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PALESTINIAN MONITORING GROUP

DAILY SITUATION REPORT

08:00, 16 May 2008 – 08:00, 17 May 2008

SUMMARY OF EVENTS

EVENT	WEST BANK	GAZA STRIP	TOTAL	NOTES
Injuries	---	2	2	2 armed individuals in Northern Gaza
Arrests	6	3	9	Incl. 10 civilians in Rafah
Detentions	15	---	15	At checkpoints & in residential areas
Raids	28	2	30	Incl. 3 in Ramallah & 3 in Jenin
Checkpoints	15	---	15	Incl. stricter measures at 10 checkpoints
Flying Checkpoints	19	---	19	Incl. 2 in Jerusalem & 4 in Ramallah
Attacks	6	5	11	During 5 raids & 4 confrontations
Air Attacks	---	2	2	Drone fires missile in Northern Gaza
Air Patrols	---	6	6	Incl. 2 combat helicopters & 2 drones
Demolition of Property	---	2	2	Israeli army razed agricultural land
Land Leveling	---	2	2	Agricultural land in Northern Gaza
Wall Construction	---	---	---	Suspended for Jewish weekend
Closures	7	---	7	Partial in Jerusalem
Closure of Main Roads	52	---	52	Incl. 10 in Tulkarem & 6 in Nablus
Closure of Crossing Points	---	5	5	Except for humanitarian cases
Settler Violence	2	---	2	Incl. settlers attack civilian houses
Demonstrations	4	---	4	In protest of apartheid wall construction
Palestinian Attacks	---	3	3	Incl. 5 mortars fired at the Green Line
TOTAL	154	32	186	

DISTRICT	EVENTS
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WEST BANK

<p style="text-align: center;">ALL DISTRICTS</p>	<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. • Since 24:00 on May 5, the Israeli army imposed an entire closure on the West Bank on the occasion of the 60th anniversary for the establishment of the state of Israel, and denied civilian access into the city of Jerusalem and the Green Line, except for previously arranged humanitarian cases. The closure will continue until May 17.
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<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. The Israeli army also continued to close the entrances to al-Aqsa Mosque compound in the old city of Jerusalem and impede civilian access to the mosque. • Closure of Main Roads: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) The Israeli army continues to close the entrance opposite the junction to Dahiyat al-Bareed in the city of Jerusalem with a barbed wire gate and to deny civilian access. (ii) The Israeli army continues to close the road connecting Dahiyat al-Bareed to the town of al-Ram in order to complete Wall construction in the area. (iii) The Israeli army continues to close with cement blocks and dirt barricades the entrance to the village of Jaba', which connects the village to the cities of Jerusalem, Ramallah, and Jericho. • Checkpoints: The Israeli army continues to consider Qalandya 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. • Attacks: At 17:10, the Israeli army stationed at Qalandia military checkpoint opened fire and fired tear gas bombs towards civilians under the pretext of stone throwing. • Wall Gates: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) The Israeli army continues to close the Wall gate in the town of Abu Dis with cement blocks. (b) The Israeli army continues to deny civilian access through the Wall gate on al-Shayyah road in the area between the villages of al-Sawahira al-Sharqiya and al-Sawahira al-Gharbiya, only allowing civilians holding Jerusalem IDs to cross, after subjecting them to thorough searches using electronic devices. • Wall Construction: Wall construction was suspended for the Jewish
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	<p>weekend in Dahiyat al-Bareed, Dahiyat al-Aqbat, from the village of Hizma to ‘Anata, along the Hizma-Jaba’ road, the area of al-‘Eizariya to al-Shayyah, 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.</p>
<p>RAMALLAH</p>	<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 dirt barricades the eastern entrance to the village of Sinjil. (ii) The Israeli army continues to close with cement blocks the western entrance to the village of Safa. (iii) The Israeli army continues to close with cement blocks the entrance to the village of Ras Karkar. (iv) The Israeli army continues to close the road connecting the villages of Ras Karkar and Kharbatha Bani Hareth, the western entrance to the village of Ain Yabroud, and the junction of Kafr Malik – Ein Samiah with dirt barricades and cement blocks. • <u>Checkpoints:</u> The Israeli army continues to intensify restrictions at the checkpoint set up on the overpass to the town of ‘Atara and impede civilian access. • <u>Flying Checkpoints:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 14:00, the Israeli army set up a checkpoint on the entrance to the village of Um Safa, and searched civilians and vehicles. (ii) At 19:00, the Israeli army set up a checkpoint on the junction near the Mu’arajjat road east of the town of al-Taybeh, and searched civilians and vehicles until 20:00. (iii) At 22:30, the Israeli army set up a checkpoint on the entrance to the village of Ras Karkar. (iv) The Israeli army set up a checkpoint on the junction of Halmish settlement, and searched civilians and vehicles. • <u>Raids:</u> At 02:00, the Israeli army raided the cities of Ramallah and al-Bireh and patrolled them until 03:30. • <u>Demonstrations:</u> At 13:30, a public march set out in the village of Bil’in, with the participation of international peace activists and supporters, in protest of the apartheid wall construction. • <u>Wall Construction:</u> Wall construction was suspended for the Jewish weekend in the area west of the town of ‘Abud as well as in the areas of al-Midya to Ni’lin and Ni’lin to Deir Qaddis.
<p>JENIN</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Closure of Main Roads:</u> The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the road leading to the town of ‘Arraba east of the settlement of Dotan. • <u>Flying Checkpoints:</u> at 18:00, the Israeli army set up a checkpoint on the entrance to the town of Arraba, and searched civilians and vehicles. • <u>Raids:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 10:30, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the village of Bir al-Pasha. (ii) At 23:30, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the city of Jenin.

	<p>(iii) At 02:00, the Israeli army raided the town of Qabatia, searched 2 civilians houses, and withdrew at 03:15.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Arrests:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) The Israeli army arrested inside the Green Line a civilian called Suleiman Subhi Khamis, from the town of al-Yamon under the pretext of having no permit to work in Israel. (ii) The Israeli army arrested inside the Green line a female civilian called Samira al-Haj Abden Abu Shamla, from the town of Ya'bod, while working inside the Green Line. • <u>Wall Gates:</u> 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.
TOUBAS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Checkpoints:</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 civilians whose IDs indicate that their place of residence is the Northern Jordan Valley. • <u>Raids:</u> At 23:40, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the village of Tayasir.
TULKAREM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Closure:</u> The Israeli army continues to declare the district of Tulkarem a closed military zone and to impede civilian access to and from the district. • <u>Closure of Main Roads:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the Dahiyat Iktaba-Bal'a road; the entrance to the village of Saffarin; the road connecting the town of Deir al Ghusun to 'Attil's plain; the road to the town of Deir al-Ghusun's plain; and the entrance to the village of 'Izbat Abu Khamis. (b) At 20:00, the Israeli army closed the road connecting the villages of Ramin and Bazaria with dirt barricades. (c) At 17:00, the Israeli army closed the northern entrance to the town of 'Azzun with barbed wires. • <u>Checkpoints:</u> The Israeli army continues to intensify restrictions at Einav checkpoint that is set up on Tulkarem-Nablus road and at Jubaa checkpoint. • <u>Flying Checkpoints:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 17:00, the Israeli army set up a checkpoint on the junction of the village of al-Jaroushiyyeh, and searched civilians and vehicles. (ii) At 23:10, the Israeli army set up a checkpoint on the junction of the suburb of Iktaba in the city of Tulkarem. • <u>Raids:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 20:00, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the towns of Zeita and 'Atil. (ii) At 21:45, the Israeli army raided the refugee camp of Nour Shams in the city of Tulkarem, searched a number of civilian houses, and handed 3 civilians notifications to report to the Israeli military intelligence. • <u>Wall Gates:</u> 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.

<p style="text-align: center;">QALQILYA</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Closure of Roads:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) The Israeli army continues to close with cement blocks the agricultural roads east of the town of ‘Azzun (ii) The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the road connecting the town of ‘Azzun to the village of ‘Asla. (iii) At 21:00, the Israeli army removed the dirt barricades in the road that connects the town of ‘Azzun and the village of Izbet al-Tabib. • <u>Checkpoints:</u> The Israeli army continues to intensify restrictions at the checkpoint that is set up at the eastern entrance to the city of Qalqilya and impede civilian access. • <u>Flying Checkpoints:</u> At 19:15, the Israeli army set up a checkpoint on the entrance to the village of Habla, and searched civilians and vehicles. • <u>Raids:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 11:00, the Israeli army raided the town of ‘Azzun and set up a checkpoint on its southern entrance. (ii) At 14:15, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the city of Qalqilya, and set up a checkpoint. (iii) At 20:30, the Israeli army raided the town of Jayyous and patrolled it until 21:00. • <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> Land leveling for Wall construction was suspended for the Jewish weekend in villages of Immatin and Kafr Laqif as well as east of the towns of Kafr Thulth and ‘Azzun.
<p style="text-align: center;">NABLUS</p>	<p><u>Closure of Main Roads:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) The Israeli army continues to close the Jenin-Nablus road between the junction to the village of Deir Sharaf and the settlement of Shavei Shomron. (ii) The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the settler bypass road connecting the village of Deir al-Hatab to the settlement of Alon Moreh as well as the southern entrance to the village of Qaryut. (iii) The Israeli army continues to close the entrance to the village of al Lubban al-Sharqiya with dirt barricades and cement blocks. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <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 neighborhood 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) Beit Furik checkpoint is open to civilian residents of the town of Beit Furik and the nearby village of Beit Dajan. (iii) Beginning on 23 November 2006, the Israeli army continues to close the checkpoint set up in the area between the city of Nablus and the town

	<p>of 'Asira al-Shamaliya and to prevent civilians from crossing, only allowing access to humanitarian cases.</p> <p>(iv) At 10:00, the Israeli army reopened the checkpoint connecting the city of Nablus and the town of Aseera al-Shimaliyyeh.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Raids:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 10:40, the Israeli army raided the village of Burqa and clashed with civilians during patrol. (ii) At 20:00, the Israeli army raided the village of Aryout and arrested 3 civilians, including 2 children. (iii) At 03:00, the Israeli army raided the city of Nablus and raided it until 04:00. • <u>Arrests:</u> The 3 civilian arrested in the village of Qaryout are: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) Rabi' Jacer Hassan, 15; (b) Ahmad Usama Badawi, 15; and (c) Muemen Mousa Sabah. • <u>Settler Violence:</u> At 18:05, a bunch of settlers entered the village of Aseera al-Shimaliyyeh and stoned the house of a civilian called Kamal Yussef Saleh.
SALFIT	<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 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 entrance to the village of Marda and Hares. In addition, the Israeli army continues to close the eastern entrance to the village of Yassouf and the southern entrance to the village of Deir Istiyya with dirt barricades, as well as the southern entrance to the town of Kafl hares and the 2 northern entrances to the town of Bruqin and the village of Qarawa Bani Hassan. (iii) At 21:50, the Israeli army removed the dirt barricade set up at the western entrance to the village of Marda. • <u>Checkpoints:</u> The Israeli army continues to intensify its restrictions at Deir Ballut and Za'tara checkpoints and prevent civilian vehicles from traveling towards the town of Kafr al-Dik. At 17:00, the Israeli army closed Za'tara checkpoint and impeded traffic upon the arrest of a civilian under the pretext of finding a suspicious object with him. The checkpoint was reopened at 17:40. • <u>Raids:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 10:40, the Israeli army raided the town of Bidya and patrolled it until 12:00. (ii) At 15:30, the Israeli army raided the village of Sarta and patrolled it until 16:00. • <u>Wall Construction:</u> Wall construction was suspended for the Jewish weekend continues in the area northwest of the city of Salfit, and in the village of Marda and the town of Kafr Hares north of the settlement of Ariel.

JERICHO	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure: 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. • Checkpoints: 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. • Arrests: At 12:15, the Israeli army arrested at al-Karama (Allenby) Crossing a civilian called Ghaleb Abdel Jalil Ideis from the city of Hebron while he was on his way to Jordan.
BETHLEHEM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (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) Since September 15, 2007, the Israeli army has been preventing civilian access, according to military order 07.02.S, to the 22-dunum land that has been confiscated in accordance with confiscation order number 07.31.T. The 22-dunum area has been set to construct a passage in the area of Mazmouriyyeh that is located in the cities of Beit Sahur and Bethlehem. • Closure of Main Roads: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) 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. (ii) At 12:50, the Israeli army closed the road that connects the city of Beir Sahour and the area of ‘Ush Ghurab with dirt barricades. • Flying Checkpoints: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 08:55, the Israeli army set up a checkpoint on the entrance to the village of al-Shawawreh, and searched civilians and vehicles. (ii) At 11:15, the Israelia rmy set up a checkpoint on al-Nashash junction (southern entrance to the city of Bethlehem), and searched civilians and vehicles. (iii) At 20:05, the Israeli army set up a checkpoint near the debris of Ush Ghurab military camp east of the city of Beit Sahour, and searched civilians and vehicles until 21:40. • Raids: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 13:20, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the city of Beit Jala. (ii) At 16:25, the Israeli army raided the village of Deir Salah and set up a checkpoint. The raid recurred at 23:00 during which the Israeli army set up a checkpoint and searched civilians and vehicles. (iii) At 23:00, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the town of al-Khader. (iv) At 00:15, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the town of Beit

	<p>Fajjar.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Settler Violence:</u> At 10:05, a bunch of settlers entered the debris of Ush Ghurab military camp east of the city of Beit Sahour and raised the Israeli flag. The Israeli army evacuated the settlers. • <u>Demonstrations:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 11:30, a public march set out with the participation of international peace activists and supporters in the village of al-Maasara in protest of the apartheid wall construction. (ii) At 12:30, a public march set out in the town of al-Khader and marchers held Friday noon prayer on land threatened with confiscation. (iii) At 13:15, a public march set out with the participation of international peace activists and supporters in the city of Beit Sahour and civilian marchers headed towards the debris of the previously evacuated Ish Gurab military camp. • <u>Wall Construction:</u> Wall construction was suspended for the Jewish weekend in the area northwest of the town of al-Khader; northwest of the city of Beit Jala; in the area of Wadi Rahhal east of the settlement of Ephrata; and in the area surrounding the village of al-Walaja.
<p style="text-align: center;">HEBRON</p>	<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: al-Shuhada' Street and the area of al-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 al-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) Although it expired on 07 May 2006, the Israeli army continues to implement a military order stipulating the prohibition of civilian vehicles from traveling along the road connecting the settlement of Kiryat Arba' to the Ibrahimi Mosque in the old city of Hebron unless they possess access permits. • <u>Closure of Main Roads:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the following locales: the entrance to the town of al-Samoa'; the area of al-Hawawir leading to the town of Halhoul; 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 road connecting the town of Surif to the village of al-Jab'a; the entrance to the village of Beit 'Einun; and the eastern entrance to the village of Kharsa. The Israeli army also continues to close with cement blocks the entrance to al-Qeisi neighborhood in the old city of Hebron as well as the main entrance to al-'Arroub refugee camp.

	<p>(ii) In accordance with Military Order # 378, the Israeli army continues to prohibit Palestinian vehicles from traveling along Shalala Old Street that leads to the old city of Hebron, only allowing Israeli vehicles as well as Israeli army vehicles to travel along this street.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Raids: <p>(i) At 12:30, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the city of Hebron. The raid recurred at 21:30.</p> <p>(ii) At 00:05, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the town of Tafouh</p> <p>(iii) At 01:30, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the town of Beit Kahel.</p> <p>(iv) At 02:30, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the town of Halhoul.</p> • Attacks: At 12:00, the Israeli army fired on Hebron – Bethlehem main road alongside the refugee amp of al-Arroub rubber coated bullets and tear gas bombs toward children under the pretext of stone throwing. • Wall Construction: Wall construction was suspended for the Jewish weekend in the section of Tarqumiya checkpoint terminal, the remaining section of the Wall route that separates the settlement of Eshkolot from the village of al-Ramadin, and near the village of Imneizil southeast of the town of Yatta.
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GAZA STRIP

<p style="text-align: center;">NORTHERN GAZA</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure of Crossing Point: Beit Hanoun (Erez) Crossing is partially open (to allow previously coordinated humanitarian access). • Raids: At dawn May 17, the Israeli army has been raiding east of the town of Jabalia. The Israeli army opened fire intensively and fired tank bombs towards civilian houses. In addition, Israeli troops raids agricultural land, and green houses. • Attacks: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 23:30, the Israeli army fired tank missiles from its posts inside the Green Line towards armed individuals near the town of Sheikh Zayed east of the town of Beit Lahia. (ii) At dawn on May 17, the Israeli army opened fire towards fishing boats in the area of al-Soudaniyyeh north-west of the town of Beit Lahia. • Air Attacks: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 13:30, an Israeli drone fired 1 missile towards armed individuals east of the city of sheikh Zayed north-east of the town of Beit Lahia. (ii) At 15:40, an Israeli drone fired 1 missile towards armed individuals in the area of Tel Qleibo east of the town of Beit Lahia and seriously injured 2 armed individuals. • Palestinian Attacks: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 18:20, two unidentified mortars were fired towards the
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	<p>Green Line.</p> <p>(ii) In the evening of May 17, two unidentified mortars were fired towards the Green Line.</p> <p>(iii) At dawn on May 17, one unidentified mortar was fired towards the Green Line.</p>
GAZA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Closure of Crossing Points:</u> (i) Al-Muntar (Karni) Crossing is closed. (ii) Al-Shuja'iyah (Nahal 'Oz) Crossing is partly open to let in limited amounts of fuel.
RAFAH	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Closure of Crossing Points: (All closed)</u> (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) is closed. • <u>Raids:</u> At dawn in May 17, the Israeli army raided the area of al-Shokeh and Arafat International Airport east of the city of Rafah, opened fire towards civilian houses, searched a number of civilian houses, arrested 3 civilians and clashed with armed individuals. • <u>Arrests:</u> The 3 civilians arrested in the area of al-Shokeh and Arafat International airport have not been identified.