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PALESTINIAN MONITORING GROUP

DAILY SITUATION REPORT

08:00 20 May 2009 – 08:00 21 May 2009

SUMMARY OF EVENTS

EVENT	WEST BANK	GAZA STRIP	TOTAL	NOTES
Injuries	2	_	2	1 in Qalqiliya and 1 in Hebron
Attacks	1	4	5	incl. 3 artillery shells fired on Gaza
Raids	27	_	27	Incl. 6 in Jenin and 7 in Hebron
Air Patrols	_	5	5	F16 combat aircraft over the Gaza Strip
Arrests	12	_	12	Incl. 4 children in Nablus and Bethlehem
Detentions	14	_	14	Incl. a Palestinian security officer
Wall Construction	21	_	21	Incl. Jer., Raml'h., Salfit, & Qalqiliya
Destruction of Property	2	_	2	Incl. wall of a public park demolished
Confiscation of Property	1		1	A pistol of a Palestinian officer, Nablus
Closure of Checkpoints	14	_	14	Incl. access impeded at 9 checkpoints
Flying Checkpoints	7	_	7	Incl. 2 in Jerusalem and 1 in Tulkarem
Closure (per District)	7	_	7	Incl. Nu'man and Mazmuriya, Bethlehem
Closure of Main Roads	48	_	48	Incl. 12 in Nablus and 16 in Hebron
Closure of Crossing Points	_	5	5	2 crossing points partially open
Settlement Activity	1	_	1	Barbed wire fence installed, Bethlehem
Settler Violence	1	_	1	A 3-year-old girl run over in Hebron
Provocation of Pal. Forces	2	_	2	Incl. fire opened on a Pal. security vehicle
Palestinian Attack	_	1	1	3 mortars fired towards the Green Line
Demonstrations	2	_	2	In solidarity with political prisoners
TOTAL	159	15	174	

DISTRICT	EVENTS		
WEST B	ANK		
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: (i) 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. (ii) On 05 January 2009, the Israeli authorities issued Military Order # S/02/09 on the closure of and denial of civilian access to the "demarcation area" along the Wall in the area surrounding the city of Jerusalem. Accordingly, local residents and civilians holding permits can access this area through crossings and gates set up at the entrances to the city of Jerusalem. (The demarcation area is defined by a set of military orders relating to land confiscation for Wall construction). (iii) Beginning on 02 April 2009, the Israeli army has continued to impose a blockade and deny civilian access to a hill located in an area between the village of Biddu and Beit Iksa due it its geographical significance as it overlooks the city of Jerusalem. • 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. • 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: (i) 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 continues in the area of Al Teizariya to Ash Shayyah, from Beit Surik village to Biddu; in the areas of Al Judeira,		

refugee camp.

Closure of Main Roads: The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades and cement blocks the entrances to the town of Sinjil, the village of Saffa; and the junction to the villages of Kafr Malik – 'Ein Samiya. **Checkpoint:** The Israeli army continues to intensify restrictions at the checkpoint on the overpass to 'Atara town and impede civilian access. **Raids/Destruction of Property:** (i) At dawn on 20 May 2009, the Israeli army raided the village of Abu Oash and arrested 1 civilian. RAMALLAH (ii) At 02:02, the Israeli army raided the town of 'Abud, searched 3 & houses, and damaged furniture of 1 house. The Israeli army also EL BIREH arrested 1 civilian. **Arrests:** The Israeli army arrested Wisam Qasem Jamal in the village of Abu (i) The Israeli army arrested Hamadeh Jamal ad Dahnoun in the town of (ii) 'Abud. Wall Construction: Wall construction continues west of 'Abud town and in the areas of Al Midya to Ni'lin and Ni'lin to Deir Qaddis. Closure of Main Road: The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the road leading to the town of 'Arraba east of the settlement of Dotan. **Raids/Detention:** At 10:30, the Israeli army raided the village of Al Hufira and patrolled (i) the area until 12:15. At 13:00, the Israeli army raided the village of Al 'Araqa and searched a (ii) number of houses. The Israeli army also detained Ahmed Sameer Yihva, a Palestinian National Security officer, and released him after having served him a summons to report to the Israeli Intelligence agency. At 06:30, the Israeli army raided the village again and patrolled **JENIN** At 24:00, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the village of Rummana (iii) and Zububa. At 03:20, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the town of Qabatiya. (iv) Demonstration: At 11:00, families of political prisoners held a sit-in demonstration in front of offices of the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) in the city of Jenin in solidarity with their relative prisoners and in protest against repressive measures against them. Protestors also demonstrated against orange uniforms imposed on political prisoners and demanded that they be released from Israeli prisons. 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.

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TUBAS	 <u>Checkpoint</u>: The Israeli army continues to close Tayasir checkpoint in the eastern Tubas district, denying civilian access to the Northern Jordan Valley, except for civilians whose IDs indicate that their place of residence is the Northern Jordan Valley.
TULKAREM	 Closure of Main Roads: The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the western entrance to the village of Shufa. The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the road connecting the town of Kafr al Labad to the village of Shufa. Checkpoint: The Israeli army continues to intensify restrictions at 'Einav checkpoint set up on Tulkarem-Nablus main road. Flying Checkpoint: At 10:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to the town of Beit Lid and searched civilians and vehicles until 12:00. Raids: At 22:40, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the town of 'Anabta. At 23:00, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the town of Bal'a. 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. At 15:40, the Israeli army closed with dirt barricades a detour road near the eastern entrance to the city of Qalqiliya along to the Qalqiliya-Nablus main road. Checkpoint: The Israeli army continues to intensify restrictions at the checkpoint set up at the eastern entrance to the city of Qalqiliya and to impede civilian access. Flying Checkpoint: At 08:10, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to the village of Immatin and searched civilians and vehicles until 10:30. Raids/Attack/Provocation of Palestinian Forces: At 23:50, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the city of Qalqiliya. At 01:30, Israeli Special Forces troops, disguised in a civilian vehicle, raided the city again and opened fire towards a vehicle belonging to the Palestinian General Intelligence agency, injuring Ali Khuleif, a Palestinian General Intelligence officer. Arrest: At 15:50, Israeli troops positioned at the checkpoint set up at the eastern entrance to the city of Qalqiliya arrested Mohammed Kayed Mohammed Hassan Qar'an. 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.

<u>Wall Construction</u> : Wall construction continues south of the town of Jayyus	2
as well as near the settlement of Alfe Menashe in the villages of Ras Tira Magharet ad Dab'a, and Wadi ar Rasha south of the city of Qalqiliya.	
Closure of Main Roads: The Israeli army continues to close with cement blocks the roads of Sara-Jii; Til-Burin; Beit Furik-Salem; the road between the town of 'Aqraba and the main road; and the eastern entrance to the village of A Lubban Ash Sharqiya. The Israeli army also continues to close with dire barricades the road between the villages of Til and Madama; the southern entrance to the village of Qaryut; the eastern entrance to the village of Al Lubban Ash Sharqiya; the western entrance to the town of 'Aqraba; the southern entrance to the village of Duma; the northern entrance to the town of Qabalan; the western entrance to the village of Deir al Hatab to the settlement of Alon Moreh. The Israeli army continues to restrict civilian daily passage along the Jenin-Nablus road between the junction to Deir Sharaf village and the settlement of Shavei Shomron between 06:00 and 21:00.	filterer fil
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	Confiscation of Property: At 22:30 on 19 May 2009, the Israeli army searched a house and confiscated a pistol belonging to Murad Nihad Dweikat, a Palestinian General Intelligence officer during its raid into the city of Nablus, as was reported yesterday.
SALFIT	 Closure of Main Roads: The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the northern entrance to the city of Salfit. The Israeli army continues to close with cement blocks and iron gates the northern entrance to the town of Bruqin and the western entrance to the town of Kafr Ad Dik. Checkpoint: The Israeli army continues to intensify its restrictions and impede civilian access at the Za'tara junction checkpoint. Flying Checkpoint: At 13:35, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to the town of Kafr ad Dik and searched civilians and vehicles. Raid: At 12:00, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the village of Yasuf. Wall Construction: Wall construction continues in the area northwest of the city of Salfit, and in the village of Marda and the town of Kafr Haris north of the settlement of Ariel.
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 that connects the districts of Jericho and Ramallah. Raid: At 21:20, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the village of Al 'Auja.
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. According to Military Order # 07/02/S, the Israeli army has continued since 15 September 2007 to deny civilian access to an area measuring 22 dunums (5.436 acres) of land in the area of Mazmuriya in the cities of Beit Sahur and Bethlehem. The land was confiscated pursuant to Military Order # 07/31/T. Closure of Main Roads: In addition to 2 side roads east and south of the village of Al Walaja, the Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the roads of Beit Jala-Wadi Ahmad; Talita-Nazlet as Sidr in the city of Beit Jala; Al Khadr -Road # 60; Al Khadr -Beit Jala Housing Project; Wadi Rahal-Efrat; and the side road east of the town of Beit Fajjar.

• Raids:

- (i) At 00:15, the Israeli army raided the town of Za'tara, searched 1 house, and served a summons to a civilian to report to the Israeli Intelligence agency.
- (ii) At 01:15, the Israeli army raided the town of Tuqu', set up a checkpoint at its entrance, and searched civilians and vehicles. The Israeli army also arrested 5 civilians, including 2 children, and withdrew at 02:45.
- Arrests: The Israeli army arrested 5 civilians in the town of Tuqu':
- (i) Samed Ali Kawazbeh, 17 years old;
- (ii) Faeq Amin Kawazbeh, 17 years old;
- (iii) Jihad Khalil Kawazbeh;
- (iv) Romel Tayseer Abdul Majeed Kawazbeh; and
- (v) Mohammed Sayel Kawazbeh.
- <u>Settlement Activity</u>: At 11:50, the Israeli army began installing a barbed wire fence along the wall of the secondary school in the town of Tuqu'. The school is located on the main road adjacent to the town.
- <u>Demonstration</u>: At 11:00, families of political prisoners held a sit-in demonstration in front of the ICRC offices in the city of Bethlehem in solidarity with their relative prisoners and in protest against repressive measures against them. Protestors also demonstrated against orange uniforms imposed on political prisoners and demanded that they be released from Israeli prisons.
- Wall Construction: Wall construction continues in the area northwest of the town of Al Khadr; northwest of the city of Beit Jala; in the area of Wadi Rahhal east of Ifrat settlement; and in the area surrounding the village of Al Walaja.

The Israeli army continues to close the following locales in the old city

• <u>Closure</u>:

(i)

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 in the area.

(ii) The Israeli army continues to prevent civilian vehicles from travelling along the road connecting the settlement of Kiryat Arba' to the Ibrahimi Mosque in the old city of Hebron.

(iii) On 05 January 2009, the Israeli army issued Military Order # 09/06/S for closure of the area located along the Green Line south of the town of Yatta, evacuation of civilian residents, and prevention of civilian access to the area. According to Military Orders # 05/03/T and 05/04/T, land in this area was confiscated for Wall construction.

HEBRON

• Closure of Main Roads:

- (i) The Israeli army continues to close with cement blocks the entrance to the town of As Samoa'; the area of Al Hawawir leading to the town of Halhul; the road connecting the town of Surif to the village of Al Jab'a; the eastern entrance to the village of Kharsa; the entrance to the Al Qeisi neighbourhood in the old city of Hebron; as well as the entrances to Al 'Arrub refugee camp, the village of At Tuwani, and the town of Adh Dhahiriya.
- (ii) The Israeli army continues to prohibit Palestinian vehicles from travelling along Ash Shalala Old Street leading to the old city of Hebron.
- (iii) The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the road between the villages of Al Karmil and At Tuwani and all roads leading to Road # 60.
- (iv) The Israeli army continues to open the iron gate on the Farsh Al Hawa junction to Road # 35, which leads to Tarqumiya Crossing, from 05:00 until 07:00 and from 09:00 until 13:00.

• Raids:

- (i) At 10:00, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the city of Hebron. At 00:15, the Israeli army raided the city again and searched 1 house.
- (ii) At 12:05, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the towns of Dura and Adh Dhahiriya.
- (iii) At 13:00, the Israeli army raided the town of Bani Na'im, set up a checkpoint, searched civilians and vehicles, and patrolled the area.
- (iv) At 22:30, the Israeli army raided and patrolled Al 'Arrub refugee camp.
- (v) At 03:00, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the town of Yatta.
- Arrest: At 10:30, the Israeli army arrested an unidentified civilian at the entrance to the Ibrahimi Mosque in the old city of Hebron, allegedly because he was in possession of a knife.
- <u>Destruction of Property</u>: At 14:45, the Israeli army demolished the wall of the public park near the Ibrahimi Mosque in the old city of Hebron. The Israeli army also excavated land on the park.
- <u>Settler Violence</u>: At 18:15, an Israeli settler vehicle ran over Jaleeleh Mus'ab Salah al Ja'bari, a 3-year-old female child, in the area of Ar Ras in the old city of Hebron, leaving her with injuries and contusions.
- <u>Wall Construction</u>: Wall construction continues in the section of Tarqumiya checkpoint terminal and in the area between southeast of the village of 'Arab ar Ramadin and the village of Imneizil.

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 for a week. Later, armed Palestinian groups extended the ceasefire until 05 February 2009. Despite the fact that the extension period expired, the ceasefire continues to hold pending negotiations carried out by Egypt.

Violations of the Ceasefire: (i) The Israeli army opened intensive fire and fired 3 artillery shells as well as 1 missile mortar from its locations on the Green Line towards Palestinian territory in the districts of Gaza and Khan Yunis.

- (ii) Armed Palestinian individuals fired 3 mortars towards the Green Line.
- <u>Air Patrols</u>: In the evening on 20 May 2009, Israeli F16 combat aircraft patrolled the skies over all the Gaza Strip districts.

NORTHERN GAZA	Closure of Crossing Point: Beit Hanun (Erez) Crossing is closed.
GAZA	 Closure of Crossing Points: Al Muntar (Karnei) Crossing is closed. Ash Shuja'iya (Nahal 'Oz) Crossing is partially open for transportation of fuel. Attacks: At 12:45, the Israeli army opened intensive fire and fired 3 artillery shells from its location on the Green Line towards agricultural land east of Ash Shuja'iya neighbourhood east of the Gaza city. At 13:30, the Israeli army fired 1 missile mortar from its location inside the Green Line towards armed Palestinian individuals in the area of Jabal al Rayyes east of Gaza city.
CENTRAL GAZA	Palestinian Attack: In the morning of 20 May 2009, 3 mortars were fired towards the Green Line.
KHAN YUNIS	<u>Attack:</u> On 20 May 2009, the Israeli army opened intensive fire from its location on the Green Line towards agricultural land in the eastern Khan Yunis district.
RAFAH	 Closure of Crossing Points: Yasser 'Arafat International Airport remains closed. Rafah (Al 'Awdah) Crossing is closed. Sufa Crossing is closed. Karm Abu Salim (Karem Shalom) Crossing is partially open for transportation of food supplies and humanitarian aid.