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PALESTINIAN MONITORING GROUP

DAILY SITUATION REPORT
08:00 19 May 2005 – 08:00 20 May 2005

SUMMARY OF EVENTS

EVENT	WEST BANK	GAZA STRIP	TOTAL	NOTES
Physical Assault	1	—	1	1 civilian severely beaten in 'Azzun
Injuries	3	2	5	Incl. 2 workers run over
Attacks	3	5	8	3 during raids & 5 from mil. posts
Raids	23	1	24	Incl. Area (A) in the village of Seida
Arrests (per person)	14	—	14	Incl. 1 child and 3 Palestinian officers
Detentions	5	—	5	At checkpoints & in residential comp.
Land Levelling	—	1	1	To erect a dirt barricade near Dugit
Wall Construction	23	—	23	Incl. Jer., Jenin, Ram'lah, Beth., Salfit
Destruction of Property	2	—	2	Incl. crops damaged in Burin
Curfew	1	—	1	In the village of Beit Sira in Ramallah
Checkpoints	(All)	—	(All)	
Flying Checkpoints	6	—	6	Incl. 2 in Ramallah & 2 in Tulkarem
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	1	4	Incl. civilian houses stoned in Hebron
Provocation of Pal. Forces	1	—	1	Area around Al Muqata'a patrolled
Palestinian Attacks	1	13	14	Incl. 12 unidentified mortars fired
Pal. Security Measures	—	5	5	Incl. 1 explosive device defused
TOTAL	91	31	122	

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 its restrictions at Qalandiya checkpoint and impede civilian movement. The Israeli army continues to prevent civilians from crossing the iron gate set up near An Nabi Samwil checkpoint. 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.
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. Raids/Provocation of Palestinian Forces/Curfew: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> At 09:35, the Israeli army, including 7 jeeps, raided the village of Kafr 'Ein and set up a checkpoint at its entrance. At 22:30, the Israeli army raided the village again, set up a checkpoint in the centre of the village, searched civilians and vehicles, and patrolled the area. At 10:00, the Israeli army raided the village of Saffa and arrested 1 Palestinian Police officer. At 11:30, the Israeli army, including 3 jeeps, raided the city of Ramallah and patrolled the area surrounding Al Muqata'a, in addition to several neighbourhoods in the city. At 01:55, the Israeli army raided the city again, searched 1 building, after detaining residents, arrested 1

	<p>civilian, and withdrew at 03:10.</p> <p>(iv) At 22:00, the Israeli army, including 2 jeeps, raided and patrolled the town of Beit Rima until 22:30.</p> <p>(v) At 21:40, the Israeli army raided the village of Beit Sira, imposed curfew, and arrested 1 child.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Arrests: (i) The Israeli army arrested Nidhal Ibrahim Abu as Sa'd in the village of Saffa. (ii) The Israeli army arrested an unidentified civilian in the city of Ramallah. (iii) The Israeli army arrested 'Imad Ali Khadr al Hajj, 16 years old, in the village of Beit Sira.
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. • Raid: At 12:30, the Israeli army, including 5 jeeps, raided and patrolled the villages of Ash Shuhada', Birqin, Kafr Qud, and Al Hashimiya until 14:00.
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 11:20, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to the town of Deir al Ghusun and searched civilians and vehicles. • Raids: (i) At 22:45, an Israeli army patrol raided the village of Far'un, set up a checkpoint, and searched civilians and vehicles. (ii) At 04:00, the Israeli army, including 14 jeeps, raided Area (A) in the village of Seida, searched a number of houses, and arrested 3 civilians. At 05:30, the Israeli army withdrew from the area. • Arrests: The Israeli army arrested 3 civilians in the village of Seida: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Marwan Yousef 'Ajaj; (ii) Iyad Kamel Raddad; and (iii) Nidhal Abdul Ghani.
QALQILYA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wall Gates: (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.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Raid/Detention/Physical Assault:</u> At 20:00, the Israeli army, including 4 jeeps, raided the town of ‘Azzun, detained 2 civilians, and severely beat Mahmoud Bilal Is’haq, after which he was transported to hospital for injuries sustained. At 00:45, the Israeli army raided the town again and fired sound grenades and flares while patrolling the area.
NABLUS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Raid/Palestinian Attack:</u> At 03:10, the Israeli army, including 10 jeeps, raided Balata and ‘Askar refugee camps. The Israeli army exchanged fire with armed Palestinian individuals while surrounding 1 house in Balata refugee camp, injuring 1 Palestinian individual. The Israeli army also opened fire towards civilians in ‘Askar refugee camp, injuring 2 civilians. The Israeli army arrested 6 Palestinians, including the injured Palestinian individual. At 05:40, the Israeli army withdrew from the area. • <u>Arrests:</u> The Israeli army arrested 6 individuals in Balata and ‘Askar refugee camps: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Samer Nidhal ‘Aql, (injured); (ii) Mohammed al Masimi; (iii) Hani Zaki Bakh; (iv) Yihya Jamil ‘Araysheh; (v) Samer Sabri; and (vi) Mahmoud Shteivi. <p>At 11:00, Israeli troops positioned at a checkpoint set up near the village of Qusin and the town of Beit Iba arrested 2 Palestinian Police officers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (vii) Samer Amin Abu Maryam; and (viii) Samir Ahmed Hashash. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Settler Violence:</u> At 23:10, a group of Israeli settlers from the settlement of Yitzhar set fire to agricultural land in the village of Burin belonging to Walid Sa’id ‘Eid.
SALFIT	<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>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 Checkpoint/Destruction of Property:</u> At 13:05, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to the town of Deir Istiya and broke the windshields of a number of civilian vehicles while searching civilians and vehicles. • <u>Raids:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 09:40, an Israeli army patrol raided the villages of ‘Ammuriya and Khirbet Qeis and patrolled the area. (ii) At 20:30, an Israeli army patrol raided the village of Bruqin and patrolled the area until 21:40.

<p style="text-align: center;">JERICHO</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure: 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. • Settler Violence: At 13:50, a group of Israeli settlers positioned themselves at the entrance to the village of ‘Ein ad Duyuk. At 14:00, the Israeli army evacuated the settlers.
<p style="text-align: center;">BETHLEHEM</p>	<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. • Raids/Detention: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 15:25, an Israeli army patrol raided the town of Al Khadr, set up a checkpoint, and searched civilians and vehicles. (ii) At 20:45, an Israeli army patrol raided ‘Ayda refugee camp and patrolled the area until 21:10. (iii) At 00:30, an Israeli army patrol raided the city of Bethlehem, halted 1 civilian vehicle, detained civilian passengers, led them to Bilal Bin Rabah Mosque (Rachel’ Tomb) checkpoint, and released them at a later time.
<p style="text-align: center;">HEBRON</p>	<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. • Settler Violence: At 17:00, a group of Israeli settlers threw stones at civilian houses in Tall Rumeida neighbourhood in the city of Hebron.

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).
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Land Levelling:</u> At 13:00, the Israeli army levelled land to erect dirt barricades near the settlement of Dugit northwest of the town of Beit Lahiya. • <u>Palestinian Attacks:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 16:00, 1 unidentified mortar was fired towards the Erez Industrial Zone. (ii) At 16:30, 3 unidentified mortars were fired towards the Erez Industrial Zone. (iii) At 21:40, 2 unidentified mortars were fired towards the Green Line. (iv) At 21:55, 1 unidentified mortar was fired towards the Green Line, but landed in the town of Beit Hanun. • <u>Palestinian Security Measures:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 16:05, Palestinian security forces blocked an attempt by armed Palestinian individuals to fire mortars from the area east of the town of Beit Hanun. (ii) At 19:45, Palestinian security forces blocked an attempt by armed Palestinian individuals to fire mortars from the area surrounding the Palestinian Ministry of Education District Office.
GAZA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Closure:</u> <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. • <u>Palestinian Attacks:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 08:15, 2 unidentified mortars were fired towards the settlement of Nitsareem. (ii) At 18:55, 1 unidentified mortar was fired towards the Green Line, but landed near Nahal 'Oz Crossing. (iii) At 20:05, 2 Qassam mortars were fired towards the Green Line. • <u>Palestinian Security Measures:</u> At 18:30, a Palestinian security patrol combed the area near Point 73 east of Gaza city, located 1 explosive device (weighing 25-30 kg.), and dismantled the device.
CENTRAL GAZA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Palestinian Attacks:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 08:45, 3 Qassam mortars were fired towards the settlement of Gosh Katif. (ii) At 23:15, 1 Qassam mortar was fired towards the Green Line, but landed on Palestinian territory. (iii) At 23:20, 2 mortars were fired towards the settlement of Kfar Darom. • <u>Palestinian Security Measures:</u> At 00:50 on 20 May 2005, a Palestinian security patrol combed the area near Point 122 on the Green Line east of Al Bureij refugee camp, located 1 launch pad used for mortars, and confiscated it.

<p style="text-align: center;">KHAN YUNIS</p>	<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. (vi) Abu Holi road is closed. • <u>Attacks:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 15:50, and again at 16:10, the Israeli army opened fire from its location at Point 8.5 towards Palestinian territory in West Khan Yunis refugee camp. (ii) At 18:35, the Israeli army opened fire from its location at Point 7.5 towards a number of children north of Al Amal neighbourhood. (iii) At 00:40, the Israeli army opened fire from its location at Point 11 towards Palestinian territory in West Khan Yunis refugee camp. • <u>Raid:</u> At 18:25, the Israeli army, including 2 jeeps and 1 bulldozer, raided Palestinian territory opposite Point 60 on the Green Line east of the area of Al Qarara. • <u>Settler Violence:</u> At 15:15, an Israeli settler, driving a tractor, ran over 2 Palestinian civilians working in the settlement of Netzer Hazani, after which they were transported to hospital for injuries sustained. • <u>Palestinian Attacks:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 15:30, 6 mortars were fired towards the settlement of Morag. (ii) At 01:10, 1 mortar was fired towards the settlement of Gadid.
<p style="text-align: center;">RAFAH</p>	<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>Attack:</u> At 13:00, the Israeli army fired 1 tank shell from its location along the Egyptian border towards Ash Sha’ut neighbourhood in Rafah refugee camp. • <u>Palestinian Attack:</u> At 12:50, 2 unidentified mortars were fired towards the settlement of Morag. • <u>Palestinian Security Measures:</u> At 20:05, Palestinian security forces arrested 5 civilians (brothers) in Al Barazil neighbourhood in Rafah refugee camp, after locating a tunnel inside their house.

GENERAL

WORK PERMITS	<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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