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PALESTINIAN MONITORING GROUP

DAILY SITUATION REPORT 08:00 18 May 2011 – 08:00 19 May 2011

SUMMARY OF EVENTS

EVENT	WEST BANK	GAZA STRIP	TOTAL	NOTES
Physical Assault	1	_	1	A child severely beaten in Ramallah
Attacks	4	_	4	During confrontations with civilians
Raids	28		28	Incl. 7 in Ramallah and 4 in Jericho
Deportations	2		2	Incl. a guard from Al Aqsa Mosque
Arrests (per Person)	18		18	Incl. 2 in Jerusalem and 6 in Hebron
Detentions	13		13	Incl. a civilian confined to house arrest
Wall Construction	13		13	Incl. in Jerusalem, Qalqiliya, & Hebron
Confiscation of Property	2		2	Incl. a mosque loudspeakers, Jerusalem
Closure of Checkpoints	9		9	Incl. access impeded at 6 checkpoints
Flying Checkpoints	31		31	Incl. 4 in Jericho and 8 in Hebron
Closure (per District)	8	_	8	Incl. Jerusalem and 5 areas in Hebron
Closure of Main Roads	44		44	Incl. 10 in Nablus and 14 in Hebron
Closure of Crossing Points	_	4	4	Incl. food supplies and gas allowed in
Attack on Religious Site	1		1	A mosque closed in Jerusalem
Provocation of Pal. Forces	2		2	Incl. Police vehicle detained, Qalqiliya
TOTAL	176	4	180	

DISTRICT EVENTS

WEST BANK

Closure:

- (i) The Israeli army continues to intensify restrictions at checkpoints located at the entrances to Jerusalem city and to prevent civilians from other Palestinian districts from entering the city, only allowing access to civilians holding special permits.
- (ii) The Israeli army continues to close the 'demarcation area' along the Wall in the area surrounding Jerusalem city and restrict access to the area to local residents as well as to civilians holding special permits.
- (iii) The Israeli army continues to impose a blockade and deny civilian access to a hill between Biddu and Beit Iksa villages.

• Closure of Main Roads:

- (i) The Israeli army continues to close with cement blocks and dirt barricades the entrance to the village of Jaba'.
- (ii) The Israeli army continues to close the iron gate along the Wall section, separating the area of Dahiyat al Bareed from the town of Ar Ram.
- (iii) The Israeli army continues to close with an iron gate the eastern entrance to Beit Iksa village and force civilians to access Jerusalem city through Oalandiya checkpoint.
- <u>Checkpoint</u>: The Israeli authorities continue to consider Qalandiya checkpoint a "border crossing point" and designates a special crossing lane for holders of Jerusalem IDs and those possessing permits to access Jerusalem city.

• Raids:

- (i) At 02:00 on 18 May 2011, the Israeli army raided Beit 'Anan village. While searching a house, confrontations took place between the Israeli army and civilians.
- (ii) At 02:30 on 18 May 2011, the Israeli army raided and patrolled Biddu town.
- (iii) At 12:15, the Israeli army raided and patrolled Hizma village.
- Attack on Religious Site: On 17 May 2011, the Israeli army raided Bin Qudamah Mosque in Wadi al Joz neighbourhood in Jerusalem city and confiscated loudspeakers. Based on a decision made by the Israeli Minister of Internal Security, the Israeli army closed the mosque. The Israeli army also arrested two civilians, while they were present in the area.
- <u>Arrests</u>: The Israeli army arrested two civilians in Wadi al Joz neighbourhood in Jerusalem city:
- (i) Amjad ash Shami; and
- (ii) Hamzeh Maswadeh.
- **Deportation:** On 18 May 2011, Israeli Police officers handed to Tareq al Hashlamoun, a guard at the Al Aqsa Mosque compound, an order renewing his deportation from the Al Aqsa Mosque and the old city of Jerusalem for a period of eight days. Additionally, the decision provided that Al Hashlamoun should sign a financial bail of ILS 10,000 (approximately US\$ 2,850).

JERUSALEM

•	Detention: On 18 May 2011, an Israeli court entered a decision sentencing
	Khaled az Zir, a resident of Ath Thuri neighbourhood in Jerusalem city, to
	house arrest pending his trial on 22 May 2011. Az Zir was charged of
	assaulting an Israeli settler, which a group of settlers were erecting a fence
	around a piece of land in an attempt to seize it in the neighbourhood, as was
	reported yesterday. In addition to ruling that Az Zir should be deported
	from the said land for a period of 180 days, the court imposed a fine of ILS
	2,000 (approximately US\$ 570) as well as a personal bail of ILS 10,000
	(approximately US\$ 2,850).

• Wall Gates:

- (i) The Israeli army continues to close with cement blocks the Wall gate in Abu Dis town.
- (ii) The Israeli army continues to deny civilian access through the Wall gate on Ash Shayyah road in the area between As Sawahira ash Sharqiya and As Sawahira al Gharbiya villages, only allowing civilians holding Jerusalem IDs to cross, after subjecting them to thorough searches using electronic devices.
- <u>Wall Construction</u>: Wall construction continues in the area north of Qalandiya village; south of Az Za'ayyem village; and in Wadi al 'Eizariya west of Ma'ale Adumim settlement.

• Closure of Main Roads: The Israeli army continues to close the entrances to Sinjil town and Saffa village as well as the junction to Kafr Malik and 'Ein Samiya villages.

• Flying Checkpoints:

- (i) At 09:10, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint in the area between Silwad town and 'Ein Yabrud village and searched civilians and vehicles.
- (ii) At 10:10, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint in the area between 'Ajjul and 'Arura towns and searched civilians and vehicles.
- (iii) At 11:15, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint in the area between Kafr 'Ein and An Nabi Salih villages and searched civilians and vehicles.

• Physical Assault: At 01:35 on 18 May 2011, the Israeli army severely beat 17-year-old Mohammed Ibrahim Darraj during its raid into Kharbatha al Misbah village, as was reported yesterday. Darraj was transported to hospital for treatment of contusions sustained.

• Raids:

- (i) At 10:00, the Israeli army raided and patrolled 'Arura town.
- (ii) At 19:50, the Israeli army raided and patrolled 'Atara town and 'Ajjul village.
- (iii) At 20:10, the Israeli army raided and patrolled El Bireh city. At 03:50, the Israeli army raided the city again and arrested a civilian.
- (iv) At 01:40, the Israeli army raided and patrolled Beit Rima town.
- (v) At 03:00, the Israeli army raided and patrolled Kafr Malik village.
- Arrest: The Israeli army arrested Nael Ahmed Ibrahim at Toukhi in El Bireh city.

RAMALLAH & EL BIREH

	Wall Construction: Wall construction continues in the area west of 'Abud town in the area surrounding 'Ofarim settlement and north of Al Lubban al Gharbi and Rantis villages.
JENIN	 Closure of Main Road: The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the road leading to the town of 'Arraba east of Dotan settlement. Flying Checkpoint: At 15:30, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the junction to Haddad Tourist Village and searched civilians and vehicles. Arrest: On 17 May 2011, the Israeli army arrested Amjad Dawoud Khaled ash Shalabi, a resident of Birqin town, in his workplace in Israel. Wall Gates: 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.
TUBAS	 <u>Checkpoint</u>: Though allowing civilian access to the Northern Jordan Valley between 06:00 and 22:00, the Israeli army continues to intensify its restrictions at Tayasir checkpoint east of the city of Tubas. <u>Raid</u>: At 21:35, the Israeli army raided and patrolled Ath Thor Mountain area near Al Far'a village.
TULKAREM	 Closure of Main Roads: The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the road connecting Kafr al Labad town to Shufa village as well as the road connecting Shufa and 'Izbat Shufa villages. The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the detour road leading to Ramin village along the Tulkarem-Nablus main road. Checkpoint: The Israeli army continues to intensify restrictions and impede civilian access at 'Einav checkpoint on the Tulkarem-Nablus main road. Flying Checkpoint: At 18:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the junction to Far'un village and searched civilians and vehicles. Raid: At 04:00 on 18 May 2011, the Israeli army raided Baqa ash Sharqiya town and arrested a civilian. Arrests: At 02:00 on 18 May 2011, the Israeli army arrested Isra' Muneer Mohammed Raddad during its raid into Seida village. The Israeli army arrested Basem Hashem Mohammed Jaber in Baqa ash Sharqiya town. Wall Gates: Passage through the wall gates is restricted to civilians granted special Israeli permits.
QALQILYA	Closure of Roads: The Israeli army continues to close with cement blocks agricultural roads east of the town of 'Azzun. Flying Checkpoints: At 10:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to 'Azzun town and searched civilians and vehicles. At 21:30, the Israeli army set up two flying checkpoints, one at the entrance to Kafr Laqif village and the other in the area between 'Azzun and Kafr Thulth towns, and searched civilians and vehicles.

• Raids/Provocation of Palestinian Forces:

- (i) At 20:10, the Israeli army raided 'Azzun town, detained a Palestinian Police vehicle, and released it after coordination with the Israeli authorities (through the DCO).
- (ii) At 00:10, the Israeli army raided Qalqiliya city, searched a number of houses, arrested three civilians, and withdrew at 03:40.
- Arrests: The Israeli army arrested three civilians in Qalqiliya city:
- (i) Mu'min Khalil Mahmoud Nofal;
- (ii) Amir Nofal; and
- (iii) Mohammed Wajih al Far.

• Wall Gates:

- (i) The Israeli army continues to intensify its restrictions at 'Azzun 'Atma Wall gate and to search civilians, including students, with a metal detector.
- (ii) The Israeli army continues close with an iron gate the entrance to the village of Wadi ar Rasha and to deny civilian access. The Israeli army allows residents to access the village through Gate #109. Having removed the iron gate at the entrance to the village of Ras 'Atiya, the Israeli army only allows students to cross to their schools outside the village through the Habla gate.
- Wall Construction: Wall construction continues in Kafr Laqif village north
 of Karnei Shomron settlement; in Immatin village northeast of Imanuel
 settlement; and east of Kafr Thulth town near Ma'ale Shomron settlement.

• Closure of Main Roads:

- (i) The Israeli army continues to close the roads of Till-Burin and Beit Furik-Salem; the settler bypass road connecting the village of Deir al Hatab to the settlement of Alon Moreh; the road connecting the town of 'Aqraba to the village of Osarin; and the detour road between the town of Qabalan and the village of Osarin.
- (ii) The Israeli army continues to close the northern entrance to the town of Qabalan; the southern entrances to the town of Jamma'in and the villages of Duma and Qaryut; and the western entrance to An Naqura village opposite the settlement of Shavei Shomron.
- <u>Checkpoints</u>: The Israeli army continues to regulate times for crossing checkpoints set up around the city of Nablus:
- (i) At Tur neighbourhood 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 neighbourhood only between 07:00 and 02:00.
- (ii) At 'Awarta commercial checkpoint, civilians are allowed to cross between 05:00 and 20:00, but between 05:00 and 15:00 on Fridays. All civilian vehicles are allowed to access the city of Nablus, but only commercial vehicles and ambulances can leave the city through the checkpoint.
- (iii) At 14:15, the Israeli army closed Shavei Shomron checkpoint and impeded civilian access.

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• Flying Checkpoints:

- (i) At 10:50, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint near As Sawiya village, searched civilians and vehicles, and arrested a civilian.
- (ii) At 12:30, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint in the area between Nablus city and 'Asira ash Shamaliya town and searched civilians and vehicles.
- (iii) At 14:55, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to Al Lubban ash Sharqiya village and arrested a civilian.
- (iv) At 17:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint near the junction to Yitzhar settlement and searched civilians and vehicles.
- (v) At 20:10, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the junction to Deir Sharaf village and searched civilians and vehicles until 21:30.

Raids

- (i) At 12:15, the Israeli army raided Furush Beit Dajan village and searched three houses.
- (ii) At 18:20, the Israeli army raided and patrolled Majdal Bani Fadil village.
- (iii) At 02:35, the Israeli army raided and patrolled Nablus city.

Arrests:

- (i) Israeli troops positioned at the checkpoint set up near the As Sawiya village arrested Abdul Karim 'Odeh al Khatib.
- (ii) Israeli troops positioned at the checkpoint set up at the entrance to Al Lubban ash Sharqiya village arrested Ahmed Mousa Ahmed Samarah.

• Closure of Main Roads:

- (i) The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the northern entrance to Salfit city and with cement blocks the northern entrance to the Brugin town.
- (ii) The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the entrance to two detour roads connecting Marda village to respective farmland.
- (iii) Beginning on 14 November 2010, the Israeli army has continued to open the northern entrance to Salfit city to civilian buses only. The entrance had been closed for seven years.
- <u>Checkpoint</u>: The Israeli army continues to intensify restrictions and impede civilian access at the Za'tara junction checkpoint.
- **Flying Checkpoint:** At 15:30, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to Yasuf village and searched civilians and vehicles.

• Raids:

- (i) At 00:30, the Israeli army raided Yasuf village and patrolled the area until 01:30.
- (ii) At 01:00, the Israeli army raided Kifl Haris town and patrolled it until 02:00.
- Provocation of Palestinian Forces: At 23:30, and despite prior coordination.
 Israeli troops positioned at the Za'tara junction checkpoint detained a Palestinian General Intelligence vehicle and confiscated a General Intelligence officer's pistol. Following coordination with the Israeli authorities (through the DCO), Israeli troops allowed the vehicle to cross.

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	• <u>Wall Construction</u> : Wall construction continues in the area north of Deir Istiya town southeast of Emmanuel settlement.
JERICHO	 Closure of Main Road: The Israeli army continues to close Road # 90 between Jericho city and Al 'Auja village with cement blocks. Checkpoints: The Israeli army continues to intensify restrictions at Al Hamra checkpoint set up along Al Badhan road connecting Jericho and Nablus districts, only allowing access to residents of Jericho district of the Jordan Valley area. The Israeli army continues to intensify restrictions at the checkpoint set up on the junction to Al 'Auja village along Al-Mu'arrajat road connecting Jericho and Ramallah districts, only allowing access to residents of Jericho district as well as to others holding access permits. Flving Checkpoints: At 08:00, and again at 15:15, and at 17:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the southern entrance to Jericho city. At 22:00, the Israeli army set up another checkpoint and searched civilians and vehicles until 22:30. Raids: At 13:20, the Israeli army raided Al Jiftlik village and searched a house. At 17:55, the Israeli army raided Jericho city. While patrolling the area, confrontations took place between the Israeli army and civilians. At 01:30, the Israeli army raided the city again and patrolled it until 02:15. At 21:25, the Israeli army raided and patrolled Fasayil village. Detention: At 12:50, Israeli troops positioned at Al Karama (Allenby) Bridge 'Isa Mohammed Ishtayyeh, while he was returning from Jordan and released him after coordination with the Israeli authorities (through the DCO).
BETHLEHEM	 Closure: The Israeli army continues to close roads to An Nu'man village, with the exception of the road leading to the Wall gate in the southeastern area of the village. Beginning on 15 September 2007, the Israeli army has continued to prevent civilians from accessing or staying on 22 dunums of confiscated land in Al Mazmuriya area in Beit Sahur and Bethlehem cities. Closure of Main Roads: The Israeli army continues to close the Beit Jala-Wadi Ahmad road; a road east of Beit Fajjar town; the road connecting Tuqu' town to Khirbet al Baq'a village; and the detour road connecting Wadi Fukin and Al Jab'a villages. Flying Checkpoints: At 11:20, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the northwestern entrance to Beit Jala city and searched civilians and vehicles. At 18:10, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the western entrance to Beit Fajjar town and searched civilians and vehicles. At 23:30, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on An Nashash junction and searched civilians and vehicles.

• Raids/Attack:

- (i) At 18:25, the Israeli army raided Tuqu' town. While patrolling the area, confrontations took place between the Israeli army and civilians. At 18:40, the Israeli army withdrew from the town.
- (ii) At 20:15, the Israeli army raided Nahhalin village, fired flares, and patrolled the area until 21:00.
- (iii) At 00:30, the Israeli army raided Al 'Asakira village, searched a house, and served a summons on Nader Yousef Ali 'Asakreh to report to the Israeli Intelligence agency.
- (iv) At 01:40, the Israeli army raided Bethlehem city and patrolled it until 02:30.
- <u>Arrest</u>: At 19:30, Israeli troops arrested Fadi Ribhi Husni Zeidan, a resident of Nahhalin village, in his workplace in Israel.
- Wall Construction: Wall construction continues in the area northwest of Beit Jala city; around Al Walaja village; and east of Efrat settlement.

• <u>Closure</u>:

- (i) The Israeli army continues to close Ash Shuhada' Street, As Sahleh and Khuzq al Far areas, and the old gold market in the old city of Hebron. In addition to closing the entrance to Al Qeisi neighbourhood, the Israeli army continues to close the entrances to the area of Al Hisba (the fruits and vegetables market) with an iron gate and Al Laban Market with iron plates.
- (ii) Beginning on 05 January 2009, the Israeli army has continued to close the area located along the Green Line south of the town of Yatta. Having seized land for Wall construction, the Israeli army evacuated residents and denied civilian access to the area.

• Closure of Main Roads:

- (i) The Israeli army continues to close the entrances to Adh Dhahiriya and As Samoa' towns, Al 'Arrub refugee camp, and At Tuwani and Al Karmil villages.
- (ii) The Israeli army continues to prohibit Palestinian vehicles from travelling along Ash Shalala Old Street in the old city of Hebron.
- (iii) The Israeli army continues to close all roads leading to Road # 60 as well as detour roads along the settler bypass road leading to Yatta town.

• Flying Checkpoints:

- (i) At 08:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on Al Fawwar junction and searched civilians and vehicles.
- (ii) At 09:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to Farsh al Hawa area north of Hebron city (along Road # 35) and searched civilians and vehicles.
- (iii) At 09:50, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the northern entrance to Hebron city (along Road # 35 near the overpass to Halhul town) and searched civilians and vehicles.
- (iv) At 13:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to Idhna town and searched civilians and vehicles.

Hebron

- (v) At 15:40, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint in Yaqin area near the entrance to Bani Na'im town and searched civilians and vehicles. Meantime, confrontations took place between the Israeli army and civilians.
- (vi) At 17:30, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the overpass to Halhul town and searched civilians and vehicles.
- (vii) At 17:45, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to Beit Kahil town and searched civilians and vehicles.
- (viii) At 19:45, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the junction to Zif village and searched civilians and vehicles.
- Raid: At 00:45, the Israeli army raided Yatta town, searched two houses, and withdrew at 03:55.
- Arrests: At 01:00 on 18 May 2011, the Israeli army arrested five civilians during its raided into Sa'ir town, as was reported yesterday:
- (i) Arafat Zayed Jaradat;
- (ii) Mousa Abdul Jalil Jabarin;
- (iii) Hisham Zayed Jaradat;
- (iv) Shadi Mohammed 'Ayed Jaradat; and
- (v) Siyad Rasmi al Mutour.
- (vi) At 16:00, Israeli troops arrested Shadi Ribhi Abu Turki near the Ibrahimi Mosque in the old city of Hebron.
- <u>Wall Construction</u>: Wall construction continues in the area surrounding Eshkolot settlement west of Adh Dhahiriya town.

GAZA STRIP

ALL DISTRICTS

• At 02:00 on 18 January 2009, the unilateral ceasefire declared by the Israeli authorities came into effect. At a later time on the same day, armed Palestinian groups announced an agreement to cease fire. The ceasefire has been further renewed on 10 April 2011.

Closure of Crossing Point: Beit Hanun (Erez) Crossing was partially open to previously-coordinated critically ill civilians, foreign journalists, **NORTHERN** international organisations staff, merchants, businesspeople, and civilians GAZA intending to travel to Jordan through Al Karama (Allenby) Bridge in the West Bank. **Closure of Crossing Points:** (i) Al Muntar (Karnei) Crossing is closed. Beginning on 02 March 2011, the Crossing has been effectively closed upon an Israeli unilateral **GAZA** decision. Ash Shuja'iya (Nahal 'Oz) Crossing is closed. Beginning on 04 January (ii) 2010, the Crossing has been closed upon an Israeli unilateral decision.

CENTRAL GAZA	Activities not reported.		
KHAN YUNIS	Activities not reported.		
RAFAH	 Closure of Crossing Points: Yasser 'Arafat International Airport remains closed. Rafah (Al 'Awdah) Crossing was open to allow civilians, students, others holding visas and residence cards abroad, and civilians travelling to Saudi Arabia to perform 'Umrah (minor pilgrimage) in Mecca city to depart the Gaza Strip. Access was also allowed to patients who had received medical attention at Egyptian hospitals and civilians arriving from other countries via Egypt. Sufa Crossing is closed. Karm Abu Salem (Karem Shalom) Crossing was partially open for transportation of food supplies, goods, humanitarian aid, and cooking gas. In addition to 44 truckloads of animal feed, a number of truckloads of cement and construction cargo designated to internationally-funded projects were transported through the Crossing. 		