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PALESTINIAN MONITORING GROUP

DAILY SITUATION REPORT

08:00 23 May 2011 – 08:00 24 May 2011

SUMMARY OF EVENTS

EVENT	WEST BANK	GAZA STRIP	TOTAL	NOTES
Physical Assaults	2	—	2	Civilians beaten, Nablus & Bethlehem
Attacks	2	2	4	2 during confrontations and 2 in raids
Raids	24	2	26	Incl. 6 in Hebron and 2 in Rafah
Air Patrols	1	1	2	Incl. troops dispatched by a helicopter
Arrests (per Person)	7	—	7	1 in Jerusalem and 6 in Hebron
Detentions	16	—	16	Incl. a 65-year-old female civilian
Land Levelling	—	2	2	In Rafah district
Wall Construction	14	—	14	Incl. in Jerusalem, Qalqiliya, & Tulkarem
Closure of Checkpoints	10	—	10	Incl. access impeded at 7 checkpoints
Flying Checkpoints	31	—	31	Incl. 8 in Nablus and 6 in Hebron
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	—	4	4	Incl. humanitarian cases allowed access
Settlement Activity	1	—	1	A fence erected along a road, Qalqiliya
Settler Violence	3	—	3	Incl. a tent erected on civilian land
Demonstrations	2	—	2	Incl. against land confiscation
TOTAL	165	11	176	

DISTRICT	EVENTS
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WEST BANK

JERUSALEM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (i) The Israeli army continues to intensify restrictions at checkpoints located at the entrances to Jerusalem city and to prevent civilians from other Palestinian districts from entering the city, only allowing access to civilians holding special permits. (ii) 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. (iii) The Israeli army continues to impose a blockade and deny civilian access to a hill between Biddu and Beit Ikxa villages. • Closure of Main Roads: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (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 Ikxa village and force civilians to access Jerusalem city through Qalandiya checkpoint. • Checkpoint: 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. • Arrest: On 22 May 2011, the Israeli army arrested Ra'fat Yousef Mustafa Abu 'Arrah, a resident of 'Aqqaba town in Tubas district, in Jerusalem city. • Wall Gates: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (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.
RAMALLAH & EL BIREH	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure of Main Roads: 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. • Flying Checkpoints: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 00:20, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to Kafr 'Ein village and searched civilians and vehicles. (ii) At 00:50, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to Kharbatha al Misbah village and searched civilians and vehicles.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Raids: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 19:25, the Israeli army raided and patrolled Beit Rima town. (ii) At 01:50, the Israeli army raided and patrolled Deir Ghassana town and Kafr 'Ein village. (iii) At 02:00, the Israeli army raided Kobar village and searched a house. • Detention: At 01:00 on 23 May 2011, the Israeli army detained 'Ayesha al 'Arouri, a 65-year-old female civilian, during its raid into 'Arura town as was reported yesterday. The Israeli army took 'Ayesha to the Al Muscobiya (the 'Russian Compound') Detention and Interrogation Centre in Jerusalem city and released her at a later time. • Settler Violence: In the evening of 23 May 2011, a group of Israeli settlers gained access to civilian land in Al Marj area near Kafr Malik village. Settlers also levelled the land and erected a tent in an attempt to construct a settlement outpost. In addition, settlers prevented Palestinian farmers from accessing their farmland in the area. • Wall Construction: 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.
JENIN	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure of Main Road: The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the road leading to the town of 'Arraba east of Dotan settlement. • Raids: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 10:30, the Israeli army raided and patrolled Um at Tut village. (ii) At 10:45, the Israeli army raided Silat adh Dhahr town, searched a commercial complex, and served summonses on five civilians to report to the Israeli Intelligence agency. At 12:45, the Israeli army withdrew from the area. • 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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Checkpoint: 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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure of Main Roads: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) 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. (ii) 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/Detention: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 09:10, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on Al Kafriyat road on the road connecting Tulkarem and Qalqiliya districts and searched civilians and vehicles.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> (ii) At 13:20, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the junction to Ar Ras village, detained Maher Mohammed 'Atiyyeh Thulthein, and released him at 14:30. (iii) At 13:45, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the junction to Al Jarushiya village and searched civilians and vehicles. (iv) At 23:40, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the junction to 'Attil town and searched civilians and vehicles. • Raid: At 22:20, the Israeli army raided and patrolled Far'un village. • Wall Gates: Passage through the wall gates is restricted to civilians granted special Israeli permits. • Wall Construction: Beginning on 22 May 2011, the Israeli army has continued to level land for adjustment of the Wall route in the area surrounding Jubara village. According to an Israeli High Court decision, the new Wall route will be constructed west of Jubara, placing the village and a portion of its land outside the Wall.
QALQILYA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure of Roads: The Israeli army continues to close with cement blocks agricultural roads east of the town of 'Azzun. • Flying Checkpoints: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 08:45, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint near Jayyus town and searched civilians and vehicles. (ii) At 16:50, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint in the area between 'Azzun and Kafr Thulth towns and searched civilians and vehicles. (iii) At 20:20, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to Qalqiliya city and searched civilians and vehicles. (iv) At 20:25, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the junction to Jit village and searched civilians and vehicles. • Raids/Detention: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 09:35, the Israeli army raided and patrolled Immatin village. At 12:00, the Israeli army raided the village again and detained as well as interrogated As'ad Joudeh Suwwan. Before releasing him, Israeli troops served a summons on Suwwan to report to the Israeli Intelligence agency. (ii) At 10:00, the Israeli army raided Far'ata village and searched a house. (iii) At 20:40, the Israeli army raided and combed the area between 'Azzun town and 'Asla village. (iv) At 20:40, the Israeli army raided and patrolled Qalqiliya city. • Settlement Activity/Demonstration: At 08:50, the Israeli army erected a wire fence along the section of Qalqiliya-Nablus main road in the area between 'Azzun town and 'Izbat at Tabib village. Consequently, a mass demonstration, including international peace activists, took place in the area in protest against land confiscation. While attempting to prevent erection of the fence, confrontations took place between protestors the Israeli army, during which four civilians, including a woman, sustained injuries as a result of tear gas inhalation.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wall Gates: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) The Israeli army continues to intensify its restrictions at ‘Azzun ‘Atma Wall gate and to search civilians, including students, with a metal detector. (ii) 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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure of Main Roads: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (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: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (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 vehicles can access the city of Nablus, but only commercial vehicles and ambulances can leave the city through the checkpoint. (iii) At 09:00, the Israeli army intensified restrictions at Shavei Shomron checkpoint and impeded civilian access. (iv) At 11:05, the Israeli army intensified restrictions and impeded civilian access at Huwwara checkpoint. • Flying Checkpoints/Physical Assault/Detention: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 11:10, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the junction to Beita town and searched civilians and vehicles. (ii) At 15:35, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to Beit Furik town and impeded civilian access. At 18:30, the Israeli army set up another checkpoint and searched civilians and vehicles. (iii) At 15:40, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the junction to Yitzhar settlement, searched civilian vehicles, and severely beat Hashem Abdul Latif Jum’ah. The Israeli army also detained Yousef

	<p>Salah, a Palestinian Preventive Security officer, and released him after coordination with the Israeli authorities (through the DCO).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (iv) At 22:15, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the junction to Deir Sharaf village and searched civilians and vehicles. (v) At 23:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the junction to Sarra village on the Nablus-Qalqiliya main road and searched civilians and vehicles. (vi) At 00:40, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint near Beit Iba town (the western entrance to Nablus city) and searched civilians and vehicles. (vii) At 00:40, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on Al Badhan road (the eastern entrance to Nablus city) and searched civilians and vehicles. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Raids/Air Patrol:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 22:50, Israeli troops dispatched by a combat helicopter raided and combed the area between 'Asira ash Shamaliya town and Talluza village. (ii) At 00:35, the Israeli army raided Beit Imrin village and patrolled it until 03:30. (iii) At 05:30, the Israeli army raided Bizzariya village and provided protection to Israeli settlers, who visited Prophet Nu'man Shrine. • <u>Demonstration:</u> 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 Nablus city in solidarity with their relative prisoners. Protestors also demanded that all prisoners be released from Israeli prisons.
SALFIT	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Closure of Main Roads:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) 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. (ii) The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the entrance to two detour roads connecting Marda village to respective farmland. (iii) 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. • <u>Checkpoint:</u> At 11:05, the Israeli army intensified restrictions and impeded civilian access at the Za'tara junction checkpoint. • <u>Raid:</u> At 11:30, the Israeli army raided and patrolled Bidya town. • <u>Wall Construction:</u> Wall construction continues in the area north of Deir Istiya town southeast of Emmanuel settlement.
JERICHO	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Closure of Main Road:</u> The Israeli army continues to close Road # 90 between Jericho city and Al 'Auja village with cement blocks. • <u>Checkpoints:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) 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.

	<p>(ii) 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.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Flying Checkpoints: <p>(i) At 09:55, and again at 15:40, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the southern entrance to Jericho city. At 18:00, the Israeli army set up another checkpoint and searched civilians and vehicles until 18:30.</p> <p>(ii) At 20:30, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint near 'Ein ad Duyuk village (the northern entrance to Jericho city) and searched civilians and vehicles.</p> • Raids: <p>(i) At 19:15, the Israeli army raided 'Aqbat Jaber refugee camp and patrolled it until 23:35.</p> <p>(ii) At 23:00, the Israeli army raided Al 'Auja village and patrolled the area until 00:55.</p> • Settler Violence: At 09:10, a group of Israeli settlers gathered and hoisted Israeli flags along the main road in the centre of Al 'Auja village.
BETHLEHEM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure: <p>(i) 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 south-eastern area of the village.</p> <p>(ii) Beginning on 15 September 2007, the Israeli army has continued to prevent civilians from accessing or staying on 22 <i>dunums</i> of confiscated land in Al Mazmuriya area in Beit Sahur and Bethlehem cities.</p> • 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. • Flying Checkpoint: At 22:25, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on An Nashash junction (the southern entrance to Bethlehem city) and searched civilians and vehicles. • Physical Assault: At 20:30, Israeli troops severely beat near Husan village Abdul Rahman Hafeth Suleiman, a resident of Nablus city, leaving him with contusions. Suleiman was transported to hospital for medical treatment. • Wall Construction: Wall construction continues in the area northwest of Beit Jala city; around Al Walaja village; and east of Efrat settlement.
Hebron	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure: <p>(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.</p>

(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.

• **Flying Checkpoints:**

(i) At 08:00, and again at 17:40, and at 07:20, 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.

(ii) At 09:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the junction to Kharsa village and searched civilians and vehicles.

(iii) At 19:30, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint near At Tabaqa village and searched civilians and vehicles.

(iv) At 22:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to As Sarra village and searched civilians and vehicles.

• **Raids:**

(i) At 01:00 on 23 May 2011, the Israeli army raided Adh Dhahiriya town and arrested two civilians (brothers). At 22:05, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the town again.

(ii) At 08:10, the Israeli army raided and patrolled 'Abda village.

(iii) At 11:50, the Israeli army raided and patrolled Beit 'Awwa town. At 02:25, the Israeli army raided the town again. While searching two houses, confrontations took place between the Israeli army and civilians. The Israeli army also arrested two civilians, including a child.

(iv) At 01:00, the Israeli army raided and patrolled Yatta town.

• **Arrests:**

(i) At 02:00 on 23 May 2011, the Israeli army arrested Adib Mohammed Shafiq al Qawasmi during its raid into Hebron city, as was reported yesterday.

(ii) At 19:00, the Israeli army arrested Nabil Na'im Is'haq an Natsheh, while he was reporting to the Intelligence agency in Kfar 'Etzion settlement.

The Israeli army arrested two civilians in Adh Dhahiriya town:

(iii) Murad Nayef Rabba'; and

(iv) Fu'ad Nayef Rabba'.

The Israeli army arrested two civilians in Beit 'Awwa town:

(v) Taha Omar Suweiti, 17 years old; and

(vi) Mohammed Riyadh Suweiti.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Settler Violence:</u> At 01:55, a group of Israeli settlers gained entry into and attempted to seize control of a house belonging to Omar ar Rajabi near the Ibrahim Mosque in the old city of Hebron. The Israeli army evacuated settlers from the house at a later time. • <u>Wall Construction:</u> Wall construction continues in the area surrounding Eshkolot settlement west of Adh Dhahiriya town.
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GAZA STRIP

<p>ALL DISTRICTS</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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 raided Palestinian territory and opened fire on civilian houses and property in Rafah district.
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<p>NORTHERN GAZA</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Closure of Crossing Point:</u> 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.
<p>GAZA</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Closure of Crossing Points:</u> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Al Muntar (Karnai) Crossing is closed. Beginning on 02 March 2011, the Crossing has been effectively closed upon an Israeli unilateral decision. Ash Shuja'iyah (Nahal 'Oz) Crossing is closed. Beginning on 04 January 2010, the Crossing has been closed upon an Israeli unilateral decision. • <u>Air Patrol:</u> In the evening of 23 May 2011, Israeli F16 combat aircraft patrolled the skies over Gaza district.
<p>CENTRAL GAZA</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Activities not reported.
<p>KHAN YUNIS</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Activities not reported.
<p>RAFAH</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Closure of Crossing Points:</u> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Yasser 'Arafat International Airport remains closed.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> (ii) Rafah (<i>Al 'Awdah</i>) Crossing was open to allow civilians, students, and others holding visas and residence cards abroad to depart the Gaza Strip. Access was also allowed to patients who had received medical attention at Egyptian hospitals and civilians arriving from other countries via Egypt. (iii) Sufa Crossing is closed. (iv) Karm Abu Salem (Karem Shalom) Crossing was partially open for transportation of food supplies, goods, humanitarian aid, and cooking gas. In addition to 20 vehicles imported by the private sector, construction cargo designated to internationally-funded projects was transported through the Crossing. • <u>Raids/Attack/Land Levelling:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) In the morning of 23 May 2011, the Israeli army, including several armoured vehicles and bulldozers, raided the area surrounding Sufa Crossing northeast of Rafah city. While levelling land, the Israeli army opened fire on civilian houses and property. (ii) In the morning of 23 May 2011, the Israeli army, including several armoured vehicles and bulldozers, raided Palestinian territory east of Ash Shoka town. While levelling land, the Israeli army opened fire on civilian houses and property.
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