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PALESTINIAN MONITORING GROUP

DAILY SITUATION REPORT 08:00 27 May 2010 – 08:00 28 May 2010

SUMMARY OF EVENTS

EVENT	WEST BANK	GAZA STRIP	TOTAL	NOTES
Physical Assaults	11	_	11	10 civilians & pregnant woman beaten
Injuries		7	7	Civilians and armed individuals injured
Air Attack		1	1	2 missiles fired by combat helicopters
Attacks	3	6	9	Incl. 3 in raids and 3 from mil. posts
Raids	16	2	18	Incl. 5 in Tulkarem and 1 in Khan Yunis
Air Patrols		3	3	By helicopters and reconnaissance, Gaza
Arrests (per person)	3		3	Incl. 2 children
Detentions	12	_	12	At checkpoints and in residential areas
Land Levelling	_	1	1	In the district of Gaza
Wall Construction	19	_	19	Incl. Jer., Raml'h., Salfit, & Hebron
Destruction of Property	2	_	2	Crops set on fire in Ramallah & Nablus
Closure of Checkpoints	9	_	9	Incl. 1 checkpoint closed temporarily
Flying Checkpoints	11	_	11	Incl. 4 in Qalqiliya and 2 in Jericho
Closure (per District)	7	_	7	Incl. 4 areas in the city of Hebron
Closure of Main Roads	40	_	40	Incl. 10 in Nablus and 15 in Hebron
Closure of Crossing Points	_	4	4	3 crossing points partially open
Settler Violence	4	_	4	Incl. civilians provoked in Jerusalem
Palestinian Attacks	_	4	4	Incl. 6 mortars fired on the Green Line
Demonstration	1	_	1	Against Wall construction, Bethlehem
TOTAL	138	28	166	

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 Aqsa 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.

• 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.
- <u>Settler Violence/Attack/Physical Assaults/Injuries</u>: At 21:20, a group of Israeli settlers attempted to gain access to and provoke civilians in Silwan neighbourhood in the city of Jerusalem. The Israeli army also opened indiscriminate fire and beat a number of civilians, while they were confronting settlers. Consequently, the Israeli army injured 11 civilians, including Riham Usamah ar Rajabi, a pregnant woman. All injured civilians were transported to hospital for medical treatment.

• 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.

JERUSALEM

	 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.
RAMALLAH & EL BIREH	 Closure of Main Roads: The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades and cement blocks the entrances to the town of Sinjil, the village of Saffa; and the junction to the villages of Kafr Malik – 'Ein Samiya. 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. Raids: At 13:30, the Israeli army raided the town of Ni'lin. While searching a number of houses, confrontations took place between the Israeli army and civilians. The Israeli army also arrested 1 civilian. At 21:30, the Israeli army raided and patrolled Al Jalazun refugee camp. Arrest: The Israeli army arrested Abdullah Mohammed Yaseen in the town of Ni'lin. Settler Violence: At 21:45, a group of Israeli settlers under protection of Israeli troops erected 3 tents in the area between Al Jalazun refugee camp and the settlement of Beit II. At 22:40, a group of Israeli settlers set fire to agricultural land belonging to Bedouins residing near the area of 'Ein Samiya between the town of At Tayba and the village of Kafr Malik. Subsequently, the Israeli army evacuated settlers from the area after Bedouins had confronted them. Wall Construction: 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.
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. Flying Checkpoint: At 11:!0, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the junction to the village of Ti'innik and searched civilians and vehicles. Arrests: At 19:30, the Israeli army arrested 2 children near the Wall section near the village of Ti'innik, allegedly for throwing stones: Mohammed Hasan al Jaloudi, 16 years old; and Mohammed Usamah Abu Hananeh, 17 years old.

	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 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. Raids: At 09:40, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the towns of 'Attil and Deir al Ghusun. At 10:40, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the town of Bal'a. At 10:50, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the city of Tulkarem and Nur Shams refugee camp. 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 17:05, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to the city of Qalqiliya and searched civilians and vehicles. At 18:30, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to the town of 'Azzun and searched civilians and vehicles. At 21:10, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to the village of Immatin and searched civilians and vehicles. At 22:30, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to the village of Kafr Laqif and searched civilians and vehicles. Raids: At 19:00, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the village of Al Funduq. At 00:50, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the village of Jit. 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.

Closure of Main Roads: The Israeli army continues to close the roads of Till-Burin and Beit (i) 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 villages of Duma and Qaryut; and the western entrance to An Nagura village opposite Shavei Shomron settlement. Checkpoints: The Israeli army continues to regulate times for crossing checkpoints set up around the city of Nablus: At Tur neighbourhood checkpoint (set up on Jerzim Mount) is closed (i) on Fridays and Saturdays as well as during Jewish holidays. On all **NABLUS** other days, it is open for civilian residents of the neighbourhood only between 07:00 and 02:00. At 'Awarta commercial checkpoint, civilians are allowed to cross (ii) 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/Detentions: At 01:20, the Israeli army raided the city of Nablus and searched a house and building, after detaining residents outside. At 06:00, the Israeli army withdrew from the area. Settler Violence: At 06:00 on 27 May 2010, a group of Israeli settlers from the settlement outpost of Gilead set fire towards agricultural land west of the village of Till, damaging wheat crops. **Closure of Main Roads:** The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the northern (i) entrance to the city of Salfit. The Israeli army continues to close with cement blocks and iron gates (ii) the northern entrance to the town of Brugin and the western entrance to the town of Kafr Ad Dik. At 10:00, the Israeli army reopened the road connecting the towns of (iii) Kafr ad Dik and Deir Ballut, which had been closed with cement blocks since the outbreak of the second *Intifada*. **SALFIT** Checkpoint: The Israeli army continues to intensify its restrictions and impede civilian access at the Za'tara junction checkpoint. Raids: At 09:40, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the town of Deir Ballut. (i) (ii) At 10:30, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the village of Rafat. Wall Construction: 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.

JERICHO	 Closure: The Israeli army continues to close Road # 90 between the city of Jericho and the village of Al 'Auja with cement blocks and to prevent farmers not holding Jericho Governorate IDs from reaching their land, forcing them to apply for access permits. The Israeli army also continues to deny access to the city to holders of Israeli IDs. Checkpoints: The Israeli army continues to intensify its restrictions 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. 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: At 09:10, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the southern entrance to the city of Jericho and searched civilians and vehicles. At 19:50, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint in the centre of the village of Al 'Auja and searched civilians and vehicles.
BETHLEHEM	 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. (ii) According to Military Order # 07/02/S, the Israeli army has continued since 15 September 2007 to deny civilian access to an area measuring 22 dunums (5.436 acres) of land in the area of Mazmuriya in the cities of Beit Sahur and Bethlehem. The land was confiscated pursuant to Military Order # 07/31/T. Closure of Main Roads: 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. Raid: At 20:50, the Israeli army raided the town of Tuqu'. While patrolling the area, confrontations took place between the Israeli army and civilians. Demonstration: On 27 May 2010, a mass demonstration, including international peace activists, took place in the village of Marah Abu Ma'alla in protest against Wall construction. 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.
HEBRON	Closure: (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.

(ii) Having evacuated civilian residents and denied civilian access, the 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 10:30, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to the town of Idhna and searched civilians and vehicles.
- (ii) At 22:20, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the overpass to the town of Halhul and searched civilians and vehicles.

• Raids:

- (i) At 12:30, the Israeli army raided the town of Idhna, searched 3 houses and a number of commercial premises selling vehicle spare parts, and withdrew at 15:00.
- (ii) At 00:30, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the town of Adh Dhahiriya.
- (iii) At 03:05, the Israeli army raided the town of Surif and searched 1 house.
- <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. **Violations of the Ceasefire: ALL** The Israeli army raided Palestinian territory and opened intensive fire (i) DISTRICTS towards civilian houses and property in the districts of Gaza and Khan Yunis. Israeli combat helicopters fired 2 missiles. Israeli troops positioned on the Green Line opened fire and fired tank shells towards the districts of Gaza and Rafah. Israeli attacks resulted in the injury of civilians and armed Palestinian individuals. (ii) Armed Palestinian individuals detonated an explosive device near an Israeli army patrol and fired 6 mortars towards the Green Line.

Closure of Crossing Point: Beit Hanun (Erez) Crossing is closed on the occasion of Shavuot. **NORTHERN Palestinian Attacks:** At 18:00, 1 unidentified mortar was fired towards the Green Line. **GAZA** (i) (ii) At dawn on 28 May 2010, 2 unidentified mortars were fired towards the Green Line. **Closure of Crossing Points:** Al Muntar (Karnei) Crossing is closed. (i) Ash Shuja'iya (Nahal 'Oz) Crossing is closed. Beginning on 04 January (ii) 2010, the Crossing has been closed upon an Israeli unilateral decision. Palestinian Attack/Israeli Attack/Air Attack/Raid/Injuries: At 18:30, armed Palestinian individuals detonated an explosive device near an Israeli army patrol along the Border Fence east of Gaza city. Consequently, the Israeli army opened intensive fire and fire tank shells towards civilian houses and **GAZA** property. Israeli combat helicopters also fired 2 missiles towards Palestinian territory. The Israeli army, including several tanks, armoured vehicles and bulldozers covered by reconnaissance aircraft, raided Palestinian territory east of Ash Shuja'iya and Az Zaytun neighbourhoods east of Gaza city. Israeli troops opened fire towards civilian houses and property. An armed confrontation took place between armed Palestinian individuals and the Israeli army, while it was levelling civilian land. As a result, civilians and armed Palestinian individuals were injured. **CENTRAL** Activities not reported. **GAZA**

KHAN YUNIS	• Raid/Air Patrol: At dawn on 28 May 2010, the Israeli army, including several armoured vehicles covered by reconnaissance aircraft, raided Palestinian territory east of the town of Al Qarara. An armed confrontation took place between the Israeli army and armed Palestinian individuals.
RAFAH	 Closure of Crossing Points: Yasser 'Arafat International Airport remains closed. Rafah (Al 'Awdah) Crossing is open on an exceptional basis to allow dozens of civilians and patients, who had received medical treatment at Egyptian hospitals, as well as a European delegation of 15 members. 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. Attack: At dawn on 28 May 2010, the Israeli army opened intensive fire from its location on the Green Line towards the outskirts of the town of Ash Shoka east of the city of Rafah. Palestinian Attack: At 23:10, 3 mortars were fired towards the Green Line.

GAZA STRIP

POLITICAL PRISONERS	 Sentences: The Israeli military court at 'Ofar Detention and Interrogation Centre issued imprisonment sentences against the following political prisoners from the town of Al Khadr in the district of Bethlehem: Ahmed Ya'qoub Subh for 7.5 years; Mahmoud Yousef Mousa for 6.5 years; and Ahmed Ali Mousa for 5 years. The Israeli military court at Bir as Sabe' Prison issued imprisonment sentences against the following political prisoners from the Gaza Strip: Difa' Abu 'Athrah for 28 years; Mohammed al Bul for 12 years; Majed Khalil Hilles for 10 years; and Tareq Abu al Hassin for 6 years.
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