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PALESTINIAN MONITORING GROUP

DAILY SITUATION REPORT
 08:00 16 May 2005 – 08:00 17 May 2005

SUMMARY OF EVENTS

EVENT	WEST BANK	GAZA STRIP	TOTAL	NOTES
Deaths	1	1	2	Incl. 1 civilian of injuries sustained
Injuries	2	1	3	Incl. 2 civilians in Tuqu'
Attacks	3	4	7	1 during a raid & 6 from mil. posts
Raids	18	2	20	Incl. 5 in Bethlehem & 5 in Hebron
Air Patrol	1	—	1	Reconnaissance over Bethlehem
Arrests (per person)	10	1	11	Incl. 3 children
Detentions	7	1	8	At checkpoints & in residential comp.
House Demolition	1	—	1	A 2-storey house in 'Anin in Jenin
Land Levelling	1	2	3	Incl. east of the town of Beit Hanun
Wall Construction	23	—	23	Incl. Jer., Jenin, Ram'lah, Beth., Salfit
Destruction of Property	6	—	6	Incl. 4 barracks demolished
Confiscation of Property	1	—	1	1 container in the village of Zububa
Checkpoints	(All)	—	(All)	
Flying Checkpoints	9	—	9	Incl. 1 in Tulkarem & 1 in Jericho
Closure (per District)	5	—	5	Incl. Jerusalem and Jericho (partially)
Closure of Main Roads	(Unidentified)	(9)	—	Incl. 2 partially
Closure of Wall Gates	(All)	—	(All)	Incl. Jayyus agricultural gate closed
Closure of Crossing Point	—	1	1	Yasser Arafat International Airport
Settlement Activity	1	1	2	Incl. 1 settler bypass road constructed
Settler Violence	1	—	1	Collision with a civilian vehicle
Provocation of Pal. Forces	—	2	2	Incl. open fire towards 1 Pal. post
Palestinian Attacks	3	3	6	Incl. open fire towards 1 Israeli post
Pal. Security Measures	—	1	1	1 tunnel demolished south of Rafah
TOTAL	93	20	113	

DISTRICT	EVENT
ALL DISTRICTS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Beginning on 11 November 2004, following the official announcement of the death of President Yasser Arafat, the Israeli army continues to impose a total closure on the West Bank, preventing civilians and workers from crossing the Green Line.

WEST BANK

JERUSALEM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Closure: Israeli troops positioned at checkpoints set up at the entrances to the city of Jerusalem continue to prevent civilians from other districts from entering the city. Closure of Main Road: The Israeli army continues to close Ar Ram junction leading to the town of Bir Nabala for Wall construction. Checkpoints: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> The Israeli army continues to intensify its restrictions at Qalandiya checkpoint and impede civilian movement. The Israeli army set up an iron gate near An Nabi Samwil checkpoint, preventing civilians from crossing. Wall Gates: The Israeli army continues to close the Wall gate in the town of Abu Dis with cement blocks. Wall Construction: Wall construction continues in Dahiyat al Aqbat, from the village of Hizma to 'Anata, the Hizma-Jaba' road, the area of Al 'Eizariya to Ash Shayyah, near Al Quds University, in the town of As Sawahira ash Sharqiya, from the village of Beit Surik to Biddu, and in the areas of Al Judeira, Bir Nabala, and Beit Hanina. Arrest: Israeli troops positioned at Ar Ram checkpoint arrested Walid Dawoud Mahmoud al Bustanji.
RAMALLAH & EL BIREH	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Wall Construction: Wall construction continues in the areas of Al Midya to Budrus, Al Midya to Ni'lin, Bil'in to Saffa, in the village of Beit Liqya, and in the town of Beituniya. Raid: At 20:45, the Israeli army, including 3 jeeps, raided the city of Ramallah. At 01:00, the Israeli army, including 12 jeeps, raided the city again, searched a number of houses in the neighbourhood of Um ash Sharayet after detaining residents, and arrested 1 civilian. Arrest: The Israeli army arrested Ibrahim Dharaghmeh in the neighbourhood of Um ash Sharayet in the city of Ramallah.
JENIN	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Wall Gates: Passage through the Wall gates is restricted to civilians granted special Israeli permits.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Wall Construction:</u> Wall construction continues in the area of Jalbun to Al Mutilla, Raba to Al Mughayyir, from Bardala to 'Ein al Beida, and towards the Jordan River. • <u>Flying Checkpoint:</u> The Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint in the area between Wadi al Far'a and the village of An Nassariya and searched civilians and vehicles. • <u>Raid/Destruction of Property:</u> At 11:30, the Israeli army, including 2 tanks and 1 bulldozer, raided the village of 'Anin and demolished a 2-storey house, after forcing residents to evacuate, and a 120 m² barracks, allegedly for not possessing the required licenses and being located in close proximity to the Wall. At 13:30, the Israeli army withdrew from the area. • <u>House Demolition:</u> The Israeli army demolished a 2-storey house in the village of 'Anin belonging to Yihya Hassan Khudhour. • <u>Destruction of Property/Confiscation of Property:</u> At 09:30, the Israeli army demolished 3 barracks, used for livestock, claiming that they were built without the required licenses, near the villages of Ti'innik, Rummana, and Zububa. (1 of the demolished barracks was also used as a make-shift house). The Israeli army also confiscated 1 container in the village of Zububa. • <u>Palestinian Attack:</u> At 20:00, armed Palestinian individuals opened fire towards an Israeli army post along the settler bypass road leading to the village of Al Jalama, north of the city of Jenin, and towards the settlement of Kadim, east of the city. The Israeli army responded by opening fire towards the area of As Suweitat, east of the city.
<p style="text-align: center;">TULKAREM</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Wall Gates:</u> Passage through the Wall gates is restricted to civilians granted special Israeli permits. • <u>Flying Checkpoint:</u> At 11:15, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the junction to the settlement of 'Einav and impeded civilian movement, allegedly to conduct thorough searches. • <u>Attack:</u> At 08:50, Israeli troops positioned at Al Kafriyyat checkpoint, south of the city of Tulkarem, opened fire towards, and killed, 1 civilian (a brother of a civilian killed by the Israeli army earlier), claiming that he attempted to stab an Israeli soldier. Israeli troops also closed the checkpoint, preventing civilians from crossing in both directions until 13:10. • <u>Killing:</u> Israeli troops positioned at Al Kafriyyat checkpoint, south of the city of Tulkarem, killed Muti' Omar 'Asrawi. • <u>Raids:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 11:50, the Israeli army, including 2 jeeps, raided Area (B) in Dahiyat Shuweika in the city of Tulkarem, searched a number of commercial shops, and withdrew at 12:10. (ii) At 15:20, the Israeli army raided the village of Khirbet Jubara, took position near the Wall west of the village, and fired smoke grenades towards olive groves.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Arrest: At 15:40, Israeli troops positioned at Jubara checkpoint arrested Haytham Jamal Yousef Jaradat from the town of Silat al Harithiya. • Palestinian Attack: At 04:30, armed Palestinian individuals opened fire towards the Israeli army post located at the DCO.
QALQILYA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wall Gates: <ol 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 restrictions at ‘Azzun ‘Atma Wall gate and search civilians with a metal detector. (iii) The Israeli army closed the town of Jayyus’ agricultural gate, claiming that an explosive device was detonated. • Flying Checkpoints: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 18:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the eastern entrance to the city of Qalqiliya and searched civilians and vehicles until 20:00. (ii) At 08:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to the town of ‘Azzun and searched civilians and vehicles. • Settlement Activity/Land Levelling: Israeli settlers from the settlement of Kedumim levelled 30 <i>dunums</i> (7.5 acres) of land cultivated with olive trees east of the village of Kafr Qaddum for expansion of the settlement.
NABLUS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Flying Checkpoints: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 09:30, the Israeli army, accompanied by Police dogs, set up a flying checkpoint along Wadi al Badhan road, searched civilian vehicles, and examined civilians’ IDs. (ii) At 12:20, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint between the town of ‘Asira ash Shamaliya and the village of Talluza and searched civilians and vehicles. • Raid: At 02:10, the Israeli army, including 2 tanks and 10 jeeps, raided Balata and ‘Askar refugee camps, arrested 1 child in ‘Askar refugee camp, and withdrew at 04:00. • Arrests: At 12:30, Israeli troops positioned at the town of Beit Iba checkpoint arrested 2 civilians wanted by the Israeli army: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Rami Mohammed Khalil; and (ii) Bader Ahmed Abu Namous. (iii) The Israeli army arrested Yaseen Omar Banat, 15 years old, in ‘Askar refugee camp. • Destruction of Property: The Israeli army pursued and destroyed 3 civilian vehicles (using explosives) belonging to civilians from the town of Beit Furik.
SALFIT	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure of Main Road: The Israeli army continues to open the iron gate set up at the entrance to the village of Yasuf from morning until 18:00 only.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Checkpoint: The Israeli army continues to intensify restrictions at the town of Deir Ballut checkpoint, impeding civilian movement. • Wall Construction: Wall construction continues in the town of Deir Ballut near the Green Line and in the villages of Az Zawiya and Rafat. • Raid: At 22:15, the Israeli army, including 3 jeeps, raided the town of Deir Istiya, searched 2 houses, and withdrew at 00:20.
JERICHO	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure: The road between the city of Jericho and the village of Al 'Auja (Road # 90) is closed with cement blocks. At various times, the Israeli army impeded civilian movement into the city of Jericho. • Flying Checkpoint: At 13:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to the village of 'Ein ad Duyuk al Foqa and searched civilians and vehicles until 13:20.
BETHLEHEM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure: 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 and placing it, together with the adjacent village of Al Khas, under the jurisdiction of the Jerusalem municipality. The Israeli army considers the civilian presence in the villages illegal. • Wall Construction: Wall construction continues north of 'Ayda refugee camp towards the area north of the city of Beit Jala, and west of the village of Husan. • Raids: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 13:10, and again at 15:10 and 17:00, an Israeli army patrol raided the town of Al Khadr and patrolled the area. (ii) At 14:50, the Israeli army, including 2 jeeps, raided and patrolled the town of Al 'Ubeidiya and the village of Dar Salah. • Air Patrol: At 01:30, an Israeli army reconnaissance aircraft patrolled the skies over the district of Bethlehem. • Settler Violence: At 17:20, an Israeli settler vehicle collided with a civilian vehicle along the road to the town of Tuqu', injuring 2 civilians, who were transported to hospital for injuries sustained: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Iyad Muqbel Zawahreh; and (ii) Mohammed al 'Abed.
HEBRON	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) The Israeli army continues to close Ash Shuhada' Street and the area of As Sahleh in the H2 section of the city of Hebron with cement blocks and barbed wire, denying civilians and vehicles access. (ii) The Israeli army continues to close Shalala Street with cement blocks. • Wall Construction: Wall construction continues west of the town of Surif to Beit Ula, in the town of Idhna, from the village of Deir Samit to Beit 'Awwa, and from Beit 'Awwa to the village of Al Burj.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Flying Checkpoint:</u> At 10:00, 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 04:00 on 16 May 2005, the Israeli army raided Al 'Arrub refugee camp and arrested 4 civilians, including 3 children. (ii) At 17:20, an Israeli army patrol raided the neighbourhood of Bab az Zawiya and patrolled the area. (iii) At 22:30, the Israeli army raided the town of As Samoa', set up a checkpoint in the town centre, searched civilians and vehicles, and patrolled the area. (iv) At 00:30, the Israeli army raided the town of Dura and searched 2 houses, after detaining residents. (v) The Israeli army raided and patrolled the village of Al Burj. • <u>Arrests:</u> On 16 May 2005, the Israeli army arrested 4 civilians in Al 'Arrub refugee camp: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Nour ad Din ar Ra'i, 14 years old; (ii) Wisam Saleh al Badawi, 15 years old; (iii) Wajdi Saleh al Badawi, 16 years old; and (iv) Omar Younis Imheisin.
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GAZA STRIP

NORTHERN GAZA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Raid/Land Levelling:</u> At 10:50, the Israeli army, including 2 tanks and 1 bulldozer, raided Palestinian territory east of the town of Beit Hanun and levelled land, claiming to be searching for tunnels.
GAZA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Closure:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Nitsareem Junction remains closed. (ii) Ash Shuhada' Junction-Al Muntar Crossing road is closed. • <u>Land Levelling/Provocation of Palestinian Forces:</u> At 15:20, the Israeli army levelled land to a dirt barricade along the road connecting Nitsareem (Ash Shuhada') junction to the settlement of Nitsareem, thereby impeding Palestinian security forces positioned in the area of Al Mughraqa from carrying out their security responsibilities. • <u>Palestinian Attack:</u> At 23:55, 1 unidentified mortar was fired towards the settlement of Dugit.
CENTRAL GAZA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Attack:</u> At 12:00, the Israeli army opened fire towards 3 civilians, allegedly for attempting to gain access into areas inside the Green Line east of Al Bureij refugee camp, injuring Nahidh az Zir. The injured

	<p>civilian was evacuated by an Israeli army helicopter to an Israeli hospital, while the other 2 civilians' location remains unknown.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Arrest: On 15 May 2005, the Israeli army arrested Hassan Abdul Karim Abu Seif east of Al Maghazi refugee camp. • Detention: At 23:00, Israeli troops positioned near Point 117 on the Green Line detained Rami Sannireh, 17 years old, claiming that he attempted to gain access into areas inside the Green Line, and handed him over to Palestinian security forces. • Settlement Activity: At 16:25, the Israeli army constructed a settler bypass road connecting Kissufim road to the settlement of Kfar Darom.
KHAN YUNIS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Abu Al 'Ajin road (Khan Yunis Al Sharqiya) is closed. (ii) Western road (Khan Yunis) is closed. (iii) Al Mawasi/Khan Yunis road (Al Tuffah checkpoint) is partially open. (iv) Deir al Balah junction to Abu Holi checkpoint (Kfar Darom road) is closed. (v) Morag road, connecting Khan Yunis' eastern and western roads, is closed. • Attacks/Provocation of Palestinian Forces: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 10:20, the Israeli army opened intensive fire indiscriminately for a period of over half an hour from its location at Point 12 towards civilian houses in An Namsawi neighbourhood. (ii) At 18:30, the Israeli army opened fire from its location at Point 9 towards civilian houses in Al Amal neighbourhood. (iii) At 03:45, the Israeli army opened fire from its location at At Tuffah checkpoint towards 1 Palestinian National Security location in West Khan Yunis refugee camp. • Palestinian Attack: At 21:50, 1 unidentified mortar was fired towards the settlement of Gadid, but landed on Palestinian territory.
RAFAH	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Yasser Arafat International Airport remains closed. (ii) Al Mawasi/Rafah road is closed. (iii) Alon – Tall as Sultan checkpoint, at the entrance to Al Mawasi/Rafah, south of the city of Deir al Balah, is partially open. • Raid: At 15:50, an Israeli army bulldozer raided 150 meters into Palestinian territory near Point 9.5 along the Egyptian border opposite Bloc (J) in Rafah refugee camp. • Death: At 16:00, Mohammed Hamdan Abu Sha'ar died in the Israeli Tall Hashomeir Hospital of injuries sustained to the stomach by tank shell shrapnel in Tall as Sultan neighbourhood on 03 May 2004. • Palestinian Attack: At 09:00, 3 unidentified mortars were fired from the area surrounding Sufa Crossing towards the Green Line.

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| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Palestinian Security Measures:</u> Palestinian security forces demolished 1 tunnel near the Egyptian border south of the city of Rafah. |
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GENERAL

WORK PERMITS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>West Bank:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Israeli authorities renewed 9,750 work permits to cross the Green Line. The total number of those allowed to cross is unknown. (ii) Israeli authorities restricted the issuing of work permits to civilians who are married with children and over the age of 30. • <u>Gaza Strip:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Israeli authorities renewed 818 work permits for workers to enter the Industrial Zones. However, only 460 workers (approximately 57% of those possessing work permits) were allowed access to the Industrial Zones. (ii) Israeli authorities renewed 5,607 work permits for workers to cross the Green Line. However, only 3,936 workers (approximately 71% of those possessing work permits) were allowed access to areas inside the Green Line. (iii) Israeli authorities issued permits for 1,288 workers to stay overnight inside the Green Line.
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