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PALESTINIAN MONITORING GROUP

DAILY SITUATION REPORT 08:00 27 May 2011 – 08:00 28 May 2011

SUMMARY OF EVENTS

EVENT	WEST BANK	GAZA STRIP	TOTAL	NOTES
Physical Assault	1	_	1	A civilian severely beaten in Ramallah
Injuries	2	_	2	Incl. a 5-year-old girl in Bethlehem
Attacks	5	_	5	During confrontations with civilians
Raids	15	_	15	Incl. 6 in Nablus and 4 in Hebron
Arrests (per Person)	9	_	9	Incl. a child in Hebron
Detentions	14	_	14	Incl. 3 international peace activists
Wall Construction	14	_	14	Incl. in Jerusalem, Qalqiliya, & Tulkarem
Attacks on Property	2	_	2	Incl. a civilian vehicle detained, Tulkarem
House Occupation	1	_	1	Converted into a mil. post in Hebron
Closure of Checkpoints	9	_	9	Incl. a checkpoint closed temporarily
Flying Checkpoints	21	_	21	Incl. 3 in Jerusalem and 6 in Qalqiliya
Closure (per District)	8	_	8	Incl. Jerusalem and 5 areas in Hebron
Closure of Main Roads	44	_	44	Incl. 10 in Nablus and 14 in Hebron
Closure of Crossing Points	_	6	6	Beit Hanun Crossing partially open
Settler Violence	4	_	4	Incl. fire set to agricultural land
Provocation of Pal. Forces	1	_	1	A security bus detained in Bethlehem
Palestinian Attack	_	1	1	A mortar fired towards the Green Line
Demonstrations	5	_	5	Incl. against settlement activity & Wall
TOTAL	155	7	162	

DISTRICT **EVENTS**

WEST BANK

Closure:

- (i) On 27 May 2011, the Israeli army intensified restrictions at checkpoints located at the entrances to Jerusalem city, set up flying checkpoints in the old city of Jerusalem and around the Al Agsa Mosque compound, and prevented civilians from other districts from accessing the mosque and performing Friday prayers.
- (i) The Israeli army continues to close the 'demarcation area' along the Wall in the area surrounding Jerusalem city and restrict access to the area to local residents as well as to civilians holding special permits.
- The Israeli army continues to impose a blockade and deny civilian (ii) access to a hill between Biddu and Beit Iksa villages.

Closure of Main Roads:

- The Israeli army continues to close with cement blocks and dirt (i) barricades the entrance to the village of Jaba'.
- The Israeli army continues to close the iron gate along the Wall section, (ii) separating the area of Dahiyat al Bareed from the town of Ar Ram.
- The Israeli army continues to close with an iron gate the eastern (iii) entrance to Beit Iksa village and force civilians to access Jerusalem city through Oalandiva 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.

- Attack/Raid: During a raid in the afternoon of 27 May 2011, the Israeli army fired tear gas grenades on civilians in Silwan neighbourhood in Jerusalem city, allegedly for throwing stones. The Israeli army also arrested three civilians.
- Arrests: The Israeli army arrested three unidentified civilians in Silwan neighbourhood in Jerusalem city.
- **Demonstration:** At 16:00, a mass demonstration, including international peace activists, took place in Ras al 'Amud neighbourhood in Jerusalem city in protest against settlement activity, including inauguration of a portion of the Har Hasidim settlement outpost.

Wall Gates:

- The Israeli army continues to close with cement blocks the Wall gate in (i) Abu Dis town.
- The Israeli army continues to deny civilian access through the Wall (ii) gate on Ash Shayyah road in the area between As Sawahira ash Sharqiya and As Sawahira al Gharbiya villages, only allowing civilians holding Jerusalem IDs to cross, after subjecting them to thorough searches using electronic devices.
- Wall Construction: Wall construction continues in the area north of Qalandiya village; south of Az Za'ayyem village; and in Wadi al 'Eizariya west of Ma'ale Adumim settlement.

JERUSALEM

RAMALLAH & EL BIREH	 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. Raid: At 02:10, the Israeli army raided Ramallah city. While patrolling the area, confrontations took place between the Israeli army and civilians. Demonstrations/Attacks/Injuries/Detentions: At 13:40, a mass demonstration, including international and Israeli peace activists, took place in Bil'in village in protest against Wall construction. Confrontations took place between the Israeli army and protestors, during which the Israeli army injured Ibrahim Marwan Burnat. A number of participants were also wounded as a result of tear gas inhalation. At 14:00, a mass demonstration, including international peace activists, took place in An Nabi Salih village in protest against Israeli settler violence and confiscation of civilian land for the expansion of Halamish settlement. Confrontations took place between the Israeli army and protestors. Israeli troops detained and severely beat Ala' Mohammed 'Atwan, leaving him with contusions. A number of participants also sustained wounds as a result of tear gas inhalation. Additionally, Israeli troops detained three international peace activists and released them at a later time. At 14:20, a mass demonstration, including international peace activists, took place in Ni'lin town in protest against Wall construction. Confrontations took place between the Israeli army and protestors, during which the Israeli army wounded a number of participants as a result of tear gas inhalation. Settler Violence: At 22:10, a group of Israeli settlers set fire to civilian farmland in the area between Al Mughayyir and Khirbet Abu Falah villages. Civilians extinguished the fire. 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	 <u>Closure of Main Road</u>: The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the road leading to the town of 'Arraba east of Dotan settlement. <u>Wall Gates</u>: 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. <u>Raid</u>: At 00:20, the Israeli army raided and patrolled Al Far'a village. 		

Closure of Main Roads: The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the road (i) connecting Kafr al Labad town to Shufa village as well as the road connecting Shufa and 'Izbat Shufa villages. The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the detour road (ii) 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. At 08:20, the Israeli army closed the checkpoint, denied civilian access, and reopened it at a later time. **Flying Checkpoints/Detention:** At 10:05, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on Al Kafriyat (i) road connecting Tulkarem and Qalqiliya districts, searched civilians and vehicles, detained Ahmed Mahir Saleh, and released him later. **TULKAREM** Having detained their vehicle, the Israeli army arrested two civilians. (ii) At 20:20, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the road connecting Tulkarem city and Kafr al Labad village and searched civilians and vehicles. Arrests: Israeli troops positioned at the flying checkpoint set up on Al Kafriyat road arrested two civilians, including Ahmed Taher Dawoud Nasser. Wall Gates: Passage through the wall gates is restricted to civilians granted special Israeli permits. Wall Construction: The Israeli army continues 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 the village. Closure of Roads: The Israeli army continues to close with cement blocks agricultural roads east of the town of 'Azzun. Flying Checkpoints/Detention: At 10:30, and again at 18:30, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint (i) on the junction to Jit village and searched civilians and vehicles. At 10:30, and again at 18:30, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint (ii) near the junction to Jinsafut village and searched civilians and vehicles. (iii) At 13:15, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint near Al Funduq village and searched civilians and vehicles. **QALQILYA** (iv) At 18:10, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint in the area between 'Azzun town and 'Izbat at Tabib village and searched civilians and vehicles. Attack on Property: At 12:40, the Israeli army expelled a number of farmers from their farmland near Kedumim settlement in Kafr Qaddum village. **Wall Gates:** The Israeli army continues to intensify its restrictions at 'Azzun 'Atma Wall gate and to search civilians, including students, with a metal detector.

- (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.
- <u>Wall Construction</u>: 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.

• Closure of Main Roads:

- (i) The Israeli army continues to close the roads of Till-Burin and Beit Furik-Salem; the settler bypass road connecting the village of Deir al Hatab to the settlement of Alon Moreh; the road connecting the town of 'Aqraba to the village of Osarin; and the detour road between the town of Qabalan and the village of Osarin.
- (ii) The Israeli army continues to close the northern entrance to the town of Qabalan; the southern entrances to the town of Jamma'in and the villages of Duma and Qaryut; and the western entrance to An Naqura village opposite the settlement of Shavei Shomron.
- <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 vehicles can access the city of Nablus, but only commercial vehicles and ambulances can leave the city through the checkpoint.

• Flying Checkpoints/Detention:

- (i) At 17:15, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to Burga village and searched civilians and vehicles.
- (ii) At 04:40, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint near the evacuated settlement of Homesh on the Nablus-Jenin main road and searched civilians and vehicles

• Raids:

- (i) At 09:10, the Israeli army raided Sabastiya village and provided protection to Israeli settlers, who visited the village's archaeological site.
- (ii) At 18:00, the Israeli army raided 'Asira al Qibliya village, searched a number of houses, and arrested three civilians, including two brothers. At 01:15, the Israeli army raided the village again and served summonses on a number of civilians to report to the Israeli Intelligence agency.
- (iii) At 00:30, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the eastern quarters of Nablus city.

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	 (iv) At 01:35, the Israeli army raided 'Einabus village and searched a house. (v) At 02:20, the Israeli army raided and patrolled Til village. Arrests: The Israeli army arrested three civilians in 'Asira al Qibliya village: (i) Ahmed Abdul 'Aziz Ali; (ii) Nimer Fat'hi 'Asayrah; and (iii) Nijem Fat'hi 'Asayrah. Settler Violence: At 12:30, a group of Israeli settlers riding bicycles gathered near the junction to Al 'Aqrabaniya village and attempted to stop civilian vehicles.
SALFIT	 Closure of Main Roads: The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the northern entrance to Salfit city and with cement blocks the northern entrance to the Bruqin town. The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the entrance to two detour roads connecting Marda village to respective farmland. Beginning on 14 November 2010, the Israeli army has continued to open the northern entrance to Salfit city to civilian buses only. The entrance had been closed for seven years. Checkpoint: The Israeli army continues to intensify restrictions and impede civilian access at the Za'tara junction checkpoint. Flying Checkpoint: At 22:30, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint in the area between Bruqin and Kafr ad Dik towns and searched civilians and vehicles. Wall Construction: Wall construction continues in the area north of Deir Istiya town southeast of Emmanuel settlement.
JERICHO	 Closure of Main Road: The Israeli army continues to close Road # 90 between Jericho city and Al 'Auja village with cement blocks. Checkpoints: The Israeli army continues to intensify restrictions at Al Hamra checkpoint set up along Al Badhan road connecting Jericho and Nablus districts, only allowing access to residents of Jericho district of the Jordan Valley area. The Israeli army continues to intensify restrictions at the checkpoint set up on the junction to Al 'Auja village along Al-Mu'arrajat road connecting Jericho and Ramallah districts, only allowing access to residents of Jericho district as well as to others holding access permits. Flying Checkpoints: At 11:45, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the junction to Al 'Auja village and searched civilians and vehicles. At 13:20, and again at 22:25, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the southern entrance to Jericho city and searched civilians and vehicles. Raid: At 08:00, the Israeli army raided and patrolled Al 'Auja village.

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	• <u>Detention</u> : At 13:15, Israeli troops positioned on <i>Al Karama</i> (Allenby) Bridge detained Ziyad Hamdan as Sakhen, a resident of Jit village in Qalqiliya district, while he was returning from Jordan. Israeli troops released As Sakhen after serving him a summons to report to the Israeli Intelligence agency.
BETHLEHEM	 Closure: (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 southeastern area of the village. (ii) Beginning on 15 September 2007, the Israeli army has continued to prevent civilians from accessing or staying on 22 dunums of confiscated land in Al Mazmuriya area in Beit Sahur and Bethlehem cities. • Closure of Main Roads: The Israeli army continues to close the Beit Jala-Wadi Ahmad road; a road east of Beit Fajjar town; the road connecting Tuqu' town to Khirbet al Baq'a village; and the detour road connecting Wadi Fukin and Al Jab'a villages. • Flying Checkpoint: At 15:20, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on An Nashash junction (the southern entrance to Bethlehem city) and searched civilians and vehicles until 16:00. • Raids: (i) At 10:55, the Israeli army raided until 11:25 Artas village. (ii) At 16:30, the Israeli army raided the evacuated 'Ush Ghurab military post east of Beit Sahur city and patrolled it until 17:00. • Provocation of Palestinian Forces: At 05:50, Israeli troops positioned at As Sawahira ash Sharqiya (the 'Container') checkpoint detained a bus transporting Palestinian National Security officers. Having provocatively searched officers, Israeli troops allowed the bus to cross after coordination with the Israeli authorities (through the DCO). • Settler Violence: At 21:20, an Israeli settler vehicle ran over Niveen Fat'hi Mohammed 'Ayyad, a 5-year-old girl, along Road # 60 near Al Khadr town. Niveen was transported to hospital for treatment of injuries and contusions sustained. • Demonstration: At 13:10, a mass demonstration, including international peace activists, took place in Al Ma'sara village in protest against Wall construction. Israeli troops intercepted the demonstration and prevented protestors from accessing civilian land under the threat of confiscation. • Wall Construction: Wall construct
Hebron	Closure: (i) The Israeli army continues to close Ash Shuhada' Street, As Sahleh and Khuzq al Far areas, and the old gold market in the old city of Hebron. In addition to closing the entrance to Al Qeisi neighbourhood, the Israeli army continues to close the entrances to the area of Al Hisba (the fruits and vegetables market) with an iron gate and Al Laban Market with iron plates.

(ii) Beginning on 05 January 2009, the Israeli army has continued to close the area located along the Green Line south of the town of Yatta. Having seized land for Wall construction, the Israeli army evacuated residents and denied civilian access to the area.

• Closure of Main Roads:

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

• Flying Checkpoints:

- (i) At 09:30, and again at 17:10, 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 19:25, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the overpass to Halhul town and searched civilians and vehicles.

• Raids/House Occupation:

- (i) At 08:00, the Israeli army raided Rabud village, provided protection to Israeli settlers who visited the village archaeological site, and withdrew at 11:00.
- (ii) At 08:40, the Israeli army raided Idhna town, occupied the roof of a house, converted it into a military post, and patrolled the area. At 09:05, the Israeli army withdrew from the town.
- (iii) At 16:20, the Israeli army raided and patrolled Beit Ummar town.
- (iv) At 22:30, the Israeli army raided Adh Dhahiriya town and arrested a
- Arrest: The Israeli army arrested 17-year-old 'Abed Hamzeh Ibrahim 'Amr in Adh Dhahiriya town.
- <u>Settler Violence</u>: At 16:30, a group of Israeli settlers set fire to olive trees on land belonging to Abu Heikal family in Tal Rumeida neighbourhood in the old city of Hebron.
- <u>Wall Construction</u>: Wall construction continues in the area surrounding Eshkolot settlement west of Adh Dhahiriya town.

GAZA STRIP

ALL DISTRICTS

- At 02:00 on 18 January 2009, the unilateral ceasefire declared by the Israeli authorities came into effect. At a later time on the same day, armed Palestinian groups announced an agreement to cease fire. The ceasefire has been further renewed on 10 April 2011.
- <u>Violation of the Ceasefire</u>: Armed Palestinian individuals fired a mortar towards the Green Line.

NORTHERN GAZA	Closure of Crossing Point: Beit Hanun (Erez) Crossing was partially open to previously-coordinated critically ill civilians, foreign journalists, international organisations staff, merchants, businesspeople, and civilians intending to travel to Jordan through Al Karama (Allenby) Bridge in the West Bank.	
GAZA	 Closure of Crossing Points: Al Muntar (Karnei) Crossing is closed. Beginning on 02 March 2011, the Crossing has been effectively closed upon an Israeli unilateral decision. 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	• Palestinian Attack: In the evening of 27 May 2011, a mortar was fired towards the Green Line.	
RAFAH	 Closure of Crossing Points: (i) Yasser 'Arafat International Airport remains closed. (ii) Rafah (Al 'Awdah) Crossing was closed. (iii) Sufa Crossing is closed. (iv) Karm Abu Salem (Karem Shalom) Crossing was closed. 	