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PALESTINIAN MONITORING GROUP

DAILY SITUATION REPORT 08:00 20 May 2011 – 08:00 21 May 2011

SUMMARY OF EVENTS

EVENT	WEST BANK	GAZA STRIP	TOTAL	NOTES
Injuries	5	1	6	Incl. 2 children of a UXO, Hebron
Attacks	11	3	14	Incl. 1 in a raid and 4 from mil. posts
Raids	17	_	17	Incl. 5 in Ramallah and 6 in Hebron
Arrests (per Person)	8	_	8	Incl. 2 brothers
Detentions	12	_	12	Incl. 16 international peace activists
Wall Construction	13	_	13	Incl. in Jerusalem, Qalqiliya, & Hebron
House Occupations	2	_	2	Converted into mil. posts in Ramallah
Closure of Checkpoints	8	_	8	Incl. access impeded at 5 checkpoints
Flying Checkpoints	20	_	20	Incl. 3 in Jerusalem and 3 in Ramallah
Closure (per District)	8		8	Incl. Jerusalem and 5 areas in Hebron
Closure of Main Roads	44	_	44	Incl. 10 in Nablus and 14 in Hebron
Closure of Crossing Points	_	6	6	Beit Hanun Crossing partially open
Settler Violence	8	_	8	Incl. land set on fire in Nablus
Provocation of Pal. Forces	1	_	1	A National Security vehicle detained
Demonstrations	5	2	7	Incl. against Wall construction
TOTAL	162	12	174	

DISTRICT EVENTS

WEST BANK

• Closure:

- (i) On 20 May 2011, the Israeli army intensified restrictions at checkpoints located at the entrances to Jerusalem city, set up flying checkpoints in the old city of Jerusalem and around the Al Aqsa Mosque compound, and prevented civilians from other districts from accessing the mosque and performing Friday prayers.
- (i) The Israeli army continues to close the 'demarcation area' along the Wall in the area surrounding Jerusalem city and restrict access to the area to local residents as well as to civilians holding special permits.
- (ii) The Israeli army continues to impose a blockade and deny civilian access to a hill between Biddu and Beit Iksa villages.

• 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.
- (iii) The Israeli army continues to close with an iron gate the eastern entrance to Beit Iksa village and force civilians to access Jerusalem city through Qalandiya checkpoint.

• <u>Checkpoint</u>: The Israeli authorities continue to consider Qalandiya checkpoint a "border crossing point" and designates a special crossing lane for holders of Jerusalem IDs and those possessing permits to access Jerusalem city.

- <u>Attack</u>: At 12:30, Israeli troops positioned near Qalandiya checkpoint fired rubber-coated steel bullets as well as sound and tear gas grenades on civilians, allegedly for throwing stones.
- Raid: On 20 May 2011, the Israeli army raided Biddu town and arrested five civilians.
- Arrests: The Israeli army arrested five civilians in Biddu town:
- (i) Mahmoud Mustafa Hmeidan;
- (ii) Bara' Iyad Mohammed Abu 'Eid;
- (iii) Mu'ath 'Isa Hmeidan;
- (iv) Ahmed Badwan Mahmoud Badwan; and
- (v) Ahmed Yousef Mohammed Badwan.

• Wall Gates:

- (i) The Israeli army continues to close with cement blocks the Wall gate in Abu Dis town.
- (ii) The Israeli army continues to deny civilian access through the Wall gate on Ash Shayyah road in the area between As Sawahira ash Sharqiya and As Sawahira al Gharbiya villages, 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 north of Qalandiya village; south of Az Za'ayyem village; and in Wadi al 'Eizariya west of Ma'ale Adumim settlement.

JERUSALEM

- <u>Closure of Main Roads</u>: The Israeli army continues to close the entrances to Sinjil town and Saffa village as well as the junction to Kafr Malik and 'Ein Samiya villages.
- <u>Flying Checkpoint</u>: At 15:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the junction to Silwad town and searched civilians and vehicles.

Raids:

- (i) At 24:00, the Israeli army raided Ramallah and El Bireh cities. While searching a house in Ramallah city, confrontations took place between the Israeli army and civilians. The Israeli army also served a summons on Mohammed Isma'il Samamreh to report to the Israeli Intelligence agency. At 01:30, the Israeli army withdrew from the area.
- (ii) At 01:00, the Israeli army raided and patrolled Kafr Ni'mah village.
- (iii) At 04:00, the Israeli army raided Beit Rima town and served a summons on Mohammed Hasan al Barghouthi to report to the Israeli Intelligence agency.

• <u>Demonstrations/Raid/Attacks/Detentions</u>:

(i) At 13:00, a mass demonstration, including international peace activists, took place in An Nabi Salih village in protest against Israeli settler violence and confiscation of civilian land for the expansion of Halamish settlement. Meanwhile, the Israeli army raided the village, occupied the roofs of two houses, and converted them into military posts. The Israeli army also fired rubber-coated steel bullets and tear gas grenades on protestors, injuring two civilians. A number of participants also sustained wounds as a result of tear gas inhalation. Additionally, Israeli troops detained 12 Israeli peace activists.

- (ii) At 13:30, a mass demonstration, including international and Israeli peace activists, took place in Bil'in village in protest against Wall construction. Confrontations took place between the Israeli army and protestors, during which the Israeli army injured a number of participants as a result of tear gas inhalation.
- (iii) At 13:50, a mass demonstration, including international peace activists, took place in Ni'lin town in protest against Wall construction. Confrontations took place between the Israeli army and protestors, during which the Israeli army wounded a number of participants as a result of tear gas inhalation.
- <u>Settler Violence</u>: At 01:50, a group of Israeli settlers from Beit II settlement threw stones at civilian houses in Ad Dahiyat az Zira'iya area near Al Jalazun refugee camp. At 03:00, the Israeli army withdrew from the area.
- <u>Wall Construction</u>: Wall construction continues in the area west of 'Abud town in the area surrounding 'Ofarim settlement and north of Al Lubban al Gharbi and Rantis villages.

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• <u>Closure of Main Road</u>: The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the road leading to the town of 'Arraba east of Dotan settlement.

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	 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.
TUBAS	• <u>Checkpoint</u> : Though allowing civilian access to the Northern Jordan Valley between 06:00 and 22:00, the Israeli army continues to intensify its restrictions at Tayasir checkpoint east of the city of Tubas.
TULKAREM	 Closure of Main Roads: The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the road connecting Kafr al Labad town to Shufa village as well as the road connecting Shufa and 'Izbat Shufa villages. The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the detour road leading to Ramin village along the Tulkarem-Nablus main road. Checkpoint: The Israeli army continues to intensify restrictions and impede civilian access at 'Einav checkpoint on the Tulkarem-Nablus main road. Flying Checkpoints: At 11:50, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to Beit Lid town and searched civilians and vehicles. At 12:15, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the junction to Deir al Ghusun town and searched civilians and vehicles. At 12:25, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint near Nazlat 'Isa village and searched civilians and vehicles. At 18:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the junction Al Jarushiya village and searched civilians and vehicles. Raids: At 11:00, the Israeli army raided and patrolled Baqa ash Sharqiya town. At 15:00, the Israeli army raided and patrolled Deir al Ghusun town. 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. Flying Checkpoints: At 18:45, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to Kafr Laqif village and searched civilians and vehicles. At 22:15, the Israeli army set up two flying checkpoints, one at the entrance to Hajja village and the other on the junction to Jinsafut village, and searched civilians and vehicles. Wall Gates: The Israeli army continues to intensify its restrictions at 'Azzun 'Atma Wall gate and to search civilians, including students, with a metal detector. The Israeli army continues close with an iron gate the entrance to the village of Wadi ar Rasha and to deny civilian access. The Israeli army allows residents to access the village through Gate #109. Having removed the iron gate at the entrance to the village of Ras 'Atiya, the Israeli army only allows students to cross to their schools outside the village through the Habla gate.

	 Wall Construction: Wall construction continues in Kafr Laqif village north of Karnei Shomron settlement; in Immatin village northeast of Imanuel settlement; and east of Kafr Thulth town near Ma'ale Shomron settlement.
NABLUS	Closure of Main Roads: (i) The Israeli army continues to close the roads of Till-Burin and Beit Furik-Salem; the settler bypass road connecting the village of Deir al Hatab to the settlement of Alon Moreh; the road connecting the town of 'Aqraba to the village of Osarin; and the detour road between the town of Qabalan and the village of Osarin. (ii) The Israeli army continues to close the northern entrance to the town of Qabalan; the southern entrances to the town of Jamma'in and the villages of Duma and Qaryut; and the western entrance to An Naqura village opposite the settlement of Shavei Shomron. Checkpoints: The Israeli army continues to regulate times for crossing checkpoints set up around the city of Nablus: (i) At Tur neighbourhood checkpoint (set up on Jerzim 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 between 07:00 and 02:00. (ii) At 'Awarta commercial checkpoint, civilians are allowed to cross between 05:00 and 20:00, but between 05:00 and 15:00 on Fridays. All civilian vehicles are allowed to access the city of Nablus, but only commercial vehicles and ambulances can leave the city through the checkpoint. Flying Checkpoints: At 12:50, and again at 18:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint near the junction to Deir Sharaf village on the Nablus-Tulkarem main and searched civilians and vehicles. Attack: At 14:20, Israeli troops positioned on the military post on At Tur Mount south of Nablus city fire smoke grenades on the surrounding area. Extler Violence/Attack: (i) At 15:50, a group of Israeli settlers raided the eastern quarter of 'Asira al Qibliya village and set fire to civilian farmland cultivated with wheat crops. While attacking it, Israeli settlers attempted to burn a civilian house. Settlers also severely beat three civilians (brothers), leaving them with contusions. All beaten civilians were transported to hospital for medical treatment. Later, the Israeli army fir

	Settlers also took both civilians to Yitzhar settlement. At 19:30, the
	Israeli army released the civilians.
SALFIT	 Closure of Main Roads: The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the northern entrance to Salfit city and with cement blocks the northern entrance to the Bruqin town. The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the entrance to two detour roads connecting Marda village to respective farmland. Beginning on 14 November 2010, the Israeli army has continued to open the northern entrance to Salfit city to civilian buses only. The entrance had been closed for seven years. Checkpoint: The Israeli army continues to intensify restrictions and impede civilian access at the Za'tara junction checkpoint. Attack: At 21:25, Israeli troops took position on the settler bypass road near Kafr ad Dik town, opened indiscriminate fire, fired flares, and withdrew at 01:00. Raid: At 12:35, the Israeli army raided and patrolled Biddya town. Settler Violence: At 14:00, a group of Israeli settlers gained access to civilian farmland west of Biddya town, expelled farmers from their land, and withdrew at 15:00.
	• <u>Wall Construction</u> : Wall construction continues in the area north of Deir Istiya town southeast of Emmanuel settlement.
JERICHO	 Closure of Main Road: The Israeli army continues to close Road # 90 between Jericho city and Al 'Auja village with cement blocks. Checkpoints: The Israeli army continues to intensify restrictions at Al Hamra checkpoint set up along Al Badhan road connecting Jericho and Nablus districts, only allowing access to residents of Jericho district of the Jordan Valley area. The Israeli army continues to intensify restrictions at the checkpoint set up on the junction to Al 'Auja village along Al-Mu'arrajat road connecting Jericho and Ramallah districts, only allowing access to residents of Jericho district as well as to others holding access permits. Raid: At 23:50, the Israeli army raided and patrolled Al 'Auja village.
BETHLEHEM	 Closure: The Israeli army continues to close roads to An Nu'man village, with the exception of the road leading to the Wall gate in the southeastern area of the village. Beginning on 15 September 2007, the Israeli army has continued to prevent civilians from accessing or staying on 22 dunums of confiscated land in Al Mazmuriya area in Beit Sahur and Bethlehem cities. Closure of Main Roads: The Israeli army continues to close the Beit Jala-Wadi Ahmad road; a road east of Beit Fajjar town; the road connecting Tuqu' town to Khirbet al Baq'a village; and the detour road connecting Wadi Fukin and Al Jab'a villages.

- <u>Flying Checkpoint</u>: At 16:30, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on An Nashash junction (the southern entrance to Bethlehem city) and searched civilians and vehicles.
- Raid: At 03:20, the Israeli army raided and patrolled Beit Jala city.

• Demonstrations/Detentions:

- (i) At 13:30, a mass demonstration took place in Ad Duheisha refugee camp in Bethlehem city in commemoration of the 63rd anniversary of the Nakba—or catastrophe—which saw the expulsion and forced displacement of Palestinians from their homes and villages. Protestors demanded that the Israeli occupation be ended and UN resolutions on the right to return be implemented. Having marched to Road # 60 near Al Khadr town, confrontations took place between the Israeli army and civilians, during which a civilian was injured as a result of tear gas inhalation.
- (ii) At 14:00, a mass demonstration, including international peace activists, took place in Al Ma'sara village in protest against Wall construction. Confrontations took place between the Israeli army and participants, during which a number of protestors sustained injuries as a result of tear gas inhalation. In addition to arresting three civilians, the Israeli army detained four international peace activists and released them at a later time.
- Arrests: The Israeli army arrested three civilians in Al Ma'sara village:
- (i) Mohammed Hasan Bureijiyyeh;
- (ii) Karim Yousef Zawahreh; and
- (iii) Jum'ah Yousef Zawahreh.
- <u>Wall Construction</u>: Wall construction continues in the area northwest of Beit Jala city; around Al Walaja village; and east of Efrat settlement.

• Closure:

- (i) The Israeli army continues to close Ash Shuhada' Street, As Sahleh and Khuzq al Far areas, and the old gold market in the old city of Hebron. In addition to closing the entrance to Al Qeisi neighbourhood, the Israeli army continues to close the entrances to the area of Al Hisba (the fruits and vegetables market) with an iron gate and Al Laban Market with iron plates.
- (ii) Beginning on 05 January 2009, the Israeli army has continued to close the area located along the Green Line south of the town of Yatta. Having seized land for Wall construction, the Israeli army evacuated residents and denied civilian access to the area.

• Closure of Main Roads:

- (i) The Israeli army continues to close the entrances to Adh Dhahiriya and As Samoa' towns, Al 'Arrub refugee camp, and At Tuwani and Al Karmil villages.
- (ii) The Israeli army continues to prohibit Palestinian vehicles from travelling along Ash Shalala Old Street in the old city of Hebron.
- (iii) The Israeli army continues to close all roads leading to Road # 60 as well as detour roads along the settler bypass road leading to Yatta town.

Hebron

• Flying Checkpoints:

- (i) At 10:20, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on Al Fawwar junction and searched civilians and vehicles.
- (ii) At 16:50, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the junction to Idhna town, detained a Palestinian National Security vehicle, and allowed to cross at 17:35 after coordination with the Israeli authorities (through the DCO).
- (iii) At 19:10, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to Bani Na'im town and searched civilians and vehicles.
- (iv) At 19:15, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the northern entrance to Hebron city (along Road # 35 near the overpass to Halhul town and searched civilians and vehicles.
- Attack: At 21:05, the Israeli army fired sound and tear gas grenades on civilians in Johar Mountain area in the old city of Hebron, allegedly for throwing stones.
- <u>Injuries</u>: At 08:30, an Israeli army unexploded ordnance (UXO) blew up near Zif village, injuring two children:
- (i) Mohammed Yousef Da'ajneh, 15 years old; and
- (ii) 'Eid Mohammed Da'ajneh, 14 years old.

• Raids:

- (i) At 11:00, the Israeli army raided and patrolled Zif village.
- (ii) At 13:30, the Israeli army raided and patrolled Bani Na'im town.
- (iii) At 18:50, the Israeli army raided and patrolled Adh Dhahiriya town.
- (iv) At 20:20, the Israeli army raided Tarusa village and patrolled it until 21:00
- (v) At 24:00, the Israeli army raided and patrolled Surif town.
- (vi) At 00:30, the Israeli army raided Idhna town and searched a number of houses.
- <u>Settler Violence</u>: At 21:15, a group of Israeli settlers threw stones at civilians, while they were leaving Khaled Bin al Walid Mosque in the old city of Hebron.
- <u>Wall Construction</u>: Wall construction continues in the area surrounding Eshkolot settlement west of Adh Dhahiriya town.

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. The ceasefire has been further renewed on 10 April 2011.
- <u>Violation of the Ceasefire</u>: The Israeli army opened fire from its locations on the Green Line on Northern Gaza and Khan Yunis districts, injuring a civilian.

NORTHERN GAZA	 Closure of Crossing Point: Beit Hanun (Erez) Crossing was partially open to previously-coordinated critically ill civilians, foreign journalists, international organisations staff, merchants, businesspeople, and civilians intending to travel to Jordan through Al Karama (Allenby) Bridge in the West Bank. Attack: At noon on 19 May 2011, the Israeli army opened fire from its location on the Green Line in the area surrounding Beit Hanun (Erez) Crossing north of Beit Hanun town on civilians and international peace activists, who took part in a peaceful demonstration against the Seam Zone. The Israeli army prevents landlords and farmers from accessing or tending their land at a distance of 300 metres along the Border Fence.
GAZA	 Closure of Crossing Points: (i) Al Muntar (Karnei) Crossing is closed. Beginning on 02 March 2011, the Crossing has been effectively closed upon an Israeli unilateral decision. (ii) Ash Shuja'iya (Nahal 'Oz) Crossing is closed. Beginning on 04 January 2010, the Crossing has been closed upon an Israeli unilateral decision.
CENTRAL GAZA	Activities not reported.
KHAN YUNIS	 Attacks: At noon on 19 May 2011, the Israeli army opened fire from its location on the Green Line east of 'Abasan as Saghira town on civilians and international peace activists, who took part in a peaceful demonstration against the Seam Zone. The Israeli army prevents landlords and farmers from accessing or tending their land at a distance of 300 metres along the Border Fence. A civilian sustained injuries. In the evening of 19 May 2011, the Israeli army opened fire from its location on the Green Line on agricultural land along the Border Fence in the eastern Khan Yunis district.
RAFAH	 Closure of Crossing Points: Yasser 'Arafat International Airport remains closed. Rafah (Al 'Awdah) Crossing was closed. Sufa Crossing is closed. Karm Abu Salem (Karem Shalom) Crossing was closed.