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PALESTINIAN MONITORING GROUP

DAILY SITUATION REPORT

08:00 17 May 2004 – 08:00 18 May 2004

SUMMARY OF EVENTS

EVENT	WEST BANK	GAZA STRIP	TOTAL	NOTES
Deaths	2	16	18	Incl. 13 in Rafah & 1 child
Physical Assault	1	—	1	Child
Injuries	1	23	24	
Air Attacks	—	5	5	13 killed in 4 air attacks
Attacks	6	5	11	
Raids	35	4	39	Incl. raid on office, Ramallah
Air Patrols	1	6	7	Incl. during attacks in Gaza
Arrests (per person)	24	1	25	Incl. 1 child
Detention	1	—	1	
House Demolitions	3	2	5	
Land Levelling	—	2	2	
Wall Construction	14	—	14	Jer'lm, Ramallah, Jenin, Beth.
House Occupations	(2)	(Many)	(Many)	
Curfews	3	—	3	Huwwara, Burin, Silwad
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	
Attack on Religious Sites	2	1	3	Incl. air attack on mosque
Attack on Ambulances	—	7	7	7 ambulances fired upon
School Disruption	1	1	2	
Settler Violence	5	—	5	Incl. opened fire at civilians
Demonstrations	—	2	2	
TOTAL	99	80	179	

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. • Raids: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 01:45, the Israeli army raided Qalandiya refugee camp, opened indiscriminate fire, searched several houses and arrested 1 civilian. (ii) The Israeli army raided the village of Beit Surik and arrested 3 unidentified civilians. (iii) The Israeli army raided the village of Hizma and attempted to demolish 2 houses belonging to Ribhi Abu Khalil and Tariq Al Khatib. The house demolitions were postponed until 1 June 2004 after intervention by the house owner's lawyer. • Arrest: The Israeli army arrested Muhammad Sa'id Abed Al Nabi in Qalandiya refugee camp.
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/Curfew: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Beginning at 06:15 on 17 May 2004, the Israeli army remains positioned in the town of Silwad and continues to impose curfew. Confrontations took place between civilians and the Israeli army, during which the Israeli army killed 1 civilian.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> (ii) At 09:30, the Israeli army raided the village of Kafr 'Ein, searched 1 house and arrested 1 civilian. At 18:20, confrontations took place between the Israeli army and civilians. At 01:00 the Israeli army raided the area again and searched 1 house. (iii) At 22:50, the Israeli army raided the town of Beituniya and severely beat 1 civilian, who was transferred to hospital for his injuries. (iv) At 23:30, the Israeli army raided the city of El Bireh and opened indiscriminate fire. (v) At 00:50, the Israeli army raided the cities of Ramallah and El Bireh, arrested 2 civilians and raided the offices of Ansar al Sajeen. (vi) At 03:00, the Israeli army raided the village of Arura, searched several houses and arrested 2 civilians. • <u>Killing:</u> The Israeli army killed Muhammad Shehadeh Hamid in the town of Silwad. • <u>Arrests:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) The Israeli army arrested Mu'tadil Mahmoud Dughra in the town of Kafr 'Ein. (ii) The Israeli army arrested 2 civilians in Ramallah and El Bireh, including Loay Ahmad Qur'an. <p>The Israeli army arrested 2 civilians from the village of Arura:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (iii) Nael Abdul Jabbar Nimer; and (iv) Mahmoud Suleiman Farana. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Settler Violence:</u> At 22:10, an Israeli settler opened fire towards a civilian in the village of Al Janiya, injuring the civilian.
JENIN	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Closure:</u> 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. • <u>Wall Gates:</u> 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. • <u>Wall Construction:</u> Construction of the Wall continues south of Jalbun towards Al Mutilla, Raba, Al Mughayyir, Bardala and 'Ein al Beida and towards the Jordan River. • <u>Raids:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 12:30, the Israeli army raided the town of Silat Al Dhaher and opened fire towards school students. (ii) At 16:15, the Israeli army raided the town of Tubas and searched 1 house. (iii) At 18:00, the Israeli army raided the town of Tammun and searched 1 house.

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 01:50, the Israeli army raided Aza refugee camp and searched 1 house before withdrawing. (ii) At 02:30, the Israeli army raided the town of Al Khadr and the village of Artas and patrolled the area. (iii) At 02:40, the Israeli army raided Duheisha refugee camp.
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. • Attack: At 22:00, the Israeli army opened intensive fire from the settlement of Enav towards the area surrounding the settlement. • Raids: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 10:00, the Israeli army raided Tulkarem refugee camp and occupied 2 civilian houses. At 23:50, the Israeli army searched several houses and arrested 1 civilian. (ii) At 12:00, the Israeli army raided the village of Qaffin, searched 1 house and arrested 2 civilians, including 1 Tawjihi student. (iii) At 16:15, the Israeli army raided the village of Seida. (iv) At 22:45, the Israeli army raided the city of Tulkarem, opened indiscriminate fire, raided several civilian houses and 1 mosque, took position in several areas in the city, and arrested 1 civilian.

	<p>(v) At 02:25, the Israeli army raided Nur Shams refugee camp, searched several houses using police dogs, and arrested 3 civilians, including 1 child. The Israeli army withdrew at 05:00.</p> <p>(vi) At 06:00, the Israeli army raided the village of Qaffin and arrested 4 civilians.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Air Patrol: At 15:00, Israeli reconnaissance aircraft patrolled the skies over the district of Tulkarem. • Arrests: The Israeli army arrested 1 civilian in Tulkarem refugee camp: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Rayiq Na'im Tambuz. <p>The Israeli army arrested 6 civilians in the village of Qaffin:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (ii) Ahmad Riyad Al Khatib, a student; (iii) Mahmoud Raja Al Khatib; (iv) Osama Adnan Amarna; and (v) Ahmad Ibrahim Amarna; (vi) Muhammad Hussein Amarna; and (vii) Muhammad Riyad Harsha. <p>The Israeli army arrested 1 civilian in the city of Tulkarem:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (viii) Odey Husni Abu Ahmad. <p>The Israeli army arrested 3 civilians in Nur Shams refugee camp:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (ix) Ahmad Muhammad Azab, 17 years old; (x) Ziyad Muhammad Azab; and (xi) Musa Muhammad Azab.
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. • Raids/Curfew: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 11:15, the Israeli army raided the town of Huwwara and the village of Burin and imposed curfew. (ii) At 02:30, the Israeli army raided the city of Nablus, opened intensive fire, killing 1 civilian, and arrested 2 civilians. • Killing: The Israeli army killed Nidal Abdul Rahman Akasha in the city of Nablus. • Arrests: The Israeli army arrested 2 civilians in the city of Nablus: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Talal Shuqeidif; and (ii) Said Tabanja. • Settler Violence: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 11:00, a group of Israeli settlers, protected by the Israeli army, attacked civilian houses in the village of Burin with stones and set fire to cultivated land. (ii) At 10:30, a group of Israeli settlers from the settlement of Yizhar attacked with stones civilian vehicles travelling on the settler by pass road near the settlement.

<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 11:00, the Israeli army raided the city of Hebron and its suburbs and patrolled the area. (ii) At 06:00, the Israeli army raided the town of Beit Ummar. (iii) The Israeli army raided the area of Arab Al Ramadin and demolished 3 houses, claiming that the structures were built without a license. (iv) The Israeli army raided the town of Tarqumiya, searched 1 house belonging to Na'im Tiniya, stole jewellery and arrested 2 of his sons. • Arrests: The Israeli army arrested 2 civilians in the town of Tarqumiya: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Fadi Naim Teniya; and (ii) Ghazi Naim Teniya. • Detention: The Israeli army raided the house of Firyal Abu Heikal, a female civilian, in Tel Al Rumeida in the old city of Hebron and detained all members of the family in 1 room. • House Demolitions: The Israeli army demolished 3 houses in the area of Arab Al Ramadin belonging to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Yusif Al Jammain; (ii) Dhiyab Al Jammain; and (iii) Musa Al Jammain. • Obstruction of Worship: The Israeli army continues to prohibit the call to prayers from loud speakers at the Ibrahimi Mosque in the city of Hebron.
<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. • Raid: At 12:00, the Israeli army raided the village of Azzun and patrolled the area.
<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. • Raid: At 11:30, the Israeli army dispatched troops from helicopters into the area between the villages of Khirbet Qeis and Ammuriya. The troops were picked up by the Israeli army at 14:00.

GAZA STRIP

NORTHERN GAZA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure: Beit Hanoun crossing is closed. • Demonstration: At 19:20, a mass demonstration took place in Jabalya refugee camp in solidarity with civilians in the Rafah district.
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. • Attack: At 22:30, an Israeli naval boat fired 1 missile towards the area of Al Sudaniya. • Killings: The corpses of 3 civilians were found south of the Muntar crossing. The civilians were killed during an Israeli army attack in the area at 22:40 on 16 May 2004. The civilians were identified as: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Abdul Aziz Al Kilani; (ii) Mas'ad Al Sawarka; and (iii) Ibrahim Shahin. • Demonstration: At 13:10, civilians and journalists demonstrated in front of the offices of Al Risala newspaper in protest against Israeli army air attacks on the newspaper's headquarters.
CENTRAL GAZA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Activities not yet reported.
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 14:30, the Israeli army closed the road between Al Matahin and Abu Holi checkpoints, searched vehicles, examined civilian IDs, and arrested 1 civilian, Antar Al Astal. At 19:30, and again at 20:30, the Israeli army closed 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. • Air Attacks: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 01:15, Israeli army helicopters fired missiles into a crowd of civilians and at houses in Block O or Rafah refugee camp, killing 3

	<p>civilians and injuring 6 others.</p> <p>(ii) At 03:50, Israeli army helicopters fired missiles and opened fire towards civilian houses west of Tall as Sultan neighbourhood, injuring 2 civilians. At 04:20, missiles were fired at 1 mosque, killing 4 worshippers and injuring 15 others as they were conducting morning prayers.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Raids:</u> <p>(i) Beginning at 12:15 on 17 May 2004, the Israeli army continues to raid the area of Al Atatra, levelled cultivated land, opened intensive fire, and demolished 1 house. Israeli helicopters fired missiles at the area.</p> <p>(ii) At 14:45, the Israeli army, including 118 tanks, raided Palestinian Territory near Tall as Sultan and Tall Zu'rob. Israeli snipers took position on the roofs of several civilian apartment buildings. The Israeli army opened intensive fire, and Israeli army helicopters fired missiles towards civilian houses, killing 6 civilians, and destroyed the electrical network, leading to a power blackout. The Israeli army demolished 1 house.</p> <p>(iii) At 00:15, the Israeli army, including 11 tanks and 4 bulldozers and supported by helicopters, raided Palestinian Territory near Al Barazil neighbourhood, opened intensive fire towards civilian houses, levelled cultivated land, and detained 7 ambulances after damaging them by live fire.</p> • <u>Killings:</u> The Israeli army killed a total of 13 civilians, including 1 child, during air attacks on the city of Rafah and Rafah refugee camp: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Muhammad Jasir Al Sha'er, 17 years old; (ii) Ibrahim Al Bal'awi (iii) Imad Al Maghari, an officer; (iv) Tariq Al Sheikh 'Eid; (v) Hani Qaffa; (vi) Muhammad Al Nawaj'a; (vii) Muhammad Al Jundi; (viii) Walid Abu Jazar; (ix) Muhammad Darwish; (x) Ziyad Shabaneh; (xi) Mahmoud Abu Toqe; (xii) Ahmad Jasir Al Sha'er; and (xiii) Sa'id Al Mugheir. • <u>House Demolitions:</u> <p>(i) The Israeli army demolished 1 house in the area of Al Atatra belonging to Muhammad Al Attar.</p> <p>(ii) The Israeli army demolished 1 house in the neighbourhood of Tall as Sultan belonging to Jum'a Al Alkhras.</p> • <u>School Disruption:</u> Schools in the district of Rafah were closed due to the ongoing Israeli attacks in the area.
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