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PALESTINIAN MONITORING GROUP

DAILY SITUATION REPORT

08:00 16 May 2004 – 08:00 17 May 2004

SUMMARY OF EVENTS

EVENT	WEST BANK	GAZA STRIP	TOTAL	NOTES
Physical Assaults	1	—	1	Civilian beaten, Jerusalem
Injuries	1	1	2	
Air Attack	—	1	1	Building targeted
Attacks	4	3	7	
Raids	22	2	24	
Air Patrols	3	2	5	
Arrests (per person)	9	1	10	Incl. Mufti of Jerusalem
Detentions	5	1	6	
House Demolitions	—	2	2	2 floors of building destroyed
Land Levelling	1	—	1	Al Ram
Wall Construction	14	—	14	Jer'lm, Ramallah, Jenin, Beth.
Destruction of Property	—	2	2	As a result of air attack
Land Confiscation	1	—	1	54 <i>dunums</i> in Al Ram
House Occupations	3	—	3	Balata refugee camp
Curfews	4	—	4	
Checkpoints	All	—	All	
Flying Checkpoints	(Dozens)	(Dozens)	—	Closing all districts
Closures (per District)	(All)	(All)	(All)	
Closure of Main Roads	Most	(5)	Most	Esp. connecting governorates
Closure of Wall Gates	(All)	—	(All)	Permits required to cross
Closure of Crossing Points	—	5	5	
School Disruption	1	—	1	In Silwad due to curfew
Settler Violence	2	—	2	Hot water poured over child
Demonstration	1	1	2	
TOTAL	72	21	93	

DISTRICT	EVENT
ALL DISTRICTS	Since 22 March 2004, the Israeli army has imposed a total closure over the West Bank and Gaza Strip. The Israeli army prevented civilians from crossing the Green Line and entering Jerusalem, closed crossing points to workers, and restricted movement between cities in the West Bank.

WEST BANK

JERUSALEM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure: The Israeli army set up flying checkpoints throughout the city, closing all roads connecting towns and villages and preventing pedestrians and vehicles from crossing. • Wall Construction: Wall construction continues in Al Eizariya, Abu Dis, Al Sawahira al Sharqiya, Sur Bahir, Qatanna, Biddu, and along the main road between Dahiyat Al Bareed checkpoint and Qalandiya checkpoint. • Wall Land Confiscation/Physical Assault: The Israeli army confiscated and levelled 54 <i>dunums</i> (13.5 acres) of land for construction of the Wall in the town of Al Ram, including Dahiyat Al Bareed, Al Aqbat and the neighbourhood of 'Ayad. The Israeli army prevented members of the Local Council, including the head of the Council, who was beaten by the Israeli army, from accessing the area. • Raids: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) The Israeli army raided the town of Abu Dis and fired tear gas and sound bombs towards civilians. (ii) The Israeli army raided the town of Al Eizariya, raided the Islamic Orphanage School, searched it and examined occupants IDs. • Arrest: The Israeli army arrested the Mufti of Jerusalem, Sheikh Ikrima Sabri, and later released him after interrogation.
RAMALLAH & EL BIREH	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure: The Israeli army set up flying checkpoints throughout the district, closing all roads connecting towns and villages and preventing pedestrians and vehicles from crossing. • Wall Construction: Construction of the western portion of the Wall continues in Budrus, Deir Qaddis, Rantis, Ni'lin, Beit Liqya, Beituniya and near the village of Midya. • Raids/Curfews: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 09:50, the Israeli army raided the city of Ramallah. At 20:00, the Israeli army raided the city of Ramallah again, imposed curfew over

	<p>Um ash Sharayit neighbourhood, searched 1 house, set up a checkpoint, searched vehicles and examined passenger IDs.</p> <p>(ii) At 09:00, the Israeli army raided the town of Beituniya. At 20:00, the Israeli army raided the area again, imposed curfew, detained 30 civilians at a checkpoint set up in the centre of the town and released them at 23:00.</p> <p>(iii) At 20:00, the Israeli army raided the town of Deir Ghassana and the village of Kafr 'Ein and patrolled the area.</p> <p>(iv) At 06:15, the Israeli army raided the town of Silwad and imposed curfew. The curfew remains in effect as of 08:00 this morning, forcing the closure of schools in the town.</p>
JENIN	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure: The Israeli army set up flying checkpoints throughout the district, closing all entrances to the city and roads connecting towns and villages and preventing pedestrians and vehicles from crossing. • Wall Gates: Passage through the Wall gates is restricted to civilians granted special Israeli permits. The closure continues to negatively impact education, economic and livelihood activities and impede access to health facilities. • Wall Construction: Construction of the Wall continues south of Jalbun towards Al Mutilla, Raba, Al Mughayyir, Bardala and 'Ein al Beida and towards the Jordan River.
JERICHO	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure: The Israeli army set up dozens of checkpoints throughout the city, closing all entrances to the city and roads connecting towns and villages and prevented civilians from crossing.
BETHLEHEM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) The Israeli army set up flying checkpoints throughout the district, closing all entrances to the city and roads connecting towns and villages and preventing civilians from crossing. (ii) The Israeli army continues to close the only road leading to the village of Al Nu'man, northeast of the Bethlehem district, isolating the village completely and placing the villages of Nu'man and Al Khas under the jurisdiction of the Jerusalem municipality, making its inhabitants illegal residents in Jerusalem because they carry West Bank ID cards. • Wall Construction: Construction of the Wall continues in the district of Bethlehem, west of Wadi Hilwa, near the Armenian monastery, on the Jerusalem-Bethlehem road and along the tunnel road (Gilo). • Raids: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 21:20, an Israeli army jeep raided the city of Beit Jala and patrolled the area. (ii) At 21:30, an Israeli army jeep raided Ayda refugee camp.

	<p>(iii) At 22:00, an Israeli army jeep raided the city of Bethlehem. At 02:30, 13 Israeli army jeeps raided the area again, opened indiscriminate fire and searched 1 building after evacuating its resident. The Israeli army withdrew at 04:30.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Demonstration: At 11:00, a mass demonstration took place in the city of Beit Jala. Demonstrators marched towards the area of the Cremisan Monastery in protest against the continued construction of the Wall.
TULKAREM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure: The Israeli army set up flying checkpoints throughout the district, closing all entrances to the city and roads connecting towns and villages and preventing pedestrians and vehicles from crossing. • Wall Gates: Passage through the Wall gates is restricted to civilians granted special Israeli permits. The closure continues to negatively impact education, economic and livelihood activities and impede access to health facilities. • Raids: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 19:30, the Israeli army raided the city of Tulkarem and its suburbs, set up a checkpoint in the city, searched vehicles and examined civilian IDs. (ii) At 00:30, the Israeli army raided Tulkarem refugee camp and opened indiscriminate fire. • Air Patrol: At 14:00, Israeli reconnaissance aircraft patrolled the skies over the district of Tulkarem.
NABLUS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure: The Israeli army set up flying checkpoints throughout the district, closing all entrances to the city and roads connecting towns and villages and preventing pedestrians and vehicles from crossing. • Curfew/Settler Violence: The Israeli army imposed curfew on the town of Huwarra after Israeli settlers from the settlement of Yitzhar physically assaulted civilians and destroyed property in the town. • Raid: At 21:30, the Israeli army raided the city of Nablus and Balata and 'Ein Beit Al Ma' refugee camps, searched several houses, arrested 4 civilians, occupied 3 houses at the entrance to the refugee camp and converted them into military posts. • Arrests: The Israeli army arrested 4 civilians in Balata and 'Ein Beit Al Ma' refugee camps: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Ahmad Abu Leil; (ii) Sam'an Salah Hijazi; (iii) Abdallah Salah Hijazi; and (iv) Imad Barakat. <p>At 12:40, the Israeli army arrested 1 Palestinian National Security officer at a checkpoint set up near the village of Jit:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (v) Bashar Jabir Salem.

<p style="text-align: center;">HEBRON</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure: The Israeli army set up flying checkpoints throughout the district, closing all entrances to the city and roads connecting towns and villages and preventing pedestrians and vehicles from crossing. • Raids/Curfew: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 17:00, the Israeli army raided the city of Hebron and its suburbs, set up checkpoints throughout the city, searched vehicles and examined passenger IDs. (ii) At 22:00, the Israeli army, supported by helicopters, raided the town of Yatta, opened indiscriminate fire, injuring 1 civilian, imposed curfew and searched several houses. • Detention: The Israeli army detained over 150 civilians at a checkpoint set up at the entrance to the town of Dura, forced civilians out of their cars, searched and interrogated civilians, and severely beat several civilians. • Settler Violence: A group of Israeli settlers in the old city of Hebron poured hot water over an 11 year old boy, Barakat Khadr Abdul Jabbar. He was hospitalised for treatment of burns sustained during the attack.
<p style="text-align: center;">QALQILYA</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure: The Israeli army set up flying checkpoints throughout the district, closing all entrances to the city and roads connecting towns and villages and preventing pedestrians and vehicles from crossing. • Wall Gates: Passage through the Wall gates is restricted to civilians granted special Israeli permits. The closure continues to negatively impact education, economic and livelihood activities and impede access to health facilities. • Arrest: At 15:00 on 15 May 2004, the Israeli army arrested Ratib Yusif al Sheikh and Iyad Othman Al Sheikh at the Wall gates leading to the village of 'Azzun Atma. Both hold expired visit permits and may be deported to Jordan. • Detention: At 20:00, the Israeli army detained several civilians at a checkpoint set up between the towns of Azzun and Kafr Thulth.
<p style="text-align: center;">SALFIT</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure: The Israeli army set up flying checkpoints throughout the district, closing dozens of entrances to the city and roads connecting towns and villages and preventing pedestrians and vehicles from crossing. • Raids: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 23:45, the Israeli army raided the village of Kafr Thulth and searched several houses. (ii) At 01:00, the Israeli army raided the town of Deir Istiya, searched 3 houses and arrested 1 civilian before withdrawing. • Arrest: The Israeli army arrested Ibrahim Abdul Karim Diyab in the town of Deir Istiya. • Air Patrol: At 16:00, Israeli combat aircraft patrolled the skies over the district of Salfit.

GAZA STRIP

NORTHERN GAZA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure: Beit Hanoun crossing is closed.
GAZA CITY	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) The junction of Nitsareem remains closed. (ii) Al Muntar crossing (Karni) is closed. • Air Attack: At 00:30, Israeli army helicopters fired missiles towards a 4-storey building in the city of Gaza, destroying 1st and 2nd floors of the building, including offices belonging to Fateh and the Democratic Front for the Liberation of Palestine political parties. • Attack: At 22:40, the Israeli army opened intensive fire from Point 95 on the Green Line towards the area south of Al Muntar (Karni) crossing.
CENTRAL GAZA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Demonstration: At 21:50, a mass demonstration took place in Deir Al Balah refugee camp to commemorate 56th anniversary of Al <i>Nakba</i> and to demand the right of return for Palestinian refugees.
KHAN YUNIS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Abu al Ajin road (Khan Yunis Al Sharqiya) remains closed. (ii) Western road (Khan Yunis) remains closed. (iii) Al Mawasi/Khan Yunis road (Al Tuffah checkpoint) was open to pedestrians only. (iv) Abu Holi road is closed. At 12:10, the Israeli army closed the road between Al Matahin and Abu Holi checkpoints, searched vehicles, examined civilian IDs, detained civilians for several hours, and arrested 1 civilian. The Israeli army closed the road again at 08:00. • Arrest: The Israeli army arrested Jihad Abu Ta'ema on the Abu Holi road.
RAFAH	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) The Gaza International Airport remains closed. (ii) Rafah crossing is closed. (iii) The Sufa crossing is closed. • Raids: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 07:00, the Israeli army, including 8 tanks and 2 bulldozers and supported by helicopters, raided 300 meters east of the Sufa crossing and opened intensive fire towards civilian houses. (ii) At 08:00, 7 Israeli army tanks raided Palestinian Territory and took position in the area of Al Atatra. • Attack: At 13:20, the Israeli army opened intensive fire from Point 7 towards civilian houses near the Salah ad Din gate, injuring 1 civilian.

GENERAL

POLITICAL PRISONERS	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• <u>Hunger Strikes:</u><ul style="list-style-type: none">(i) Beginning on 15 May 2004, political prisoners in Hadarim prison continue their hunger strike in protest against their extreme conditions of imprisonment and demand that medicine and clothing be allowed into the prison, that the quality and quantity of food served be increased, and for prisoners to be treated humanely.(ii) Beginning on 16 May 2004, detainees in Benyamin Military Detention Center, including 90 detainees, declared an open-ended hunger strike in protest against their severe conditions of detention.
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