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PALESTINIAN MONITORING GROUP

DAILY SITUATION REPORT
08:00 16 May 2006 – 08:00 17 May 2006

SUMMARY OF EVENTS

EVENT	WEST BANK	GAZA STRIP	TOTAL	NOTES
Deaths	2	—	2	During an armed confrontation, Nablus
Physical Assault	1	—	1	1 mentally challenged civilian beaten
Injury	1	—	1	1 civilian in the city of Nablus
Attacks	4	3	7	4 in raids and 3 from military posts
Raids	14	—	14	Incl. 2 in Ramallah & 5 in Bethlehem
Arrests	19	—	19	Incl. 2 children and 1 female civilian
Detentions	13	—	13	At checkpoints & in residential areas
Wall Construction	32	—	32	Incl. Jer., Raml'h., Qalq., Salfit, Beth.
Confiscation of Property	1	—	1	1 civilian vehicle in the city of El Bireh
House Occupation	1	—	1	Converted into a mil. post in Qabatiya
Closure of Checkpoints	9	—	9	Incl. Tayasir & Al Hamra checkpoints
Flying Checkpoints	17	—	17	Incl. 2 in Jerusalem & 7 in Jenin
Closure (per District)	6	1	7	Incl. a buffer zone in Northern Gaza
Closure of Main Roads	31	—	31	Incl. Bruqin-Kafr ad Dik road, Salfit
Closure of Wall Gates	All	—	All	Incl. the Wall gate to 'Azzun 'Atma
Closure of Crossing Points	—	5	5	Incl. Beit Hanun and Rafah partially
Medical Obstruction	1	—	1	Ambulances denied access in Nablus
Provocation of Pal. Forces	—	1	1	Engineering Unit denied coordination
Pal. Security Measure	1	—	1	6 illegal vehicles handed over
TOTAL	153	10	163	

DISTRICT	EVENT
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<p style="text-align: center;">ALL DISTRICTS</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Beginning on 11 March 2006, the Israeli army has continued to impose a complete closure on the West Bank and Gaza Strip districts and to prevent civilians with permits, including workers, from crossing into areas inside the Green Line and into the city of Jerusalem. • Beginning on 17 April 2006, and following the suicide attack carried out in the city of Tel Aviv inside the Green Line, the Israeli army has intensified 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.
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WEST BANK

<p style="text-align: center;">JERUSALEM</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure: The Israeli army continues to intensify its restrictions at checkpoints located at the entrances to the city of Jerusalem, in the old city of Jerusalem, and around Al Aqsa Mosque compound. • Closure of Main Roads: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) The Israeli army closed the entrance opposite the junction to Dahiyat Al Bareed in the city of Jerusalem with barbed wire and has denied civilian access. The Israeli army allows access to the city of Jerusalem through Dahiyat al Bareed checkpoint only to vehicles bearing Israeli-issued license plates and from the lane previously designated for VIPs. (ii) The Israeli army closed the eastern entrance to Dahiyat Bir Nabala with cement slabs, thereby completing the Wall section in the area. • Checkpoint: According to new measures implemented at Qalandiya checkpoint, which the Israeli army has converted into a “border crossing point”, the Israeli army has designated a special crossing for civilians holding Jerusalem-issued IDs and those possessing permits to access the city of Jerusalem. The Israeli army has allowed other civilians to access the main road leading to the junction to the village of Jaba’, which branches off to other districts. • 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-issued IDs to cross, after subjecting them to thorough searches using electronic devices. • Wall Construction: Wall construction continues in Dahiyat al Aqbat, from the village of Hizma to ‘Anata, along 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, in the areas of Al Judeira, Bir Nabala, and Beit Hanina, west of the village of Al Jib, and in the vicinity of the village of Qatanna.
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Flying Checkpoints:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 15:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to the town of Beit Hanina and searched civilians and vehicles. (ii) At 17:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to the village of Hizma and searched civilians and vehicles. • <u>Raid:</u> The Israeli army raided and patrolled the area of Wadi al Jir in the town of Abu Dis. • <u>Arrest:</u> The Israeli army arrested Husam Ahmed Qandeel, a civilian resident of the village of Beit Surik, while he was working inside the Green Line.
<p style="text-align: center;">RAMALLAH & EL BIREH</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Closure of Main Road:</u> The Israeli army continues to close the eastern entrance to the village of Sinjil with dirt barricades. • <u>Checkpoint:</u> The Israeli army continues to intensify its restrictions at the checkpoint set up on the overpass to the town of 'Atara and to deny access to the city of Ramallah for civilians holding IDs issued in the northern districts of the West Bank. • <u>Wall Construction:</u> 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, in the town of Beituniya, and west of the town of 'Abud and the village of Beit Sira. • <u>Raids/Confiscation of Property:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 00:40, an Israeli army patrol raided the city of El Bireh, set up 2 checkpoints, searched civilian vehicles, and opened fire towards 1 civilian vehicle, forcing it to stop. The Israeli army also confiscated the vehicle and withdrew at 01:40. (ii) At 01:30, the Israeli army raided the village of Kafr 'Ein, set up a checkpoint on the road to the village of Qarawat Bani Zeid, searched civilian vehicles, and patrolled the area. • <u>Arrests:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 03:00 on 16 May 2006, the Israeli army arrested Abdullah Basheer Hammad during its raid on the town of Silwad, in addition to those reported yesterday. The Israeli army arrested 2 civilians, including 1 child, while they were present near the Wall section in the village of Beit Liqya: (ii) Nazzal Mohammed 'Assi, 16 years old; and (iii) Jasem Ahmed 'Assi. • <u>Palestinian Security Measure:</u> At 14:00, Palestinian security forces handed over 6 illegal vehicles, seized in the city of Ramallah, to the Israeli authorities (through the DCO).
<p style="text-align: center;">JENIN</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Closure of Road:</u> The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the unpaved detour road leading to the town of 'Arraba east of the settlement of Dotan. • <u>Checkpoint:</u> The Israeli army continues to close Tayasir checkpoint east of the town of Tubas, denying civilian access to the Northern Jordan Valley, except for holders of IDs issued in the Northern Jordan Valley and commercial trucks.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wall Gates: Passage through the Wall gates is restricted to civilians granted special Israeli permits. • Flying Checkpoints: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 08:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the junction to the village of Sanur and searched civilians and vehicles. (ii) At 09:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint near the town of 'Arraba on the Jenin-Nablus main road and searched civilians and vehicles until 14:00. (iii) At 10:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the eastern entrance to the town of Qabatiya and searched civilians and vehicles. (iv) At 10:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint in the area As Suweitat east of the city of Jenin and searched civilians and vehicles. (v) At 01:00, the Israeli army set up 2 flying checkpoints at the northern and western entrances to the city of Jenin and searched civilians and vehicles until 03:00. (vi) The Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to the village of Misliya and searched civilians and vehicles. • Physical Assault: At 06:30 on 16 May 2006, Israeli troops positioned at Tayasir checkpoint beat Sami Jamal Abdul Razeq, a mentally challenged civilian, after which he was transported to hospital for medical treatment. • Raids/House Occupation: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 09:00, the Israeli army raided the town of 'Arraba and opened fire while it was patrolling the area. (ii) At 19:00, the Israeli army raided the town of Qabatiya, opened indiscriminate fire, occupied 1 house, and converted it into a military post. At 23:00, the Israeli army withdrew from the area.
TULKAREM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure: The Israeli army continues to impose a complete closure on the district of Tulkarem and to declare it a closed military zone following a suicide attack carried out on the junction to the village of Far'un. The Israeli army continues to impede civilian access to and from the district. • Closure of Main Roads: The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the following roads: the road connecting Dahiyat Dhinnaba in the city of Tulkarem to the town of Kafr al Labad; the road connecting the town of Kafr al Labad to the village of Shufa; the southern entrance to the town of Baqa ash Sharqiya; and the Kafr Sur-Wadi at Tin road. The Israeli army also continues to close with cement blocks the road connecting the town of Beit Lid to the village of Kur. • Checkpoints: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) The Israeli army continues to close 'Einav checkpoint on the Tulkarem-Nablus road, denying access to civilian vehicles. The Israeli army prevents civilian residents of the Tulkarem district from leaving the district, except for those residing in towns and villages east of the checkpoint. (ii) The Israeli army continues to intensify its restrictions at Jubara checkpoint (the southern entrance to the city of Tulkarem) and to prevent civilians holding IDs issued in the districts of Jenin and Tulkarem from crossing towards the southern districts of the West

	<p>Bank. Israeli troops positioned at the checkpoint only allow civilian residents of villages located south of the city of Tulkarem in the Tulkarem district to cross on foot, only after examining civilians' places of residence.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wall Gates: Passage through the Wall gates is restricted to civilians granted special Israeli permits. • Raid: At 11:20, the Israeli army raided the city of Tulkarem, set up a checkpoint, searched civilians and vehicles, and patrolled the area. • Arrest: On 12 May 2006, Israeli troops positioned at a checkpoint arrested Fadi Bassam Abdul Ghani, a university student from the village of Seida. Abdul Ghani was reported to be held in 'Ofer Military Detention Camp southwest of the city of Ramallah.
QALQILIYA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wall Gates/Detention: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Passage through the Wall gates is restricted to civilians granted special Israeli permits. (ii) At 10:30, the Israeli army intensified its restrictions at 'Azzun 'Atma Wall gate, searched civilians, including students, with a metal detector. The Israeli army also detained a civilian while he was riding a cart pulled by a donkey. An Israeli female soldier also verbally assaulted Prophet Mohammed, peace be upon him. • Wall Construction: Land levelling for Wall construction continues in the village of Immatin and east of the towns of Kafr Thulth and 'Azzun.
NABLUS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure of Main Roads: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (i) The Israeli army continues to close the main road leading to the district of Jenin between the junction to the village of Deir Sharaf and the settlement of Shavei Shomron. Instead, the Israeli army has forced civilians to travel along an unpaved 1.5-km-long road, which branches off from the Nablus-Tulkarem road and intersects with the Nablus-Jenin road opposite the village of Sabastiya. (ii) The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades Al Badhan road, which is the north-eastern entrance to the city of Nablus. (iii) The Israeli army continues to close the entrance to the village of Beita with dirt barricades. (iv) The Israeli army continues to close the road connecting the city of Nablus to the town of 'Asira ash Shamaliya. • Checkpoints: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (i) The Israeli army continues to regulate times for crossing Huwwara, Beit Iba, At Tur Mountain, and Beit Furik checkpoints around the city of Nablus. The Israeli army closes the checkpoints overnight and reopens them at various morning hours. (ii) The Israeli army continues to intensify its restrictions at Beit Iba and Huwwara checkpoints and to deny access to civilians between 15 and 30 years of age as well as holders of IDs issued in the districts of Jenin and Tulkarem. (iii) Israeli troops positioned at the checkpoint set up at the entrance to the town of Beit Furik continue to prevent taxis from the town of Beit

	<p>Furik and the village of Beit Dajan from crossing unless they possess access permits.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Raid/Medical Obstruction/Detention:</u> At 23:35, the Israeli army raided the city of Nablus as well as surrounded and searched 2 buildings and a number of houses after detaining residents. An armed confrontation took place between the Israeli army and armed Palestinian individuals, during which the Israeli army killed 2 civilians and injured another. The Israeli army arrested 8 civilians, including the injured civilian, 1 child, and 1 female civilian, as well as denied access to ambulances. At 08:00, the Israeli army withdrew from the area. • <u>Killings:</u> The Israeli army killed 2 civilians in the city of Nablus: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Mustafa Hussein Abdul Ghani; and (ii) 'Uthman Qasem Sadaqah. • <u>Arrests:</u> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 23:00, Israeli troops positioned at Huwwara checkpoint arrested Amjad Mousa Salameh. <p>The Israeli army arrested 8 civilians in the city of Nablus:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (ii) Nasser Suleiman Mohammed, an injured civilian; (iii) Mohammed Ahmed Hamdi, 17 years old; (iv) Nadyah Tareq 'Akkoub, a female civilian; (v) Mahmoud Khalil an Na'na'; (vi) Bashar Darweesh Musmar; (vii) Bilal Isma'il Fakhouri; (viii) Huthayfah Abdullah Ishtayyeh; and (ix) Rajab Omar al Aghbar.
SALFIT	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Closure of Main Roads:</u> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (i) The Israeli army has continued to close the main north-western entrance to the city of Salfit with dirt barricades since the beginning of the current <i>Intifada</i> (Uprising). (ii) The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the western entrances to the town of Bruqin and the village of Marda. The Israeli army also continues to close with cement blocks the western entrance to the town of Kafr ad Dik and with an iron gate the northern entrance to the village of Qarawat Bani Hassan. (iii) At 18:20, the Israeli army closed with dirt barricades the road connecting the towns of Bruqin and Kafr ad Dik. • <u>Checkpoints:</u> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (i) The Israeli army continues to intensify its restrictions at Deir Ballut checkpoint and to deny civilian access to the town of Kafr ad Dik. (ii) The Israeli army continues to intensify its restrictions at the Za'tara junction checkpoint and to prevent civilians holding IDs issued in the districts of Jenin and Tulkarem from crossing towards the southern districts of the West Bank. • <u>Wall Construction:</u> Wall construction continues near the Green Line in the town of Deir Ballut and the villages of Az Zawiya and Rafat, northwest of the city of Salfit, and in the village of Marda and the town of Kifl Haris north of the settlement of Ari'el.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Flying Checkpoint:</u> At 21:40, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the eastern entrance to the village of Marda and searched civilians and vehicles until 22:30.
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-issued 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-issued IDs. • <u>Checkpoint:</u> The Israeli army continues to close Al Hamra checkpoint set up on the Jericho-Nablus road, denying civilian access, except for farmers holding Jericho-issued IDs. • <u>Flying Checkpoint:</u> At 20:35, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to the village of 'Ein ad Duyuk on the road connecting the districts of Jericho and Ramallah and searched civilians and vehicles.
BETHLEHEM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Closure:</u> 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. The Israeli army considers the civilians' residence in the village illegal because they hold West Bank identity cards while their village is located within the Israeli-defined municipal boundaries of Jerusalem. • <u>Closure of Main Roads:</u> The Israeli army continues to close all roads to Road # 60 leading to the city of Jerusalem, thereby isolating the city of Bethlehem from its towns and villages located west of Road # 60. • <u>Wall Construction:</u> Wall construction continues north of 'Ayda refugee camp and in the Everest area, northwest of the city of Beit Jala. • <u>Raids:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 10:25, the Israeli army raided the village of Jannata and arrested the head of the town's local council. (ii) At 10:25, the Israeli army raided the town of Za'tara, searched 1 house, and arrested 1 civilian. (iii) At 11:10, an Israeli army patrol raided the town of Al Khadr and patrolled the area. (iv) At 15:35, the Israeli army, including 13 jeeps, raided the village of Artas, searched 4 houses, and arrested 1 Palestinian Civil Defence officer. (v) At 01:00, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the city of Beit Jala. • <u>Arrests:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) The Israeli army arrested Mustafa 'Isa al 'Urouj in the village of Jannata. (ii) The Israeli army arrested Mohammed Khaled al Wahsh in the town of Za'tara. (iii) The Israeli army arrested Mahmoud Ahmed Jabr, a Palestinian Civil Defence officer, in the village of Artas.
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

	<p>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.</p> <p>(ii) Although it expired on 07 May 2006, the Israeli army continues to implement a military order stipulating the closure of civilian commercial shops on both sides of the road connecting the settlement of Kiryat Arba' to the Ibrahim Mosque in the old city of Hebron. Civilian vehicles continue to be prohibited from travelling along the road unless they possess access permits. Only Israeli settler vehicles are allowed unrestricted access on the road.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure of Main Roads: <p>(i) The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the following locales: the area of Al Hawawir leading to the town of Halhul; the area of Al Fahs south of the city of Hebron; the junction to the area of Farsh al Hawa leading to Road # 35 northwest of the city of Hebron; the entrance to the village of Beit 'Einun; Al Baq'a junction south of the town of Beit 'Awwa; and the entrance to the village of 'Arab ar Ramadin.</p> <p>(ii) The Israeli army continues to close the entrance to Al Qeisi neighbourhood in the old city of Hebron with cement blocks.</p> • Wall Construction: Wall construction continues west of the towns of Surif and Beit Ula, south of the towns of Adh Dhahiriya and As Samoa', and southeast of the town of Yatta. The Israeli army has also completed construction of most sections of the Wall in the town of Idhna, from the village of Deir Samit to the town of Beit 'Awwa, from Beit 'Awwa to the village of Al Burj, and in the village of Ar Ramadin. • Flying Checkpoint: At 23:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the junction to the town of As Samoa' and searched civilians and vehicles. • Raids: <p>(i) At 22:00, the Israeli army raided the city of Hebron, searched a number of houses, and arrested 2 civilians. The Israeli army also set up a checkpoint in the area of Nimra and searched civilians and vehicles.</p> <p>(ii) At 23:00, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the town of Yatta.</p> • Arrests: The Israeli army arrested 2 civilians in the city of Hebron: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Murad Mohammed as Salaymeh; and (ii) Fares as Salaymeh.
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GAZA STRIP

<p>ALL DISTRICTS</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Beginning on 16 December 2005, the Israeli army has continued to impose a complete closure on the Gaza Strip ostensibly due to Palestinian individuals' firing of mortars towards the Green Line.
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NORTHERN GAZA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure: Beginning at 18:00 on 28 December 2005, the Israeli army has continued to impose a buffer zone (through open fire as well as artillery and air attacks) in the area near the Green Line, including the area of the debris of evacuated settlements. • Closure of Crossing Point: Beit Hanun (Erez) Crossing is partially open to foreign nationals, VIPs, and humanitarian cases after prior coordination. • Provocation of Palestinian Forces: At 14:20, the Israeli authorities refused to coordinate (through the DCO) for a Palestinian Engineering Unit to comb the area near Palestinian territory east of the town of Beit Hanun in search of artillery shells, which the Israeli army had fired but did not explode.
GAZA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure of Crossing Point: Al Muntar (Karnei) Crossing is closed.
CENTRAL GAZA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Activities not reported.
KHAN YUNIS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Attack: At 19:25, the Israeli army opened fire from Point 185 on the Green Line towards Palestinian territory east of the area of Khuza'a.
RAFAH	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure of Crossing Points: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Yasser 'Arafat International Airport remains closed. Rafah Crossing is partially open in both directions to passengers holding Palestinian IDs, humanitarian cases, as well as Arab and foreign diplomatic missions. Sufa Crossing is closed. • Attack: At 22:10, the Israeli army opened fire and fired flares from its location on the Green Line near Karm Abu Salim (Karem Shalom) Crossing towards Palestinian territory east of the city of Rafah.

GENERAL

POLITICAL PRISONERS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Administrative Detention: An Israeli military court renewed the order of administrative detention (arrest without charge or trial) against Murad Ahmed 'Ajaj, who has been held under administrative detention for a period of 6 months.
WORK PERMITS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • West Bank: The Israeli authorities issued new work permits to Palestinian workers for crossing the Green Line; however, the number of issued permits is unknown because the Israeli authorities have suspended contacts with the Palestinian employment offices. Additionally, the number of permit-holding workers who were allowed to access areas inside the Green Line is unknown. • Gaza Strip: Valid work permits that have been issued by the Israeli authorities for crossing the Green Line total 11. All the Palestinian workers possessing the valid work permits (11) were allowed to access areas inside the Green Line.