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PALESTINIAN MONITORING GROUP

DAILY SITUATION REPORT
 08:00, 23 May 2008 – 08:00, 24 May 2008

SUMMARY OF EVENTS

EVENT	WEST BANK	GAZA STRIP	TOTAL	NOTES
Injuries	5	---	5	Incl. 3 civilians in Ramallah
Arrests	11	---	11	Incl. 3 civilians in Jerusalem
Detentions	17	---	17	At checkpoints & in residential areas
Raids	35	2	37	Incl. 10 in Hebron & 4 in Salfit
Checkpoints	15	---	15	Incl. stricter measures at 10 checkpoints
Flying Checkpoints	18	---	18	Incl. 2 in Jerusalem & 4 in Ramallah
Attacks	10	4	14	During 11 raids & 2 confrontations
Air Patrols	---	2	2	Incl. combat helicopters & drones
Provocation of Pal. Forces	1	---	1	Israeli army opens fire towards security
House Occupation	---	3	3	House rooftops in Rafah
Confiscation of Property	2	---	2	Kalashnikov in Jerusalem
Demolition of Property	2	5	7	Incl. demolition of green houses
Land Leveling	---	2	2	Agricultural land in Rafah
Wall Construction	---	---	---	Suspended for Jewish weekend
Closures	7	---	7	Partial in Jerusalem
Closure of Main Roads	55	---	55	Incl. 10 in Tulkarem & 6 in Nablus
Closure of Crossing Points	---	6	6	Except for humanitarian cases
Medical Obstruction	1	---	1	Israeli army besieges hospital in Jenin
Settler Violence	4	---	4	Settlers attack civilians
Demonstrations	4	---	4	In protest of apartheid wall construction
Palestinian Attacks	---	2	2	Incl. 4 mortar fired at the Green Line
TOTAL	194	26	220	

DISTRICT	EVENTS
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WEST BANK

ALL DISTRICTS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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.
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JERUSALEM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Closure: The Israeli army continues to intensify its restrictions at checkpoints located at the entrances to the city of Jerusalem. The Israeli army also continued 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: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 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 al-Ram in order to complete Wall construction in the area. The Israeli army continues to close with cement blocks and dirt barricades the entrance to the village of Jaba', which connects the village to the cities of Jerusalem, Ramallah, and Jericho. Checkpoints: The Israeli army continues to consider Qalandya 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. Raids: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> The Israeli army raided the town of Abu Dis, searched 1 civilian house, and arrested 1 civilian and confiscated from him a Kalashnikov. The Israeli army raided the village of Biddo, searched 2 civilian houses, and arrested 2 civilians. Arrests: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> The civilian arrested in the town of Abu Dis is called Hussein Mohammad al-Nawafleh. The 2 civilians arrested in the village of Biddo are: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Mousa Ibrahim Zahran; and Jihad Abdel Fattah Hmeidan. Settle Violence: A bunch of settler in the old city of Jerusalem sprayed chemical substances towards the house of Fakhri Ahmad Mazro and caused burns to him and his wife. Wall Gates: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> The Israeli army continues to close the Wall gate in the town of Abu Dis with cement blocks.
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	<p>(b) The Israeli army continues to deny civilian access through the Wall gate on al-Shayyah road in the area between the villages of al-Sawahira al-Sharqiya and al-Sawahira al-Gharbiya, only allowing civilians holding Jerusalem IDs to cross, after subjecting them to thorough searches using electronic devices.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wall Construction: Wall construction was suspended for the Jewish weekend 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 al-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.
<p>RAMALLAH</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure of Main Roads: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (i) The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the eastern entrance to the village of Sinjil. (ii) The Israeli army continues to close with cement blocks the western entrance to the village of Safa. (iii) The Israeli army continues to close with cement blocks the entrance to the village of Ras Karkar. (iv) The Israeli army continues to close the road connecting the villages of Ras Karkar and Kharbatha Bani Hareth, the western entrance to the village of Ain Yabroud, and the junction of Kafr Malik – Ein Samiah with dirt barricades and cement blocks. • Checkpoints: The Israeli army continues to intensify restrictions at the checkpoint set up on the overpass to the town of ‘Atara and impede civilian access. • Flying Checkpoints: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (i) at 14:00, the Israeli army set up a checkpoint on the junction of Rimonim settlement on the Mu’arajat road that connects Ramallah and Jericho district, and arrested 2 military officers. (ii) At 15:45, the Israeli army set up a checkpoint on the entrance to the village of Kafr Ni’meh, and searched civilians and vehicles. (iii) At 16:40, the Israeli army set up a checkpoint on the entrance to the village of Um Safa, and searched civilians and vehicles. • Raids: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 22:15, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the city of al-Bireh. (ii) At 01:00, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the village of Abu Qash, and set up a checkpoint in the village center. • Attacks: On May 23, the Israeli army stationed near Kiryat Sefer settlement opened fire towards a civilian called Issa Samih Darraj from the village of Kharbatha al-Misbah and seriously injured him in the head. • Arrests: The 2 military officers arrested at the junction of Rimonim settlement are: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (a) Mahmoud Mousa Ahmed Mteir; and (b) Ibrahim Sami Mteir. • Demonstrations:

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 12:30, a public march set out in the village of Na'alín, with the participation of international peace activists and supporters, in protest of the apartheid wall construction. (ii) At 13:30, a public march set out in the village of Bil'in, with the participation of international peace activists and supporters, in protest of the apartheid wall construction. • Wall Construction: Wall construction was suspended for the Jewish weekend 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.
JENIN	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure of Main Roads: The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the road leading to the town of 'Arraba east of the settlement of Dotan. • Raids: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 01:30, the Israeli army raided the city of Jenin and its refugee camp; opened fire towards civilian houses in the camp, and injured 1 civilian. In addition, the Israeli army opened fire towards a Palestinian police security forces station in the city, and besieged a hospital. The Israeli army withdrew at 05:00. (ii) At 02:00, the Israeli army raided the town of Qabatia, opened fire intensively during patrol, and withdrew at 05:00. • Arrests: The civilian arrested in the refugee camp of Jenin is called Fares Abdallah Sweiti. • 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.
TOUBAS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Checkpoints: 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. • Flying Checkpoints: At 11:00, the Israeli army set up a checkpoint on the road that connects the village of al-Far'a and al-Badhan, arrested 1 civilian, and withdrew at 12:00. • Raids: The Israeli army raided and patrolled the village of Bardala. • Arrests: The civilian arrested between the villages of al-Far'a and al-Badhan is called Rami Na'im Salahat.
TULKAREM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) 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's plain; the road to the town of Deir al-Ghusun's plain; and the entrance to the village of 'Izbat Abu Khamis. (b) At 20:00, the Israeli army closed the road connecting the villages of Ramin and Bazaria with dirt barricades. (c) At 17:00, the Israeli army closed the northern entrance to

	<p>the town of 'Azzun with barbed wires.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Checkpoints: The Israeli army continues to intensify restrictions at Einav checkpoint that is set up on Tulkarem-Nablus road and at Jubaa checkpoint. • Flying Checkpoints: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 11:00, the Israeli army set up a checkpoint on the entrance to the town of Baqa al-Sharqiyyeh. (ii) At 13:20, the Israeli army set up a checkpoint between the town of Bal'a and the village of Kafr Rumman. • Raids: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 12:15, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the village of Ramin. (ii) At 13:20, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the town of Kaf al-Lubbad and the village of Abu Khamish. (iii) At 14:00, the Israeli army raided the city of Tulkarem and patrolled it until 15:15. (iv) At 24:00, the Israeli army raided the city of Tulkarem and the refugee camps of Tulkarem and Nour shams, opened fire during search of a coffee shop in the camp, and withdrew at 01:00. (v) At 00:20, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the town of Zeita. • Demonstrations: At 16:00, a public march set out in the village of Shofah, with the participation of international peace activists and supporters, in protest of the continuous closure of the western entrance to the village. • 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.
<p style="text-align: center;">QALQILYA</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure of Roads: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) The Israeli army continues to close with cement blocks the agricultural roads east of the town of 'Azzun (ii) The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the road connecting the town of 'Azzun to the village of 'Asla. (iii) At 21:00, the Israeli army removed the dirt barricades in the road that connects the town of 'Azzun and the village of Izbet al-Tabib. • Checkpoints: The Israeli army continues to intensify restrictions at the checkpoint that is set up at the eastern entrance to the city of Qalqilya and impede civilian access. At 16:30, the Israeli army closed the checkpoint before traffic and opened it at 17:45. • Raids: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 17:20, the Israeli army raided the town of Kafr Thulth, searched car spare parts store, and arrested 2 civilians. (ii) At 18:00, the Israeli army raided the city of Qalqilya and patrolled it until 19:15. • Arrests: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 22:00, the Israeli army arrested at the checkpoint that is set up on the eastern entrance to the city of Qalqilya a civilian called Hassan Mansour Zeid. (ii) The 2 civilians arrested in the town of Kafr Thulth are: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) Akram Saleh Sweidan; and

	<p>(b) Mohammad Omar Qatamesh.</p> <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. (iii) At 20:00, the Israeli army intensified restrictions at the gate of the apartheid wall leading to the village of ‘Azzun Itmeh and impeded traffic. • Wall Construction: Land leveling for Wall construction was suspended for the Jewish weekend in villages of Immatin and Kafr Laqif as well as east of the towns of Kafr Thulth and ‘Azzun.
NABLUS	<p>Closure of Main Roads:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) 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. (iii) The Israeli army continues to close the entrance to the village of al Lubban al-Sharqiya with dirt barricades and cement blocks. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Checkpoints: The Israeli army continues to regulate times for crossing checkpoints set up around the city of Nablus: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At Tur neighborhood 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 neighborhood only. (ii) Beit Furik checkpoint is open to civilian residents of the town of Beit Furik and the nearby village of Beit Dajan. (iii) Beginning on 23 November 2006, the Israeli army continues to close the checkpoint set up in the area between the city of Nablus and the town of ‘Asira al-Shamaliya and to prevent civilians from crossing, only allowing access to humanitarian cases. • Raids: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 10:45, the Israeli army raided the village of al-Nasiriyyeh and patrolled it until 12:00. (ii) At 01:20, the Israeli army raided the city of Nablus and the refugee camp of Balata, opened fire and fired sound bombs, caused damage to an electric network in the city, damage a taxi, arrested 1 civilian, and withdrew at 05:30. (a) Arrests: The civilian arrested in the refugee camp of Balata is called Ahmad Sa’eed Arayshi.
SALFIT	<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 north-western entrance to the city of Salfit with dirt barricades since the beginning of the current

	<p><i>Intifada</i> (Uprising).</p> <p>(ii) The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the western entrance to the village of Marda and Hares. In addition, the Israeli army continues to close the eastern entrance to the village of Yassouf and the southern entrance to the village of Deir Istiyya with dirt barricades, as well as the southern entrance to the town of Kafh Hares and the 2 northern entrances to the town of Bruqin and the village of Qarawa Bani Hassan.</p> <p>(iii) Since 17:00 on May 20 the Israeli army has been closing the road near the southern entrance to the town of Kafh Hares and declaring it a military zone until May 25.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Checkpoints: The Israeli army continues to intensify its restrictions at Deir Ballut and Za'tara checkpoints and prevent civilian vehicles from traveling towards the town of Kafr al-Dik. At 17:00, the Israeli army closed Za'tara checkpoint and impeded traffic upon the arrest of a civilian under the pretext of finding a suspicious object with him. The checkpoint was reopened at 17:40. • Flying Checkpoints: The Israeli army set up a checkpoint between the towns of Brouqin and Kafr al-Dik, and searched civilians and vehicles. • Raids: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 23:20, the Israeli army raided the town of al-Zawiyyeh, and opened fire and fired sound bombs. (ii) At 00:10, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the town of Deir Ballout, and set up a checkpoint at its entrance. (iii) At 00:15, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the town of Kafr al-Dik. (iv) At 01:45, the Israeli army raided the town of Brouqin and patrolled it until 02:00. • Wall Construction: Wall construction was suspended for the Jewish weekend in the area northwest of the city of Salfit, and in the village of Marda and the town of Kafh Hares north of the settlement of Ariel.
JERICHO	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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.
BETHLEHEM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) 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. (ii) Since September 15, 2007, the Israeli army has been preventing

	<p>civilian access, according to military order 07.02.S, to the 22-dunum land that has been confiscated in accordance with confiscation order number 07.31.T. The 22-dunum area has been set to construct a passage in the area of Mazmouriyyeh that is located in the cities of Beit Sahur and Bethlehem.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Closure of Main Roads:</u> 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. • <u>Flying Checkpoints:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 12:50, the Israeli army set up a checkpoint on the entrance to the village of Wadi Rahhal. (ii) At 18:00, the Israeli army set up a checkpoint on the entrance of the village of al-Shawawreh, and searched civilians and vehicles until 22:30. • <u>Demonstrations:</u> at 11:30, a public march set out in the village of al-Ma'sarah, with the participation of international peace activists and supporters. The Israeli army clashed with civilian protestors, injured 7 and detained 8 intentional peace activists. • <u>Settler Violence:</u> At 11:20, a bunch of settlers tried to enter the rubrics of Ush Ghurab previously evacuated settlement outpost east of the city of Beit Sahour. • <u>Wall Construction:</u> Wall construction was suspended for the Jewish weekend in the area northwest of the town of al-Khader; northwest of the city of Beit Jala; in the area of Wadi Rahhal east of the settlement of Ephrata; and in the area surrounding the village of al-Walaja.
HEBRON	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Closure:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) The Israeli army continues to close the following locales in the old city of Hebron: al-Shuhada' Street and the area of al-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 al-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) Although it expired on 07 May 2006, the Israeli army continues to implement a military order stipulating the prohibition of civilian vehicles from traveling along the road connecting the settlement of Kiryat Arba' to the Ibrahimi Mosque in the old city of Hebron unless they possess access permits. • <u>Closure of Main Roads:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the following locales: the entrance to the town of al-Samoa'; the area of al-Hawawir leading to the town of Halhoul; the area of al-Fahs south of the city of Hebron; the junction to the area of Farsh al-Hawa leading to Road # 35

	<p>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 neighborhood in the old city of Hebron as well as the main entrance to al-'Arroub refugee camp.</p> <p>(ii) In accordance with Military Order # 378, the Israeli army continues to prohibit Palestinian vehicles from traveling 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.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Flying Checkpoints:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 13:50, the Israeli army set up a checkpoint in the old city of Hebron, detained 1 military officer and released him at a later time. (ii) At 22:20, the Israeli army set up a checkpoint between the town of Beit Awwa and the village of Deir Samet. • <u>Raids:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 10:00, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the town of Beit Kahel, and set up a checkpoint. (ii) At 11:00, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the city of Hebron. The raid recurred at 17:50. (iii) At 11:30, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the area of al-Nabi Younis in the town of Halhoul. (iv) At 18:00, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the town of Dura. (v) At 18:15, the Israeli army raided the refugee camp of al-Arroub and opened fire and fired tear gas bombs during patrol. (vi) At 22:00, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the village of al-Simya. (vii) At 22:50, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the town of al-Thahiriyyeh. (viii) At 00:45, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the town of al-Sammou'. (ix) The Israeli army raided the town of Beit Awwa and searched a number of civilian houses. • <u>Settler Violence:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 15:30, a bunch of settlers from Kharsina settlement stoned civilians in the old city of Hebron. (ii) At 23:50, a bunch of settlers from Hima settlement stole 60 sheep belonging to a civilian called Salameh Ali Samara when he was tending sheep near the settlement. • <u>Wall Construction:</u> Wall construction was suspended for the Jewish weekend in the section of Tarqumiya checkpoint terminal, the remaining section of the Wall route that separates the settlement of Eshkolot from the village of al-Ramadin, and near the village of Imneizil southeast of the town of Yatta.
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GAZA STRIP

<p>NORTHERN GAZA</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure of Crossing Point: Beit Hanoun (Erez) Crossing is partially open (to allow previously coordinated humanitarian access). • Palestinian Attacks: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 12:00, two unidentified mortars were fired towards the Green Line. (ii) At 13:00, two unidentified mortars were fired towards the Green Line.
<p>GAZA</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure of Crossing Points: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Al-Muntar (Karni) Crossing is closed. (ii) Al-Shuja'iyah (Nahal 'Oz) Crossing is partly open to let in limited amounts of fuel.
<p>CENTRAL GAZA</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Raids: Since 05:00 on May 23, the Israeli army raided the area east of the refugee camp of al-Breij. The Israeli army opened fire and fired tank missiles towards civilian houses, occupied rooftops of a number of civilian houses and a school and converted them into military posts. In addition, the Israeli army clashed with armed individuals and killed an elderly civilian, and razed agricultural land and a number of wells. The Israeli army withdrew at 17:00.
<p>RAFAH</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure of Crossing Points: (All closed) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Yasser 'Arafat International Airport remains closed. (ii) Rafah (al-Awdah) Crossing is closed. (iii) Sufa Crossing is closed. (iv) Karm Abu Salim (Karem Shalom) is closed. • Raids: Since dawn May 23, the Israeli army raided east of the city of Rafah, opened fire towards civilian houses, occupied rooftops of civilian houses and converted them into military posts, clashed with armed individuals, razed land and then withdrew at 11:00.

PRISONERS CONDITIONS

- For the third consecutive time, the Israeli authorities extended the administrative detention of Engineer Wasfi Qubaha for 6 months.