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PALESTINIAN MONITORING GROUP

DAILY SITUATION REPORT
08:00 20 May 2005 – 08:00 21 May 2005

SUMMARY OF EVENTS

EVENT	WEST BANK	GAZA STRIP	TOTAL	NOTES
Death	—	1	1	During an armed confrontation
Physical Assaults	2	—	2	Incl. civilians severely beaten
Injuries	8	2	10	Incl. 2 civilians by Israeli settlers
Attacks	7	11	18	Incl. 4 during raids & 12 from posts
Raids	18	3	21	Incl. 4 in Ramallah & 3 in Jenin
Arrests (per person)	3	—	3	In Ramallah, Nablus, & Bethlehem
Detentions	7	1	8	Incl. 6 officers at a checkpoint
Land Levelling	—	1	1	Near Sufa Crossing in Rafah
Destruction of Property	2	2	4	Incl. 1 school wall demolished
Confiscation of Property	1	—	1	6 military uniforms confiscated
Checkpoints	(All)	—	(All)	
Flying Checkpoints	21	—	21	Incl. 1 in Jericho & 6 in Hebron
Closure (per District)	5	—	5	Incl. Jerusalem and Jericho (partially)
Closure of Main Roads	(Unidentified)	(9)	—	Incl. 2 partially
Closure of Wall Gates	(All)	—	(All)	Incl. searches at 'Azzun 'Atma
Closure of Crossing Points	—	5	5	Incl. 1 partially open
Attack on Religious Site	1	—	1	1 sound grenade fired inside mosque
Settler Violence	3	—	3	Incl. civilians denied access
Provocation of Pal. Forces	—	2	2	Incl. open fire towards 1 Pal. post
Palestinian Attacks	3	8	11	Incl. 6 Qassam mortars fired
Pal. Security Measures	1	4	5	Incl. 1 female soldier handed over
Demonstration	1	—	1	In Bil'in protesting Wall construction
TOTAL	83	40	123	

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: The Israeli army intensified its restrictions at checkpoints at the entrances to the city of Jerusalem and set up several checkpoints in the old city of Jerusalem and in the area surrounding Al Aqsa Mosque compound, obstructing worshippers from accessing Al Aqsa Mosque to perform Friday prayers. 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 was suspended for the weekend 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 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, and in the town of Beituniya. Flying Checkpoints: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> At 19:50, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the junction to the town of Abu Shukheidim and arrested 1 civilian. The Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to the village of Deir Abu Mash'al and searched civilians and vehicles. Raids: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> At 09:55, the Israeli army raided the city of Ramallah. At 16:50, and again at 21:00, the Israeli army raided the city again, searched 1 house, and patrolled the area.

	<p>(ii) At 19:45, Israeli army infantry forces raided the city of El Bireh, set up a checkpoint near the settlement of Psagot, and searched civilians and vehicles.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Arrest: The Israeli army arrested Mukhles Tawfiq al Barghouthi in the town of Abu Shukheidim. • Demonstration/Physical Assault/Detention: At 15:20, a mass demonstration, including international and Israeli 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 and tear gas grenades and severely beat a number of protestors, injuring 6 civilians. The Israeli army also detained approximately 26 international and Israeli peace activists.
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 was suspended for the weekend 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 03:00, the Israeli army, including 8 jeeps, raided the villages of Deir Abu Da'if and Beit Qad, set up 2 checkpoints at their entrances, and patrolled the area. • Destruction of Property: During Israeli army military training in the area of At Tabaqa near Wadi al Malih in the Jordan Valley, east of the town of Tubas, a fire was started, destroying a large area of natural pastures used by civilians to graze their livestock. • Palestinian Attack: At 23:05, armed Palestinian individuals opened fire towards an Israeli army patrol traveling along the settler bypass road east of the city of Jenin. The Israeli army, including 5 jeeps, raided the area of As Suweitat east of the city, opened fire, fired flares, and combed the area. At 23:30, the Israeli army withdrew from the area.
TULKAREM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wall Gates: Passage through the Wall gates is restricted to civilians granted special Israeli permits. • Flying Checkpoints: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 11:35, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint south of the city of Tulkarem, searched civilians and vehicles, and impeded civilian movement. (ii) At 14:45, the Israeli army set up 2 flying checkpoints on the junctions of Al Jarushiya and the settlement of 'Einav and searched civilians and vehicles. (iii) At 17:30, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint in the area of Khallet al 'Amud between the towns of 'Illar and 'Attil and withdrew from the area at 07:00. (iv) At 23:45, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to

	<p>the town of Bal'a and searched civilians and vehicles until 00:15.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Raid: At 22:35, Israeli army infantry forces, including 15 soldiers, raided the area between the villages of Ramin and Bizzariya and took position in the area until 23:20.
QALQILYA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wall Gates: <ol 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 restrictions at 'Azzun 'Atma Wall gate and search civilians with a metal detector. • Flying Checkpoint: At 10:00, the Israeli army set up 1 flying checkpoint at the eastern entrance to the city of Qalqiliya and another flying checkpoint at the entrance to the town of 'Azzun and searched civilians and vehicles.
NABLUS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Raids: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (i) On 18 May 2005, the Israeli army raided the village of Salim, searched 1 house belonging to a member of the Palestinian Presidential Guard, and served summons to his family members to report to the Israeli Intelligence Service. (ii) At 13:15, the Israeli army raided 'Askar refugee camp. Confrontations took place between the Israeli army and civilians. (iii) At 01:15, the Israeli army raided the city of Nablus and the area surrounding Balata refugee camp and fired sound grenades while raiding a number of houses. The Israeli army also set up a checkpoint in the centre of the city of Nablus and searched civilians and vehicles. • Arrest: Israeli troops positioned at Huwwara checkpoint arrested Rami Tawfiq Abu Isma'il (date of arrest unknown). • Palestinian Attack: At 21:00, armed Palestinian individuals opened fire from the area surrounding the village of Kafr Qalil towards Israeli troops positioned at 'Awarta checkpoint. The Israeli army responded by opening fire towards the village of Kafr Qalil.
SALFIT	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure of Main Road: 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. • Checkpoint: The Israeli army intensified its restrictions at the checkpoint set up at the entrance to the town of Deir Ballut and particularly searched female civilians with an electronic device. • Wall Construction: Wall construction was suspended for the weekend in the town of Deir Ballut near the Green Line and in the villages of Az Zawiya and Rafat. • Raid: The Israeli army raided the area between the town of Deir Ballut and the village of Rafat, fired flares, and combed the area.

<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. • Flying Checkpoint: At 14:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint along the main road in the centre of the village of Al ‘Auja, searched civilians and vehicles, and examined civilians’ IDs.
<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 was suspended for the weekend north of ‘Ayda refugee camp towards the area north of the city of Beit Jala, and west of the village of Husan. • Flying Checkpoint: At 11:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the western entrance to the town of Tuqu’ and searched civilians and vehicles. • Raids: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 14:25, and again at 18:40, an Israeli army patrol raided the town of Al Khadr and patrolled the area. (ii) The Israeli army raided the area of Al ‘Uruj in the eastern Bethlehem district and arrested 1 civilian. • Arrest: The Israeli army arrested Ali Mahmoud Abdul Qader ‘Uruj in the area of Al ‘Uruj. • Palestinian Attack: At 00:10, armed Palestinian individuals opened fire from the city of Beit Jala towards the settlement of Gilo.
<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 was suspended for the weekend 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. • Flying Checkpoints/Physical Assault: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 09:30, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to the town of Idhna, searched civilian vehicles, and impeded civilian movement. Israeli troops positioned at the checkpoint severely beat a number of individuals, including 6 Palestinian National Security

	<p>officers, and confiscated their military uniforms.</p> <p>(ii) At 09:45, the Israeli army set up 4 flying checkpoints at the entrances to the villages of As Sarra, ‘Abda, Kharsa and the town of Adh Dhahiriya, and searched civilians and vehicles.</p> <p>(iii) The Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on Al Fawwar junction and searched civilians and vehicles.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Raids/Attack on Religious Site/Destruction of Property:</u> <p>(i) At 13:00, the Israeli army raided Al ‘Arrub refugee camp, and fired 1 sound grenade inside Omar Bin al Khattab Mosque while worshippers were performing Friday prayers, injuring 2 worshippers. The Israeli army also broke the windshield of 1 civilian vehicle parked near the mosque.</p> <p>(ii) At 24:00, Israeli army patrols raided the city of Hebron and patrolled several neighbourhoods.</p> • <u>Settler Violence/Physical Assault:</u> <p>(i) A group of Israeli settlers severely beat 3 civilians, including Majed Abu Meizar, in the area of As Sahleh in the old city of Hebron.</p> <p>(ii) Israeli settlers from the settlement outpost of Ramat Yishay threw stones and empty bottles at the house of Mohammed Abu ‘Eisheh.</p> <p>(iii) Israeli settlers from the settlement of Kiryat Arba’ prevented civilians from traveling along the settler bypass road connecting the settlement to the Ibrahimi Mosque.</p> • <u>Palestinian Security Measures:</u> At 01:00, Palestinian security forces located Idit Hayim Hadar, a female Israeli soldier, along with a Palestinian civilian in the town of As Samoa’. During interrogation, it was discovered that both the female soldier and the Palestinian civilian had been smuggling illegal drugs. Palestinian security forces handed the female Israeli soldier over to the Israeli authorities (through the DCO).
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GAZA STRIP

<p style="text-align: center;">NORTHERN GAZA</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Closure:</u> Beit Hanun (Erez) Crossing is partially open (to humanitarian cases and VIPs only). • <u>Palestinian Security Measures:</u> <p>(i) At 21:05, Palestinian security forces blocked an attempt by armed Palestinian individuals to fire mortars from the area surrounding the area of Quleibu towards the Green Line.</p> <p>(ii) At 02:55, Palestinian security forces blocked an attempt by armed Palestinian individuals to fire mortars from the area surrounding Al ‘Awadah towers.</p> <p>(iii) At 04:30, Palestinian security forces blocked an attempt by armed Palestinian individuals to fire mortars from the area surrounding the city of Sheikh Zayed.</p>
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<p style="text-align: center;">GAZA</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure: <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. (iv) Nahal 'Oz Crossing is closed • Attack: At 19:20, the Israeli army opened fire from its location in the area surrounding the settlement of Nitsareem towards Palestinian territory south of Gaza city. • Raid: At 23:00, Israeli army infantry forces raided Palestinian territory in the village of Al Mughraqa south of Ash Shuhada' junction, searched 1 house, after detaining its residents, and took photographs of both the residents and the house, before it withdrew from the area. • Palestinian Attacks: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 14:30, 1 Qassam mortar was fired, but landed on a civilian house in Ash Shuja'iyya neighbourhood. (The mortar did not explode). (ii) At 02:15, 1 unidentified mortar was fired towards the settlement of Nitsareem, but landed on Palestinian territory. (iii) At 03:00, 1 unidentified mortar was fired towards the settlement of Nitsareem, but landed on Palestinian territory.
<p style="text-align: center;">CENTRAL GAZA</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Attack: At 00:30, the Israeli army opened fire from its location in the area surrounding the settlement of Kfar Darom towards Palestinian territory south of the city of Deir Al Balah. • Raid: At 11:00, Israeli army tanks raided Palestinian territory near the settlement of Kfar Darom and demolished the wall of the UNRWA Agricultural School in the city of Deir Al Balah. • Palestinian Attacks: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 04:30, 3 armed Palestinian individuals attacked the settlement of Kfar Darom. An armed confrontation took place between the Israeli army and Palestinian individuals, during which the Israeli army killed 1 individual and injured another. (ii) At 05:40, 1 unidentified mortar was fired towards the settlement of Nitsareem, but landed on a civilian house in the area of Al Mughraqa. (iii) At 05:45, 1 mortar was fired towards the settlement of Kfar Darom. • Killing: The Israeli army killed Mohammed Ribhi Barakeh near the settlement of Kfar Darom. • Palestinian Security Measures: At 23:30, a Palestinian security patrol blocked an attempt by armed Palestinian individuals to fire mortars from Abu 'Arif Street.
<p style="text-align: center;">KHAN YUNIS</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Abu Al 'Ajin road (Khan Yunis Al Sharqiya) is closed. (ii) Western road (Khan Yunis) is closed.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> (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 16:55, the Israeli army opened fire from its locations at Points 7 and 9 towards Palestinian territory in West Khan Yunis refugee camp and north of Al Amal neighbourhood. (ii) At 20:00, the Israeli army opened fire towards civilian houses east of the village of 'Abasan, injuring 1 civilian. • <u>Palestinian Attacks:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 20:25, 3 Qassam mortars were fired towards the settlement of Gadid. (ii) At 02:15, 2 Qassam mortars were fired towards the settlement of Gadid.
RAFAH	<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 closed. (iii) Alon – Tall as Sultan checkpoint, at the entrance to Al Mawasi/Rafah, south of the city of Deir al Balah, is partially open. (iv) Sufa Crossing is closed • <u>Attacks/Provocation of Palestinian Forces/Destruction of Property:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 09:55, the Israeli army opened fire from Tall Zu'rub military post towards 1 Palestinian security patrol in Tall Zu'rub neighbourhood in Rafah refugee camp. (ii) At 20:40, the Israeli army opened fire from its location at Point 21 towards 1 Palestinian National Security location in Tall as Sultan neighbourhood. (iii) At 21:40, the Israeli army fired 1 tank shell from its location at Point 19 towards Palestinian territory north of Tall as Sultan neighbourhood. At 22:30, the Israeli army opened fire towards the area. (iv) At 00:15, the Israeli army detonated explosives on civilian land near Point 5 along the Egyptian border, claiming to be searching for tunnels. (v) At 01:30, the Israeli army fired flares from its location at Point 207 on the Green Line towards Palestinian territory north of Sufa Crossing, setting fire to wheat crops cultivated in the area. • <u>Raid/Land Levelling:</u> At 12:00, an Israeli army bulldozer raided Palestinian territory along the Green Line near Sufa Crossing northeast of the city of Rafah and levelled land.

GENERAL

POLITICAL PRISONERS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Israeli Army Measures against Political Prisoners:</u> Political prisoners held in the Ishel isolation section in Bir as Sabe' Prison suffer from harsh conditions of imprisonment. The Israeli prison administration frequently postpones offering ill prisoners necessary medical treatment. Additionally, prisoners have not been provided electric fans for their cells for the summer. Israeli prison guards also provoke prisoners on a daily basis and punish them by preventing family visits. • <u>Hunger Strike:</u> Political prisoner 'Adnan Mohammed Milhem, imprisoned for 7 years and isolated in an isolation cell for 13 months in Ishel isolation section in Bir as Sabe' Prison, began a hunger strike, demanding an end to his solitary confinement.
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.