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PALESTINIAN MONITORING GROUP

DAILY SITUATION REPORT
 08:00 03 May 2006 – 08:00 04 May 2006

SUMMARY OF EVENTS

EVENT	WEST BANK	GAZA STRIP	TOTAL	NOTES
Physical Assaults	2	—	2	2 civilians beaten in Tulkarem & Salfit
Attacks	5	1	6	Incl. 3 in raids & 1 from a military post
Raids	17	—	17	Incl. 4 in Bethlehem & 3 in Hebron
Air Patrol	1	—	1	Troops dispatched by helicopters, Bal'a
Arrests	12	—	12	Incl. a physically disabled civilian
Detentions	25	—	25	Incl. Director of Police station, Hebron
Wall Construction	31	—	31	Incl. Jer., Raml'h., Qalq., Salfit, Beth.
Destruction of Property	1	—	1	A disabled civilian's wheelchair
House Occupations	2	—	2	2 houses in Nablus and Hebron
Curfew	1	—	1	Over the town of Huwwara in Nablus
Closure of Checkpoints	9	—	9	Incl. Beit Iba & Huwwara partially
Flying Checkpoints	32	—	32	Incl. 8 in Jenin & 7 in Salfit
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	—	3	3	Incl. Beit Hanun and Rafah partially
Palestinian Attacks	—	3	3	5 unidentified mortars fired
Pal. Security Measure	—	1	1	Area combed near the Green Line
TOTAL	171	9	180	

DISTRICT	EVENT
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<p style="text-align: center;">ALL DISTRICTS</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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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WEST BANK

<p style="text-align: center;">JERUSALEM</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) 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 Jerusalem-issued IDs, and civilians with permits to cross. (ii) 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 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.
<p style="text-align: center;">RAMALLAH & EL BIREH</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Wall Construction:</u> 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. • <u>Flying Checkpoints:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 08:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint in the area between the villages of Deir Ibzi' and Kafr Ni'ma and searched civilians and vehicles. (ii) At 09:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the junction to the settlement of Halamish, searched civilian vehicles, and impeded civilian access. • <u>Raids/Attack:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 20:15, the Israeli army, including 3 jeeps, raided the city of El Bireh, set up 3 checkpoints, and searched civilians and vehicles. Confrontations took place between the Israeli army and civilians. Israeli troops positioned at one of the 3 checkpoints also opened fire towards 1 civilian vehicle while it was crossing the checkpoint. At 21:20, the Israeli army withdrew from the area. (ii) At 03:00, an Israeli army patrol raided the village of Kafr 'Ein and patrolled the area until 04:30.
JENIN	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Closure of Road:</u> 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. • <u>Checkpoint:</u> The Israeli army continues to close Tayasir checkpoint east of the town of Tubas, denying civilian access to the Northern Jordan Valley, except for Jericho-ID holders and commercial trucks. • <u>Wall Gates:</u> Passage through the Wall gates is restricted to civilians granted special Israeli permits. • <u>Flying Checkpoints/Detention:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 08:00 on 03 May 2006, the Israeli army set up 7 flying checkpoints: near As Sa'ada forest at the western entrance to the city of Jenin; at the entrances to the towns of Ya'bad, 'Arraba, and Al Yamun; and at the entrances to the villages of Mirka, Fahma, and Sanur. Israeli troops positioned at these checkpoints continue to search civilian vehicles and impede civilian access as of 08:00 this morning. (ii) At 18:50, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to the town of Az Zababida, searched civilian vehicles, and impeded civilian access. Israeli troops positioned at the checkpoint also detained a bus transporting kindergarten children while returning from a trip. • <u>Raids:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 23:00, Israeli Special Forces raided the town of Al Yamun, searched 1 house, and withdrew at 23:40. (ii) The Israeli army, including 9 jeeps, raided the town of Jaba' and arrested 1 civilian (a former political prisoner who had been arrested during the current <i>Intifada</i> (Uprising)). • <u>Arrest:</u> The Israeli army arrested Samer 'Imad Hamamreh in the town of Jaba'.

TULKAREM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure: 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: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (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. • Wall Gates: Passage through the Wall gates is restricted to civilians granted special Israeli permits. • Flying Checkpoint/Physical Assault: At 11:20, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint in the area between the town of 'Anabta and Nur Shams refugee camp, searched civilian vehicles, and arrested 1 civilian after severely beating him. At 16:30, the Israeli army withdrew from the area. • Raids/Air Patrol: At 10:00, Israeli troops, dispatched by Israeli army combat helicopters, raided and combed the forests near the town of Bal'a as well as the area between the town of Bal'a and the village of Al 'Attara. • Arrests: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 03:10 on 03 May 2005, the Israeli army arrested Asal Basheer Badran during its raid on the town of 'Attil, in addition to those reported yesterday. (ii) Israeli troops positioned at the flying checkpoint set up in the area between the town of 'Anabta and Nur Shams refugee camp arrested Hasan Rafeeq Nour.
QALQILIYA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wall Gates: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (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.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Wall Construction:</u> Land levelling for Wall construction continues in the village of Immatin and east of the towns of Kafr Thulth and ‘Azzun. • <u>Flying Checkpoints:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 08:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint near the village of Jinsafut, searched civilians and vehicles, and prevented Nizar Kamal ‘Aql, a Palestinian National Security officer, from accessing his workplace in the city of Salfit. (ii) At 18:00, the Israeli army set up 2 flying checkpoints, one at the eastern entrance to the city of Qalqiliya and the other at the entrance to Habla tunnel south of the city, and searched civilians and vehicles. • <u>Raids:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 18:00, the Israeli army, including 3 jeeps, raided and patrolled the town of Jayyus. (ii) At 18:10, the Israeli army, including 1 armoured vehicle and 3 jeeps, raided the town of ‘Azzun and took photographs of a number of houses and streets while patrolling the area. At 23:45, the Israeli army raided the town again, closed its northern entrance with a checkpoint, opened fire, fired flares, patrolled the area, and combed the area surrounding the town.
NABLUS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Closure of Main Roads:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) 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. (ii) 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. (iii) The Israeli army continues to close the entrance to the village of Beita with dirt barricades. • <u>Checkpoints:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (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 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. • <u>Raid/Curfew/House Occupation:</u> At 13:45, the Israeli army raided the town of Huwwara, imposed curfew, occupied 1 house, and converted it into a military post. The Israeli army also raided an Internet café, arrested 6 civilians, including 5 children, searched 1 house, and took photographs of its residents. • <u>Arrests:</u> The Israeli army arrested 6 civilians in the town of Huwwara: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Ahmed Bassam ‘Odeh, 16 years old;

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> (ii) Ameer Rafeeq 'Odeh, 16 years old; (iii) Sami Dhmeiri, 16 years old; (iv) Tareq Teerawi, 16 years old; (v) Mahmoud adh Dhmeiri, 17 years old; and (vi) Suheil Bassam 'Odeh.
SALFIT	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Closure of Main Roads:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) The Israeli army has continued to close the main north-western entrance to the city of Salfit with dirt barricades since the beginning of the current <i>Intifada</i> (Uprising). (ii) The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the western 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. • <u>Checkpoints:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) The Israeli army continues to intensify its restrictions at Deir Ballut checkpoint and to deny civilian access to the town of Kafr ad Dik. (ii) 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. • <u>Wall Construction:</u> 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. • <u>Attack:</u> At 09:00, Israeli troops positioned at the Za'tara junction checkpoint opened fire towards a civilian vehicle which fled to the district of Salfit. • <u>Flying Checkpoints/Physical Assault:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 08:30, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the southern entrance to the village of Qarawat Bani Hassan, searched civilians and vehicles, and beat Mahyoub Nayef Saleh. (ii) At 09:00, the Israeli army set up 6 flying checkpoints: on Wadi Qana road connecting the districts of Salfit and Qalqiliya; on the junction to the town of Jamma'in; at the western entrance to the town of Deir Istiya; at the entrances to the towns of Kifl Haris and Bruqin; and on the junction to the village of Haris. Israeli troops positioned at these checkpoints searched civilians and vehicles.
JERICHO	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Closure:</u> 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

	<p>forcing them to apply for access permits, and to deny access to the city to holders of Israeli-issued IDs.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Checkpoints: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (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. (ii) The Israeli army continues to close the DCO checkpoint set up at the 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. • Flying Checkpoint: At 11:30, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to the village of 'Ein ad Duyuk and denied civilian access in both directions until 12:00.
BETHLEHEM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 14:40, an Israeli army patrol raided the city of Bethlehem and patrolled the area. (ii) At 17:00, the Israeli army, including 2 jeeps, raided and patrolled the town of Tuqu'. (iii) At 23:45, an Israeli army patrol raided the town of Al Khadr and patrolled the area. (iv) At 03:10, the Israeli army raided Dahiyat ad Doha in the city of Bethlehem and searched 1 house. • Arrests: At 02:00 on 03 May 2006, the Israeli army arrested 2 university students during its raid on the town of Al 'Ubeidiya, in addition to those reported yesterday: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Salameh Jamal Shanaytah; and (ii) Hamzeh Sami Abu Sarhan.
HEBRON	<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 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

	<p>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.</p> <p>(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 Ibrahim 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.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Closure of Main Roads:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (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. • <u>Wall Construction:</u> 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. • <u>Flying Checkpoints/Detention:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 15:15, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to the town of Bani Na'im, searched civilians and vehicles, and detained the Director of the Palestinian Police station in the town and his companion. (ii) At 17:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to the village of Deir Samit and searched civilians and vehicles. (iii) At 18:30, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the overpass to the town of Halhul and searched civilians and vehicles. (iv) The Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on Road # 35 leading to Tarquimiya Crossing and searched civilians and vehicles. • <u>Raids/House Occupation/Detention:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 23:00 on 02 May 2006, the Israeli army raided the area of Wadi Sud in the town of Dura, occupied 1 house belonging to Ghazi 'Aqeel al 'Amayreh, and converted it into a military post after detaining residents in 1 room. At 23:00 on 03 May 2006, the Israeli army withdrew from the area. (ii) At 16:30, the Israeli army raided the city of Hebron, set up 2 checkpoints on 'Ein Sara Street and in the area of Ras al Jora, searched civilians and vehicles, and patrolled the area. (iii) At 18:45, the Israeli army, including 3 jeeps, raided and patrolled the village of Taffuh.
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Arrest/Destruction of Property:</u> On the evening of 02 May 2006, Israeli troops guarding the Wall section west of the town of Beit 'Awwa arrested Ashraf Suleiman Abu Zrei', a physically disabled civilian, and used explosives to destroy his wheelchair, allegedly for suspecting that it was rigged with explosives.
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GAZA STRIP

ALL DISTRICTS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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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NORTHERN GAZA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Closure:</u> 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. • <u>Closure of Crossing Point:</u> Beit Hanun (Erez) Crossing is partially open to foreign nationals, VIPs, and humanitarian cases after prior coordination. • <u>Palestinian Attacks:</u> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 15:40, 1 unidentified mortar was fired towards the Green Line. (ii) At 06:30, 2 unidentified mortars were fired towards the Green Line, of which 1 exploded in the area from which it was launched. • <u>Palestinian Security Measure:</u> At 12:20 and following coordination with the Israeli authorities (through the DCO), the Engineering Unit affiliated with the Palestinian National Security forces combed the area near Points 2 and 6 on the Green Line north of the town of Beit Lahiya.
GAZA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Activities not reported.
CENTRAL GAZA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Activities not reported.
KHAN YUNIS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Activities not reported.
RAFAH	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Closure of Crossing Points:</u> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Yasser 'Arafat International Airport remains closed. (ii) Rafah Crossing is partially open in both directions to passengers holding Palestinian IDs, humanitarian cases, and Arab and foreign diplomatic missions. • <u>Attack:</u> At 23:00, Israeli naval boats opened fire towards Palestinian fishing boats at sea opposite the beach of the city of Rafah. • <u>Palestinian Attack:</u> At 21:20, 2 unidentified mortars were fired towards the Green Line.

GENERAL

WORK PERMITS	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• <u>West Bank</u>: The Israeli authorities annulled all the work permits issued to Palestinian workers for crossing the Green Line.• <u>Gaza Strip</u>: 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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