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PALESTINIAN MONITORING GROUP

DAILY SITUATION REPORT 08:00 14 May 2011 – 08:00 15 May 2011

SUMMARY OF EVENTS

EVENT	WEST BANK	GAZA STRIP	TOTAL	NOTES
Physical Assault	1	_	1	A civilian severely beaten in Israel
Injuries	3	_	3	2 children and a female civilian
Attacks	11	_	11	1 in a raid and 10 during confrontations
Raids	13	_	13	Incl. 2 in Jericho and 5 in Hebron
Arrests (per Person)	11	_	11	Incl. 9 in Jerusalem and 1 in Bethlehem
Detentions	15	_	15	At checkpoints and in residential areas
Destruction of Property	1	_	1	A vehicle's windshield broken, Qalqiliya
House Occupations	2	_	2	Converted into mil. posts in Hebron
Closure of Checkpoints	10		10	Incl. access impeded at 7 checkpoints
Flying Checkpoints	31		31	Incl. 7 in Qalqiliya and 6 in Hebron
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	_	7	7	All crossing points closed
Settlement Activity	1	_	1	20 caravans transported to a settlement
Settler Violence	2	_	2	Incl. 3 civilians beaten in Qalqiliya
Provocation of Pal. Forces	2	_	2	Incl. security force detained, Ramallah
Demonstrations	5	_	5	On the 63 rd anniversary of Nakba
TOTAL	161	7	168	

DISTRICT EVENTS

WEST BANK

ALL DISTRICTS

• At 24:00 on 14 May 2011, the Israeli army imposed a complete closure on the West Bank districts on the 63rd anniversary of the Nakba—or catastrophe—which saw the expulsion and forced displacement of Palestinians from their homes and villages. With the exception of previously-coordinated diplomatic and international missions, humanitarian cases, and critically ill civilians, the Israeli army denied access to civilians and workers, including those holding special permits, to Jerusalem city and areas inside the Green Line. The closure will last until 24:00 on 15 May 2011.

• Closure:

- (i) At 24:00 on 14 May 2011, the Israeli army intensified restrictions at checkpoints located at the entrances to Jerusalem city and set up checkpoints on road junctions and around the old city of Jerusalem. With the exception of previously-coordinated humanitarian cases and critically ill civilians, the Israeli army denied access to civilians and workers, including those holding special permits, to the city. The Israeli army also prevented civilians holding Jerusalem-issued ID cards, who were under the age of 45 years, from accessing the Al Aqsa Mosque compound and performing prayers. Furthermore, the Israeli authorities deployed approximately 10,000 Police and Border Guard officers throughout neighbourhoods and areas, where Palestinian civilians might commemorate the 63rd anniversary of the Nakba—or catastrophe—which saw the expulsion and forced displacement of Palestinians from their homes and villages.
- (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 Iksa villages.

• Closure of Main Roads:

- (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 Iksa village and force civilians to access Jerusalem city through Qalandiya checkpoint.
- <u>Checkpoint</u>: 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.

JERUSALEM

• Attacks/Injuries:

- (i) On 14 May 2011, the Israeli army fired rubber-coated steel bullets as well as sound and tear gas grenades on civilians, allegedly for throwing stones, in the neighbourhoods of Silwan, At Tur Mount and As Suwwana; in Shu'fat refugee camp; in Ar Ram and 'Anata towns; and in Al 'Isawiya and Sur Bahir villages. Consequently, 35 civilians sustained injuries as a result of tear gas inhalation. In addition, the Israeli army arrested seven civilians in At Tur Mount and Silwan neighbourhoods and in Al 'Isawiya village.
- (ii) At 19:00, Israeli troops positioned in the area surrounding Qalandiya refugee camp fired rubber-coated steel bullets as well as tear gas and sound grenades on civilians, ostensibly for throwing stones. As a result, two children were injured:
 - (i) Ibrahim Mahmoud Wardeh, 16 years old; and
 - (ii) Mahmoud Elyas 'Uweidhah, 16 years old.
- Raid: On 12 May 2011, the Israeli army raided Biddu town and arrested a civilian.

• Arrests:

- (i) On 12 May 2011, the Israeli army arrested Abdul Rahman Bakri 'Uweis in Jerusalem city.
- (ii) The Israeli army arrested seven unidentified civilians in Jerusalem city and in Al 'Isawiya village.
- (iii) The Israeli army arrested Ahmed Ibrahim Mousa Zahran in Biddu town.
- <u>Demonstration</u>: In the evening of 14 May 2011, a mass demonstration took place in Jerusalem city in commemoration of the 63rd anniversary of the Nakba—or catastrophe—which saw the expulsion and forced displacement of Palestinians from their homes and villages. Protestors demanded that the Israeli occupation be ended and UN resolutions on the right to return be implemented.

• Wall Gates:

- (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.
- <u>Wall Construction</u>: Wall construction was suspended for the weekend in the area north of Qalandiya village; south of Az Za'ayyem village; and in Wadi al 'Eizariya west of Ma'ale Adumim settlement.

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• <u>Closure of Main Roads</u>: 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 Chaelynaints/Datantions:
	 Flying Checkpoints/Detentions: At 11:30, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint near the overpass to 'Atara town and searched civilians and vehicles. At 14:30, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint in the area between Al Mazra'a ash Sharqiya and Silwad and searched civilians and vehicles. Allegedly locating a knife on their vehicle, the Israeli army detained several civilians and released them at a later time. Attack: At 23:30, the Israeli army opened indiscriminate fire in a forest near 'Ein Qiniya village. Raid: At 23:30, the Israeli army raided and patrolled Turmus'ayya town. Provocation of Palestinian Forces: At 06:50, and despite prior coordination, Israeli troops positioned at the 'Court' checkpoint near Beit Il settlement north of El Bireh city detained Palestinian security officers, while they were travelling from Jericho district to Ramallah city. Palestinian officers were allowed to cross after coordination with the Israeli authorities (through the DCO). Wall Construction: Wall construction was suspended for the weekend in the area west of 'Abud town in the area surrounding 'Ofarim settlement and north of Al Lubban al Gharbi and Rantis villages.
JENIN	 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	 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. Demonstration: In the evening of 14 May 2011, a candle vigil took place in Tubas city in commemoration of the 63rd anniversary of the Nakba—or catastrophe—which saw the expulsion and forced displacement of Palestinians from their homes and villages. Protestors demanded that the Israeli occupation be ended and UN resolutions on the right to return be implemented.
TULKAREM	 Closure of Main Roads: 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. The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the detour road leading to Ramin village along the Tulkarem-Nablus main road. Checkpoint: At 10:40, and again at 20:35, the Israeli army intensified restrictions and impeded civilian access at 'Einav checkpoint on the Tulkarem-Nablus main road. Flying Checkpoints: At 10:00, and again at 20:30, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on Al Kafriyat road connecting Tulkarem and Qalqiliya districts, searched civilians and vehicles, and impeded civilian access.

•	Physical Assault: Israeli troops severely beat Isma'il 'Ayed Abu Sabhah, a
	resident of Hebron city, inside the Green Line, allegedly because he did not
	possess an access permit. At 17:50, Abu Sabhah was admitted to the
	Tulkarem Public Hospital for medical treatment.

- Raid: At 17:10, the Israeli army raided and patrolled Wadi ash Sha'ir area near Al Jarushiya village.
- <u>Demonstration</u>: At 10:00, a mass demonstration took place in Tulkarem city in commemoration of the 63rd anniversary of the Nakba—or catastrophe—which saw the expulsion and forced displacement of Palestinians from their homes and villages. Protestors demanded that the Israeli occupation be ended and UN resolutions on the right to return be implemented.
- <u>Wall Gates</u>: Passage through the wall gates is restricted to civilians granted special Israeli permits.

• <u>Closure of Roads</u>: The Israeli army continues to close with cement blocks agricultural roads east of the town of 'Azzun.

• Flying Checkpoints:

- (i) At 11:50, and again at 20:15, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to 'Azzun town and searched civilians and vehicles.
- (ii) At 15:25, and again at 23:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the junction to Jit village on the Qalqiliya-Nablus main road and searched civilians and vehicles.
- (iii) At 20:45, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the junction to Jinsafut village and searched civilians and vehicles.
- (iv) At 21:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the junction to Kafr Laqif village and searched civilians and vehicles.
- (v) At 22:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to 'Izbat at Tabib village and searched civilians and vehicles.

Raid: At 22:25, the Israeli army raided An Nabi Elyas village and searched a house.

• Arrest: At 18:00, Israeli troops arrested Abdul Razeq Adib Salami, a resident of Qalqiliya city, near Jaljuliya checkpoint.

• Settler Violence:

- (i) At 12:45, a group of Israeli settlers threw stones at civilian vehicles travelling near the junction to Jit village on the Qalqiliya-Nablus main road, breaking a vehicle's windshield and injuring a female civilian of glass fragments.
- (ii) At 19:40, a group of Israeli settlers from the Gilead settlement outpost beat three civilians (brothers), while they were working on their land in Jit village:
 - (i) Murad Sayel;
 - (ii) Ayyoub Sayel; and
 - (iii) Firas Sayel.
 - The Israeli army evacuated settlers from the area at a later time.

QALQILYA

• Wall Gates:

- (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.
- <u>Wall Construction</u>: Wall construction was suspended for the weekend 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.

• Closure of Main Roads:

- (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 Oabalan 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.
- <u>Checkpoints</u>: 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 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.

• Flying Checkpoints:

- (i) At 22:10, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint in the area between Al Lubban ash Sharqiya and As Sawiya villages on the Nablus-Ramallah main road and searched civilians and vehicles.
- (ii) At 22:50, and again at 06:35, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint near the junction to Deir Sharaf village on the Nablus-Tulkarem main road and searched civilians and vehicles.
- (iii) At 06:40, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the junction to Sarra village and searched civilians and vehicles.

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	 (iv) At 06:45, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the junction to Yitzhar settlement and prevented civilian vehicles from travelling along the settler bypass road leading to the junction of Jit village in Qalqiliya district. Raid: At 14:45, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the area between Qusra and Talfit villages.
	Closure of Main Roads:
SALFIT	 (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. (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. • Checkpoint: The Israeli army continues to intensify restrictions and impede civilian access at the Za'tara junction checkpoint. • Flying Checkpoints: (i) At 09:30, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the junction to Kifl Haris town and searched civilians and vehicles until 12:00.
	 (ii) At 18:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the junction to Yasuf village and searched civilians and vehicles. (iii) At 20:30, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint in the area between Kifl Haris town and Haris village and searched civilians and vehicles. • Wall Construction: Wall construction was suspended for the weekend in the area north of Deir Istiya town southeast of Emmanuel settlement.
JERICHO	 Closure of Main Road: The Israeli army continues to close Road # 90 between Jericho city and Al 'Auja village with cement blocks. Checkpoints: 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. At 19:55, the Israeli army intensified restrictions and impeded civilian access at the checkpoint set up on the junction to Al 'Auja village along Al-Mu'arrajat road connecting Jericho and Ramallah districts, only allowing residents of Jericho district as well as others holding access permits to cross. Flying Checkpoints: At 11:55, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint near 'Ein ad Duyuk village (the northern entrance to Jericho city) and searched civilians and vehicles. At 12:10, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the southern entrance to Jericho city and searched civilians and vehicles.

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	 Raids: (i) At 08:00, the Israeli army raided and patrolled Fasayil village. (ii) At 18:05, the Israeli army raided and patrolled Al 'Auja village. Settlement Activity: At 08:00, Israeli settlers from Vered Yericho settlement transported 20 caravans to the settlement.
BETHLEHEM	 Closure: 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 southeastern area of the village. Beginning on 15 September 2007, the Israeli army has continued to prevent civilians from accessing or staying on 22 dunums of confiscated land in Al Mazmuriya area in Beit Sahur and Bethlehem cities. Closure of Main Roads: 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. Beginning at 10:45 on 12 May 2011, the Israeli army has continued to put in place 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. Checkpoint: At 16:25, the Israeli army intensified restrictions at As Sawahira ash Sharqiya (the 'Container') checkpoint and impeded civilian access. Flving Checkpoint: At 13:25, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on An Nashash junction (the southern entrance to Bethlehem city) and searched civilians and vehicles. Raid: At 22:10, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the area between Khalayil al Luz and Artas villages. Arrest: At 01:30 on 14 May 2011, Israeli troops positioned at As Sawahira ash Sharqiya (the 'Container') checkpoint arrested Mohammed Ahmed Ghuneim. Wall Construction: Wall construction was suspended for the weekend in the area northwest of Beit Jala city; around Al Walaja village; and east of Efrat settlement.
Hebron	• Closure: (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.

• Closure of Main Roads:

- (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) Beginning at 16:50 on 12 May 2011, the Israeli army has continued to close with dirt barricades a detour road along the main street leading to Halhul town.

• Flying Checkpoints:

- (i) At 15:15, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the junction to Zif village and searched civilians and vehicles.
- (ii) At 20:10, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to Bani Na'im town and searched civilians and vehicles.
- (iii) At 22:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on Al Fawwar junction and searched civilians and vehicles.
- (iv) At 22:30, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to Al 'Arrub refugee camp and searched civilians and vehicles.
- (v) At 22:30, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to Beit Ummar town and searched civilians and vehicles.
- Attack: At 23:25, Israeli troops positioned near the entrance to Al 'Arrub refugee camp opened indiscriminate fire, ostensibly because a Molotov cocktail had been thrown at an Israeli settler vehicle along the main road near the refugee camp.

• Raids/House Occupations/Provocation of Palestinian Forces:

- (i) At 14:45, the Israeli army raided Hebron city, set up a checkpoint, searched civilians and vehicles, and patrolled the area. At 00:40, the Israeli army raided the city again, occupied the roofs of two houses in Bab az Zawiya square, and converted them into military posts.
- (ii) At 18:15, the Israeli army raided and patrolled Idhna town.
- (iii) At 19:05, the Israeli army raided Dura town, took position in front of the Palestinian General Intelligence offices, and patrolled the area.
- (iv) At 03:00, the Israeli army raided and patrolled Yatta town.

• **Demonstrations**:

(i) At 15:00, a mass demonstration, including international peace activists, took place on agricultural land near Karmei Tzur settlement in Beit Ummar town in protest against Israeli settler violence. Participants demanded that farmers be enabled to tend their land. Israeli troops intercepted the demonstration and prevented protestors from accessing land near the settlement.

(ii)	In the evening of 14 May 2011, a candle vigil took place in Hebron city
	in commemoration of the 63 rd anniversary of the Nakba—or
	catastrophe—which saw the expulsion and forced displacement of
	Palestinians from their homes and villages. Protestors demanded that
	the Israeli occupation be ended and UN resolutions on the right to
	return be implemented.
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• <u>Wall Construction</u>: Wall construction was suspended for the weekend in the area surrounding Eshkolot settlement west of Adh Dhahiriya town.

GAZA STRIP

• 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.

NORTHERN GAZA	Closure of Crossing Point: Beit Hanun (Erez) Crossing was closed.	
GAZA	 Closure of Crossing Points: Al Muntar (Karnei) Crossing is closed. Beginning on 02 March 2011, the Crossing has been effectively closed upon an Israeli unilateral decision. Ash Shuja'iya (Nahal 'Oz) Crossing is closed. Beginning on 04 January 2010, the Crossing has been closed upon an Israeli unilateral decision. 	
CENTRAL GAZA	Activities not reported.	
KHAN YUNIS	Activities not reported.	
RAFAH	 Closure of Crossing Points: (i) Yasser 'Arafat International Airport remains closed. (ii) Rafah (Al 'Awdah) Crossing was closed. (iii) Sufa Crossing is closed. (iv) Karm Abu Salem (Karem Shalom) Crossing was closed. 	