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PALESTINIAN MONITORING GROUP

DAILY SITUATION REPORT 08:00 18 May 2007 – 08:00 19 May 2007

SUMMARY OF EVENTS

EVENT	WEST BANK	GAZA STRIP	TOTAL	NOTES
Deaths	_	2	2	2 armed Palestinian individuals, Gaza
Physical Assaults	4	_	4	Several civilians beaten in Hebron
Injuries	10	6	16	Incl. 1 civilian in critical condition
Air Attacks	_	5	5	3 by F16 aircraft & 2 by helicopters
Attacks	4	9	13	Incl. 2 in raids & 6 from military posts
Raids	24	5	29	Incl. 7 in Hebron & 4 in Northern Gaza
Air Patrols	_	7	7	4 by helicopters & 3 by F16 aircraft
Arrests (per person)	10	_	10	Incl. 1 child & 2 Pal. security officers
Detentions	19	_	19	Incl. 1 child used as a human shield
Destruction of Property	_	4	4	Incl. 2 blacksmiths' workshops in Gaza
Confiscation of Property	1	_	1	A piece of weapon in Kafr Dan, Jenin
House Occupations	2	_	2	Converted into posts, Nablus & Hebron
Closure of Checkpoints	16	_	16	Incl. access impeded at 9 checkpoints
Flying Checkpoints	9	_	9	Incl. 2 in Jerusalem and 3 in Jenin
Closure (per District)	6	_	6	Incl. Jerusalem and Tulkarem partially
Closure of Main Roads	38	_	38	Incl. 3 in Jerusalem & 4 in Nablus
Closure of Crossing Points	_	6	6	Incl. Beit Hanun (Erez) partially
Provocation of Pal. Forces	1		1	Taking position near a Pal. security post
Palestinian Attacks	2	12	14	Incl. 19 mortars fired towards Green Line
Demonstrations	4		4	Against the Wall & land confiscation
TOTAL	150	56	206	

DISTRICT EVENT

WEST BANK

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ALL DISTRICTS	• 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.	
JERUSALEM	Closure: The Israeli army intensified its restrictions at checkpoints located at the entrances to the city of Jerusalem, set up several checkpoints in the old city of Jerusalem and around the Al Aqsa Mosque compound, and prevented civilians from accessing the mosque to perform Friday prayers. As a result, civilians were forced to perform Friday prayers along main streets, roads, and in the area surrounding the old city of Jerusalem. Closure of Main Roads: 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. The Israeli army continues to close the road connecting Dahiyat al Bareed to the town of Ar Ram in order to complete Wall construction in the area. The Israeli army continues to close with cement blocks the entrance to the village of Jaba', which connects the village to the cities of Jerusalem, Ramallah, and Jericho. Checkpoint: The Israeli army continues to consider Qalandiya 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. Wall Gates: The Israeli army continues to close the Wall gate in the town of Abu Dis with cement blocks. 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 IDs to cross, after subjecting them to thorough searches using electronic devices. Wall Construction: Wall construction was suspended for the 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 Ash 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.	
RAMALLAH & EL BIREH	Closure of Main Roads: The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the eastern entrance to the village of Sinjil as well as the road to the village of Ras Karkar.	

- (ii) The Israeli army continues to close with cement blocks the western entrance to the village of Saffa.
- <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 impede civilian access.
- <u>Wall Construction</u>: Wall construction was suspended for the 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.
- **Flying Checkpoint:** At 11:30, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the junction to the town of 'Ein 'Arik and searched civilians and vehicles.

• Raids/Detentions:

- (i) At 21:10, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the town of Deir Ghassana and the village of Kafr 'Ein.
- (ii) At 01:20, the Israeli army raided the city of Ramallah and the town of Beituniya. After detaining residents outside, the Israeli army searched 1 building in the town of Beituniya. The Israeli army also served a summons to a civilian to report to the Israeli Intelligence agency and withdrew at 03:45.
- Arrest: At 24:00, Israeli troops positioned at the checkpoint set up on the junction to the town of At Tayba along Al Mu'arrajat road, which connects the districts of Ramallah and Jericho, arrested Murad Abu Haniyyeh, a Palestinian National Security officer.
- <u>Demonstration/Attack/Injuries</u>: At 14:00, a mass demonstration, including international peace activists, took place in the village of Bil'in in protest against Wall construction. Confrontations took place between the Israeli army and protestors, during which the Israeli army injured 5 civilian protests. In addition, a number of protestors sustained injuries as a result of tear gas inhalation.

JENIN

- <u>Closure of Roads</u>: The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the unpaved detour roads 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 civilians whose IDs indicate that their place of residence is the Northern Jordan Valley.
- <u>Wall Gates</u>: Passage through the Wall gates is restricted to civilians granted special Israeli permits.

• Flying Checkpoints/Detention:

- (i) At 13:30, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to the village of Siris, searched civilians and vehicles, and detained 1 female civilian.
- (ii) The Israeli army set up 2 flying checkpoints, one at the entrance to the town of Al Yamun and the other in the area between the town of Az Zababida and the village of Al Kufeir, and searched civilians and vehicles.

Raids/Attack/Injuries/Detentions/Confiscation of Property: At 11:40, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the village of Al Far'a. (i) (ii) At 13:30, the Israeli army, including 13 jeeps and 1 bulldozer, raided the village of Kafr Dan. While searching a house, an armed confrontation took place between the Israeli army and armed Palestinian individuals, during which the Israeli army injured 4 civilians as well as a Palestinian Police officer. In addition, the Israeli army detained 1 child, placed him on a jeep hood, and used him as a human shield. The Israeli army also arrested 3 brothers, including a Palestinian National Security officer, and confiscated a piece of weapon from their house. Furthermore, the Israeli army detained dozens of civilians in the village's school and withdrew at 23:00. The Israeli army raided the town of Jaba' and arrested 1 child. (iii) **Arrests:** The Israeli army arrested 3 brothers in the village of Kafr Dan: (i) Yaseen Mohammed 'Abed, a Palestinian National Security officer; (ii) Raed Mohammed 'Abed; and Rami Mohammed 'Abed. (iii) (iv) The Israeli army arrested 17-year-old Sameh Thabet Fashafsheh in the town of Jaba'. Closure: The Israeli army continues to declare the district of Tulkarem a closed military zone and to impede civilian access to and from the district. Closure of Main Roads: 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 plain, the road connecting the town of Kafr al Labad to the village of Shufa, and the road to the town of Deir al Ghusun's plain. Checkpoints: The Israeli army continues to intensify its restrictions at **TULKAREM** Jubara checkpoint (the southern entrance to the city of Tulkarem) as well as at 'Einav checkpoint (the eastern entrance to the city). Wall Gates: Passage through the Wall gates is restricted to civilians granted special Israeli permits. **Raids:** (i) At 09:00, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the town of 'Illar. At 16:30, the Israeli army raided and patrolled Dahiyat Shuweika in the (ii) city of Tulkarem. (iii) At 18:00, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the town of 'Anabta. **Closure of Roads:** The Israeli army continues to close with cement blocks the agricultural (i) roads east of the town of 'Azzun. At 22:30, the Israeli army closed with cement blocks the road (ii) connecting the town of 'Azzun to the village of 'Izbat at Tabib. **QALQILIYA Wall Gates:** Passage through the Wall gates is restricted to civilians granted special (i) 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.

- Wall Construction: Land levelling for Wall construction was suspended for the weekend in the villages of Immatin and Kafr Laqif as well as east of the towns of Kafr Thulth and 'Azzun.
- Flying Checkpoint: At 11:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the eastern entrance to the city of Qalqiliya, searched civilians and vehicles, and prevented municipal garbage trucks from accessing the garbage dump, claiming that the Israeli army was carrying out an operation in the area.
- Raids/Palestinian Attack: At 09:30, the Israeli army, including 4 jeeps, raided and patrolled the city of Qalqiliya. At 13:30, the Israeli army raided the city again, after armed Palestinian individuals opened fire towards an Israeli army patrol near the Wall west of the city.

Closure of Main Roads:

- (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 ash Sharqiya with dirt barricades and cement blocks.
- **Checkpoints:** The Israeli army continues to regulate times for crossing checkpoints set up around the city of Nablus:
- Huwwara and Beit Iba checkpoints (set up at the southern and western (i) entrances to the city of Nablus respectively) are closed at 23:00. The Israeli army only allows civilian vehicles possessing access permits to cross these checkpoints. The Israeli army also searches civilians using metal detectors at Beit Iba checkpoint, impeding their access.
- At Tur neighbourhood checkpoint (set up on Jirzim Mount) is closed (ii) on Fridays and Saturdays as well as during Jewish holidays. On all other days, it is open for civilian residents of the neighbourhood only.
- (iii) Beit Furik checkpoint is open to civilian residents of the town of Beit Furik and the village of Beit Dajan until 17:30.
- (iv) 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 of 'Asira ash Shamaliya and to prevent civilians from crossing, only allowing access to humanitarian cases.

Raids/House Occupation/Detentions/Palestinian Attack:

- At 19:50, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the village of Deir al (i) Hatab.
- At 23:15, the Israeli army raided the city of Nablus, occupied an (ii) uninhabited house, and converted it into a military post. The Israeli army also searched 1 building, after detaining residents outside. At 04:00, the Israeli army withdrew from the area.
- At 23:40, the Israeli army raided the village of Zawata and searched a (iii) number of houses, after armed Palestinian individuals detonated an explosive device along the settler bypass road near the village.

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	(iv) At 23:45, the Israeli army raided the village of Osarin and searched 1
	house.
SALFIT	Closure of Main Roads: (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 Intifada (Uprising). (ii) The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the western entrance to the village of Marda and, with cement blocks, the western entrance to the town of Kafr ad Dik. Checkpoints: (i) The Israeli army eartiques to intensify its postrictions at Dain Ballut.
	 (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 impede civilian access. • Wall Construction: Wall construction was suspended for the weekend in the area 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.
JERICHO	 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 connecting the districts of Jericho and Ramallah.
BETHLEHEM	 Closure: 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. Closure of Main Roads: 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. The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the detour roads leading to the town of Tuqu'. Checkpoint: At 13:40, the Israeli army closed the DCO checkpoint set up at the western entrance to the city of Beit Jala, claiming that Israeli settlers were present along Road # 60 near the city of Beit Jala and the town of Al Khadr. The Israeli army reopened the checkpoint at a later time. Wall Construction: Wall construction was suspended for the weekend in the area northwest of the town of Al Khadr, northwest of the city of Beit Jala, and in the area of Wadi Rahhal east of the settlement of Efrat. Flying Checkpoint: At 19:30, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint near the town of Tuqu' and searched civilians and vehicles. Confrontations also took place between civilians and Israeli troops positioned at the flying checkpoint.

- Raid: At 11:45, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the city of Beit Jala.
- Demonstrations/Detentions:
- (i) At 13:15, a mass demonstration, including international peace activists, took place in the village Um Salamuna in protest against Wall construction. Confrontations took place between the Israeli army and protestors, during which the Israeli army detained 2 civilian protestors.
- (ii) At 13:30, a sit-in tent was erected on land belonging to the village of Artas in protest against the Israeli army's confiscation of civilian land.

• Closure:

- (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 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. 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 to and from 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 travelling along the road connecting the settlement of Kiryat Arba' to the Ibrahimi Mosque in the old city of Hebron unless they possess access permits.

• Closure of Main Roads:

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- (i) The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the following locales: the entrance to the town of As Samoa'; 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 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 neighbourhood in the old city of Hebron as well as the main entrance to Al 'Arrub refugee camp.
- (ii) In accordance with Military Order # 378, the Israeli army continues to prohibit Palestinian vehicles from travelling 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.
- Wall Construction: Wall construction was suspended for the 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 Ar Ramadin, and near the village of Imneizil southeast of the town of Yatta.
- **Flying Checkpoint:** At 11:45, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the overpass to the town of Halhul and searched civilians and vehicles.

• Raids/House Occupation/Provocation of Palestinian Forces/Physical Assault:

- (i) At 19:25, the Israeli army raided the town of Dura, occupied 1 house, and converted it into a military post.
- (ii) At 23:40, the Israeli army raided the town of Yatta, took position near a Palestinian National Security location, and patrolled the area.
- (iii) At 24:00, and again at 06:35, the Israeli army raided the city of Hebron and patrolled the area until 07:00.
- (iv) At 00:30, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the town of Taffuh.
- (v) At 01:30, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the town of Adh Dhahiriya.
- (vi) The Israeli army raided the town of Bani Na'im, searched 1 house, and beat 1 civilian.
- <u>Demonstration/Physical Assaults</u>: At 12:00, a mass demonstration, including international peace activists, took place in the town of Bani Na'im in protest against the Israeli army's threat to confiscate civilian land near the settlement of Avnei Hever. The Israeli army beat a number of civilian protestors and arrested 5 others.
- Arrests: The Israeli army arrested 5 civilians in the town of Bani Na'im:
- (i) Ali Ibrahim Manassrah;
- (ii) Farouq Isma'il Id'eis;
- (iii) Khaldoun Mohammed Manassrah;
- (iv) Ahmed Hussein Manassrah; and
- (v) Tahseen al Ja'bari.

GAZA STRIP

ALL DISTRICTS	The ceasefire agreement that entered into force at 06:00 on 26 November 2006 remains effective.		
NORTHERN GAZA	 Closure of Crossing Point: Beit Hanun (Erez) Crossing is partially open to foreign nationals, humanitarian cases, merchants, and VIPs. Attacks/Air Patrols/Provocation of Palestinian Forces: In violation of the Israeli-Palestinian ceasefire agreement, Israeli combat aircraft and army opened fire towards Palestinian territory, as follows: At 09:00, Israeli combat helicopters opened machinegun fire towards the area of Al Jamarik northwest of the town of Beit Hanun. At 09:10, Israeli combat helicopters opened machinegun fire towards Beit Hanun (Erez) Industrial Zone. At 17:25, the Israeli army fired 1 artillery shell from one of its locations inside the Green Line towards the area of Birak north of the town of Beit Lahiya. At 01:05, and again at 02:30, the Israeli army fired 4 more artillery shells towards the area. At 21:40, the Israeli army fired 1 artillery shell from one of its locations inside the Green Line towards the area surrounding the city of Sheikh Zayed 		

- (v) At 00:40, the Israeli army opened fire and fired flares from its locations inside the Green Line towards civilian houses east of the town of Beit Hanun.
- (vi) At 01:00, and again at 03:35, the Israeli army fired 2 artillery shells from one of its locations inside the Green Line towards the area of Al Fakhura north of the town of Beit Lahiya.
- Raids/Attack: In violation of the Israeli-Palestinian ceasefire agreement, the Israeli army raided Palestinian territory, as follows:
- (i) Beginning at 10:50 on 17 May 2007, the Israeli army has remained positioned on Palestinian territory north and east of the town of Beit Hanun.
- (ii) At 09:40, the Israeli army, including 5 armoured vehicles and 2 bulldozers, raided Palestinian territory near Point 6 on the Green Line northwest of the town of Beit Lahiya, took position on the debris of the evacuated settlement of Dugit, and opened fire towards farmers.
- (iii) At 02:05, the Israeli army, including 5 armoured vehicles, raided Palestinian territory near the Green Line northwest of the town of Beit Lahiya and took position at a distance of 200 metres from Al Qarya al Badawiya.
- (iv) At 03:40, the Israeli army, including 2 armoured vehicles and 1 bulldozer, raided 200 metres into Palestinian territory near Point 11 on the Green Line northwest of the town of Beit Lahiya.
- <u>Palestinian Attacks</u>: In violation of the Israeli-Palestinian ceasefire agreement, armed Palestinian individuals fired 6 mortars towards the Green Line, as follows:
- (i) At 08:05, 2 mortars were fired towards the Green Line.
- (ii) At 08:25, 2 mortars were fired towards the Green Line.
- (iii) At 17:00, 1 unidentified mortar was fired towards the Green Line.
- (iv) At 22:15, 1 unidentified mortar was fired towards the Green Line, but it exploded in the area from which it was launched.
- Closure of Crossing Point: Al Muntar (Karnei) Crossing is closed.

• Air Attacks/Injuries/Destruction of Property:

- (i) At 19:15, an Israeli combat helicopter fired 1 missile towards a civilian vehicle near the Eyes Hospital in Gaza city, killing 2 armed Palestinian individuals and injuring 5 civilian bystanders, including Abdul Ra'ouf al 'Ijleh, who was in critical condition. The Israeli air attack also resulted in the destruction of the targeted vehicle.
- (ii) At 19:35, an Israeli combat helicopter fired 1 missile towards a house in As Saftawi neighbourhood in Gaza city, injuring 1 civilian and damaging the house.
- (iii) At 01:10, Israeli F16 combat aircraft fired 1 missile towards and destroyed a blacksmith's workshop at the end of Al Mansura Street in Ash Shuja'iya neighbourhood in Gaza city.
- (iv) At 02:00, Israeli F16 combat aircraft fired 1 missile towards and destroyed a blacksmith's workshop along Salah ad Din Street in At Tuffah neighbourhood in Gaza city.

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	 <u>Killings</u>: Israeli combat aircraft killed 2 armed Palestinian individuals near the Eyes Hospital in Gaza city: 'Atef Habib; and Muneer al Jammal. <u>Palestinian Attack</u>: At 07:35, armed Palestinian individuals fired 1 mortar towards the Green Line, thereby violating the Israeli-Palestinian ceasefire agreement.
CENTRAL GAZA	 Air Attack: At 14:40, Israeli F16 combat aircraft fired 1 missile towards a location belonging to an armed Palestinian group west of the city of Deir al Balah. Palestinian Attacks: In violation of the Israeli-Palestinian ceasefire agreement, armed Palestinian individuals fired 5 mortars towards the Green Line, as follows: At 20:35, 2 unidentified mortars were fired towards the Green Line. At 21:25, 1 unidentified mortar was fired towards the Green Line. At 00:55, 2 unidentified mortars were fired towards the Green Line, but they landed on Palestinian territory.
KHAN YUNIS	 Palestinian Attacks: In violation of the Israeli-Palestinian ceasefire agreement, armed Palestinian individuals fired 5 mortars towards the Green Line, as follows: At 17:25, 2 unidentified mortars were fired towards the Green Line. At 18:20, 2 unidentified mortars were fired towards the Green Line. At 23:00, 1 unidentified mortar was fired towards the Green Line.
RAFAH	 Closure of Crossing Points: Yasser 'Arafat International Airport remains closed. Rafah Crossing is closed. Sufa Crossing is closed. Karm Abu Salim (Karem Shalom) Crossing is closed. Palestinian Attack: At 21:30, armed Palestinian individuals fired 2 unidentified mortars towards the Green Line, thereby violating the Israeli-Palestinian ceasefire agreement.