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PALESTINIAN MONITORING GROUP

DAILY SITUATION REPORT
 08:00 14 May 2010 – 08:00 15 May 2010

SUMMARY OF EVENTS

EVENT	WEST BANK	GAZA STRIP	TOTAL	NOTES
Death	—	1	1	An elderly civilian east of Gaza city
Physical Assaults	3	—	3	Protestors beaten in Jerusalem
Injuries	2	—	2	Civilians in a demonstration, Ramallah
Attacks	7	4	11	Incl. 4 in raids and 3 from mil. posts
Raids	19	3	22	Incl. 8 in Ramallah and 2 in Rafah
Air Patrols	—	4	4	1 by helicopters and 3 by reconnaissance
Detentions	14	—	14	Incl. a press photographs and activists
Lang Levelling	—	3	3	In the districts of Rafah and Gaza
Wall Construction	19	—	19	Incl. Jer., Raml'h., Salfit, & Hebron
Destruction of Property	—	1	1	Crops in the district of Rafah
Attack on Property	1	—	1	A civilian denied access to his house
Closure of Checkpoints	11	—	11	3 checkpoints closed temporarily
Flying Checkpoints	23	—	23	Incl. 10 in Ramallah and 3 in Jericho
Closure (per District)	9	—	9	Incl. 4 areas in the city of Hebron
Closure of Main Roads	42	—	42	Incl. 10 in Nablus and 15 in Hebron
Closure of Crossing Points	—	6	6	Only Beit Hanun Crossing partially
Settler Violence	2	—	2	Gaining access to civilian land & areas
Palestinian Attack	—	1	1	An explosive device detonated
Demonstrations	7	—	7	Incl. against settlement activity & Wall
TOTAL	160	23	183	

DISTRICT	EVENTS
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WEST BANK

JERUSALEM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) On 14 May 2010, the Israeli army intensified its restrictions at checkpoints located at the entrances to the city of Jerusalem and set up several flying checkpoints in the old city of Jerusalem and around Al Aqsa Mosque compound. Excluding those holding Israeli-issued ID cards, the Israeli army denied access to civilians to perform Friday prayers at the mosque. (i) 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). (ii) The Israeli army continues to impose a blockade and deny civilian access to a hill 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. • Checkpoints: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) The Israeli army continues to consider Qalandiya checkpoint a "border crossing point" and has designated a special crossing lane for holders of Jerusalem IDs and those possessing permits to access the city of Jerusalem. (ii) Beginning on 11 April 2010, the Israeli army has continued to close the checkpoint set up near the entrance to Shu'fat refugee camp in the city of Jerusalem and to deny civilian access between 23:00 and 05:00, claiming to be carrying out infrastructure works between the checkpoint and the road leading to Shu'fat refugee camp. (iii) At 20:30, the Israeli army closed Jaba' checkpoint on the road connecting the districts of Jerusalem, Ramallah, and Jericho and denied civilian access in either direction, ostensibly because unidentified individuals had opened fire towards an Israeli settler vehicle near 'Uyun al Haramiya junction on the Ramallah-Nablus main road. Israeli troops reopened the checkpoint at a later time. • Demonstrations/Attacks/Injuries/Detentions: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 13:20, a mass sit-in demonstration took place in the village of Beit Ijza and Beit Duqqu in protest against Wall construction and denial of access to their land behind the Wall for second month consecutively. Confrontations took place between the Israeli army and protestors, during which the Israeli army injured a number of civilians as a result of tear gas inhalation. The Israeli army also detained 3 civilians.
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	<p>(ii) At 14:00, a mass demonstration, including international peace activists, took place in Ash Sheikh Jarrah neighbourhood in the city of Jerusalem in protest against Israeli settlement activity and settlers' seizure of civilian houses. Israeli troops obstructed the demonstration, beat participants, and detained a number of international peace activists.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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. (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. • 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: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) 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. (ii) On 15 March 2010, the Israeli army issued a military order, providing that the area located between civilian houses and the Wall in the town of Ni'lin and the village of Bil'in would be a closed military zone between 08:00 and 20:00 on Fridays for a period of 6 months. To prevent weekly demonstrations against Wall construction, civilian access to the area will be denied except with a special permit. • Flying Checkpoints: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 19:20, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the overpass to the town of 'Atara and denied civilian access in either direction, allegedly because unidentified individuals had opened fire towards an Israeli settler vehicle near 'Uyun al Haramiya junction on the Ramallah-Nablus main road. Israeli troops removed the checkpoint at a later time. (ii) At 19:35, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to the town of Deir Dibwan and searched civilians and vehicles. • Attack: At 19:00, Israeli troops guarding the Wall section south of the city of El Bireh fired rubber-coated steel bullets and tear gas grenades towards a number of civilians, ostensibly for throwing stones. • Raids: At 19:45, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the towns of Sinjil, 'Abwein, 'Arura, and Bir Zeit as well as the villages of 'Ajjul, 'Ein Siniya, Deir as Sudan, and Um Safa. The Israeli army set up checkpoints at the entrances to these locales and searched civilians and vehicles.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Demonstrations/Attacks/Injuries/Detentions:</u> (i) At 13:30, a mass demonstration, including international peace activists, took place in the village of Bil'in against Wall construction. Confrontations took place between the Israeli army and protestors, during which the Israeli army injured 2 civilians. A number of participants were also wounded as a result of tear gas inhalation. In addition, the Israeli army detained a journalist. (ii) At 13:30, a mass demonstration, including international peace activists, took place in the town of Ni'lin against Wall construction. Confrontations took place between the Israeli army and protestors, during which the Israeli army injured several participants as a result of tear gas inhalation. (iii) At 14:00, a mass demonstration took place in the villages of Deir Nidham and An Nabi Salih against Israeli settler violence and confiscation of civilian land for expansion of the settlement of Halamish. Confrontations took place between the Israeli army and protestors, during which the Israeli army injured a number of protestors as a result of tear gas inhalation. • <u>Wall Construction:</u> Wall construction continues west of the town of 'Abud; in the village of Bil'in; and in the areas of Al Midya to Ni'lin and Ni'lin to Deir Qaddis.
JENIN	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Closure of Main Road:</u> The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the road leading to the town of 'Arraba east of the settlement of Dotan. • <u>Raid:</u> At 01:40, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the village of 'Aba. • <u>Wall Gates:</u> 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"> • <u>Checkpoint:</u> 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. • <u>Raid:</u> At 23:40, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the village of Bardala.
TULKAREM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Closure of Main Roads:</u> The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the road connecting the town of Kafr al Labad to the village of Shufa as well as the road connecting the villages of Shufa and 'Izbat Shufa. • <u>Checkpoint:</u> The Israeli army continues to intensify restrictions at 'Einav checkpoint set up on Tulkarem-Nablus main road. • <u>Wall Gates:</u> Passage through the wall gates is restricted to civilians granted special Israeli permits.
QALQILYA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Closure of Roads:</u> The Israeli army continues to close with cement blocks agricultural roads east of the town of 'Azzun. • <u>Flying Checkpoint:</u> At 01:45, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to the town of 'Azzun and searched civilians and vehicles.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Raid/Attack:</u> At 21:15, the Israeli army raided and combed the area surrounding the village of Ras ‘Atiya. The Israeli army also fired flares. • <u>Wall Gates:</u> The Israeli army continues to intensify its restrictions at ‘Azzun ‘Atma Wall gate and to search civilians, including students, with a detector.
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 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 southern entrance to the village of Duma; and the northern entrance to the town of Qabalan. (ii) The Israeli army continues to close with an iron gate the western entrance to An Naqura village opposite Shavei Shomron settlement. (iii) The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the southern entrance to the village of Qaryut and the road connecting the town of ‘Aqraba to the village of Osarin. (iv) The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the detour road between the town of Qabalan and the village of Osarin. • <u>Checkpoints:</u> The Israeli army continues to regulate times for crossing checkpoints set up around the city of Nablus: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (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. (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. • <u>Flying Checkpoints:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 11:45, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the junction to the town of Beit Furik and searched civilians and vehicles. (ii) At 15:50, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the junction to the village of Burin and searched civilians and vehicles until 16:45. • <u>Attack:</u> At 22:20, Israeli troops positioned at the military post on Jirzim Mountain south of the city of Nablus opened intensive fire towards civilian houses in the area of Ad Dahiyat in the city. • <u>Raids/Attacks/Curfew:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 20:55, the Israeli army raided the villages of Qusra and As Sawiya and fired flares, while patrolling these areas. (ii) At 00:35, the Israeli army raided the village of Burin, fired hound grenades, imposed curfew, and patrolled the area until 01:00.
SALFIT	<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 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.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Checkpoint:</u> The Israeli army continues to intensify its restrictions and impede civilian access at the Za'tara junction checkpoint. At 19:30, the Israeli army closed the checkpoint and denied civilian access in either direction, allegedly because unidentified individuals had opened fire towards an Israeli settler vehicle near 'Uyun al Haramiya junction on the Ramallah-Nablus main road. The Israeli army reopened the checkpoint at a later time. • <u>Flying Checkpoints:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 19:30, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the southern entrance to the town of Kifl Haris and searched civilians and vehicles until 20:30. (ii) At 21:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint near the junction to the town of Deir Istiya and searched civilians and vehicles. • <u>Settler Violence:</u> At 14:00, a group of Israeli settlers gained access to civilian land south of the town of Bruqin. Subsequently, the Israeli army evacuated settlers from the area at 14:50. • <u>Wall Construction:</u> Wall construction continues in the area northwest of the city of Salfit, and in the village of Marda and the town of Kifl 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> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) The Israeli army continues to intensify its restrictions at Al Hamra checkpoint set up along Al Badhan road connecting the districts of Jericho and Nablus. However, the Israeli army allows civilian access between 06:00 and 22:00. (ii) The Israeli army continues to intensify its restrictions at 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, only allowing access to civilians whose IDs indicate that their place of residence of the district of Jericho as well as to others holding access permits. • <u>Flying Checkpoints:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 17:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the southern entrance to the city of Jericho and searched civilians and vehicles. (ii) At 18:50, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to the village of Fasayil and searched civilians and vehicles. • <u>Raids:</u> At 11:15, the Israeli army raided the village of Al 'Auja. At 01:55, the Israeli army raided the village again and patrolled it until 02:35.
BETHLEHEM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Closure:</u> <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.

	<p>(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.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure of Main Roads: The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the road of Beit Jala-Wadi Ahmad; a road east of the town of Beit Fajjar; and an agricultural road connecting the town of Tuqu' to the village of Khirbet al Baq'a. • Settler Violence: At 12:25, a group of Israeli settlers gained access to an area near the village of Artas. Subsequently, the Israeli army evacuated settlers from the area at 13:55. • Demonstrations: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 12:50, a mass demonstration, including international peace activists, took place in the village of Al Ma'sara in protest against Wall construction. (ii) At 13:45, a mass demonstration, including international peace activists, took place in the village of Al Walaja in protest against land levelling for the completion of Wall construction. • 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 Efrat settlement; and in the area surrounding 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. In addition to closing the entrance to Al Laban Market with iron plates, the Israeli army 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, controlling civilian access in the area. (ii) Having evacuated civilian residents and denied civilian access, the Israeli army continues to close the area located along the Green Line south of the town of Yatta. • Closure of Main Roads: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) The Israeli army continues to close with cement blocks the entrance to the town of As Samoa'; the eastern entrance to the village of Kharsa; the entrance to the Al Qeisi neighbourhood in the old city of Hebron; the entrances to Al 'Arrub refugee camp, the village of At Tuwani, and the town of Adh Dhahiriya; and the road connecting the town of Surif to the village of Al Jab'a. (ii) The Israeli army continues to prohibit Palestinian vehicles from travelling along Ash Shalala Old Street in the old city of Hebron.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> (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 close with dirt barricades an entrance to the town of Beit Ummar near the town's cemetery. • <u>Flying Checkpoints/Detention:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 10:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to the area of An Nabi Yunis near the town of Halhul on the Hebron-Bethlehem main road and searched civilians and vehicles. (ii) At 14:30, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to the town of Idhna and searched civilians and vehicles. (iii) At 23:20, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the overpass to the town of Halhul and searched civilians and vehicles. • <u>Raids:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 12:30, and again at 20:40, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the city of Hebron. (ii) At 22:15, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the town of Dura. • <u>Attack on Property:</u> At 09:00, the Israeli army prevented Anas Zuheir al Bayedh from accessing his house, which he hires from Nayef Abu Munshar, in the old city of Hebron. The Israeli army also attempted to seize keys of the house, claiming that it was located in a close military zone. • <u>Wall Construction:</u> Wall construction continues in the section of Tarqumiya checkpoint terminal; in the area surrounding the settlement of Eshkolot near the town of Adh Dhahiriya; and in the area between the villages of 'Arab ar Ramadin and Imneizil.
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GAZA STRIP

<p style="text-align: center;">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 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. • <u>Violations of the Ceasefire:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) The Israeli army raided Palestinian territory and opened intensive fire towards civilian houses and property in the districts of Gaza and Rafah, resulting in the killing an elderly civilian in the district of Gaza. (ii) Armed Palestinian individuals detonated an explosive device near an Israeli army patrol along the Green Line.
<p style="text-align: center;">NORTHERN GAZA</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Closure of Crossing Point:</u> Beit Hanun (Erez) Crossing is partially open to previously-coordinated humanitarian cases and foreign nationals.

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'iyah (Nahal 'Oz) Crossing is closed. Beginning on 04 January 2010, the Crossing has been closed upon an Israeli unilateral decision. • Raid/Air Patrol/Attack/Land Levelling: In the evening of 14 May 2010, the Israeli army, including several armoured vehicles and bulldozers covered by reconnaissance aircraft, raided 200 metres into Palestinian territory northeast of Ash Shuja'iyah neighbourhood east of Gaza city. The Israeli army opened fire intensively towards civilian houses and property and levelled agricultural land. In the morning of 15 May 2010, medics located the corpse of a civilian, about 65 years of age, in the area. • Death: The civilian, whose corpse was located northeast of the Ash Shuja'iyah neighbourhood east of Gaza city, was unidentified.
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"> • Closure of Crossing Points: <ul 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 closed. • Raid/Air Patrol/Attack/Land Levelling: In the morning of 14 May 2010, the Israeli army, including several armoured vehicles and bulldozers covered by reconnaissance aircraft, raided Palestinian territory in the area surrounding Sufa Crossing east of the city of Rafah. The Israeli army opened fire intensively towards civilian houses and property and levelled land. • Palestinian Attack/Israeli Raid/Air Patrol/Attack/Land Levelling: In the morning of 14 May 2010, armed Palestinian individuals detonated an explosive device near an Israeli army patrol along the Green Line. Consequently, the Israeli army opened intensive fire towards civilian houses and property on the outskirts of An Nahda neighbourhood east of the city of Rafah. The Israeli army, including several tanks, armoured vehicles and bulldozers covered by reconnaissance aircraft and combat helicopters, raided Palestinian territory east of the neighbourhood. The Israeli army opened fire intensively towards civilian houses and property and levelled agricultural land.