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PALESTINIAN MONITORING GROUP

DAILY SITUATION REPORT 08:00 30 April 2006 – 08:00 01 May 2006

SUMMARY OF EVENTS

EVENT	WEST BANK	GAZA STRIP	TOTAL	NOTES
Death	1		1	1 female civilian in Tulkarem city
Physical Assaults	4		4	Incl. 2 journalists beaten in Hebron
Injuries	2	1	3	2 female civilians (sisters) & 1 child
Attacks	2	8	10	Incl. 124 artillery shells fired
Raids	15	_	15	Incl. 4 in Ramallah & 4 in Bethlehem
Air Patrols	_	2	2	Helicopters & a UAV over N. Gaza
Arrests	35	_	35	Incl. 4 children & 9 security officers
Detentions	15	_	15	At checkpoints & in residential areas
Wall Construction	31	_	31	Incl. Jer., Raml'h., Qalq., Salfit, Beth.
Destruction of Property	1	_	1	A wall and a basement in Tulkarem city
House Occupations	3	_	3	Incl. 2 houses in Al Yamun & Birqin
Closure of Checkpoints	9	_	9	Incl. Beit Iba and Huwwara partially
Flying Checkpoints	11	_	11	Incl. 2 in Ramallah & 4 in Jenin
Closure (per District)	6	1	7	Incl. a buffer zone in Northern Gaza
Closure of Main Roads	27	_	27	Incl. entrance to Qarawat Bani Hassan
Closure of Crossing Points	_	4	4	Incl. Beit Hanun and Rafah partially
Settlement Activity	1	_	1	A road constructed, Jerusalem
Provocation of Pal. Forces	1	2	3	Incl. Abu Dis Police station raided
Palestinian Attacks	_	4	4	7 unidentified mortars fired
TOTAL	164	22	186	

WEST BANK

JERUSALEM	 Closure: The Israeli army continues to intensify its restrictions at checkpoints located at the entrances to the city of Jerusalem, in the old city of Jerusalem, and around Al Aqsa Mosque compound. 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. Checkpoints: 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. The Israeli army continues to close Beit Iksa (Ramot) checkpoint, denying access to civilian vehicles. Wall Gates: The Israeli army continues to close the Wall gate in the town of Abu Dis with cement blocks. Wall Construction: Wall construction continues 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. Raid/Provocation of Palestinian Forces: The Israeli army raided the town of Abu Dis, searched the town's Palestinian Police station, and fired 1 tear gas grenade inside t

	• <u>Settlement Activity</u> : The Israeli army began levelling land for construction of a road that would connect villages located northwest of the city of Jerusalem, cross land belonging to the village of Al Jib, and lead to the road to the city of Ramallah. The road will be constructed because the Israeli army has been preventing civilians from travelling along the main road, which has been designated for Israeli settlers' use only.
RAMALLAH & EL BIREH	 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 continues 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. Flving Checkpoint: At 15:50, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the Ramallah-Bir Zeit main road and searched civilians and vehicles. Physical Assaults: At 14:00, Israeli troops positioned at the checkpoint set up on the overpass to the town of 'Atara beat Murad Abu Rheimeh and his son, Abdullah. Raids: At 23:50, Israeli army infantry forces raided the city of El Bireh, set up a checkpoint, searched civilians and vehicles, and withdrew at 01:20. At 01:35, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the villages of 'Arura and Deir Abu Mash'al. At 01:50, the Israeli army, including 2 jeeps, raided and patrolled the city of Ramallah.
JENIN	 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. Flying Checkpoints: At 10:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the junction to the town of 'Arraba and searched civilians and vehicles until 13:00. At 06:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint near As Sa'ada forest at the western entrance to the city of Jenin, searched civilian vehicles, and prevented civilians under 25 years of age from leaving the city. The Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint in the area between the villages of Birqin and Kafr Dan and searched civilians and vehicles. The Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to the town of Al Yamun and searched civilians and vehicles.

• Raids/House Occupations:

- (i) At 18:00, the Israeli army raided the village of Birqin, occupied 1 house belonging to Ghassan Yousef Abu al Fahd, and converted it into a military post. At 23:00, the Israeli army, including 15 jeeps, raided the village again, searched a number of houses, and arrested 9 civilians and 1 Palestinian Preventive Security officer. At 06:00, the Israeli army withdrew from the area.
- (ii) At 22:00, the Israeli army raided the town of Al Yamun, occupied 1 house belonging to Mazen Sammar, converted it into a military post, and withdrew at 05:00.
- <u>Arrests</u>: The Israeli army arrested 9 civilians and 1 Palestinian security officer in the village of Birqin:
- (i) Nidhal Ali Shalash, a Palestinian Preventive Security officer;
- (ii) Munther Abu Shadouf;
- (iii) Ala' Wardani;
- (iv) Yasser Mohammed Subh;
- (v) Qays Waleed Ghanem;
- (vi) Nidhal Jameel Salameh;
- (vii) Saleh Sadeq Subh;
- (viii) Ahmed Sa'eed Salameh;
- (ix) Mohammed al Haji As'ad; and
- (x) 'Arafat al 'Amoudi.

• <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:

TULKAREM

- (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 in their vehicles, only after examining civilians' places of residence.

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	 Wall Gates: Passage through the Wall gates is restricted to civilians granted special Israeli permits. Raid/Detention/Destruction of Property/House Occupation: At 04:45, the Israeli army raided the city of Tulkarem. After detaining residents outside, the Israeli army also searched a number of houses using Police dogs and opened intensive fire, killing 1 female civilian and injuring her 2 daughters, Ahlam and Ibtisam Yousef az Zalat. A number of pregnant female civilians were also admitted to hospital after sustaining trauma. Additionally, the Israeli army demolished a wall and the basement of 1 house, occupied a number of houses, and converted them into military posts. The Israeli army remains positioned in the area as of 08:00 this morning. Killing: The Israeli army killed 'Itaf az Zalat, a female civilian, in the city of Tulkarem.
QALQILIYA	 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 continues in the village of Immatin and east of the towns of Kafr Thulth and 'Azzun. Flying Checkpoint: At 07:30, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the eastern entrance to the city of Qalqiliya and searched civilians and vehicles.
NABLUS	 Closure of Main Roads: The Israeli army continues to close the main road leading to the district 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 road, which is the north-eastern entrance to the city of Nablus and connects the city to the district of Jenin. The Israeli army closed the entrance to the village of Beita with dirt barricades. Checkpoints: 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. The Israeli army intensified its restrictions at Beit Iba and Huwwara checkpoints and denied access to civilians between 15 and 30 years of age as well as holders of IDs issued in the districts of Jenin and Tulkarem.

	 Raid/Detention: At 02:05, the Israeli army raided the city of Nablus, searched a number of houses, and arrested 4 civilians, including 3 children. The Israeli army also detained Ghadah Isteitiyyeh, a female civilian, and released her at a later time. Arrests: The Israeli army arrested 4 civilians in the city of Nablus: Tamer Nimer al Meenawi, 16 years old; Jamal Mohammed Abu Saleh, 16 years old; Ayman Jad Allah Abu Salhah, 16 years old; and Haytham Isteitiyyeh.
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 Intifada (Uprising). The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the western entrances to the town of Bruqin and the village of Marda as well as the road connecting the town of Deir Istiya to the village of Haris. The Israeli army also continues to close with cement blocks the western entrance to the town of Kafr ad Dik. The Israeli army continues to close the northern entrance to the village of Qarawat Bani Hassan with an iron gate. 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 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 continues 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. Flying Checkpoint: At 08:30, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the eastern entrance to the village of Marda and searched civilians and vehicles.
JERICHO	 Closure: The Israeli army continues to close Road # 90 between the city of Jericho and the village of Al 'Auja with cement blocks. The Israeli army also prevents farmers not holding Jericho-issued IDs from reaching their land, forcing them to apply for access permits. In addition, the Israeli army prevents holders of Israeli-issued IDs from entering the city of Jericho. Checkpoint: 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. Flying Checkpoint: At 08:25, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to the village of 'Ein ad Duyuk and searched civilians and vehicles.

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. Wall Construction: Wall construction continues north of 'Ayda refugee camp and in the Everest area, northwest of the city of Beit Jala. **Raids:** At 09:50, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the city of Beit Jala and (i) 'Ayda refugee camp. At 02:15, the Israeli army raided the village of Beit Ta'mir, searched a **BETHLEHEM** (ii) number of houses, and arrested 3 civilians and 3 Palestinian National Security officers. At 05:30, the Israeli army withdrew from the area. At 07:15, the Israeli army raided Al 'Arrub refugee camp, searched 1 (iii) house, and arrested 1 Palestinian National Security officer. Arrests: The Israeli army arrested 3 civilians and 3 Palestinian security officers in the village of Beit Ta'mir: Ahmed Mohammed al Wahsh, a Palestinian National Security officer; (i) Ibrahim 'Isa al Wahsh, a Palestinian National Security officer; (ii) Ahmed 'Allan al Wahsh, a Palestinian National Security officer; (iii) Khaled Mohammed al Wahsh; (iv) (v) Mohammed Suleiman al Wahsh; and Mousa Mohammed al Wahsh. (vi) The Israeli army arrested 'Imad Theeb Iskafi, a Palestinian National (vii) Security officer, in Al 'Arrub refugee camp. **Closure:** The Israeli army continues to close the following locales in the H2 (i) 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 **HEBRON** Market and the area of As Sahleh. The Israeli army continues to implement a military order stipulating the (ii) 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 continues 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.
- Flying Checkpoints: At 18:30, the Israeli army set up 2 flying checkpoints, one on the overpass to the town of Halhul and the other on the road to the town of Beit Kahil, and searched civilians and vehicles.
- **Physical Assaults:** At 09:30, the Israeli army severely beat 2 journalists in the old city of Hebron:
- (i) Hazem Badr; and
- (ii) Abdul Hafeeth al Hashlamoun.
- Raid: On the dawn of 30 April 2006, the Israeli army raided the town of Bani Na'im, searched a number of houses, and arrested 9 civilians, 2 Palestinian National Security officers, and 2 Palestinian Police officers.

• Arrests:

(i) At 08:30, the Israeli army arrested 13-year-old Saleh al Ja'bari, allegedly for locating a knife in his possession.

The Israeli army arrested 9 civilians and 4 Palestinian officers in the town of Bani Na'im:

- (ii) Abdul Rahman Mousa Id'eis, a Palestinian National Security officer;
- (iii) Maher Hasan Id'eis, a Palestinian National Security officer;
- (iv) Yihya Thaher Hmeidat, a Palestinian Police officer;
- (v) Ahmed Mahmoud Tarayrah, a Palestinian Police officer;
- (vi) Taher Suleiman ad Danas;
- (vii) Dawoud Mousa Jdei';
- (viii) Raed Suleiman Harahsheh;
- (ix) Ali Mohammed 'Eid Barakat;
- (x) Mohammed 'Izzat Mahmoud;
- (xi) Yasser Ali Id'eis;
- (xii) Amjad Mousa Harahsheh;
- (xiii) Abdul Rahman Mousa Id'eis; and
- (xiv) 'Imad Shihdeh Manassrah.

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.

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 and 20:30, the Israeli army fired 83 artillery shells from (i) its location inside the Green Line towards Palestinian territory: 20 artillery shells landed in the area opposite Point 52 on the Green Line east of the town of Beit Hanun; 30 shells landed opposite Points 38 and 39 on the Green Line east of the town of Beit Hanun; 30 shells landed near Tallet Quleibo east of Ash Sheikh Zayed towers, injuring 13-yearold Mohammed 'Odeh; and 3 shells landed near the area of Al Hawuz opposite An Nada towers north of the town of Beit Lahiya. **NORTHERN** Between 21:00 and 08:00, the Israeli army fired 41 artillery shells from (ii) **GAZA** its location inside the Green Line towards Palestinian territory. Of these, 3 artillery shells landed between the area of Al Hawuz and An Nada towers north of the town of Beit Lahiya and the other 38 shells landed near 1 Headquarters and 2 locations belonging to the Palestinian National Security forces east of the town of Beit Hanun. **Air Patrols:** At 17:25, Israeli army helicopters patrolled the skies over the district of (i) Northern Gaza. (ii) At 06:45, an Israeli army UAV patrolled the skies over the towns of Beit Hanun and Beit Lahiya in the district of Northern Gaza as well as dropped flyers. **Palestinian Attacks:** At 23:15, 2 unidentified mortars were fired towards the Green Line. (i) (ii) At 23:25, 2 unidentified mortars were fired towards the Green Line, of which 1 mortar exploded in the area from which it was launched. **GAZA** Activities not reported. **CENTRAL** Activities not reported. **GAZA**

KHAN YUNIS	 Attack: At 07:55, the Israeli army opened fire from Points 175 and 176 on the Green Line towards a number of farmers at a distance of 350 metres from the Green Line east of the village of 'Abasan al Kabira. Palestinian Attacks: At 17:05, 2 unidentified mortars were fired towards the Green Line, of which 1 mortar landed on Palestinian territory. At 19:35, 1 unidentified mortar was fired towards the Green Line.
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. Karm Abu Salim (Karem Shalom) Crossing is closed. Attack: At 19:50, Israeli naval boats opened fire towards the beach of the city of Rafah.

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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