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PALESTINIAN MONITORING GROUP

DAILY SITUATION REPORT

08:00 28 May 2009 – 08:00 29 May 2009

SUMMARY OF EVENTS

EVENT	WEST BANK	GAZA STRIP	TOTAL	NOTES
Death	1	_	1	An armed Palestinian individual, Hebron
Injury	1	_	1	A civilian injured in the head, Nablus
Attacks	4	2	6	4 in raids and 2 from military posts
Raids	26	_	26	Incl. 4 in Qalqiliya and 7 in Nablus
Arrests	17	_	17	Incl. 4 in Tubas and 6 in Nablus
Detentions	17	_	17	Incl. a Palestinian security officer
Wall Construction	21	_	21	Incl. Jer., Raml'h., Salfit, & Qalqiliya
Destruction of Property	3	_	3	Wells and caves destroyed in Hebron
Attack on Property	1		1	Pal. National Theatre closed, Jerusalem
Closure of Checkpoints	14	_	14	Incl. access impeded at 10 checkpoints
Flying Checkpoints	18	_	18	Incl. 3 in Tulkarem and 6 in Hebron
Closure (per District)	7	_	7	Incl. Nu'man and Mazmuriya, Bethlehem
Closure of Main Roads	47	_	47	Incl. 11 in Nablus and 16 in Hebron
Closure of Crossing Points	_	4	4	3 crossing points partially open
Pal. Security Measure	3	_	3	Incl. 1 explosive device handed, Qalqiliya
Palestinian Attack	_	1	1	5 mortars fired towards the Green Line
TOTAL	180	7	187	

DISTRICT EVENTS	DISTRICT	EVENTS
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WEST BANK

ALL DISTRICTS

• 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.

• Closure:

- (i) The Israeli army continues to intensify its restrictions at checkpoints located at the entrances to the city of Jerusalem. The Israeli army also continues to close the entrances to Al Aqsa Mosque compound in the old city of Jerusalem and impede civilian access to the mosque.
- (ii) 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).
- (iii) Beginning on 02 April 2009, the Israeli army has continued to impose a blockade and deny civilian access to a hill located in an area between the village of Biddu and Beit Iksa due it its geographical significance as it overlooks the city of Jerusalem.

• Closure of Main Roads:

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- (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.
- <u>Checkpoint</u>: The Israeli army continues to consider Qalandiya 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.
- Attack on Property: On 28 May 2009, the Israeli army closed the Palestinian National Theatre (Al Hakawati) in the city of Jerusalem and prevented organisation of the conclusive celebration of the Palestine Festival of Literature.

• 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.

RAMALLAH	 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: 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.
& EL BIREH	 <u>Checkpoint</u>: The Israeli army continues to intensify restrictions at the checkpoint on the overpass to 'Atara town and impede civilian access. <u>Wall Construction</u>: Wall construction continues west of 'Abud town 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 Checkpoints: At 15:45, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the junction to the village of Sanur and searched civilians and vehicles. At 15:50, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the junction to the village of Al Jarba and searched civilians and vehicles. Raids: At 16:10, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the village of Mirka. At 17:10, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the village of Sanur. At 02:20, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the town of Qabtiya. 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: The Israeli army continues to close Tayasir checkpoint in the eastern Tubas district, denying civilian access to the Northern Jordan Valley, except for civilians whose IDs indicate that their place of residence is the Northern Jordan Valley. Raid: At 01:00, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the city of Tubas. Arrests: At 01:55 on 28 May 2009, the Israeli army arrested 4 civilians during its raid into the village of Tayasir, in addition to those reported yesterday: Ibrahim Mohammed Saleh Abu Muhsen; Mousa Thiyab Mousa Abu Muhsen; Omar Thiyab 'Amer; and Mohammed Khaled Thiyab Omar.
TULKAREM	Closure of Main Roads: The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the western entrance to the village of Shufa. The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the road connecting the town of Kafr al Labad to the village of Shufa.

	• Checkpoint: The Israeli army continues to intensify restrictions at 'Einav
	checkpoint set up on Tulkarem-Nablus main road.
	• Flying Checkpoints:
	(i) At 10:45, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint along Al Kafriyat
	road that connects the districts of Tulkarem and Qalqiliya and searched
	civilians and vehicles.
	(ii) At 20:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the junction to
	the village of Al Jarushiya and searched civilians and vehicles.
	(iii) At 20:25, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint in the area between
	Dahiyat Dhinnaba in the city of Tulkarem and the village of Kafr al
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	Labad and searched civilians and vehicles.
	• Raids:
	(i) At 18:15, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the town of 'Anabta.
	(ii) At 23:00, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the village of Far'un.
	(iii) At 23:15, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the city of Tulkarem.
	• Wall Gates: Passage through the wall gates is restricted to civilians granted
	special Israeli permits.
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	• Closure of Roads: The Israeli army continues to close with cement blocks
	agricultural roads east of the town of 'Azzun.
	• Checkpoints:
	(i) The Israeli army continues to intensify restrictions at the checkpoint set
	up at the eastern entrance to the city of Qalqiliya and to impede civilian
	access.
	(ii) At 18:00, the Israeli army intensified its restrictions at the checkpoint
	set up at the entrance to the village of 'Izbat Jal'ud and impeded civilian
	access.
	• Raids/Attacks:
	(i) At 08:00, the Israeli army raided the village of An Nabi Elyas as well as
	pursued and opened fire towards a civilian vehicle. The Israeli army
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QALQILYA	also arrested the driver.
	(ii) At 00:10, the Israeli army raided the village of Jit and arrested 1 house.
	(iii) At 01:45, the Israeli army raided the city of Qalqiliya, set up a
	checkpoint, searched civilians and vehicles, and patrolled the area.
	(iv) At 01:50, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the area between the
	town of 'Azzun and the village of Misliya. Meanwhile, the Israeli army
	opened fire and fired sound grenades.
	• Arrests:
	entrance to the city of Qalqiliya arrested 2 unidentified civilians.
	(ii) The Israeli army arrested an unidentified civilian in the village of An
	Nabi Elyas.
	• <u>Palestinian Security Measure</u> : At 15:30, Palestinian security forces handed
	over the Israeli authorities (through the DCO) an explosive device located
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in the city of Qalqiliya.

• Wall Gates:

- (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.
- Wall Construction: Wall construction continues south of the town of Jayyus as well as near the settlement of Alfe Menashe in the villages of Ras Tira, Magharet ad Dab'a, and Wadi ar Rasha south of the city of Qalqiliya.

• Closure of Main Roads:

- (i) The Israeli army continues to close with cement blocks the roads of Sarra-Jit; Til-Burin; Beit Furik-Salem; the road between the town of 'Aqraba and the main road; and the eastern entrance to the village of Al Lubban Ash Sharqiya. The Israeli army also continues to close with dirt barricades the road between the villages of Til and Madama; the southern entrance to the village of Qaryut; the eastern entrance to the village of Al Lubban Ash Sharqiya; the western entrance to the town of 'Aqraba; the southern entrance to the village of Duma; the northern entrance to the town of Qabalan; the western entrance to the village of Majdal Bani Fadil; and the settler bypass road connecting the village of Deir al Hatab to the settlement of Alon Moreh.
- (ii) The Israeli army continues to restrict civilian daily passage along the Jenin-Nablus road between the junction to Deir Sharaf village and the settlement of Shavei Shomron between 06:00 and 21:00.
- <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 neighborhood only.

- (ii) The Israeli army continues to allow Palestinians holding Israeliissued IDs to access the city of Nablus by their private vehicles through Beit Furik checkpoint and Biet Iba iron gate. Additionally, the Israeli army allows free access to physicians, who are residents of the city of Nablus.
- (iii) Beginning on 15 February 2009, the Israeli army has allowed free access by private vehicles to all residents of the city of Nablus, who are above 50 years of age and in company with their families, through checkpoints set up around the city of Nablus.
- (iv) Having removed Beit Iba checkpoint, the Israeli army installed an iron gate near the junction to the village of Deir Sharaf along the Nablus-Tulkarem main road. The iron gate is open everyday between 05:00 and 24:00 to allow civilian access without permits.
- (v) At 10:45, the Israeli army intensified its restrictions at Huwwara checkpoint and impeded civilian access.

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• Flying Checkpoints:

- (i) At 11:25, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the junction to the village of 'Azmut and searched civilians and vehicles.
- (ii) At 19:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to the village of Salem and searched civilians and vehicles.
- Physical Assault: At 10:45, Israeli troops positioned at Huwwara checkpoint severely beat Husam Abdul Raheem Dweikat, leaving him with injuring in the head. Dweikat was transported to hospital for medical treatment.

• Raids:

- (i) At dawn on 28 May 2009, the Israeli army raided Balata and 'Askar refugee camps in the city of Nablus and arrested 2 civilians.
- (ii) At 19:00, the Israeli army raided the village of Osarin, set up a checkpoint at its entrance, and searched civilians and vehicles.
- (iii) At 24:00, the Israeli army raided the town of Beit Furik and arrested 1 civilian.
- (iv) At 24:00, the Israeli army raided the village of Sabastiya and arrested 3 civilians.
- (v) At 02:30, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the city of Nablus.
- <u>Arrests</u>: The Israeli army arrested 2 civilians in Balata and 'Askar refugee camps in the city of Nablus:
- (i) Mohammed Hussein Hashash; and
- (ii) Saed Fat'hi Qandeel.
- (iii) The Israeli army arrested Mohammed 'Aref Hanani in the town of Beit Furik.

The Israeli army arrested 3 civilians in the village of Sabastiya:

- (iv) Adham Raqi Makhalfeh;
- (v) Qutaybah Abdul Kareem 'Azem; and
- (vi) Na'im Wael 'Abbadi.
- <u>Detention</u>: At 10:45, Israeli troops positioned at Huwwara checkpoint detained Mohammed Ali Hasan Mubarakeh, a Palestinian National Security officer, and released him at a later time.

• 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.

• Raids:

- (i) At 21:40, the Israeli army raided the town of Az Zawiya and patrolled the area until 22:15.
- (ii) At 21:50, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the village of Yasuf.
- <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 Kafr Haris north of the settlement of Ariel.

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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. **JERICHO** 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. **Closure:** The Israeli army continues to close the roads to the village of (i) 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: In addition to 2 side roads east and south of the village of Al Walaja, the Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the roads of Beit Jala-Wadi Ahmad; Talita-Nazlet as Sidr in the city of Beit Jala; Al Khadr -Road # 60; Al Khadr -Beit Jala Housing Project; Wadi Rahal-Efrat; and the side road east of the town of Beit Fajjar. Checkpoint: At 13:00, the Israeli army intensified its restrictions at As Sawahira ash Sharqiya (the 'Container') checkpoint and searched civilians and vehicles. **BETHLEHEM** Flying Checkpoint: At 00:20, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the junction to the area of An Nashash (the southern entrance to the city of Bethlehem) and searched civilians and vehicles until 02:00. (i) At 10:00, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the town of Al Khadr. At 21:30, the Israeli army raided Ad Duheisha refugee camp in the city (ii) of Bethlehem and arrested 1 civilian. Arrest: The Israeli army arrested Ibrahim Fat'hi 'Ayyad in Ad Duheisha refugee camp in the city of Bethlehem. Palestinian Security Measure: At 13:00, Palestinian security forces handed over to the Israeli authorities (through the DCO) 2 Israeli citizens, who had been located in possession of narcotic drugs, in the city of Bethlehem. 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 Ifrat settlement; and in the area surrounding the village of Al

Walaja.

• 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. 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) The Israeli army continues to prevent civilian vehicles from travelling along the road connecting the settlement of Kiryat Arba' to the Ibrahimi Mosque in the old city of Hebron.
- (iii) On 05 January 2009, the Israeli army issued Military Order # 09/06/S for closure of the area located along the Green Line south of the town of Yatta, evacuation of civilian residents, and prevention of civilian access to the area. According to Military Orders # 05/03/T and 05/04/T, land in this area was confiscated for Wall construction.

• Closure of Main Roads:

- (i) The Israeli army continues to close with cement blocks the entrance to the town of As Samoa'; the area of Al Hawawir leading to the town of Halhul; the road connecting the town of Surif to the village of Al Jab'a; the eastern entrance to the village of Kharsa; the entrance to the Al Qeisi neighbourhood in the old city of Hebron; as well as the entrances to Al 'Arrub refugee camp, the village of At Tuwani, and the town of Adh Dhahiriya.
- (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 open the iron gate on the Farsh Al Hawa junction to Road # 35, which leads to Tarqumiya Crossing, from 05:00 until 07:00 and from 09:00 until 13:00.

• Flying Checkpoints:

- (i) At 08:30, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on Al Fawwar junction and searched civilians and vehicles.
- (ii) At 13:00, 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 15:40, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint along Road # 35 in the area of Wadi Qayyun north of the city of Hebron and searched civilians and vehicles.
- (iv) At 16:00, the Israeli army set up 2 flying checkpoints and searched civilians and vehicles at the entrances to the area of An Nabi Yunis (the eastern entrance to the town of Halhul) and the town of Tarqumiya.

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(v) At 18:10, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to the town of Beit Ummar, closed the iron gate set up in the area, and denied civilian access to or from the town.

• Raids/Attack/Destruction of Property:

- (i) At dawn on 28 May 2009, the Israeli army raided the village of Al Majd and arrested 3 civilians, including 2 brothers.
- (ii) At 09:45, the Israeli army raided the area of Wadi at Tur in the village of Deir al 'Asal, opened fire, and used explosives to destroy a number of wells and caves, killing an armed Palestinian individual.
- (iii) At 11:50, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the town of Dura.
- (iv) At 00:15, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the town of As Samoa'
 - <u>Killing</u>: The Israeli army killed Abdul Majeed Ali Abdullah Dodeen in the area of Wadi at Tur in the village of Deir al 'Asal.
 - Arrests: The Israeli army arrested 3 civilians in the village of Al Majd:
- (i) Ahmed Abdul Fattah 'Amr;
- (ii) Mahmoud Abdul Fattah 'Amr; and
- (iii) Hussein Ahmed Abdul Fattah 'Amr.
- <u>Wall Construction</u>: Wall construction continues in the section of Tarqumiya checkpoint terminal and in the area between southeast of the village of 'Arab ar Ramadin and the village of Imneizil.

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 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:
	(i) The Israeli army opened intensive fire and fired tank shells from its
	locations on the Green Line towards Palestinian territory northeast of
	Ash Shuja'iya neighbourhood east of Gaza city.
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	(ii) Armed Palestinian individuals fired 5 mortars towards the Green Line.

NORTHERN GAZA	Closure of Crossing Point: Beit Hanun (Erez) Crossing is closed.
GAZA	 Closure of Crossing Points: (i) Al Muntar (Karnei) Crossing is closed. (ii) Ash Shuja'iya (Nahal 'Oz) Crossing is partially open for transportation of fuel.

	Palestinian Attack/Israeli Attack: At 14:50, armed Palestinian individuals fired 5 mortars towards the area surrounding Ash Shuja'iya (Nahal 'Oz) Crossing Point on the Green Line. Consequently, the Israeli army opened intensive fire and fired a number of tank shells towards Palestinian territory northeast of Ash Shuja'iya neighbourhood east of Gaza city.
CENTRAL GAZA	Activities not reported.
KHAN YUNIS	Activities not reported.
RAFAH	 Closure of Crossing Points: Yasser 'Arafat International Airport remains closed. Rafah (Al 'Awdah) Crossing is open on an exceptional basis to allow access to 24 ill civilians, who had received medical treatment at Egyptian hospitals. International peace activists were also allowed to leave the Gaza Strip. Sufa Crossing is closed. Karm Abu Salim (Karem Shalom) Crossing is partially open for transportation of food supplies and humanitarian aid.

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POLITCAL PRISONERS	 Relocation of a Political Prisoner: The Israeli authorities transported Abdul Karim Mohammed 'Amarneh, a political prisoner from the city of Bethlehem, to the Ar Ramla Prison Hospital, after his condition deteriorated. Sentences: The Israeli military court at Salem Military Camp entered sentences against the following political prisoners: Omar Qar'ani for 45 months in prison along with a fine of ILS 2,000 (approximately USD 500); Diya' Farraj for 37 months in prison along with a fine of ILS 2,000 (approximately USD 500); Rami at Tirawi for 30 months in prison along with a fine of ILS 2,000 (approximately USD 500); Kamil 'Abbadi for 19 months in prison along with a fine of ILS 2,000 (approximately USD 500); Tamer Sufyan Zeid for 16 months in prison along with a fine of ILS 2,000 (approximately USD 500); and Yousef Nijem for 3 months in prison along with a fine of ILS 500 (approximately USD 125). Extension of Administrative Detention: The Israeli military court at Al Jalama Detention Camp extended the administrative detention (arrest without charge or trial) against 14 political prisoners.