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PALESTINIAN MONITORING GROUP

DAILY SITUATION REPORT 08:00 26 May 2010 – 08:00 27 May 2010

SUMMARY OF EVENTS

EVENT	WEST BANK	GAZA STRIP	TOTAL	NOTES
Injuries	_	3	3	In the district of Northern Gaza
Attacks	4	4	8	Incl. 3 in raids and 1 by Israeli settlers
Raids	32	1	33	Incl. 6 in Ramallah and 9 in Hebron
Air Patrol	_	1	1	Reconnaissance aircraft over Rafah
Arrests (per person)	13	_	13	Incl. 2 children and 2 university students
Detentions	14	_	14	Incl. 2 Palestinian security officers
Land Levelling	_	1	1	Agricultural land in Rafah
Wall Construction	19	_	19	Incl. Jer., Raml'h., Salfit, & Hebron
Destruction of Property	2	_	2	Olive trees set on fire in Nablus
Closure of Checkpoints	9	_	9	Incl. 1 checkpoint closed temporarily
Flying Checkpoints	12	_	12	Incl. 2 in Jerusalem and 4 in Hebron
Closure (per District)	7	_	7	Incl. 4 areas in the city of Hebron
Closure of Main Roads	42	_	42	Incl. 10 in Nablus and 15 in Hebron
Closure of Crossing Points	_	3	3	4 crossing points partially open
Settler Violence	3	_	3	Incl. shepherds assaulted in Nablus
Provocation of Pal. Forces	2	_	2	Summons served to security officers
Palestinian Attack	_	1	1	1 mortar fired towards the Green Line
Demonstration	_	1	1	Against seizure of houses, Jerusalem
TOTAL	160	14	174	

DISTRICT EVENTS

WEST BANK

• Closure:

- (i) The Israeli army continues to intensify its restrictions at checkpoints located at the entrances to the city of Jerusalem and to set up flying checkpoints in the old city of Jerusalem and around the Al Agsa Mosque compound.
- (i) 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).
- (ii) The Israeli army continues to impose a blockade and deny civilian access to a hill between the village of Biddu and Beit Iksa due to 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.

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Checkpoints:

- (i) The Israeli army continues to consider Qalandiya checkpoint a "border crossing point" and has designated a special crossing lane for holders of Jerusalem IDs and those possessing permits to access the city of Jerusalem.
- (ii) Beginning on 11 April 2010, the Israeli army has continued to close the checkpoint set up near the entrance to Shu'fat refugee camp in the city of Jerusalem and to deny civilian access between 23:00 and 05:00, claiming to be carrying out infrastructure works between the checkpoint and the road leading to Shu'fat refugee camp.

Raids:

- (i) At 16:45, the Israeli army raided the town of 'Anata, searched 1 house, and arrested 1 civilian.
- (ii) At 24:00, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the town of Ar Ram.
- (iii) At 00:30, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the town of Al 'Eizariya.
- <u>Arrest</u>: The Israeli army arrested 'Alawi Yoused Mohammed Hamdan in the town of 'Anata.
- Provocation of Palestinian Forces: At 15:10, the Israeli army raided a house belonging to Marwan Khalil Ibrahim 'Uthman, a Palestinian General Intelligence officer, in the village of Beit Safafa and served him a summons to report to Al Muscobiya (the 'Russian Compound') Interrogation and Detention Centre in the city of Jerusalem.

• <u>Demonstration</u>: At 14:00, a mass demonstration, including international peace activists, took place in Ash Sheikh Jarrah neighbourhood in the city of Jerusalem in protest against Israeli settlers' seizure of 2 houses belonging to the families of Al Ghawi and Hannoun as well as against Israeli settlement activity.

• Wall Gates:

- (i) The Israeli army continues to close the Wall gate in the town of Abu Dis with cement blocks.
- (ii) 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 'Eizariya to Ash Shayyah, from Beit Surik village to Biddu; in the areas of Al Judeira, Bir Nabala, and Beit Hanina; west of the village of Al Jib; in the vicinity of the village of Qatanna; south of the village of Beit Hanina; and in the area surrounding the checkpoint set up at the entrance to Shu'fat refugee camp.

• Closure of Main Roads:

- (i) 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.
- (ii) On 15 March 2010, the Israeli army issued a military order, providing that the area located between civilian houses and the Wall in the town of Ni'lin and the village of Bil'in would be a closed military zone between 08:00 and 20:00 on Fridays for a period of 6 months. To prevent weekly demonstrations against Wall construction, civilian access to the area will be denied except with a special permit.
- Flying Checkpoint: At 09:30, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to the village of Rafat and searched civilians and vehicles.

• Raids:

- (i) At dawn on 26 May 2010, the Israeli army raided the town of 'Abwein and arrested 1 civilian.
- (ii) At 10:30, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the city of El Bireh.
- (iii) At 01:55, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the cities of Ramallah and El Bireh.
- (iv) At 02:35, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the town of Beituniya.
- Arrest: The Israeli army arrested Firas Naji Jamil Seif in the town of 'Abwein
- <u>Wall Construction</u>: Wall construction continues west of the town of 'Abud; in the village of Bil'in; and in the areas of Al Midya to Ni'lin and Ni'lin to Deir Qaddis.

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JENIN	 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. Raid: At 01:15, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the town of Qabatiya. 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	 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. Arrest: At 01:50 on 26 May 2010, the Israeli army arrested Nasser Riyadh Hussein Daraghmeh, a university student, during its raid into the city of Tubas, in addition to those reported yesterday. Detention: At 11:30, Israeli troops positioned at Tayasir checkpoint detained Nasr Ahmed Hamdan Jaber and released him at a later time.
TULKAREM	 Closure of Main Roads: The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the road connecting the town of Kafr al Labad to the village of Shufa as well as the road connecting the villages of Shufa and 'Izbat Shufa. Checkpoint: The Israeli army continues to intensify restrictions at 'Einav checkpoint set up on Tulkarem-Nablus main road. Raid: At 22:05, the Israeli army raided the city of Tulkarem and searched 1 building. 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 Checkpoint: At 00:15, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to the city of Qalqiliya and searched civilians and vehicles. Raid: At 24:00, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the city of Qalqiliya. Wall Gates: The Israeli army continues to intensify its restrictions at 'Azzun 'Atma Wall gate and to search civilians, including students, with a detector. Beginning on 12 May 2010, the Israeli army has continued to install an iron gate at 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. The Israeli army removed the wall gate at the entrance to the village of Ras 'Atiya and only allows students to cross to their school outside the village through the Habla gate.
NABLUS	Closure of Main Roads: 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 southern entrance to the village of Duma; and the northern entrance to the town of Qabalan.

- (ii) The Israeli army continues to close with an iron gate the western entrance to An Nagura village opposite Shavei Shomron settlement.
- (iii) The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the southern entrance to the village of Qaryut and the road connecting the town of 'Aqraba to the village of Osarin.
- (iv) The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the detour road between the town of Qabalan and the village of Osarin.
- <u>Checkpoints</u>: 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.

• Raids/Attack:

- (i) At dawn on 26 May 2010, the Israeli army raided the village of Duma and arrested 1 civilian.
- (ii) At 01:55, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the village of 'Azmut.
- (iii) At 00:35, the Israeli army raided the city of Nablus and the refugee camps of 'Askar and 'Ein Beit el Ma'. While patrolling 'Askar refugee camp, the Israeli army opened indiscriminate fire. At 04:45, the Israeli army withdrew from these areas.
- <u>Arrests</u>: At 01:30, the Israeli army arrested 2 civilians during its raid into the town of Qabalan, as was reported yesterday:
- (i) Mohammed Abdul Rahman Fayyad; and
- (ii) Ahmed Saleh Sidqi Az'ar.
- (iii) The Israeli army arrested Barakat Abdul Mun'em Dawabsheh in the village of Duma.

• <u>Settler Violence</u>:

- (i) At 10:30, a group of Israeli settlers set fire to olive groves in the village of 'Awarta, damaging a number of olive trees.
- (ii) At 12:!0, a group of Israeli settlers set fire to olive trees along the road leading to the settlement of Shavei Shomron in the village of Deir Sharaf, destroying 15 olive trees.
- (iii) At 18:45, a group of Israeli settlers assaulted a number of shepherds in the village of Yanun, attempted to steal sheep, and opened fire indiscriminately. Subsequently, the Israeli army evacuated settlers from the area.

SALFIT

• Closure of Main Roads:

(i) The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the northern entrance to the city of Salfit.

- (ii) 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.
- <u>Checkpoint</u>: The Israeli army continues to intensify its restrictions and impede civilian access at the Za'tara junction checkpoint.

• Flying Checkpoints:

- (i) At 16:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to the town of Kifl Haris and searched civilians and vehicles.
- (ii) At 16:40, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to the town of Deir Istiya and searched civilians and vehicles.

• Raids:

- (i) At 16:40, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the town of Kifl Haris.
- (ii) At 19:30, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the village of Haris.
- <u>Arrests</u>: At 14:00, the Israeli army arrested 2 civilian residents of the town of Az Zawiya, while they were present inside the Green Line:
- (i) Talal Khader Shuqeir; and
- (ii) Nimer Nour ad Din Shuqeir.
- <u>Wall Construction</u>: Wall construction continues in the area northwest of the city of Salfit, and in the village of Marda and the town of Kifl Haris north of the settlement of Ariel.
- <u>Closure</u>: 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:

- (i) The Israeli army continues to intensify its restrictions at Al Hamra checkpoint set up along Al Badhan road connecting the districts of Jericho and Nablus. However, the Israeli army allows civilian access between 06:00 and 22:00.
- (ii) The Israeli army continues to intensify its restrictions at 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, only allowing access to civilians whose IDs indicate that their place of residence of the district of Jericho as well as to others holding access permits.

• Flying Checkpoints:

- (i) At 11:30, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the southern entrance to the city of Jericho and searched civilians and vehicles.
- (ii) At 18:40, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the junction to the settlement of Ma'ale Efrayim and searched civilians and vehicles.
- Arrest: At 11:30, Israeli troops positioned on Al Karama (Allenby) Bridge arrested Mohammed Walid Sa'id 'Eid, a 17-year-old resident of the village of Burin in the district of Nablus, while he was returning from Jordan.
- <u>Detention</u>: At 08:30, Israeli troops positioned at Al Hamra checkpoint detained Yasser Abdul Rahman Zakarneh, a Palestinian National Security officer, and released him at 11:30 after coordination with Israeli authorities.

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Closure: (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.
- According to Military Order # 07/02/S, the Israeli army has (ii) 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: The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the road of Beit Jala-Wadi Ahmad; a road east of the town of Beit Fajjar; and an agricultural road connecting the town of Tuqu' to the village of Khirbet al Baq'a.

Raids:

BETHLEHEM

- (i) At 10:40, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the village of Husan. At 22:25, the Israeli army raided the village again. While patrolling the area, confrontations took place between the Israeli army and civilians.
- At 00:30, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the town of Al Khadr. (ii)
- (iii) At 02:00, the Israeli army raided the city of Beit Jala and arrested 1 civilian.

Arrests:

- At 17:40, Israeli troops positioned at As Sawahira ash Sharqiya (the (i) 'Container') checkpoint arrested Mohammed Khalil Mahmoud Nimer, a university student.
- (ii) The Israeli army arrested Ramzi Ali Shihdeh Bojeh in Beit Jala.
- **Detention:** At 11:05, Israeli troops positioned at As Sawahira ash Sharqiya (the 'Container') checkpoint detained Kamal Ahmed Yousef an Niss, a Palestinian Police officer, and released him at 13:20 after serving him a summons to report to the Israeli Intelligence agency.
- 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 Efrat settlement; and in the area surrounding Al Walaja.

Closure:

HEBRON

- (i) The Israeli army continues to close the following locales in the old city 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. In addition to closing the entrance to Al Laban Market with iron plates, the Israeli army 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, controlling civilian access in the area.
- Having evacuated civilian residents and denied civilian access, the (ii) Israeli army continues to close the area located along the Green Line south of the town of Yatta.

• Closure of Main Roads:

- (i) The Israeli army continues to close with cement blocks the entrance to the town of As Samoa'; the eastern entrance to the village of Kharsa; the entrance to the Al Qeisi neighbourhood in the old city of Hebron; the entrances to Al 'Arrub refugee camp, the village of At Tuwani, and the town of Adh Dhahiriya; and the road connecting the town of Surif to the village of Al Jab'a.
- (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 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 close with dirt barricades an entrance to the town of Beit Ummar near the town's cemetery.

• Flying Checkpoints:

- (i) At 10:10, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the northern entrance to the city of Hebron along Road #35 and searched civilians and vehicles
- (ii) At 16:40, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to the area of Al Fahs south of the city of Hebron and searched civilians and vehicles.
- (iii) At 19:30, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to the town of Tarqumiya and searched civilians and vehicles.

• Raids/Attack/Injuries:

- (i) At 08:00, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the city of Hebron. At 12:50, the Israeli army raided the city again, set up a checkpoint, searched civilians and vehicles, and patrolled the area.
- (ii) At 10:15, the Israeli army raided the town of Adh Dhahiriya and searched a commercial shop selling vehicle spare parts.
- (iii) At 12:50, the Israeli army raided the town of Beit Ummar and served a summons to a civilian to report to the Israeli Intelligence agency.
- (iv) At 21:30, the Israeli army raided the town of Yatta and arrested a child.
- (v) At 01:40, the Israeli army raided the village of Deir Samit and searched a number of houses.
- (vi) At 01:45, the Israeli army raided the village of Ar Ramadin. While raiding a house, Israeli troops threw a tear gas grenade, leaving 9 family members, including 3 women, with injuries as a result of tear gas inhalation
- (vii) At 02:00, Israeli troops raided Beit 'Awwa town and searched 1 house.
- (viii) At 02:30, the Israeli army raided the town of Adh Dhahiriya and arrested 1 civilian.

• Arrests:

- (i) The Israeli army arrested Salem Taleb Salem Mughannam, 17 years old, in the town of Yatta.
- (ii) The Israeli army arrested Khalil Mohammed Khudeirat in the town of Adh Dhahiriya.

• <u>Wall Construction</u>: Wall construction continues in the section of Tarqumiya checkpoint terminal; in the area surrounding the settlement of Eshkolot near the town of Adh Dhahiriya; and in the area between the villages of 'Arab ar Ramadin and Imneizil.

GAZA STRIP

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. **ALL Violations of the Ceasefire: DISTRICTS** The Israeli army raided Palestinian territory and opened intensive fire (i) towards civilian houses and property in the district of Northern Gaza. The Israeli navy opened fire towards Palestinian fishing boats at sea off the coast of the district of Khan Yunis. Israeli attacks resulted in the injury of 3 civilians in the district of Northern Gaza. Armed Palestinian territory fired 1 mortar towards the Green Line. (ii)

NORTHERN GAZA	 Closure of Crossing Point: Beit Hanun (Erez) Crossing is closed on the occasion of Shavuot. Attacks/Injuries: In the morning of 26 May 2010, the Israeli army opened intensive fire towards agricultural land and civilian houses east of the town of Jabalya, injuring 2 civilians. In the morning of 26 May 2010, Israeli troops positioned in the area surrounding Beit Hanun (Erez) Crossing opened intensive fire towards a number of civilians near the Crossing north of the town of Beit Hanun, injuring 1 civilian. Palestinian Attack: At 23:30, 1 unidentified mortar was fired towards the Green Line.
GAZA	 Closure of Crossing Points: (i) Al Muntar (Karnei) Crossing is partially open for transportation of wheat and animal feed. (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	• Attack: In the morning of 27 May 2010, the Israeli navy opened fire towards Palestinian fishing boats at sea off the beach west of the city of Khan Yunis.
RAFAH	 Closure of Crossing Points: Yasser 'Arafat International Airport remains closed. Rafah (Al 'Awdah) Crossing is open on an exceptional basis to allow 329 civilians and patients, who had received medical treatment at Egyptian hospitals. Several other civilians were also allowed to leave the Gaza Strip through the Crossing. Sufa Crossing is closed. Karm Abu Salim (Karem Shalom) Crossing is partially open for transportation of food supplies, humanitarian aid, diesel designated for the Gaza Electricity Generation Station, and cooking gas. Raid/Air Patrol/Attack/Land Levelling: In the evening of 26 May 2010, the Israeli army, including several armoured vehicles and bulldozers covered by reconnaissance aircraft, raided Palestinian territory east of the city of Rafah. The Israeli army opened intensive fire towards civilian houses and property and levelled agricultural land.