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PALESTINIAN MONITORING GROUP

DAILY SITUATION REPORT
 08:00 19 May 2006 – 08:00 20 May 2006

SUMMARY OF EVENTS

EVENT	WEST BANK	GAZA STRIP	TOTAL	NOTES
Physical Assault	1	—	1	Incl. 3 journalists beaten in Bil'in
Injuries	4	—	4	Incl. a 70-year-old civilian in Nablus
Attacks	6	4	10	Incl. 4 in raids and 4 from military posts
Raids	12	—	12	Incl. 3 in Ramallah and 3 in Tulkarem
Arrests	8	—	8	Incl. 1 child & 1 Pal. Police officer
Detentions	13	—	13	Incl. 1 international peace activist
Destruction of Property	1	—	1	Door of 1 house destroyed, Ramallah
Closure of Checkpoints	10	—	10	Incl. 'Atara and Za'tara partially
Flying Checkpoints	10	—	10	Incl. 2 in Jenin & 4 in Nablus
Closure (per District)	6	1	7	Incl. a buffer zone in Northern Gaza
Closure of Main Roads	31	—	31	Incl. the entrance to Bir Nabala town
Closure of Crossing Points	—	6	6	Incl. Beit Hanun and Rafah partially
Attack on Religious Site	1	—	1	Call to prayer prohibited in Hebron
Provocation of Pal. Forces	—	1	1	Shelling near 1 Pal. security location
Palestinian Attacks	—	2	2	4 mortars fired towards the Green Line
Pal. Security Measure	—	1	1	Attempt to smuggle money blocked
Demonstrations	2	—	2	In Shu'fat RC & Bil'in against the Wall
TOTAL	105	15	120	

DISTRICT	EVENT
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<p style="text-align: center;">ALL DISTRICTS</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Beginning on 11 March 2006, the Israeli army has continued to impose a complete closure on the West Bank and Gaza Strip districts and to prevent civilians with permits, including workers, from crossing into areas inside the Green Line and into the city of Jerusalem. • Beginning on 17 April 2006, and following the suicide attack carried out in the city of Tel Aviv inside the Green Line, the Israeli army has intensified 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.
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WEST BANK

<p style="text-align: center;">JERUSALEM</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Closure:</u> 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 Al Aqsa Mosque compound, and impeded the access of civilians to Al Aqsa Mosque to perform Friday prayers. • <u>Closure of Main Roads:</u> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (i) The Israeli army closed the entrance opposite the junction to Dahiyat Al Bareed in the city of Jerusalem with barbed wire and has denied civilian access. The Israeli army allows access to the city of Jerusalem through Dahiyat al Bareed checkpoint only to vehicles bearing Israeli-issued license plates and from the lane previously designated for VIPs. (ii) The Israeli army closed the eastern entrance to Dahiyat Bir Nabala with cement slabs, thereby completing the Wall section in the area. • <u>Checkpoint:</u> According to new measures implemented at Qalandiya checkpoint, which the Israeli army has converted into a “border crossing point”, the Israeli army has designated a special crossing for civilians holding Jerusalem-issued IDs and those possessing permits to access the city of Jerusalem. The Israeli army has allowed other civilians to access the main road leading to the junction to the village of Jaba’, which branches off to other districts. • <u>Wall Gates:</u> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (i) The Israeli army continues to close the Wall gate in the town of Abu Dis with cement blocks. (ii) 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-issued IDs to cross, after subjecting them to thorough searches using electronic devices. • <u>Wall Construction:</u> Wall construction was suspended for the weekend in Dahiyat al Aqbat, from the village of Hizma to ‘Anata, along 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, 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.
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Demonstration/Detention:</u> A mass demonstration, including international peace activists, took place in Shu'fat refugee camp in protest against Wall construction. Confrontations took place between the Israeli army and protestors, during which the Israeli army detained 2 civilian protestors and 1 international peace activist.
<p style="text-align: center;">RAMALLAH & EL BIREH</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Closure of Main Road:</u> The Israeli army continues to close the eastern entrance to the village of Sinjil with dirt barricades. • <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 deny access to the city of Ramallah for civilians holding IDs issued in the northern districts of the West Bank. • <u>Wall Construction:</u> Wall construction was suspended for the weekend in the areas of Al Midya to Budrus, Al Midya to Ni'lin, Bil'in to Saffa, in the village of Beit Liqya, in the town of Beituniya, and west of the town of 'Abud and the village of Beit Sira. • <u>Raids/Destruction of Property/Detention:</u> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 00:15, an Israeli army patrol raided the city of El Bireh and searched 1 building as well as a number of houses. (ii) At 01:30, the Israeli army raided the village of Qarawat Bani Zeid, searched 3 houses after destroying the door of 1 house and detaining residents, and served a summons to 1 civilian to report to the Israeli Intelligence Service. At 04:00, the Israeli army withdrew from the area. (iii) At 01:30, the Israeli army raided the village of Kafr 'Ein, searched a number of houses, and withdrew at 03:30. • <u>Demonstration/Physical Assault:</u> At 15:30, 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 fired rubber-coated steel bullets as well as sound and tear gas grenades. The Israeli army also beat protestors with rifle butts and clubs, injuring 2 civilian protestors and leaving 9 others, including 3 journalists, with contusions.
<p style="text-align: center;">JENIN</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Closure of Road:</u> The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the unpaved detour road 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 holders of IDs issued in the Northern Jordan Valley and commercial trucks. • <u>Wall Gates:</u> Passage through the Wall gates is restricted to civilians granted special Israeli permits. • <u>Flying Checkpoints:</u> At 09:00, the Israeli army set up 2 flying checkpoints, one on the junction to the town of 'Arraba and the other in the area between the town of Qabatiya and the village of Al Jarba, and searched civilians and vehicles.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Raid/Detention:</u> At 19:30, Israeli Special Forces, supported by 5 Israeli army jeeps, raided the village of ‘Anza and raided a house where civilians were offering condolences for the death of 1 civilian killed by the Israeli army. The Israeli army also opened fire and fired sound grenades, injuring 1 civilian. In addition, the Israeli army arrested 2 civilians and 1 Palestinian Police officer as well as detained 1 Palestinian National Security officer, 1 General Intelligence officer, and 1 Preventive Security officer. The Israeli army released the detained Palestinian security officers at a later time and withdrew at 21:30. • <u>Arrests:</u> The Israeli army arrested 2 civilians and 1 Palestinian security officer in the village of ‘Anza: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Amjad Abdullah Saba’neh, a Palestinian Police officer; (ii) Iyad Kamel ‘Umour; and (iii) Najeh Hasan Abu al Wafa.
TULKAREM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Closure:</u> The Israeli army continues to impose a complete closure on the district of Tulkarem and to declare it a closed military zone following a suicide attack carried out on the junction to the village of Far’un. The Israeli army continues to impede civilian access to and from the district. • <u>Closure of Main Roads:</u> The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the following roads: the road connecting Dahiyat Dhinnaba in the city of Tulkarem to the town of Kafr al Labad; the road connecting the town of Kafr al Labad to the village of Shufa; the southern entrance to the town of Baqa ash Sharqiya; and the Kafr Sur-Wadi at Tin road. The Israeli army also continues to close with cement blocks the road connecting the town of Beit Lid to the village of Kur. • <u>Checkpoints:</u> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (i) The Israeli army continues to close ‘Einav checkpoint on the Tulkarem-Nablus road, denying access to civilian vehicles. The Israeli army prevents civilian residents of the Tulkarem district from leaving the district, except for those residing in towns and villages east of the checkpoint. (ii) The Israeli army continues to intensify its restrictions at Jubara checkpoint (the southern entrance to the city of Tulkarem) and to prevent civilians holding IDs issued in the districts of Jenin and Tulkarem from crossing towards the southern districts of the West Bank. Israeli troops positioned at the checkpoint only allow civilian residents of villages located south of the city of Tulkarem in the Tulkarem district to cross on foot, only after examining civilians’ places of residence. • <u>Wall Gates:</u> Passage through the Wall gates is restricted to civilians granted special Israeli permits. • <u>Raids:</u> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 23:30, an Israeli army patrol raided the town of ‘Anabta, opened fire, and fired sound grenades while it was patrolling the area. (ii) At 00:30, the Israeli army, including 5 jeeps, raided the city of Tulkarem and Tulkarem refugee camp, opened fire, and fired sound

	grenades while patrolling the area. At 05:00, the Israeli army withdrew from the area.
QALQILIYA	<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 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 village of Immatin and east of the towns of Kafr Thulth and ‘Azzun. • Flying Checkpoint: At 14:15, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the eastern entrance to the city of Qalqiliya and searched civilians and vehicles until 16:00.
NABLUS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure of Main Roads: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) The Israeli army continues to close the main road leading to the district of Jenin between the junction to the village of Deir Sharaf and the settlement of Shavei Shomron. Instead, the Israeli army has forced civilians to travel along an unpaved 1.5-km-long road, which branches off from the Nablus-Tulkarem road and intersects with the Nablus-Jenin road opposite the village of Sabastiya. (ii) The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades Al Badhan road, which is the north-eastern entrance to the city of Nablus. (iii) The Israeli army continues to close the entrance to the village of Beita with dirt barricades. (iv) The Israeli army continues to close the road connecting the city of Nablus to the town of ‘Asira ash Shamaliya. • Checkpoints: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) The Israeli army continues to regulate times for crossing Huwwara, Beit Iba, At Tur Mountain, and Beit Furik checkpoints around the city of Nablus. The Israeli army closes the checkpoints overnight and reopens them at various morning hours. (ii) The Israeli army continues to intensify its restrictions at Beit Iba and Huwwara checkpoints and to deny access to civilians between 15 and 30 years of age as well as holders of IDs issued in the districts of Jenin and Tulkarem. (iii) Israeli troops positioned at the checkpoint set up at the entrance to the town of Beit Furik continue to prevent taxis from the town of Beit Furik and the village of Beit Dajan from crossing unless they possess access permits. • Flying Checkpoints: At 18:50, the Israeli army set up 3 flying checkpoints on the junctions to the town of ‘Aqraba and the villages of Beita and Osarin and searched civilians and vehicles. • Raids: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 09:00, the Israeli army raided the village of Beita, set up a checkpoint, searched civilians and vehicles, and patrolled the area.

	<p>(ii) At 01:10, the Israeli army raided ‘Askar refugee camp, searched 2 houses, and arrested 1 civilian.</p> <p>(iii) At 02:35, the Israeli army raided the city of Nablus and opened fire, injuring 70-year-old Hussein Ahmed Abdullah. The Israeli army also searched 1 building and 1 house, arrested 3 civilians, including 1 child, and withdrew at 06:00.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Arrests:</u> <p>(i) At 13:00, Israeli troops positioned at Huwwara checkpoint arrested an unidentified civilian, allegedly for locating an explosive belt in his possession.</p> <p>(ii) The Israeli army arrested Baha’ Husni Abu Hamdah in ‘Askar refugee camp.</p> <p>The Israeli army arrested 3 civilians in the city of Nablus:</p> <p>(iii) Shadi Mahmoud Qasmiyyeh, 16 years old;</p> <p>(iv) Tareq S’oud al ‘Itt; and</p> <p>(v) Ahmed Fu’ad az Zarba.</p>
SALFIT	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Closure of Main Roads:</u> <p>(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 <i>Intifada</i> (Uprising).</p> <p>(ii) The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the western entrances to the town of Bruqin and the village of Marda. The Israeli army also continues to close with cement blocks the western entrance to the town of Kafr ad Dik and with an iron gate the northern entrance to the village of Qarawat Bani Hassan.</p> <p>(iii) The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the road connecting the towns of Bruqin and Kafr ad Dik.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Checkpoints:</u> <p>(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.</p> <p>(ii) The Israeli army continues to intensify its restrictions at the Za’tara junction checkpoint and to prevent civilians holding IDs issued in the districts of Jenin and Tulkarem from crossing towards the southern districts of the West Bank.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Wall Construction:</u> Wall construction was suspended for the weekend near the Green Line in the town of Deir Ballut and the villages of Az Zawiya and Rafat, 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. • <u>Flying Checkpoint:</u> The Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the western entrance to the village of Haris and searched civilians and vehicles.
JERICHO	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Closure:</u> 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-issued 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-issued IDs.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Checkpoint: The Israeli army continues to close Al Hamra checkpoint set up on the Jericho-Nablus road, denying civilian access, except for farmers holding Jericho-issued IDs. • Raid: At 12:15, the Israeli army, including 2 jeeps, raided the village of Al 'Auja and took position near the village's mosque until 12:30.
BETHLEHEM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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. The Israeli army considers the civilians' residence in the village illegal because they hold West Bank identity cards while their village is located within the Israeli-defined municipal boundaries of Jerusalem. • 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. • Checkpoint: The Israeli army continues to intensify its restrictions at As Sawahira ash Sharqiya (the "Container") checkpoint and to deny access to civilian vehicles, except for those possessing access permits. • Wall Construction: Wall construction was suspended for the weekend north of 'Ayda refugee camp and in the Everest area, northwest of the city of Beit Jala.
HEBRON	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (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. (ii) Although it expired on 07 May 2006, the Israeli army continues to implement a military order stipulating the closure of civilian commercial shops on both sides of the road connecting the settlement of Kiryat Arba' to the Ibrahim Mosque in the old city of Hebron. Civilian vehicles continue to be prohibited from travelling along the road unless they possess access permits. Only Israeli settler vehicles are allowed unrestricted access on the road. • Closure of Main Roads: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (i) The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the following locales: 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 entrance to the village of Beit 'Einun; Al Baq'a junction south of the town of Beit 'Awwa; and the entrance to the village of 'Arab ar Ramadin. (ii) The Israeli army continues to close the entrance to Al Qeisi neighbourhood in the old city of Hebron with cement blocks.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Wall Construction:</u> Wall construction was suspended for the weekend west of the towns of Surif and Beit Ula, south of the towns of Adh Dhahiriya and As Samoa', and southeast of the town of Yatta. The Israeli army has also completed construction of most sections of the Wall in the town of Idhna, from the village of Deir Samit to the town of Beit 'Awwa, from Beit 'Awwa to the village of Al Burj, and in the village of Ar Ramadin. • <u>Raids:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 19:20, the Israeli army raided the city of Hebron, set up a checkpoint, searched civilians and vehicles, and patrolled the area. (ii) At 23:50, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the town of Beit Kahil. • <u>Attack on Religious Site:</u> The Israeli army continues to prohibit the call to prayers from being broadcast at the Ibrahimi Mosque in the old city of Hebron.
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GAZA STRIP

ALL DISTRICTS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Beginning on 16 December 2005, the Israeli army has continued to impose a complete closure on the Gaza Strip ostensibly due to Palestinian individuals' firing of mortars towards the Green Line.
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NORTHERN GAZA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Closure:</u> Beginning at 18:00 on 28 December 2005, the Israeli army has continued to impose a buffer zone (through open fire as well as artillery and air attacks) in the area near the Green Line, including the area of the debris of evacuated settlements. • <u>Closure of Crossing Point:</u> Beit Hanun (Erez) Crossing is partially open to foreign nationals, VIPs, and humanitarian cases after prior coordination. • <u>Attacks/Provocation of Palestinian Forces:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Between 09:00 on 19 May 2006 and 08:00 on 20 May 2006, the Israeli army fired 9 artillery shells from its locations inside the Green Line towards Palestinian territory near 1 Palestinian National Security location north of the town of Beit Lahiya. (ii) At 15:45, the Israeli army opened fire from its location on the Green Line towards a number of shepherds north of the town of Beit Lahiya. • <u>Palestinian Attacks:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 20:00, armed Palestinian individuals attempted to fire 2 unidentified mortars towards the Green Line, but which exploded in the area from which they were launched. (ii) At 07:50, 2 unidentified mortars were fired towards the Green Line.
GAZA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Closure of Crossing Points:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Al Muntar (Karnei) Crossing is closed. (ii) Ash Shuja'iya (Nahal 'Oz) Crossing is closed. • <u>Attacks:</u> At 03:30, the Israeli army opened indiscriminate fire and fired flares from Point 75 on the Green Line towards Palestinian territory east of Gaza city.

CENTRAL GAZA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Activities not reported.
KHAN YUNIS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Activities not reported.
RAFAH	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Closure of Crossing Points:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Yasser 'Arafat International Airport remains closed. (ii) Rafah Crossing is partially open in both directions to passengers holding Palestinian IDs, humanitarian cases, as well as Arab and foreign diplomatic missions. (iii) Karm Abu Salim (Karem Shalom) Crossing is closed. • <u>Palestinian Security Measure:</u> At 10:00, the Palestinian Administration of Rafah Crossing blocked an attempt to smuggle a sum of 650,000 Euros. The money was seized after it had been located in the possession of Sami Abu Zuhri, HAMAS's spokesperson, while he was returning from Egypt.