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PALESTINIAN MONITORING GROUP

DAILY SITUATION REPORT

08:00 01 May 2009 – 08:00 01 May 2009

SUMMARY OF EVENTS

EVENT	WEST BANK	GAZA STRIP	TOTAL	NOTES
Physical Assaults	6	—	6	Incl. a female civilian severely beaten
Injuries	7	—	7	Incl. 4 in Ramallah and 2 in Bethlehem
Air Attack	—	1	1	2 missiles fired by F16 aircraft on Rafah
Attacks	4	4	8	Incl. 1 during a raid and 2 by navy boats
Raids	21	1	22	Incl. 5 in Qalqiliya and 5 in Nablus
Air Patrol	—	1	1	By F16 combat aircraft over Rafah
Arrests (per person)	6	—	6	1 in Jenin and 5 in Bethlehem
Detentions	14	—	14	At checkpoints and in residential locales
Wall Construction	21	—	21	Incl. Jer., Raml'h., Salfit, & Qalqiliya
House Occupations	3	—	3	Converted into military posts, Ramallah
Curfew	1	—	1	Over the town of Jayyus in Qalqiliya
Closure of Checkpoints	12	—	12	Incl. access impeded at 8 checkpoints
Flying Checkpoints	11	—	11	Incl. 3 in Jerusalem and 3 in Hebron
Closure (per District)	7	—	7	Incl. Nu'man and Mazmuriya, Bethlehem
Closure of Main Roads	53	—	53	Incl. 7 in Bethlehem and 19 in Hebron
Closure of Crossing Points	—	6	6	Only Karm Abu Salem CP open partially
Settler Violence	2	—	2	Civilian vehicles stoned in Qalqiliya
Provocation of Pal. Forces	2	—	2	Incl. a security vehicle searched, Qalqiliya
Palestinian Attack	—	1	1	2 mortars fired towards the Green Line
Pal. Security Measure	1	—	1	An old bomb handed over in Salfit
Demonstrations	4	—	4	Against the Wall and house demolitions
TOTAL	175	14	189	

DISTRICT	EVENTS
WEST BANK	
ALL DISTRICTS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (i) On 01 May 2009, the Israeli army intensified its restrictions at checkpoints located at the entrances to the city of Jerusalem, set up several flying checkpoints in the old city of Jerusalem and around Al Aqsa Mosque compound, and denied access to civilians to perform Friday prayers at the mosque. (ii) On 05 January 2009, the Israeli authorities issued Military Order # S/02/09 on the closure of and denial of civilian access to the "demarcation area" along the Wall in the area surrounding the city of Jerusalem. Accordingly, local residents and civilians holding permits can access this area through crossings and gates set up at the entrances to the city of Jerusalem. (The demarcation area is defined by a set of military orders relating to land confiscation for Wall construction). (iii) Beginning on 02 April 2009, the Israeli army has continued to impose a blockade and deny civilian access to a hill located in an area between the village of Biddu and Beit Iksa due to its geographical significance as it overlooks the city of Jerusalem. • Closure of Main Roads: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (i) The Israeli army continues to close with cement blocks and dirt barricades the entrance to the village of Jaba'. (ii) The Israeli army continues to close the iron gate along the Wall section, separating the area of Dahiyat al Bareed from the town of Ar Ram. • Checkpoint: The Israeli army continues to consider Qalandiya checkpoint a "border crossing point" and has designated a special crossing for holders of Jerusalem IDs and those possessing permits to access the city of Jerusalem. • Demonstration: At 13:00, civilians performed Friday prayers in a sit-in tent in Silwan neighbourhood in the city of Jerusalem in protest against Israeli military orders for evacuation of civilian houses. The Israeli authorities intend to demolish these houses and construct settlements. • Wall Gates: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (i) The Israeli army continues to close the Wall gate in the town of Abu Dis with cement blocks. (ii) The Israeli army continues to deny civilian access through the Wall gate on Ash Shayyah road in the area between the villages of As Sawahira ash Sharqiya and As Sawahira al Gharbiya, only allowing civilians holding Jerusalem IDs to cross, after subjecting them to thorough searches using electronic devices.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wall Construction: Wall construction continues in the area of Al 'Eizariya to Ash Shayyah, from Beit Surik village to Biddu; in the areas of Al Judeira, Bir Nabala, and Beit Hanina; west of the village of Al Jib; in the vicinity of the village of Qatanna; south of the village of Beit Hanina; and in the area surrounding the checkpoint set up at the entrance to Shu'fat refugee camp.
<p style="text-align: center;">RAMALLAH & EL BIREH</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure of Main Roads: The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades and cement blocks the road connecting the villages of Ras Karkar and Kharbatha Bani Harith; the entrances to the villages of Sinjil, Saffa, and 'Ein Yabrud; and the junction to the villages of Kafr Malik – 'Ein Samiya. • Checkpoint: The Israeli army continues to intensify restrictions at the checkpoint on the overpass to 'Atara town and impede civilian access. • Raids: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 00:30, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the town of Beit Rima. (ii) At 02:25, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the city of El Bireh. • Demonstrations/Attacks/Injuries/Raid/House Occupations: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 13:00, 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, during which the Israeli army injured 4 civilians. Other civilians also sustained injuries as a result of tear gas inhalation. (ii) At 13:00, a mass demonstration, including international peace activists, took place in the town of Ni'lin in protest against Wall construction. Consequently, the Israeli army raided the town, occupied roofs of several houses, and converted them into military posts. Confrontations also took place between the Israeli army and civilians, during which 4 civilians were injured as a result of tear gas inhalation. • Wall Construction: Wall construction was suspended on the occasion of the proclamation of the State of Israel west of 'Abud town and in the areas of Al Midya to Ni'lin and Ni'lin to Deir Qaddis.
<p style="text-align: center;">JENIN</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure of Main Road: The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the road leading to the town of 'Arraba east of the settlement of Dotan. • Flying Checkpoint: At 16:30, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the southern entrance to the town of Silat adh Dhahr, searched civilians and vehicles, and arrested 1 civilian. • Arrest: Israeli troops positioned at the flying checkpoint set up at the southern entrance to the town of Silat adh Dhahr arrested an unidentified civilian. • Wall Gates: Passage through the Wall gates is restricted to civilians granted special Israeli permits, which affects the educational and health conditions of civilians living behind the Wall.

TUBAS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Checkpoint: The Israeli army continues to close Tayasir checkpoint in the eastern Tubas district, denying civilian access to the Northern Jordan Valley, except for civilians whose IDs indicate that their place of residence is the Northern Jordan Valley.
TULKAREM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure of Main Roads: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (i) The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the western entrance to the village of Shufa. (ii) The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the road connecting the town of Kafr al Labad to the village of Shufa. • Checkpoint: The Israeli army continues to intensify restrictions at 'Einav checkpoint set up on Tulkarem-Nablus main road. • Wall Gates: Passage through the wall gates is restricted to civilians granted special Israeli permits.
QALQILYA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure of Roads: The Israeli army continues to close with cement blocks agricultural roads east of the town of 'Azzun. • Checkpoints: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (i) The Israeli army continues to intensify restrictions at the checkpoint set up at the eastern entrance to the city of Qalqiliya and to impede civilian access. (ii) At 19:00, the Israeli army intensified its restrictions and impeded civilian access at the checkpoint set up at the entrance to the village of 'Izbat Jal'ud. • Physical Assault: At 11:50, an Israeli female soldier positioned at the Wall gate to the village of 'Azzun 'Atma severely beat with a rifle butt Sundus Mahmoud Ahmed, a female civilian, leaving her unconscious. Consequently, Sundus was transported to hospital for medical treatment. • Raids/Provocation of Palestinian Forces/Curfew: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 13:10, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the city of Qalqiliya. At 00:15, the Israeli army raided the city again and searched a security vehicle parked in front of offices of the Palestinian Preventive Security agency. In addition, the Israeli army searched 3 houses and served a summons to Ala' ad Din Saleh Abu Libdeh, a Palestinian National Security officer, to report to the Israeli Intelligence agency. (ii) At 18:20, and again at 00:20, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the town of 'Azzun. (iii) At 23:10, the Israeli army raided the town of Jayyus. Confrontations took between the Israeli army and civilians. The Israeli army also imposed curfew and withdrew at 06:00. • Settler Violence: At 11:55, a group of Israeli settlers threw stones at civilian vehicles travelling near the junction to the village of Jit, injuring 1 civilian. At 16:15, Israeli settlers stoned civilian vehicles again. • Wall Gates: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Passage through the Wall gates is restricted to civilians granted special Israeli permits.

	<p>(ii) The Israeli army continues to intensify its restrictions at 'Azzun 'Atma Wall gate and to search civilians, including students, with a metal detector.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wall Construction: <p>(i) Having completed the Wall-related infrastructure, land levelling for Wall construction ceased in the towns of 'Azzun and Kafr Thulth as well as in the villages of Immatin and Kafr Laqif.</p> <p>(ii) Wall construction was suspended on the occasion of the proclamation of the State of Israel south of the town of Jayyus as well as near the settlement of Alfe Menashe in the villages of Ras Tira, Magharet ad Dab'a, and Wadi ar Rasha south of the city of Qalqiliya.</p>
NABLUS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure of Main Roads: <p>(i) The Israeli army continues to close with cement blocks the roads of Sarra-Jit; Til-Burin; Beit Furik-Salem; the road between the town of 'Aqraba and the main road; and the eastern entrance to the village of Al Lubban Ash Sharqiya. The Israeli army also continues to close with dirt barricades the road between the villages of Til and Madama; the southern entrance to the village of Qaryut; the eastern entrance to the village of Al Lubban Ash Sharqiya; the western entrance to the town of 'Aqraba; the southern entrance to the village of Duma; the northern entrance to the town of Qabalan; the western entrance to the village of Majdal Bani Fadil; and the settler bypass road connecting the village of Deir al Hatab to the settlement of Alon Moreh.</p> <p>(ii) The Israeli army continues to restrict civilian daily passage along the Jenin-Nablus road between the junction to Deir Sharaf village and the settlement of Shavei Shomron between 06:00 and 21:00.</p> • Checkpoints: The Israeli army continues to regulate times for crossing checkpoints set up around the city of Nablus: <p>(i) At Tur neighbourhood checkpoint (set up on Jerzim Mount) is closed on Fridays and Saturdays as well as during Jewish holidays. On all other days, it is open for civilian residents of the neighborhood only.</p> <p>(ii) The Israeli army continues to allow Palestinians holding Israeli-issued IDs to access the city of Nablus by their private vehicles through Beit Furik checkpoint and Biet Iba iron gate. Additionally, the Israeli army allows free access to physicians, who are residents of the city of Nablus.</p> <p>(iii) Beginning on 15 February 2009, the Israeli army has allowed free access by private vehicles to all residents of the city of Nablus, who are above 50 years of age and in company with their families, through checkpoints set up around the city of Nablus.</p> <p>(iv) Having removed Beit Iba checkpoint, the Israeli army installed an iron gate near the junction to the village of Deir Sharaf along the Nablus-Tulkarem main road. The iron gate is open everyday between 05:00 and 24:00 to allow civilian access without permits.</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Raids:</u> (i) At 11:45, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the village of ‘Urif. (ii) At 15:40, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the village of An Nassariya. (iii) At 22:40, the Israeli army raided the town of ‘Asira ash Shamaliya and searched 1 house. (iv) At 00:45, the Israeli army raided the city of Nablus and Balata refugee camp and patrolled these areas until 02:30.
SALFIT	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Closure of Main Roads:</u> (i) The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the northern entrance to the city of Salfit. (ii) The Israeli army continues to close with cement blocks and iron gates the northern entrance to the town of Bruqin and the western entrance to the town of Kafr Ad Dik. • <u>Checkpoint:</u> The Israeli army continues to intensify its restrictions and impede civilian access at the Za’tara junction checkpoint. • <u>Flying Checkpoints:</u> (i) At 18:15, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to the town of Deir Istiya and searched civilians and vehicles. (ii) At 19:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to the village of Qarawat Bani Hassan and searched civilians and vehicles until 21:00. • <u>Raid:</u> At 18:10, the Israeli army raided the town of Kifl Haris and patrolled the area until 18:30. • <u>Palestinian Security Measure:</u> At 15:50, Palestinian security forces handed over to the Israeli authorities (through the DCO) an old bomb located in the city of Salfit. • <u>Wall Construction:</u> Wall construction was suspended on the occasion of the proclamation of the State of Israel in the area northwest of the city of Salfit, and in the village of Marda and the town of Kafr Haris north of the settlement of Ariel.
JERICHO	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <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. • <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 that connects the districts of Jericho and Ramallah. • <u>Raid:</u> At 16:45, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the village of ‘Ein ad Duyuk.

<p style="text-align: center;">BETHLEHEM</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) 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. (ii) According to Military Order # 07/02/S, the Israeli army has continued since 15 September 2007 to deny civilian access to an area measuring 22 <i>dunums</i> (5.436 acres) of land in the area of Mazmuriya in the cities of Beit Sahur and Bethlehem. The land was confiscated pursuant to Military Order # 07/31/T. • Closure of Main Roads: In addition to 2 side roads east and south of the village of Al Walaja, the Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the roads of Beit Jala-Wadi Ahmad; Talita-Nazlet as Sidr in the city of Beit Jala; Al Khadr -Road # 60; Al Khadr -Beit Jala Housing Project; Wadi Rahal-Efrat; and the side road east of the town of Beit Fajar. • Flying Checkpoints: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 14:15, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to the town of Tuqu' and searched civilians and vehicles until 15:15. (ii) At 22:10, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the north-western entrance to the city of Beit Jala. • Demonstration/Attack/Physical Assaults/Injuries: At 13:50, a mass demonstration, including international peace activists, took place in the village of Al Ma'sara in protest against Wall construction. The Israeli army blocked the demonstration, fired rubber-coated steel bullets as well as tear gas grenades, and severely beat protestors, leaving 2 civilians, including a female civilian, with contusions. Additionally, a number of protestors sustained injuries as a result of tear gas inhalation. The Israeli army also arrested 5 civilian protestors. • Arrests: The Israeli army arrested 5 civilian protestors in the village of Al Ma'sara: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Hasan Ahmed Breijiyeh; (ii) Mohammed Ahmed Breijiyeh; (iii) Mahmoud Suleiman Fawaghreh; (iv) Mustafa 'Aref Fawaghreh; and (v) 'Azmi as Suyoufi. • Wall Construction: Wall construction was suspended on the occasion of the proclamation of the State of Israel in the area northwest of the town of Al Khadr; northwest of the city of Beit Jala; in the area of Wadi Rahhal east of Ifrat settlement; and in the area surrounding the village of Al Walaja.
<p style="text-align: center;">HEBRON</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (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 in the area.
- (ii) The Israeli army continues to prevent civilian vehicles from travelling along the road connecting the settlement of Kiryat Arba' to the Ibrahimi Mosque in the old city of Hebron.
 - (iii) On 05 January 2009, the Israeli army issued Military Order # 09/06/S for closure of the area located along the Green Line south of the town of Yatta, evacuation of civilian residents, and prevention of civilian access to the area. According to Military Orders # 05/03/T and 05/04/T, land in this area was confiscated for Wall construction.
- **Closure of Main Roads:**
 - (i) The Israeli army continues to close with cement blocks the entrance to the town of As Samoa'; the area of Al Hawawir leading to the town of Halhul; the road connecting the town of Surif to the village of Al Jab'a; the eastern entrance to the village of Kharsa; the entrance to Al Qeisi neighborhood in the old city of Hebron; as well as the entrances to Al 'Arrub refugee camp and the village of At Tuwani.
 - (ii) The Israeli army continues to prohibit Palestinian vehicles from travelling along Ash Shalala Old Street leading to the old city of Hebron.
 - (iii) The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the road between the villages of Al Karmil and At Tuwani and all roads leading to bypass Road # 60.
 - (iv) The Israeli army continues to open the iron gate on the Farsh Al Hawa junction to Road # 35, which leads to Tarqumiya Crossing, from 05:00 until 07:00 and from 09:00 until 13:00.
 - (v) The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the entrances to the village of 'Abda and Khirbet Karma.
 - (vi) The Israeli army continues to close with cement blocks a side road along Road # 35 in the area of Wadi Qeizun near the overpass to the town of Halhul (the northern entrance to the city of Hebron).
 - **Flying Checkpoints:**
 - (i) At 22:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the overpass to the town of Halhul and searched civilians and vehicles.
 - (ii) At 22:40, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint in the area of Jorat Bahlas (the eastern entrance to the city of Hebron) and searched civilians and vehicles.
 - **Raids:**
 - (i) At 16:35, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the city of Hebron. At 22:40, the Israeli army raided the city again, set up a checkpoint, and searched civilians and vehicles.
 - (ii) At 00:05, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the town of Adh Dhahiriya.
 - (iii) At 01:00, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the town of Surif.
 - (iv) At 02:30, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the town of Halhul.
 - (v) At 04:00, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the town of Dura.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wall Construction: Wall construction was suspended on the occasion of the proclamation of the State of Israel in the section of Tarqumiya checkpoint terminal and in the area between southeast of the village of 'Arab ar Ramadin and the village of Imneizil.
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GAZA STRIP

ALL DISTRICTS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • At 02:00 on 18 January 2009, the unilateral ceasefire declared by the Israeli authorities came into effect. At a later time on the same day, armed Palestinian groups announced an agreement to cease fire for a week. Later, armed Palestinian groups extended the ceasefire until 05 February 2009. Despite the fact that the extension period expired, the ceasefire continues to hold pending negotiations carried out by Egypt. • Violations of the Ceasefire: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (i) The Israeli army raided Palestinian territory and opened fire towards civilians and property. Israeli navy boats also opened fire towards Palestinian fishing boats. Additionally, Israeli combat aircraft fired missiles. (ii) Armed Palestinian individuals fired 2 mortars towards the Green Line.
NORTHERN GAZA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure of Crossing Point: Beit Hanun (Erez) Crossing is closed. • Raid: At 07:00, the Israeli army, including several armoured vehicles, raided Palestinian territory east of the town of Jabalya. An armed confrontation took place between the Israeli army and armed Palestinian individuals. • Palestinian Attack: In the morning of 02 May 2009, 2 mortars were fired towards the Green Line.
GAZA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure of Crossing Points: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Al Muntar (Karnei) Crossing is closed. (ii) Ash Shuja'iyah (Nahal 'Oz) Crossing is closed.
CENTRAL GAZA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Activities not reported.
KHAN YUNIS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Attack: In the morning on 01 May 2009, Israeli navy boats opened intensive fire towards Palestinian fishing boats at sea off the beach of the city of Khan Yunis.
RAFAH	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure of Crossing Points: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Yasser 'Arafat International Airport remains closed. (ii) Rafah (Al 'Awdah) Crossing is closed. (iii) Sufa Crossing is closed. (iv) Karm Abu Salim (Karem Shalom) Crossing is partially open for transportation of food supplies and humanitarian aid.

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| | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• <u>Air Attack:</u> At 13:00, Israeli F16 combat aircraft fired 2 missiles towards an area south of the city of Rafah along the Egyptian border, allegedly targeting smuggling tunnels.• <u>Attacks:</u><ol style="list-style-type: none">(i) In the morning on 01 May 2009, Israeli navy boats opened intensive fire towards Palestinian fishing boats at sea off the city of Rafah's beach.(ii) In the morning on 01 May 2009, the Israeli army opened fire from its location on the Green Line towards a number of farmers east of the city of Rafah. |
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