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PALESTINIAN MONITORING GROUP

DAILY SITUATION REPORT
 08:00 14 May 2009 – 08:00 15 May 2009

SUMMARY OF EVENTS

EVENT	WEST BANK	GAZA STRIP	TOTAL	NOTES
Physical Assault	1	—	1	A civilian severely beaten in Nablus
Injury	1	—	1	A 10-year-old child injured in the head
Attacks	—	5	5	3 from military posts and 2 by navy boats
Raids	10	—	10	Incl. 3 in Tubas and 2 in Qalqiliya
Arrests (per person)	5	—	5	Incl. a disabled civilian and a student
Detentions	16	—	16	Incl. a Palestinian security officer
Wall Construction	21	—	21	Incl. Jer., Raml'h., Salfit, & Qalqiliya
Closure of Checkpoints	14	—	14	Incl. access impeded at 10 checkpoints
Flying Checkpoints	8	—	8	Incl. 1 in Bethlehem and 3 in Hebron
Closure (per District)	7	—	7	Incl. Nu'man and Mazmuriya, Bethlehem
Closure of Main Roads	48	—	48	Incl. 12 in Nablus and 16 in Hebron
Closure of Crossing Points	—	5	5	2 crossing points partially open
Settler Violence	2	—	2	Incl. suspicious objects placed on a road
Pal. Security Measures	2	—	2	2 Israeli settlers handed over in Hebron
TOTAL	135	10	145	

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. • At 24:00 on 14 May 2009, the Israeli army imposed a complete closure over the West Bank districts due to Israeli celebrations of the independence of the State of Israel, which coincides with the 61st anniversary of Nakbeh and displacement of the Palestinian people. The Israeli army also prevented civilians and workers from accessing the city of Jerusalem and areas inside the Green Line, only allowing access to previously-coordinated humanitarian cases. The closure will last until 24:00 on 16 May 2009. • On 14 May 2009, mass demonstrations and vigils took place throughout the West Bank districts on the occasion of the 61st anniversary of Nakbeh.
JERUSALEM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) The Israeli army continues to intensify its restrictions at checkpoints located at the entrances to the city of Jerusalem. The Israeli army also continues to close the entrances to Al Aqsa Mosque compound in the old city of Jerusalem and impede civilian access to 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: <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. • 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. • Wall Gates: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) The Israeli army continues to close the Wall gate in the town of Abu Dis with cement blocks.

	<p>(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.</p> <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 entrances to the town of Sinjil, the village of Saffa; 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. • Flying Checkpoint: At 20:20, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint in the area between the town of Silwad and the village of Yabrud and searched civilians and vehicles. • Raid: At 08:50, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the town of Bir Zeit. • Settler Violence: At 15:00, a group of Israeli settlers gained access into an area between the town of Kafr Malik and the village of Khirbet Abu Falah. Following coordination with the Israeli authorities (through the DCO), the Israeli army evacuated settlers from the area. • Wall Construction: Wall construction continues 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. • 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.
<p style="text-align: center;">TUBAS</p>	<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. • Raids: <p>(i) At 02:30, the Israeli army raided the city of Tubas as well as Al Far'a refugee camp, arrested 2 civilians in the city, and withdrew at 03:00.</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> (ii) At 02:55, the Israeli army raided the town of ‘Aqqaba, searched 1 house, and withdrew at 04:00. • Arrests: The Israeli army arrested 2 civilians in the city of Tubas: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) ‘Ammar Mustafa Siyajat; and (ii) Mu’ayyad Husni Siyajat.
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 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. • Physical Assault/Injury: At 18:00, Israeli troops positioned at Jubara checkpoint severely beat 10-year-old Adham Ali Omar Sarhan, a resident of the village of ‘Izbat al Jarad, leaving him with injuries in the head. • Detention: At 09:00, Israeli troops positioned at ‘Einav checkpoint detained Murad Saleh Abdul Latif Houshiyyeh, a Palestinian National Security officer, and released him at a later time. • 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. • Checkpoint: 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. • Flying Checkpoint: At 15:15, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint in the vicinity of the village of Immatin and searched civilians and vehicles. • Raids: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 11:00, the Israeli army raided the village of Jit as well as searched a number of stores and barracks. (ii) At 20:45, the Israeli army raided the village of Beit Amin and arrested 1 civilian. • Arrest: The Israeli army arrested Mu’ayyad Sa’id Ahmed in the village of Beit Amin. • 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. • Wall Construction: Wall construction continues 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.

NABLUS

- **Closure of Main Roads:**
 - (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.
 - (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.
- **Checkpoints:** The Israeli army continues to regulate times for crossing checkpoints set up around the city of Nablus:
 - (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.
 - (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.
 - (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.
 - (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.
 - (v) At 19:00, the Israeli army intensified its restrictions at Huwwara checkpoint and impeded civilian access.
- **Physical Assault:** At 23:00, Israeli troops severely beat Riyadh Hussein Abdullah Hajjah, a resident of the village of Burqa, while he was presented near the evacuated settlement of Homesh, leaving him contusion. As a result, Hajjah was transported to hospital for medical treatment.
- **Raid:** At 01:00, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the town of 'Asira ash Shamaliya.
- **Settler Violence:** At 09:00, a group of Israeli settlers from the settlement of Yitzhar placed suspicious objects on the main road near a school in the village of Madama. Consequently, the Israeli army closed the road, removed the suspicious objects, and evacuated settlers from the area at 10:00.

<p style="text-align: center;">SALFIT</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure of Main Roads: (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. • Checkpoint: The Israeli army continues to intensify its restrictions and impede civilian access at the Za'tara junction checkpoint. • Wall Construction: Wall construction continues 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.
<p style="text-align: center;">JERICHO</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure: 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. • Checkpoints: 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. • Arrest: At 19:40, Israeli troops positioned at the checkpoint set up on the junction to the village of Al 'Auja arrested Ahmed Isma'il Safi, a university student from 'Ein as Sultan refugee camp in the city of Jericho.
<p style="text-align: center;">BETHLEHEM</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure: (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 Fajjar. • Checkpoint: At 12:30, the Israeli army intensified its restrictions at As Sawahira ash Sharqiya (the 'Container'). At 19:45, Israeli troops also impeded civilian access at the checkpoint. • Flying Checkpoint: At 08:20, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the junction to the area of An Nashash (the southern entrance to the city of Bethlehem) and searched civilians and vehicles until 09:00.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Raid: At 02:45, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the city of Beit Jala. • Arrest: At 22:05, Israeli troops positioned at a checkpoint arrested Hisham Mohammed Isma'il Hamamreh, a disabled civilian from the village of Husan, while he was returning from the city of Jerusalem. • Wall Construction: Wall construction continues 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: <ol 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: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (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 the Al Qeisi neighbourhood in the old city of Hebron; as well as the entrances to Al 'Arrub refugee camp, the village of At Tuwani, and the town of Adh Dhahiriya. (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 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. • Flying Checkpoints: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 13:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to the town of Sa'ir and searched civilians and vehicles.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> (ii) At 16:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on Al Fawwar junction and searched civilians and vehicles. (iii) At 22:55, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to the town of Idhna and searched civilians and vehicles. • Raids: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 19:20, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the city of Hebron. (ii) At 03:00, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the town of Surif. • Palestinian Security Measures: At 17:00, Palestinian security forces handed over the Israeli authorities (through the DCO) 2 Israeli settlers, after they mistakenly entered the town of Adh Dhahiriya. • Wall Construction: Wall construction continues 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: The Israeli army opened intensive fire from its locations on the Green Line towards Palestinian territory. Israeli navy boats also opened intensive fire as well as fired missile mortars towards Palestinian fishing boats at sea.
NORTHERN GAZA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure of Crossing Point: Beit Hanun (Erez) Crossing is closed. • Attack: In the evening on 14 May 2009, the Israeli army opened fire from its location on the Green Line towards a number of farmers while they were working on their agricultural land east of the towns of Beit Hanun and Jabalya.
GAZA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure of Crossing Points: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Al Muntar (Karnei) Crossing is closed. (ii) Ash Shuja'iya (Nahal 'Oz) Crossing is partially open for transportation of fuel.
CENTRAL GAZA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Activities not reported.

KHAN YUNIS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Attacks:</u> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (i) On 14 May 2009, Israeli navy boats opened intensive fire as well as a number of missile mortars towards Palestinian fishing boat at sea off of the beach of the city of Khan Yunis. (ii) On 14 May 2009, Israeli troops positioned on military watchtowers along the Green Line opened intensive fire towards agricultural land in the eastern Khan Yunis district.
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 (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.

GENERAL

POLITICAL PRISONERS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Sentence:</u> The Israeli military court at 'Ofar Detention and Interrogation Centre sentenced 15-year-old Rami Saleem Samarah Zayed, a resident of the city of El Bireh, to prison for 6 months, 5 years with the stay of execution, and a fine of ILS 5,000 (approximately USD 1,250).
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