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PALESTINIAN MONITORING GROUP

DAILY SITUATION REPORT

08:00 12 May 2011 – 08:00 13 May 2011

SUMMARY OF EVENTS

EVENT	WEST BANK	GAZA STRIP	TOTAL	NOTES
Attacks	1	1	2	1 in a raid and 1 during confrontations
Raids	14	1	15	Incl. 3 in Ramallah and 4 in Qalqiliya
Air Patrol	—	1	1	Reconnaissance aircraft, Khan Yunis
Arrests (per Person)	4	—	4	Incl. a university student
Detentions	13	—	13	At checkpoints and in residential areas
Land Levelling	—	1	1	In Khan Yunis
Wall Construction	13	—	13	Incl. in Jerusalem, Qalqiliya, & Hebron
Destruction of Property	2	—	2	Incl. pastureland set on fire in Tubas
House Occupations	3	—	3	Converted into mil. posts in Hebron
Closure of Checkpoints	11	—	11	Incl. a checkpoint closed 3 times
Flying Checkpoints	26	—	26	Incl. 8 in Qalqiliya and 4 in Jericho
Closure (per District)	8	—	8	Incl. Jerusalem and 5 areas in Hebron
Closure of Main Roads	45	—	45	Incl. 10 in Nablus and 15 in Hebron
Closure of Crossing Points	—	4	4	Incl. humanitarian cases allowed access
Settler Violence	4	—	4	Incl. civilian vehicles stoned
Provocation of Pal. Forces	1	—	1	Taking position near a Pal. checkpoint
TOTAL	145	8	153	

DISTRICT	EVENTS
WEST BANK	
JERUSALEM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) The Israeli army continues to intensify restrictions at checkpoints located at the entrances to Jerusalem city and to prevent civilians from other Palestinian districts from entering the city, only allowing access to civilians holding special permits. (ii) The Israeli army continues to close the ‘demarcation area’ along the Wall in the area surrounding Jerusalem city and restrict access to the area to local residents as well as to civilians holding special permits. (iii) The Israeli army continues to impose a blockade and deny civilian access to a hill between Biddu and Beit Ikksa villages. • Closure of Main Roads: <ul 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. (iii) The Israeli army continues to close with an iron gate the eastern entrance to Beit Ikksa village and force civilians to access Jerusalem city through Qalandiya checkpoint. • Checkpoint: The Israeli authorities continue to consider Qalandiya checkpoint a “border crossing point” and designates a special crossing lane for holders of Jerusalem IDs and those possessing permits to access Jerusalem city. • Wall Gates: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) The Israeli army continues to close with cement blocks the Wall gate in Abu Dis town. (ii) The Israeli army continues to deny civilian access through the Wall gate on Ash Shayyah road in the area between As Sawahira ash Sharqiya and As Sawahira al Gharbiya villages, only allowing civilians holding Jerusalem IDs to cross, after subjecting them to thorough searches using electronic devices. • Wall Construction: Wall construction continues in the area north of Qalandiya village; south of Az Za’ayyem village; and in Wadi al ‘Eizariya west of Ma’ale Adumim settlement.
RAMALLAH & EL BIREH	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure of Main Roads: The Israeli army continues to close the entrances to Sinjil town and Saffa village as well as the junction to Kafr Malik and ‘Ein Samiya villages. • Flying Checkpoint: At 20:20, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to Silwad town and searched civilians and vehicles. • Raids: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 09:30, the Israeli army raided and patrolled El Bireh city. (ii) At 13:00, the Israeli army raided and patrolled Deir Jarir village. (iii) At 01:10, the Israeli army raided and patrolled Bir Zeit town. • Arrest: At 02:00 on 12 May 2011, the Israeli army arrested Rami Ibrahim Mohammed Jubeil during its raid into Beituniya town, as was reported yesterday.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Settler Violence: at 16:00, a group of Israeli settlers threw stones at civilian vehicles travelling near ‘Ofra settlement. Later, the Israeli army evacuated settlers from the area. • Wall Construction: Wall construction continues in the area west of ‘Abud town in the area surrounding ‘Ofarim settlement and north of Al Lubban al Gharbi and Rantis villages.
JENIN	<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 Dotan settlement. • 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: Though allowing civilian access to the Northern Jordan Valley between 06:00 and 22:00, the Israeli army continues to intensify its restrictions at Tayasir checkpoint east of the city of Tubas. • Flying Checkpoint: At 17:30, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to Bardala village and searched civilians and vehicles. • Destruction of Property: At 20:00, the Israeli army opened fire and fired artillery shells during a military training exercise in Wadi al Malih area. as a result, hundreds of <i>dunums</i> of pastureland, which livestock keepers rely on, were burnt.
TULKAREM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure of Main Roads: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the road connecting Kafr al Labad town to Shufa village as well as the road connecting Shufa and ‘Izbat Shufa villages. (ii) The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the detour road leading to Ramin village along the Tulkarem-Nablus main road. • Checkpoint: The Israeli army continues to intensify restrictions and impede civilian access at ‘Einav checkpoint on the Tulkarem-Nablus main road. • Flying Checkpoint: At 21:35, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the junction to Beit Lid town and searched civilians and vehicles. • Raids: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 09:35, the Israeli army raided and patrolled Dahiyat Dhinnaba in Tulkarem city. (ii) At 12:20, the Israeli army raided and patrolled ‘Anabta town. • 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. • Flying Checkpoints/Detention: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 08:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to ‘Azzun town and searched civilians and vehicles. (ii) At 09:00, and again at 21:30, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to Hajja village and searched civilians and vehicles.

	<p>(iii) At 10:50, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the junction to Al Funduq village and searched civilians and vehicles. Israeli troops also detained Mohammed Kamal Saleh Jum'ah, a university student, and released him after coordination with the Israeli authorities (through the DCO).</p> <p>(iv) At 11:20, and again at 21:30, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the junction to Jinsafut village and searched civilians and vehicles.</p> <p>(v) At 12:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to Immatin village and searched civilians and vehicles.</p> <p>(vi) At 20:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint near An Nabi Elyas village and searched civilians and vehicles.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Raids: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 01:30 on 12 May 2011, the Israeli army raided Qalqiliya city and arrested a university student. At 18:00, the Israeli army raided the city again and patrolled the area. (ii) At 10:45, the Israeli army raided and patrolled Al Funduq village. (iii) At 01:00, the Israeli army raided Kafr Thulth town and patrolled it until 02:00. • Arrest: The Israeli army arrested Mohammed Ahmed Amin Hourani in Qalqiliya city. • Wall Gates: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) The Israeli army continues to intensify its restrictions at 'Azzun 'Atma Wall gate and to search civilians, including students, with a metal detector. (ii) The Israeli army continues close with an iron gate the entrance to the village of Wadi ar Rasha and to deny civilian access. The Israeli army allows residents to access the village through Gate #109. Having removed the iron gate at the entrance to the village of Ras 'Atiya, the Israeli army only allows students to cross to their schools outside the village through the Habla gate. • Wall Construction: Wall construction continues in Kafr Laqif village north of Karnei Shomron settlement; in Immatin village northeast of Imanuel settlement; and east of Kafr Thulth town near Ma'ale Shomron settlement.
NABLUS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure of Main Roads: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) The Israeli army continues to close the roads of Till-Burin and Beit Furik-Salem; the settler bypass road connecting the village of Deir al Hatab to the settlement of Alon Moreh; the road connecting the town of 'Aqraba to the village of Osarin; and the detour road between the town of Qabalan and the village of Osarin. (ii) The Israeli army continues to close the northern entrance to the town of Qabalan; the southern entrances to the town of Jamma'in and the villages of Duma and Qaryut; and the western entrance to An Naqura village opposite the settlement of Shavei Shomron. • 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 neighbourhood only between 07:00 and 02:00.</p> <p>(ii) At 'Awarta commercial checkpoint, civilians are allowed to cross between 05:00 and 20:00, but between 05:00 and 15:00 on Fridays. All civilian vehicles are allowed to access the city of Nablus, but only commercial vehicles and ambulances can leave the city through the checkpoint.</p> <p>(iii) At 10:50, the Israeli army closed Huwwara checkpoint, allegedly because Israeli settlers were gathering on the main road near the junction to Yitzhar settlement. Civilian vehicles had to travel along a detour road and cross 'Awarta checkpoint in order to access Nablus, Salfit, and Ramallah districts. At 12:30, the checkpoint was reopened. At 14:15, the Israeli army closed the checkpoint again and reopened it at 17:30. At 22:15, the Israeli army closed the checkpoint for the third time and reopened it later.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Flying Checkpoints:</u> <p>(i) At 11:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the junction to Yitzhar settlement and denied access to civilian vehicles until 12:30.</p> <p>(ii) At 19:30, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the junction to Qusin village and searched civilians and vehicles until 20:50.</p> <p>(iii) At 19:40, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to Beit Furik town and searched civilians and vehicles.</p> <p>(iv) At 03:50, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the junction to Sarra village on the Nablus-Qalqiliya main road and searched civilians and vehicles until 04:20.</p> • <u>Raids/Provocation of Palestinian Forces:</u> <p>(i) At 14:40, the Israeli army raided the area between Deir Sharaf village and Shavei Shomron settlement and combed it until 15:10.</p> <p>(ii) At 18:00, the Israeli army raided the outskirts of Til village and conducted a military training exercise.</p> <p>(iii) At 01:00, the Israeli army raided the Popular Housing Project east of Nablus city, took position near a Palestinian National Security checkpoint, and patrolled the area.</p> • <u>Settler Violence:</u> <p>(i) At 11:00, and again at 18:00, a group of Israeli settlers threw stones at civilian vehicles travelling near the junction to Yitzhar settlement. The Israeli army evacuated settlers from the area.</p> <p>(ii) At 14:15, a group of Israeli settlers gathered near Huwwara checkpoint, burned wheel tyres, and denied access to civilian vehicles. At 17:30, the Israeli army evacuated settlers from the area.</p>
SALFIT	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Closure of Main Roads:</u> <p>(i) The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the northern entrance to Salfit city and with cement blocks the northern entrance to the Bruqin town.</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> (ii) The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the entrance to two detour roads connecting Marda village to respective farmland. (iii) Beginning on 14 November 2010, the Israeli army has continued to open the northern entrance to Salfit city to civilian buses only. The entrance had been closed for seven years. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Checkpoint: The Israeli army continues to intensify restrictions and impede civilian access at the Za'tara junction checkpoint. • Raid: At 01:00, the Israeli army raided Kafr ad Dik town and patrolled it until 02:00. • Wall Construction: Wall construction continues in the area north of Deir Istiya town southeast of Emmanuel settlement.
JERICHO	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure of Main Road: The Israeli army continues to close Road # 90 between Jericho city and Al 'Auja village with cement blocks. • Checkpoints: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) The Israeli army continues to intensify restrictions at Al Hamra checkpoint set up along Al Badhan road connecting Jericho and Nablus districts, only allowing access to residents of Jericho district of the Jordan Valley area. (ii) The Israeli army continues to intensify restrictions at the checkpoint set up on the junction to Al 'Auja village along Al-Mu'arrajat road connecting Jericho and Ramallah districts, only allowing access to residents of Jericho district as well as to others holding access permits. • Flying Checkpoints: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 11:00, and again at 21:30, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to Fasayil village and searched civilians and vehicles. (ii) At 17:55, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the southern entrance to Jericho city and searched civilians and vehicles until 18:25. (iii) At 02:25, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on Al Mu'arrajat road connecting Jericho and Ramallah districts and searched civilians and vehicles. • Arrest: On 11 May 2011, Israeli troops positioned on Al Karama (Allenby) Bridge arrested Zeidan Nader Taha as Suweiti, while he was returning from Jordan.
BETHLEHEM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) The Israeli army continues to close roads to An Nu'man village, with the exception of the road leading to the Wall gate in the south-eastern area of the village. (ii) Beginning on 15 September 2007, the Israeli army has continued to prevent civilians from accessing or staying on 22 <i>dunums</i> of confiscated land in Al Mazmuriya area in Beit Sahur and Bethlehem cities. • Closure of Main Roads: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) The Israeli army continues to close the Beit Jala-Wadi Ahmad road; a road east of Beit Fajjar town; the road connecting Tuqu' town to Khirbet al Baq'a village; and the detour road connecting Wadi Fukin and Al Jab'a villages.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> (ii) At 10:45, the Israeli army installed an iron gate on the road connecting Al Jab'a village to Surif town. The Israeli army had already removed the dirt barricade on the said road. • <u>Flying Checkpoints:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 12:30, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on An Nashash junction (the southern entrance to Bethlehem city). At 16:20, the Israeli army set up another checkpoint and searched civilians and vehicles until 23:15. (ii) At 01:20, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to Tuqu' town and searched civilians and vehicles. • <u>Wall Construction:</u> Wall construction continues in the area northwest of Beit Jala city; around Al Walaja village; and east of Efrat settlement.
Hebron	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Closure:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) The Israeli army continues to close Ash Shuhada' Street, As Sahleh and Khuzq al Far areas, and the old gold market in the old city of Hebron. In addition to closing the entrance to Al Qeisi neighbourhood, the Israeli army continues to close the entrances to the area of Al Hisba (the fruits and vegetables market) with an iron gate and Al Laban Market with iron plates. (ii) Beginning on 05 January 2009, the Israeli army has continued to close the area located along the Green Line south of the town of Yatta. Having seized land for Wall construction, the Israeli army evacuated residents and denied civilian access to the area. • <u>Closure of Main Roads:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) The Israeli army continues to close the entrances to Adh Dhahiriya and As Samoa' towns, Al 'Arrub refugee camp, and At Tuwani and Al Karmil villages. (ii) The Israeli army continues to prohibit Palestinian vehicles from travelling along Ash Shalala Old Street in the old city of Hebron. (iii) The Israeli army continues to close all roads leading to Road # 60 as well as detour roads along the settler bypass road leading to Yatta town. (iv) At 16:50, the Israeli army closed with dirt barricades a detour road along the main street leading to Halhul town. • <u>Flying Checkpoints:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 15:15, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on Al Fawwar junction and searched civilians and vehicles. (ii) At 16:50, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the northern entrance to Hebron city (along Road # 35 near the overpass to Halhul town) and searched civilians and vehicles. • <u>Attack/House Occupations:</u> At 21:40, Israeli troops fired sound grenades on civilians near the Ibrahim Mosque in the old city of Hebron, allegedly for throwing stones. Israeli troops also occupied the roofs of a number of houses and converted them into military posts. • <u>Raid:</u> At 20:00, the Israeli army raided and patrolled Hebron city. • <u>Arrest:</u> At 00:30 on 12 May 2011, the Israeli army arrested 'Adnan Younes Abu Tabbaneh during its raid into Hebron city, as was reported yesterday.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wall Construction: Wall construction continues in the area surrounding Eshkolot settlement west of Adh Dhahiriya town.
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GAZA STRIP

<p>ALL DISTRICTS</p>	<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. The ceasefire has been further renewed on 10 April 2011. • Violation of the Ceasefire: The Israeli army raided Palestinian territory and opened fire on civilian houses and property in Khan Yunis.
<p>NORTHERN GAZA</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure of Crossing Point: Beit Hanun (Erez) Crossing was partially open to previously-coordinated critically ill civilians, foreign journalists, international organisations staff, merchants, businesspeople, and civilians intending to travel to Jordan through Al Karama (Allenby) Bridge in the West Bank.
<p>GAZA</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure of Crossing Points: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Al Muntar (Karnei) Crossing is closed. Beginning on 02 March 2011, the Crossing has been effectively closed upon an Israeli unilateral decision. (ii) Ash Shuja'iyah (Nahal 'Oz) Crossing is closed. Beginning on 04 January 2010, the Crossing has been closed upon an Israeli unilateral decision.
<p>CENTRAL GAZA</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Activities not reported.
<p>KHAN YUNIS</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Raid/Air Patrol/Land Levelling: At dawn on 13 May 2011, the Israeli army, including several armoured vehicles and bulldozers covered by reconnaissance aircraft, raided approximately 300 metres into Palestinian territory east of Al Qarara town. While levelling land, the Israeli army opened fire on civilian houses and property.
<p>RAFAH</p>	<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 (<i>Al 'Awdah</i>) Crossing was open to allow civilians, students, others holding visas and residence cards abroad, and foreign nationals to depart the Gaza Strip. Access was also allowed to civilians, patients who had received medical attention at Egyptian hospitals, and civilians arriving from other countries via Egypt. An Italian delegation, including 74 peace activists, was also allowed access to Gaza.

	<p>(iii) Sufa Crossing is closed.</p> <p>(iv) Karm Abu Salem (Karem Shalom) Crossing was partially open for transportation of food supplies, goods, humanitarian aid, and cooking gas. In addition to 20 vehicles imported by the private sector, 46 truckloads of animal feed and three truckloads of cement designated to UNRWA projects were transported to Gaza.</p>
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GENERAL

<p>POLITICAL PRISONERS</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Hunger Strike:</u> On 12 May 2011, political prisoners held in the Prisons of Nafha, Ramon, ‘Asqalan, and Eshel declared a hunger strike, demanding that solitary confinement be halted and detention conditions improved.
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