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PALESTINIAN MONITORING GROUP

DAILY SITUATION REPORT

08:00 15 May 2009 – 08:00 16 May 2009

SUMMARY OF EVENTS

EVENT	WEST BANK	GAZA STRIP	TOTAL	NOTES
Physical Assaults	5	—	5	Civilians beaten, Bethlehem and Hebron
Injuries	11	—	11	All in demonstrations against the Wall
Attacks	6	4	10	Incl. 2 in raids and 4 from military posts
Raids	21	—	21	Incl. 4 in Qalqiliya and 4 in Hebron
Detentions	18	—	18	Incl. women and children in Hebron
Wall Construction	21	—	21	Incl. Jer., Raml'h., Salfit, & Qalqiliya
Destruction of Property	1	—	1	Dozens of olive trees burnt in Ramallah
Closure of Checkpoints	14	—	14	Incl. access impeded at 9 checkpoints
Flying Checkpoints	13	—	13	Incl. 5 in Bethlehem and 4 in Hebron
Closure (per District)	7	—	7	Incl. Nu'man and Mazmuriya, Bethlehem
Closure of Main Roads	49	—	49	Incl. 12 in Nablus and 17 in Hebron
Closure of Crossing Points	—	6	6	Only Karm Abu Salem CP partially open
Settler Violence	2	—	2	Incl. a tent erected on land in Qalqiliya
Demonstrations	6	—	6	Incl. against the Wall & house demolition
TOTAL	174	10	184	

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. • Beginning at 24:00 on 14 May 2009, the Israeli army has continued to impose 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 has also prevented civilians and workers from entering 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.
JERUSALEM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) On 14 May 2009, the Israeli army intensified its restrictions at checkpoints located at the entrances to the city of Jerusalem, set up several flying checkpoints in the old city of Jerusalem and around Al Aqsa Mosque compound, and denied access to civilians to perform Friday prayers at 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 Ikhsa 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. • Raid: At 01:00, the Israeli army raided the town of Abu Dis, raided a bakery, and served summons to a number of civilians to report to the Israeli Intelligence agency.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Demonstration:</u> At 13:00, civilians performed Friday prayers in a sit-in tent in Silwan neighbourhood in the city of Jerusalem in protest against Israeli military orders for evacuation of civilian houses. The Israeli authorities intend to demolish these houses and construct settlements. • <u>Wall Gates:</u> <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. • <u>Wall Construction:</u> 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"> • <u>Closure of Main Roads:</u> 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. • <u>Checkpoint:</u> The Israeli army continues to intensify restrictions at the checkpoint on the overpass to 'Atara town and impede civilian access. • <u>Raids:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 19:30, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the village of Um Safa. (ii) At 19:40, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the town of Turmus'ayya. • <u>Demonstrations/Attacks/Injuries/Destruction of Property:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 13:00, a mass demonstration, including international peace activists, took place in the village of Bil'in in protest against Wall construction. Confrontations took place between the Israeli army and protestors, during which the Israeli army injured 9 civilians. Other civilians also sustained injuries as a result of tear gas inhalation. Because Israeli troops intensively fired tear gas and sound grenades, fire was set to dozens of olive trees. (ii) At 13:00, a mass demonstration, including international peace activists, took place in the town of Ni'lin in protest against Wall construction. Confrontations also took place between the Israeli army and protestors, during which the Israeli army injured 2 civilians, Samar Ibrahim, a 12-year-old female child. In addition, a number of civilians sustained injuries as a result of tear gas inhalation. • <u>Wall Construction:</u> Wall construction continues west of 'Abud town and in the areas of Al Midya to Ni'lin and Ni'lin to Deir Qaddis.

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 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.
TUBAS	<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. • Raid: At 00:10, the Israeli army raided the city of Tubas and Al Far’a refugee camp. While patrolling the refugee camp, confrontations took place between the Israeli army and civilians. At 01:10, the Israeli army withdrew from both areas.
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. • Flying Checkpoint: At 17:05, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint and searched civilians and vehicles along Al Kafriyat road, which connects the districts of Tulkarem and Qalqiliya. • Raid: At 23:30, the Israeli army raided the city of Tulkarem, opened fire towards street lamp posts, and served summons to 6 civilians to report to the Israeli Intelligence agency. • 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. At 14:40, the Israeli army closed the checkpoint, denied civilian access, and chased as well as opened fire towards a civilian riding a horse. The Israeli army reopened the checkpoint at a later time. • Flying Checkpoint: At 14:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to the village of Habla and searched civilians and vehicles. • Raids/Attack: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 09:00, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the town of ‘Azzun. (ii) At 10:45, and again at 18:40, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the village of Jit. (iii) At 23:35, the Israeli army raided the city of Qalqiliya, patrolled the area, fired sound grenades, and withdrew at 04:30.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Settler Violence:</u> At 10:00, a group of Israeli settlers erected a tent on a piece of land in the vicinity of the village of Jit in an attempt to seize control of it. Consequently, the Israeli army evacuated settlers from the land at 12:00. • <u>Wall Gates:</u> <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. • <u>Wall Construction:</u> 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	<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 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. • <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 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.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Raids:</u> (i) At 16:30, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the village of An Naqura. (ii) At 23:30, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the town of ‘Asira ash Shamaliya. (iii) At 23:45, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the town of ‘Aqraba.
SALFIT	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Closure of Main Roads:</u> (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. • <u>Checkpoint:</u> The Israeli army continues to intensify its restrictions and impede civilian access at the Za’tara junction checkpoint. • <u>Raid:</u> At 18:50, the Israeli army raided the town of Bruqin and patrolled the area until 19:35. • <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 Kafr 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> (i) 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. (ii) At 24:00, the Israeli army intensified its restrictions at the DCO checkpoint set up at the southern entrance to the city of Jericho and impeded civilian access. • <u>Raid:</u> At 10:00, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the city of Jericho.
BETHLEHEM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Closure:</u> (i) The Israeli army continues to close the roads to the village of An Nu’mān, 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.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Closure of Main Roads:</u> 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. • <u>Checkpoint:</u> At 22:20, the Israeli army intensified its restrictions at As Sawahira ash Sharqiya (the ‘Container’) checkpoint and impeded civilian access. • <u>Flying Checkpoints:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 09:40, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to the town of Beit Fajjar and searched civilians and vehicles. (ii) At 10:45, 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. (iii) At 14:15, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the north-western entrance to the city of Beit Jala and searched civilians and vehicles. (iv) At 15:30, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to the town of Tuqu’ and searched civilians and vehicles. • <u>Raids:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 09:30, the Israeli army raided the village of Dar Salah, set up a checkpoint, and searched civilians and vehicles. (ii) At 10:10, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the evacuated military post of ‘Ush Ghurab east of the city of Beit Sahur. • <u>Demonstrations/Physical Assaults:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 13:30, a mass demonstration, including international peace activists, took place in the village of Al Ma’sara in protest against Wall construction. Obstructing access to land under the threat of confiscation, Israeli troops severely beat protestors, leaving 2 civilians with contusions. (ii) On 15 May 2009, a mass demonstration, including international peace activists, took place in the area of Um Rukba near the village of Artas in protest against Wall construction. Protestors planted olive seedlings in the areas adjacent to the Wall the settlement of Efrat. • <u>Wall Construction:</u> 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.
HEBRON	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Closure:</u> <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. 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:**
 - (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.
 - (v) At 14:00, the Israeli army closed with dirt barricades Wadi al Joz road as well as the main entrance to the town of Bani Na'im.
 - **Flying Checkpoints:**
 - (i) At 08:30, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint in Ash Sheikh neighbourhood in the old city of Hebron and searched civilians and vehicles.
 - (ii) At 15:30, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on Al Fawwar junction and searched civilians and vehicles.
 - (iii) At 16:15, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to the town of Idhna and searched civilians and vehicles.
 - **Raids/Detentions:**
 - (i) At 10:10, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the town of Yatta.
 - (ii) At 10:20, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the city of Yatta. At 14:10, the Israeli army raided the city again, set up a checkpoint, and searched civilians and vehicles. The Israeli army also detained a number of civilians, including women and children, and patrolled the area. At 21:30, the Israeli army raided the city for the third time and patrolled the area.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Settler Violence:</u> At 10:20, a group of Israeli settlers gained access into the area of Kuziba north of the town of Sa'ir and withdrew at a later time. • <u>Demonstration/Physical Assaults:</u> At 10:30, a mass sit-in demonstration, including international peace activists, took place in an area west of the settlement of Kiryat Arba' in the old city of Hebron in protest against settlement activity as well as to assist the family of Abdul Karim al Ja'bari in harvesting malt crops in the area. Having intervened, the Israeli army beat 3 civilians. • <u>Wall Construction:</u> 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. • <u>Violation of the Ceasefire:</u> Israeli navy boats opened intensive fire towards Palestinian fishing boats at sea.
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NORTHERN GAZA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Closure of Crossing Point:</u> Beit Hanun (Erez) Crossing is closed. • <u>Attack:</u> In the evening of 15 May 2009, Israeli navy boats opened intensive fire towards Palestinian fishing boats at sea off of As Sudaniya beach northwest of the Beit Lahiya.
GAZA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Closure of Crossing Points:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Al Muntar (Karnei) Crossing is closed. (ii) Ash Shuja'iya (Nahal 'Oz) Crossing is closed. • <u>Attack:</u> In the evening of 15 May 2009, Israeli navy boats opened intensive fire towards Palestinian fishing boats at sea off of Ash Shati' refugee camp, port, and the area of Ash 'Ijlin in Gaza city.
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 partially open for transportation of food supplies and humanitarian aid.
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GENERAL

POLITICAL PRISONERS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sentences: The Israeli military court at Salem Military Camp entered sentences against the following political prisoners: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Mohammed Abu Khadijeh, a resident of the city of Qalqiliya, for 28 months in prison as well as a fine of ILS 2,000 (approximately USD 500); (ii) Hikmat Kharroub, a resident of the city of Qalqiliya, for 18 months in prison as well as a fine of ILS 2,000 (approximately USD 500); (iii) Ayyoub Hamayil, a resident of the town of Beita in the district of Nablus, for 17 months in prison as well as a fine of ILS 2,000 (approximately USD 500); (iv) Huthayfah 'Ilayyan, a resident of the city of Tubas, for 16 months in prison as well as a fine of ILS 2,000 (approximately USD 500); (v) Jawdat ad Dik, a resident of the town of Khafr ad Dik in the district of Salfit, for 15 months in prison as well as a fine of ILS 2,000 (approximately USD 500); (vi) Mohammed al Hasan, a resident of the city of Qalqiliya, for 13 months in prison as well as a fine of ILS 2,000 (approximately USD 500); (vii) Murad Mahmoud Hussein, a resident of the city of Jenin, for 13 months in prison as well as a fine of ILS 2,000 (approximately USD 500); (viii) 'Amer Mohammed Hasan Nour, a resident of the city of Tulkarem, for 7 months in prison as well as a fine of ILS 3,000 (approximately USD 750); and (ix) Mohammed Bassam, a resident of the village of Al 'Araqa in the district of Jenin, for 3 months in prison as well as a fine of ILS 1,000 (approximately USD 250). • Postponement of Trial: The Israeli military court at Salem Military Camp adjourned trial sessions of 9 political prisoners.
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