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PALESTINIAN MONITORING GROUP

DAILY SITUATION REPORT
08:00 18 May 2005 – 08:00 19 May 2005

SUMMARY OF EVENTS

EVENT	WEST BANK	GAZA STRIP	TOTAL	NOTES
Death	—	1	1	1 civilian of injuries sustained
Injuries	—	2	2	During an air attack in Khan Yunis
Air Attack	—	1	1	1 UAV missile on a civilian crowd
Attacks	2	6	8	Incl. 1 from mil. posts & 1 by settlers
Raids	15	1	16	Incl. 5 in Ramallah & 1 in Rafah
Air Patrols	1	1	2	Incl. helicopters over Jericho
Arrests (per person)	6	—	6	Incl. 1 child and 1 Palestinian officer
Detentions	9	—	9	At checkpoints & in residential comp.
Land Levelling	—	1	1	Near Egyptian border in Rafah RC
Wall Construction	23	—	23	Incl. Jer., Jenin, Ram'lah, Beth., Salfit
Destruction of Property	1	—	1	1 vehicle windshield in Marda
Checkpoints	(All)	—	(All)	
Flying Checkpoints	18	—	18	Incl. 4 in Ramallah & 4 in Salfit
Closure (per District)	5	—	5	Incl. Jerusalem and Jericho (partially)
Closure of Main Roads	(Unidentified)	(9)	—	Incl. 3 partially
Closure of Wall Gates	(All)	—	(All)	Incl. searches at 'Azzun 'Atma
Closure of Crossing Points	—	3	3	Incl. 1 partially open
Settler Violence	3	—	3	Incl. the village of Kafr Qalil raided
Provocation of Pal. Forces	—	1	1	Open fire towards 2 Pal. locations
Palestinian Attacks	1	22	23	Incl. 24 Qassam mortars
Pal. Security Measures	1	3	4	Incl. attempts to fire mortars blocked
TOTAL	85	42	127	

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 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: At 23:45, 'Aed 'Aref Hallas, 14 years old, was reported to have been arrested by Israeli troops positioned at Qalandiya checkpoint and transported to Ketziot Military Detention Camp.
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. Flying Checkpoints: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> At 23:10, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the junction to Al Jalazun refugee camp in the centre of the village of Jifna and searched civilians and vehicles. The Israeli army set up 2 flying checkpoints at the entrances to the villages of Shuqba and Qibya and searched civilians and vehicles. Raids: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> At 07:30 on 18 May 2005, an Israeli army patrol raided the village of Deir Ghassana and patrolled the area. At 08:00, the Israeli army, including 3 jeeps, raided the village of Mazari' an Nubani, set up a flying checkpoint on the junction to the

	<p>village of ‘Ajjul, and patrolled the area.</p> <p>(iii) At 09:15, the Israeli army, including 3 jeeps, raided the city of Ramallah. At 12:15, and again at 00:30, the Israeli army raided the city again and patrolled several neighbourhoods. At 02:50, the Israeli army withdrew from the area.</p>
JENIN	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wall Gates: Passage through the Wall gates is restricted to civilians granted special Israeli permits. • Wall Construction: 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. • Arrest: Israeli troops positioned at Tayasir checkpoint arrested ‘Ayed Faze’. • Palestinian Attack: At 21:00, armed Palestinian individuals opened fire towards the settlement of Kadim. The Israeli army responded by opening fire towards Palestinian territory east of the city of Jenin.
TULKAREM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wall Gates: Passage through the Wall gates is restricted to civilians granted special Israeli permits. • Flying Checkpoint: At 13:20, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to the village of Qaffin and searched civilians and vehicles. • Raid: At 11:00, the Israeli army, including 2 jeeps, raided Dahiyat Shuweika and searched a number of commercial shops.
QALQILYA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wall Gates: <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 restrictions at ‘Azzun ‘Atma Wall gate and search civilians with a metal detector. • Flying Checkpoints: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) The Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to the town of ‘Azzun and arrested 2 civilians. (ii) The Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint near the village of ‘Izbat at Tabib along the Qalqiliya-Nablus main road and searched civilians and vehicles. • Raids: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) The Israeli army, including 4 jeeps, raided and patrolled the towns of ‘Azzun and Kafr Thulth. (ii) The Israeli army raided and patrolled the village of Baqat al Hatab. • Arrest: Israeli troops positioned at the flying checkpoint set up at the entrance to the town of ‘Azzun arrested 2 unidentified civilians. • Palestinian Security Measures: At 15:45, Palestinian security forces handed over 1 illegal vehicle, confiscated in the city of Qalqiliya, to the Israeli authorities (through the DCO).

<p style="text-align: center;">NABLUS</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Flying Checkpoint:</u> At 15:30, Israeli Special Forces set up a flying checkpoint near the junction to the village of Kafr Qalil at the entrance to the city of Nablus, arrested 1 civilian, and searched civilians and vehicles traveling in both directions. • <u>Raid:</u> At 02:30, the Israeli army, including 7 jeeps, raided the area of the Northern Mountain in the city of Nablus and patrolled the area until 04:45. • <u>Arrest:</u> Israeli Special Forces positioned at the flying checkpoint near the junction to the village of Kafr Qalil at the entrance to the city of Nablus arrested 1 unidentified civilian. • <u>Settler Violence:</u> At 01:50, a group of Israeli settlers raided the village of Kafr Qalil and opened indiscriminate fire as they attempted to raid the house of Nidhal Sayel. The Israeli army raided the village to evacuate the settlers.
<p style="text-align: center;">SALFIT</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Closure of Main Road:</u> 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. • <u>Checkpoint:</u> At 16:00, the Israeli army closed the town of Deir Ballut checkpoint, preventing civilians from crossing in both directions. • <u>Wall Construction:</u> Wall construction continues in the town of Deir Ballut near the Green Line and in the villages of Az Zawiya and Rafat. • <u>Flying Checkpoints:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 14:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint near the overpass to the village of Iskaka and searched civilians and vehicles. (ii) At 16:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the overpass to the village of Az Zawiya, searched civilians and vehicles, and prevented civilians from exiting the village. (iii) At 16:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint between the villages of Az Zawiya and Rafat and searched civilians and vehicles. • <u>Raids/Destruction of Property:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 02:30, the Israeli army, including 2 jeeps, raided the area between the villages of ‘Ammuriya and Khirbet Qeis, set up a checkpoint, and searched civilians and vehicles. (ii) The Israeli army raided the village of Marda and broke the windshield of a vehicle belonging to Zuhdi Mansour.
<p style="text-align: center;">JERICHO</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Closure:</u> 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. • <u>Flying Checkpoint:</u> At 14:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint along Al Mu’arrajat road and searched civilians and vehicles. • <u>Air Patrol:</u> At 23:10, Israeli army helicopters patrolled the skies over the city of Jericho.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Settler Violence: At 08:45, and again at 11:15, a group of Israeli settlers from the settlement of Mitzpe Yericho threw stones at civilian vehicles traveling along the Jericho-Jerusalem main road, thereby obstructing civilian movement in both directions.
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. • Flying Checkpoint: The Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to the village of Al 'Asakira and searched civilians and vehicles. • Raids/Detentions: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 09:00, an Israeli army patrol raided the village of Dar Salah, set up a checkpoint, searched civilians and vehicles, arrested 1 civilian, and detained 2 civilians for an extended period of time before releasing them. (ii) At 11:25, an Israeli army patrol raided the town of Al Khadr, set up a checkpoint, searched civilian vehicles, and detained over 30 civilians until 12:00. • Arrest: Israeli troops positioned at the flying checkpoint set up at the entrance to the village of Dar Salah arrested Ahmed Abu Haniyyeh.
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. • Flying Checkpoints: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) The Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to the town of Kharas and searched civilians and vehicles. (ii) The Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint in the area of An Nabi Yunis at the entrance to the town of Halhul, searched civilian vehicles, and impeded civilian movement. • Detention: At 17:00, the Israeli army detained Munir Mohammed Al Fakhouri, while he was driving his vehicle in the area of Wadi al Hariyyah in the city of Hebron, led him to the settlement of Hagai, and released him at a later time.

GAZA STRIP

<p style="text-align: center;">NORTHERN GAZA</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure: Beit Hanun (Erez) Crossing is partially open (to humanitarian cases and VIPs only). • Attack: At 18:30, the Israeli army opened fire from its location in the vicinity of the settlement of Dugit towards civilians in the area of Al Waha northwest of the town of Beit Lahiya. • Palestinian Attacks: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 16:50, 1 Qassam mortar was fired towards the Green Line. (ii) At 18:50, 2 Qassam mortars were fired towards the settlement of Dugit. 1 mortar exploded in the air. (iii) At 21:00, 2 unidentified mortars were fired towards the settlement of Dugit. (iv) At 22:15, 1 unidentified mortar was fired towards the settlement of Dugit. (v) At 22:30, 2 unidentified mortars were fired towards the settlement of Dugit. (vi) At 23:40, 1 unidentified mortar was fired towards the Green Line. (vii) At 07:50, 1 unidentified mortar was fired towards the Green Line. • Palestinian Security Measures: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 17:10, Palestinian security forces blocked an attempt by armed Palestinian individuals to fire 1 mortar from the area surrounding the town of Beit Lahiya. (ii) At 17:15, Palestinian security forces blocked an attempt by armed Palestinian individuals to fire 1 mortar from the area of As Sikka in Jabalya refugee camp.
<p style="text-align: center;">GAZA</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Nitsareem Junction remains closed. (ii) Ash Shuhada' Junction-Al Muntar Crossing road is closed. (iii) Al Muntar (Karnei) Crossing is closed. • Attack/Provocation of Palestinian Forces: At 21:40, the Israeli army fired 5 tank shells towards 2 Palestinian National Security locations in the area of Sheikh 'Ajlin, south of Gaza city. • Palestinian Attacks: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 17:15, 1 unidentified mortar was fired towards the settlement of Nitsareem. (ii) At 17:50, 3 Qassam mortars were fired towards the settlement of Nitsareem.
<p style="text-align: center;">CENTRAL GAZA</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Palestinian Attacks: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 18:15, 2 mortars were fired towards the settlement of Nitsareem. (ii) At 22:10, 1 mortar was fired towards the Green Line, but landed on Palestinian territory.

	<p>(iii) At 23:00, 4 Qassam mortars were fired towards the Green Line.</p>
KHAN YUNIS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Closure:</u> <ul 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 (At 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. • <u>Air Attack:</u> At 19:55, an Israeli army UAV fired 1 missile towards a civilian crowd in An Namsawi neighbourhood in the city of Khan Yunis, seriously injuring 1 civilian (whose legs were amputated as a result). The injured civilian died of injuries sustained after he was transported to hospital. 2 other civilians were also injured during the attack. • <u>Killing:</u> The Israeli army killed Ahmed Shahwan in An Namsawi neighbourhood. • <u>Palestinian Attacks:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 14:35, 2 mortars were fired towards the settlement of Neve Dekalim. (ii) At 16:10, 5 mortars were fired towards the settlement of Neve Dekalim. (iii) At 16:40, 5 mortars were fired towards the settlement of Ganei Tal. (iv) At 16:40, 4 Qassam mortars were fired towards the settlement of Gadid. (v) At 17:10, 1 Qassam mortar was fired towards the settlement of Gadid. (vi) At 18:20, 3 Qassam mortars were fired towards the settlement of Gadid. 1 mortar exploded in the air. (vii) At 00:15, 2 Qassam mortars were fired towards the settlement of Gadid. (viii) At 01:25, 2 Qassam mortars were fired towards the settlement of Neve Dekalim. • <u>Palestinian Security Measures:</u> At 18:50, a Palestinian security patrol blocked an attempt by armed Palestinian individuals to fire 8 mortars from the vicinity of the An Namsawi neighbourhood.
RAFAH	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Closure:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Yasser Arafat International Airport remains closed. (ii) Al Mawasi/Rafah road is partially open. (iii) Alon – Tall as Sultan checkpoint, at the entrance to Al Mawasi/Rafah, south of the city of Deir al Balah, is partially open. • <u>Attacks:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 09:40, the Israeli army opened fire from its locations at Points 8 and 10 along the Egyptian border towards Palestinian territory in the

	<p>neighbourhood of Yabna and the area surrounding Tall Zu'rub neighbourhood in Rafah refugee camp.</p> <p>(ii) At 19:15, the Israeli army opened fire from its location at Point 8 along the Egyptian border towards Palestinian territory in the neighbourhood of Yabna in Rafah refugee camp.</p> <p>(iii) At 00:20, the Israeli army fired 1 tank shell from its location at Point 7 along the Egyptian border towards the area surrounding Salah ad Din gate.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Raid/Land Levelling:</u> At 08:30, an Israeli army bulldozer raided 20 meters into Palestinian territory near Point 9 along the Egyptian border opposite Bloc (J) in Rafah refugee camp and levelled land. • <u>Palestinian Attacks:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 14:20, 2 mortars were fired towards the settlement of Morag. (ii) At 03:00, 2 Qassam mortars were fired towards the settlement of Rafiah Yam.
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GENERAL

<p>WORK PERMITS</p>	<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, none of the workers were allowed access to the Industrial Zones. (ii) Israeli authorities renewed 5,698 work permits for workers to cross the Green Line. However, none of the workers were allowed access into the Green Line. (iii) Israeli authorities issued permits for 1,389 workers to stay overnight inside the Green Line.
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