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PALESTINIAN MONITORING GROUP

DAILY SITUATION REPORT

08:00 19 May 2007 - 08:00 20 May 2007

SUMMARY OF EVENTS

EVENT	WEST BANK	GAZA STRIP	TOTAL	NOTES
Deaths		6	6	Incl. 2 children & 3 armed Pal. individuals
Physical Assault	1		1	A school teacher beaten in Jenin
Injuries	2	12	14	Incl. 1 female civilian & 4 children
Air Attacks	_	8	8	3 by F16 combat aircraft & 5 by UAVs
Attacks	3	12	15	Incl. 5 by helicopters & 1 by navy boats
Raids	20	3	23	Incl. 4 in Jenin & 2 in Northern Gaza
Air Patrols	_	13	13	Incl. 5 by UAVs & 5 by helicopters
Arrests (per person)	2	_	2	1 civilian in Tulkarem & 1 in Bethlehem
Detentions	15	_	15	At checkpoints & in residential areas
Wall Construction	25	_	25	Jer., Raml'h., Qalq., Salfit, Hebron, Beth.
Destruction of Property	_	6	6	Incl. 3 blacksmiths' workshops destroyed
Confiscation of Property	1		1	A civilian vehicle in Bethlehem district
House Occupation	1	_	1	Converted into a military post in Qalqiliya
Closure of Checkpoints	17	_	17	Incl. access impeded at 10 checkpoints
Flying Checkpoints	17	_	17	Incl. 2 in Jerusalem and 7 in Jenin
Closure (per District)	6	_	6	Incl. Jerusalem and Tulkarem partially
Closure of Main Roads	37	_	37	Incl. 3 in Jerusalem & 4 in Nablus
Closure of Crossing Points	_	7	7	Incl. Beit Hanun (Erez) partially
Settler Violence	3	_	3	Incl. olive trees set on fire in Nablus
Provocation of Pal. Forces	1	_	1	A checkpoint set up near a Police station
Palestinian Attacks	1	6	7	Incl. fire opened towards a watchtower
TOTAL	152	73	225	

DISTRICT	EVENT
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WEST BANK

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 continues to intensify its restrictions at checkpoints located at the entrances to the city of Jerusalem. The Israeli army also continues to close the entrances to Al Aqsa Mosque compound in the old city of Jerusalem and impede civilian access to the mosque. 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 resumed 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. The Israeli army continues to close with cement blocks the western entrance to the village of Saffa.

	 Checkpoint: 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. Wall Construction: Wall construction was resumed 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 at the entrance to the town of Silwad and searched civilians and vehicles. Raid: At 00:20, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the city of El Bireh. Palestinian Attack: At 16:50, armed Palestinian individuals opened fire towards an Israeli army watchtower near the Wall south of the city of El Bireh.
JENIN	 Closure of Roads: 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. Checkpoint: 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. Wall Gates: Passage through the Wall gates is restricted to civilians granted special Israeli permits. Flving Checkpoints: At 18:00, the Israeli army set up 3 flying checkpoints on the junctions to the towns of 'Arraba and Az Zababida as well as the village of Al Kufeir and searched civilians and vehicles. At 06:00, the Israeli army set up 2 flying checkpoints on the junctions to the villages of Al Kufeir and 'Anza and searched civilians and vehicles. The Israeli army set up 2 flying checkpoints, one at the entrance to the village of Al Jadida and the other in the area between the villages of Al Jarba and Sanur, and searched civilians and vehicles. Physical Assault: Israeli troops positioned at Tayasir checkpoint east of the town of Tubas beat Ziyad Abu 'Arrah, a school teacher, because he challenged Israeli troops who demanded that school teachers strip. Raids/Attacks/Injuries: At 13:30, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the area between the villages of Al Far'a and Al Badhan. At 15:00, the Israeli army raided the town of Tubas. While patrolling the area, confrontations took place between the Israeli army and civilians, during which the Israeli army injured 2 civilians, including 1 child. The Israeli army raided the town of Tammun. Confrontations took place between civilians and the Israeli army, while it was patrolling the area.

TULKAREM	 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 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. Flying Checkpoint: At 11:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on Al Ja'run junction north of the city of Tulkarem and searched civilians and vehicles. Raid: At 10:00, the Israeli army raided Dahiyat Shuweika in the city of Tulkarem, arrested 1 civilian, and withdrew at 11:55. Arrest: The Israeli army arrested Jamil Ahmed Sarhan in Dahiyat Shuweika in the city of Tulkarem.
QALQILIYA	 Closure of Roads: The Israeli army continues to close with cement blocks the agricultural roads east of the town of 'Azzun as well as the road connecting the town of 'Azzun to the village of 'Izbat at Tabib. Wall Gates: Passage through the Wall gates is restricted to civilians granted special Israeli permits. 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 resumed in the villages of Immatin and Kafr Laqif as well as east of the towns of Kafr Thulth and 'Azzun. Flying Checkpoint: At 19:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to the village of Habla and searched civilians and vehicles. Raids/House Occupation/Detentions: The Israeli army raided the city of Qalqiliya, set up a checkpoint, searched civilians and vehicles, and patrolled the area. The Israeli army raided the town of 'Azzun, occupied 1 house, and converted it into a military post, after detaining residents. The Israeli army also disconnected the telephone line from the house.
NABLUS	Closure of Main Roads: 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.

The Israeli army continues to close the entrance to the village of Al (iii) 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. (ii) At Tur neighbourhood checkpoint (set up on Jirzim 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. Beit Furik checkpoint is open to civilian residents of the town of Beit (iii) Furik and the village of Beit Dajan until 17:30. Beginning on 23 November 2006, the Israeli army continues to close (iv) 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. (v) At 08:00, the Israeli army intensified its restrictions at checkpoints set up around the city of Nablus and denied access to civilians between 16 and 30 years of age. Flying Checkpoint: At 09:30, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the junction to the settlement of Yitzhar and searched civilians and vehicles. Raid: At 00:55, the Israeli army raided the city of Nablus and patrolled the area until 04:20. Settler Violence: At 22:10, a group of Israeli settlers from the settlement of Itamar set fire to olive trees on civilian land near the settler bypass road west of the town of Beit Furik. **Closure of Main Roads:** The Israeli army has continued to close the main north-western (i) entrance to the city of Salfit with dirt barricades since the beginning of the current *Intifada* (Uprising). The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the western (ii) entrance to the village of Marda and, with cement blocks, the western entrance to the town of Kafr ad Dik. **Checkpoints:** The Israeli army continues to intensify its restrictions at Deir Ballut (i) **SALFIT** checkpoint and to deny civilian access to the town of Kafr ad Dik. The Israeli army continues to intensify its restrictions at the Za'tara (ii) junction checkpoint and to impede civilian access. Wall Construction: Wall construction was resumed 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. At 09:00, an Israeli army patrol raided the city of Salfit and patrolled (i)

the area until 09:15.

	 (ii) At 12:15, an Israeli army patrol raided the town of Biddya, set up a checkpoint at its eastern entrance, and searched civilians and vehicles. The Israeli army also patrolled the area until 12:30. (iii) The Israeli army raided and patrolled the town of Kafr ad Dik.
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'. Wall Construction: Wall construction was resumed 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. Raids: At 11:30, and again at 18:30, the Israeli army raided the city of Beit Jala and patrolled the area until 19:00. At 01:45, the Israeli army raided the town of Tuqu' and searched a number of houses. Arrest: Israeli troops positioned at As Sawahira ash Sharqiya (the "Container") checkpoint arrested Husam Mohammed Abu Dayyeh. Confiscation of Property: At 01:00, Israeli troops positioned at As Sawahira ash Sharqiya (the "Container") checkpoint confiscated a vehicle belonging to Mahmoud Is'haq al Lahham. Settler Violence: At 20:00, a group of Israeli settlers attempted to cut down fruit-bearing trees on land belonging to the village of Artas. As a result, confrontations took place between civilians and the Israeli settlers. The Israeli army evacuated the settlers from the area.
HEBRON	• 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:

- (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.
- <u>Wall Construction</u>: Wall construction was resumed 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.

• Raids/Provocation of Palestinian Forces:

- (i) At 08:00, the Israeli army raided the city of Hebron, set up a checkpoint in the area of Ras al Jora, searched civilians and vehicles, and patrolled the area. At 19:15, the Israeli army raided the city again and patrolled the area.
- (ii) At 17:20, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the town of Bani Na'im.
- (iii) At 21:55, the Israeli army raided the town of As Samoa', set up a checkpoint near the town's Palestinian Police station, and searched civilians and vehicles. Confrontations also took place between the Israeli army and civilians. At 22:25, the Israeli army withdrew from the area.
- (iv) At 24:00, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the town of Dura.
- <u>Settler Violence</u>: At 16:00, a group of Israeli settlers beat 2 Romanian nationals in the old city of Hebron, after which they were transported to Hebron Public Hospital for medical treatment.

GAZA STRIP

ALL DISTRICTS	• The ceasefire agreement that entered into force at 06:00 on 26 November 2006 remains effective.
NORTHERN	 Closure of Crossing Point: Beit Hanun (Erez) Crossing is partially open to foreign nationals, humanitarian cases, merchants, and VIPs. Air Attacks/Destruction of Property/Injuries: In violation of the Israeli-Palestinian ceasefire agreement, the Israeli air force fired missiles towards Palestinian territory, as follows: At 10:55, an Israeli UAV fired 1 missile towards and damaged a residential flat on Al Karama towers. However, the missile did not explode. At 11:15, an Israeli UAV fired 1 missile towards shepherds south of the town of Beit Hanun, killing 2 shepherds and injuring another. At 22:00, an Israeli UAV fired 1 missile towards armed Palestinian individuals, after they had fired a mortar towards the Green Line from Palestinian territory east of the town of Jabalya. The Israeli air attack resulted in the killing of a child. At 02:50, Israeli F16 combat aircraft fired 1 missile towards and destroyed a blacksmith's workshop in the town of Beit Lahiya. Killings: Israeli combat aircraft killed 2 shepherds south of the town of Beit Hanun: Mahir Hamad Hashish, 16 years old; and Israeli combat aircraft killed Hatem Naji Hmeid, 15 years old, east of the town of Jabalya. Attacks/Injuries: In violation of the Israeli-Palestinian ceasefire agreement, the Israeli army, navy, and air force opened fire towards Palestinian territory, as follows: At 10:15, the Israeli army opened fire from one of its locations on Palestinian territory near Beit Hanun (Erez) Crossing north of the town of Beit Hanun towards and injured 1 Palestinian National Security officer. At 15:15, the Israeli army opened intensive fire from its location on the Sharab grove east of the town of Beit Hanun towards civilian houses in Al Amal neighbourhood east of the town. At 18:00, the Israeli army opened fire again, injuring 3 children (brothers). Of these, Yaseen Ahmed 'Odeh sustained critical injuries to the head. In addition, Ruwayda Abu 'Odeh

- (v) At 21:30, the Israeli army fired 1 artillery shell from one its locations inside the Green Line towards Palestinian territory near the Palestinian Ministry of Education District Office north of the town of Beit Lahiya.
- <u>Raids</u>: 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. At 11:00, the Israeli army forces were supported by 10 armoured vehicles and 1 bulldozer. The Israeli army also took position on Palestinian territory near Point 24 on the Green Line northeast of the town of Beit Hanun.
- (ii) Beginning at 09:40 on 18 May 2007, the Israeli army has remained positioned on Palestinian territory north and northwest of the town of Beit Lahiya. At 10:55, the Israeli army, including 1 armoured vehicle and 1 bulldozer, raided 600 metres into Palestinian territory north of Al Qarya al Badawiya north of the town of Beit Lahiya.
- <u>Palestinian Attacks/Israeli Attack</u>: In violation of the Israeli-Palestinian ceasefire agreement, armed Palestinian individuals fired 6 mortars towards the Green Line, as follows:
- (i) At 11:00, 2 unidentified mortars were fired towards the Green Line. As a result, the Israeli army fired 4 artillery shells from its locations inside the Green Line towards Palestinian territory around the city of Sheikh Zayed.
- (ii) At 14:45, 1 unidentified mortar was fired towards the Green Line.
- (iii) At 20:40, 1 unidentified mortar was fired towards the Green Line.
- (iv) At 21:30, 1 unidentified mortar was fired towards the Green Line.
- (v) At 22:00, 1 unidentified mortar was fired towards the Green Line.

• Closure of Crossing Points:

- (i) Al Muntar (Karnei) Crossing is closed.
- (ii) Ash Shuja'iya (Nahal 'Oz) Crossing is closed.
- <u>Air Attacks/Injuries/Destruction of Property</u>: In violation of the Israeli-Palestinian ceasefire agreement, the Israeli air force fired missiles towards Palestinian territory, as follows:
- (i) At 22:00, an Israeli UAV fired 1 missile towards a vehicle transporting armed Palestinian individuals in Az Zaytun neighbourhood in Gaza city, injuring 3 armed individuals and destroying the vehicle.
- (ii) At 02:35, an Israeli UAV fired 1 missile towards a vehicle transporting armed Palestinian individuals along As Sahaba Street in Gaza city, killing 3 armed individuals and destroying the vehicle.
- (iii) At 02:50, Israeli F16 combat aircraft fired 1 missile towards and destroyed a blacksmith's workshop in Az Zaytun neighbourhood in Gaza city.
- <u>Killings</u>: Israeli combat aircraft killed 3 armed Palestinian individuals along As Sahaba Street in Gaza city:
- (i) Muhyi ad Din as Surouji;
- (ii) 'Imad Abdul 'Aziz 'Ashour; and
- (iii) Jamil Haleem Manna'.

GAZA

	Palestinian Attack: At 19:40, armed Palestinian individuals fired 1 mortar towards the Green Line, thereby violating the Israeli-Palestinian ceasefire agreement.		
CENTRAL GAZA	 Air Attack/Injuries/Destruction of Property: At 09:05, in violation of the Israeli-Palestinian ceasefire agreement, Israeli F16 combat aircraft fired 1 missile towards a blacksmith's workshop along Al Abraj Street in the area of An Nuseirat, injuring 2 armed Palestinian individuals and destroying the workshop. Attack: At 07:40, Israeli combat helicopters opened machinegun fire towards Palestinian territory near Point 124 on the Green Line east of Al Maghazi refugee camp, thereby violating the Israeli-Palestinian ceasefire agreement. 		
KHAN YUNIS	• Raid: In violation of the Israeli-Palestinian ceasefire agreement, the Israeli army, including 4 armoured vehicles, raided 150 metres into Palestinian territory near Point 157 on the Green Line east of the area of Al Qarara.		
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. Attacks: In violation of the Israeli-Palestinian ceasefire agreement, the Israeli air force opened fire towards Palestinian territory, as follows: At 07:00, Israeli combat helicopters opened machinegun fire towards the area surrounding Yasser 'Arafat International Airport east of the city of Rafah. At 07:10, Israeli combat helicopters opened machinegun fire towards the area surrounding Sufa Crossing east of the city of Rafah. At 07:20, Israeli combat helicopters opened machinegun fire towards Palestinian territory near Point 191 on the Green Line north of Sufa Crossing east of the city of Rafah. 		