Civil Defence department and 1 building. The Israeli army also arrested 1 Palestinian Civil Defence officer and 1 Palestinian National Security officer. Arrests: The Israeli army arrested 2 Palestinian officers in the town of Beituniva: (i) Mohammed Daggah, a Palestinian Civil Defence officer; and Mohammed al Moumni, a Palestinian National Security officer. (ii) Demonstration/Physical Assaults: A 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. The Israeli army also beat a number of civilian protestors, including 1 child, 1 female civilian, and 2 journalists (of whom 1 is a French journalist). In addition, the Israeli army fired tear gas grenades, injuring a number of protestors as a result of tear gas inhalation. Closure of Road: The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the unpaved detour road 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 Jericho-ID holders and commercial trucks. Wall Gates: Passage through the Wall gates is restricted to civilians granted special Israeli permits. **JENIN** Flying Checkpoints: At 08:00, the Israeli army set up 5 flying checkpoints at the entrances to the towns of 'Arraba and Az Zababida as well as the villages of Az Zawiya, Fahma, and Al Jarba and searched civilians and vehicles. **Raids/Confiscation of Property:** At 14:25, and again at 20:30, the Israeli army, including 3 jeeps, raided (i) and patrolled the town of Kafr Ra'i. At 18:30, the Israeli army raided the road junction located between the (ii) town of Qabatiya and the villages of Misliya and Sanur, while armed

Palestinian individuals were attempting to plant an explosive device. The armed Palestinian individuals fled, leaving behind a civilian vehicle that was in their possession. The Israeli army confiscated the vehicle, defused the explosive device, and combed the area.

- (iii) At 21:30, the Israeli army, including 7 jeeps, raided and patrolled the city of Jenin.
- (iv) At 23:00, Israeli army infantry forces raided the area between the towns of Kafr Ra'i and 'Illar, combed mountain foots and valleys, and withdrew at 04:00.
- <u>Closure</u>: The Israeli army continues to impose a complete closure on the district of Tulkarem and to declare it a closed military zone following a suicide attack carried out on the junction to the village of Far'un. The Israeli army continues to impede civilian access to and from the district.
- Closure of Main Roads: The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the following roads: the road connecting Dahiyat Dhinnaba in the city of Tulkarem to the town of Kafr al Labad; the road connecting the town of Kafr al Labad to the village of Shufa; the southern entrance to the town of Baqa ash Sharqiya; and the Kafr Sur-Wadi at Tin road. The Israeli army also continues to close with cement blocks the road connecting the town of Beit Lid to the village of Kur.

• Checkpoints:

(i) The Israeli army continues to close 'Einav checkpoint on the Tulkarem-Nablus road, denying access to civilian vehicles. The Israeli army prevents civilian residents of the Tulkarem district from leaving the district, except for those residing in towns and villages east of the checkpoint.

(ii) The Israeli army continues to intensify its restrictions at Jubara checkpoint (the southern entrance to the city of Tulkarem) and to prevent civilians holding IDs issued in the districts of Jenin and Tulkarem from crossing towards the southern districts of the West Bank. In addition, Israeli troops positioned at the checkpoint allow civilian residents of villages located south of the city of Tulkarem in the Tulkarem district to cross on foot, only after examining civilians'

• <u>Wall Gates</u>: Passage through the Wall gates is restricted to civilians granted special Israeli permits.

• Flying Checkpoints/Detention:

places of residence.

- (i) At 10:45, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint in the area between the towns of 'Illar and Kafr Ra'i and searched civilians and vehicles.
- (ii) At 15:05, the Israeli army set up 2 flying checkpoints on the junctions to the towns of Bal'a and 'Attil and searched civilians and vehicles.
- (iii) At 21:40, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the junction to the town of Bal'a, detained 4 university students, and arrested 2 female university students (sisters).

TULKAREM

Raids: At 08:20, an Israeli army patrol raided the city of Tulkarem and (i) patrolled the area. At 10:45, an Israeli army patrol raided the town of 'Anabta. (ii) Confrontations took place between the Israeli army and civilians, during which the Israeli army injured 1 civilian. At 14:25, the Israeli army, including 3 jeeps, raided and patrolled the (iii) town of 'Illar. At 15:00, an Israeli army patrol raided and patrolled Dahiyat Shuweika (iv) in the city of Tulkarem and the village of Al Jarushiya. At 15:30, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the town of 'Attil. (v) (vi) At 20:05, the Israeli army raided the town of Deir al Ghusun and searched 1 house. Arrests: Israeli troops positioned at the flying checkpoint set up on the junction to the town of Bal'a arrested 2 female university students: Fatima Ribhi Abu Khalil; and (i) Isra' Ribhi Abu Khalil. (ii) **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. **QALQILIYA** Wall Construction: Land levelling for Wall construction was suspended for the weekend in the village of Immatin and east of the towns of Kafr Thulth and 'Azzun. Flying Checkpoint: At 07:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the eastern entrance to the city of Qalqiliya and searched civilians and vehicles. **Closure of Main Roads:** The Israeli army continues to close the main road leading to the district (i) of Jenin between the junction to the village of Deir Sharaf and the settlement of Shavei Shomron. Instead, the Israeli army has forced civilians to travel along an unpaved 1.5-km-long road, which branches off from the Nablus-Tulkarem road and intersects with the Nablus-Jenin road opposite the village of Sabastiya. The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades Al Badhan (ii) **NABLUS** road, which is the north-eastern entrance to the city of Nablus and connects the city to the district of Jenin. The Israeli army continues to close the entrance to the village of Beita (iii) with dirt barricades. **Checkpoints:** (i) The Israeli army continues to regulate times for crossing Huwwara, Beit Iba, At Tur Mountain, and Beit Furik checkpoints around the city of Nablus. The Israeli army closes the checkpoints overnight and reopens them at various morning hours.

- (ii) The Israeli army continues to intensify its restrictions at Beit Iba and Huwwara checkpoints and to deny access to civilians between 15 and 30 years of age as well as holders of IDs issued in the districts of Jenin and Tulkarem.
- (iii) Israeli troops positioned at the checkpoint set up in the area between the city of Nablus and the town of 'Asira ash Shamaliya continue to prevent civilians from crossing, only allowing access to civilian residents of the town of 'Asira ash Shamaliya as well as the villages of Talluza, Sabastiya, Burga, Beit Imrin, and Ijnisinya.

Raids/House Occupations/Physical Assault/Medical Obstruction:

- Beginning at 02:45 on 05 May 2006, the Israeli army remained (i) positioned in Balata refugee camp and continued to occupy a number of houses, after having converted them into military posts. At 09:45, the Israeli army withdrew from the area.
- (ii) At 15:40, the Israeli army, including 8 jeeps, raided the city of Nablus, searched 2 houses, and arrested 3 civilians. Confrontations took place between the Israeli army and civilians, during which the Israeli army killed 1 civilian and injured another. At 17:00, the Israeli army withdrew from the area.
- At 01:30, the Israeli army, including 20 jeeps, raided Balata refugee (iii) camp. An armed confrontation took place between the Israeli army and armed Palestinian individuals. The Israeli army also assaulted Ali Ibrahim as Saqqa, after which he was transported to hospital for medical treatment. In addition, the Israeli army occupied 5 houses, converted them into military posts, searched a number of houses, arrested 1 civilian and 1 Palestinian Police officer, and prevented an ambulance from entering the refugee camp. At 05:45, the Israeli army withdrew from the area.
- **Killing:** The Israeli army killed Mohammed Mustafa al Qutub in the city of Nablus.
- **Arrests:** The Israeli army arrested 3 civilians in the city of Nablus:
- Abdul Nasser 'Ityani; (i)
- Yousef Abu Ghulmeh: and (ii)
- (iii) An unidentified civilian.

Closure of Main Roads:

The Israeli army arrested 1 civilian and 1 Palestinian officer in Balata refugee camp:

- (iv) Ayman Khalil Hashash, a Palestinian Police officer; and
- Mohammed Tawfeeg Thogan. (v)

(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 Intifada (Uprising).
- The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the western (ii) entrances to the town of Bruqin and the village of Marda. The Israeli army also continues to close with cement blocks the western entrance to the town of Kafr ad Dik and with an iron gate the northern entrance to the village of Qarawat Bani Hassan.

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Checkpoints: The Israeli army continues to intensify its restrictions at Deir Ballut (i) 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 (ii) junction checkpoint and to prevent civilians holding IDs issued in the districts of Jenin and Tulkarem from crossing towards the southern districts of the West Bank. Wall Construction: Wall construction was suspended for the weekend near the Green Line in the town of Deir Ballut and the villages of Az Zawiya and Rafat, 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. Closure: The Israeli army continues to intensify the closure imposed on the city of Jericho, to prevent civilian residents of the city of Jericho from leaving the city, and to deny civilians from other districts entry into the city, only allowing civilians holding Jerusalem-issued IDs to cross checkpoints in all directions. In addition, the Israeli army continues to close Road # 90 between the city of Jericho and the village of Al 'Auja with cement blocks, to prevent farmers not holding Jericho-issued IDs from reaching their land forcing them to apply for access permits, and to deny access to the city to holders of Israeli-issued IDs. **JERICHO Checkpoints:** (i) The Israeli army continues to close Al Hamra checkpoint set up on the Jericho-Nablus road, denying civilian access, except for farmers holding Jericho-issued IDs. The Israeli army continues to close the DCO checkpoint set up at the (ii) southern entrance to the city of Jericho and to deny civilian access, only allowing civilians holding Jerusalem-issued IDs to cross in both directions. In addition, Israeli troops positioned at the checkpoint only allow civilian residents of the city of Jericho to enter the city. 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. The Israeli army considers the civilians' residence in the village illegal because they hold West Bank identity cards while their village is located within the Israeli-defined municipal boundaries of Jerusalem. 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. **BETHLEHEM** Wall Construction: Wall construction was suspended for the weekend north of 'Ayda refugee camp and in the Everest area, northwest of the city of Beit Jala. Raids: At 09:40, and again at 02:50, an Israeli army patrol raided the cities of (i) Bethlehem and Beit Sahur and patrolled the area. (ii) At 12:15, an Israeli army patrol raided 'Ayda refugee camp and provoked worshippers near the refugee camp's mosque while it was patrolling the area.

- (iii) At 14:10, the Israeli army, including 3 jeeps, raided and patrolled the city of Beit Sahur.
- (iv) At 14:15, an Israeli army patrol raided the city of Beit Jala and patrolled the area.
- (v) At 23:40, the Israeli army, including 3 jeeps, raided Dahiyat ad Doha in the city of Bethlehem, set up a checkpoint, searched civilians and vehicles, and withdrew at 00:10.
- (vi) At 01:20, the Israeli army, including 2 jeeps, raided and patrolled the city of Bethlehem.

• Closure:

- (i) The Israeli army continues to close the following locales in the H2 section of the 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; and the area of Khuzq al Far near the settlement of Abraham Avino with a dirt barricade and an iron gate. The Israeli army also continues to close the entrance to the area of Al Khan in the old city of Hebron with an electronic gate, isolating the area from Al Laban Market and the area of As Sahleh.
- (ii) The Israeli army continues to implement a military order stipulating the closure of civilian commercial shops on both sides of the road connecting the settlement of Kiryat Arba' to the Ibrahimi Mosque in the old city of Hebron from 06 November 2005 until 07 May 2006. Civilian vehicles are prohibited from travelling along the road unless they possess access permits. Only Israeli settler vehicles are allowed unrestricted access on the road.

• Closure of Main Roads:

- (i) The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades 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, and the entrance to the village of 'Arab ar Ramadin.
- (ii) The Israeli army continues to close the entrance to Al Qeisi neighbourhood in the old city of Hebron with cement blocks.
- Wall Construction: Wall construction was suspended for the weekend west of the towns of Surif and Beit Ula, south of the towns of Adh Dhahiriya and As Samoa', and southeast of the town of Yatta. The Israeli army has also completed construction of most sections of the Wall in the town of Idhna, from the village of Deir Samit to the town of Beit 'Awwa, from Beit 'Awwa to the village of Al Burj, and in the village of Ar Ramadin.

Raids:

- (i) At 11:40, the Israeli army raided the city of Hebron, set up a checkpoint, searched civilians and vehicles, and patrolled the area. At 23:45, the Israeli army raided the city again and patrolled the area.
- (ii) At 23:45, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the town of Yatta.

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GAZA STRIP

ALL **DISTRICTS**

Beginning on 16 December 2005, the Israeli army has continued to impose a complete closure on the Gaza Strip ostensibly due to Palestinian individuals' firing of mortars towards the Green Line.

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- Closure: Beginning at 18:00 on 28 December 2005, the Israeli army has continued to impose a buffer zone (through open fire as well as artillery and air attacks) in the area near the Green Line, including the area of the debris of evacuated settlements.
- Closure of Crossing Point: Beit Hanun (Erez) Crossing is partially open to foreign nationals, VIPs, and humanitarian cases after prior coordination.
- Attacks/Provocation of Palestinian Forces: Between 09:00 on 05 May 2006 and 08:00 on 06 May 2006, the Israeli army fired 108 artillery shells from its location inside the Green Line towards Palestinian territory: near 4 Palestinian National Security locations north and northwest of the town of Beit Lahiya; near An Nada towers north of the town of Beit Lahiya; near 1 Palestinian National Security location; and near the College of Agriculture in the town of Beit Hanun.

Palestinian Attacks:

- At 09:55, 1 unidentified mortar was fired towards the Green Line.
- At 12:50, armed Palestinian individuals attempted to fire 1 unidentified mortar towards the Green Line, but it exploded in the area from which it was launched.
- At 15:50, 1 unidentified mortar was fired towards the Green Line.

Closure of Crossing Points:

- Al Muntar (Karnei) Crossing is closed.
- Nahal 'Oz Crossing is closed.
- Air Attack: At 18:50, an Israeli army UAV fired 3 missiles towards a location belonging to an armed Palestinian group in the area of As Sabra west of Gaza city, killing 5 civilians and injuring 4 others, including civilians who were in critical condition.
- **Killings:** The Israeli army killed 5 civilians west of Gaza city:
- Jum'ah Mohammed Dughmush; (i)
- Mahmoud 'Izzat Dughmush; (ii)
- Hamadeh Mu'taz Dughmush; (iii)
- Saeb Dughmush; and (iv)
- Khaled Deeb Wakid. (v)

Attacks:

(i) At 09:55, the Israeli army opened fire from Point 84 on the Green Line towards Palestinian territory north of Al Muntar (Karnei) Crossing east of Gaza city.

	(ii) At 10:00, the Israeli army opened fire from Point 88 on the Green Line towards a number of shepherds east of Gaza city.			
CENTRAL GAZA	 <u>Attack</u>: At 15:45, the Israeli army opened fire from Point 120 on the Green Line towards Palestinian territory east of Al Bureij refugee camp. <u>Palestinian Attack</u>: At 21:30, 1 unidentified mortar was fired towards the Green Line. 			
KHAN YUNIS	Activities not reported.			
RAFAH	 Closure of Crossing Points: Yasser 'Arafat International Airport remains closed. Rafah Crossing is partially open in both directions to passengers holding Palestinian IDs, humanitarian cases, and Arab and foreign diplomatic missions. Sufa Crossing is closed. Attacks: At 09:15, the Israeli army fired 1 gas grenade from its location on the Green Line towards Palestinian territory in the area of Ad Dihniya east of the city of Rafah. At 23:30, the Israeli army opened fire from Point 235 on the Green Line towards the area of Ad Dihniya east of the city of Rafah. Raid: At 10:05, an Israeli army bulldozer raided 10 metres into Palestinian territory near Point 219 on the Green Line south of Sufa Crossing. Palestinian Attack: At 22:05, 2 unidentified mortars were fired towards the Green Line. 			

GENERAL

WORK PERMITS	 West Bank: The Israeli authorities annulled all the work permits issued to Palestinian workers for crossing the Green Line. Gaza Strip: Valid work permits that have been issued by the Israeli authorities for crossing the Green Line total 11. All the Palestinian workers possessing the valid work permits (11) were allowed to access areas inside the Green Line.
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