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PALESTINIAN MONITORING GROUP

DAILY SITUATION REPORT 08:00, 30 May 2009 – 08:00, 31 May 2009

SUMMARY OF EVENTS

EVENT	WEST BANK	GAZA STRIP	TOTAL	NOTES
Physical Assault	1	_	1	Severely beat a civilian at Qalandiya
Arrests (per person)	4	_	4	Incl. 2 in Jenin & 1 in Ramallah
Detentions	15	_	15	At checkpoints & in residential locals
Raids	18	1	19	Incl. 5 on Jenin & 4 on Tulkarm
Closure of Checkpoints	12	_	12	Incl. access impeded at 8 checkpoints
Flying Checkpoints	20	_	20	Incl. 3 in Nablus & 3 in Qalqiliya
Attacks	2	1	3	Incl. 3 attacks during raids
Air Patrol	_	1	1	A helicopter above Al Bureij RC
Attack on Property	*	_	_	Orders to demolish 3 shacks & caravan
Destruction of Property	3	_	3	Demolishing vendors' kiosks in Jericho
Wall Construction	_	_	_	Suspended for the weekend
Closure (per District)	7	_	7	Jer., Beth. (2 villages) & Hebron (4 areas)
Closure of Main Roads	47	_	47	Incl. 11 in Nablus & 3 in Salfit
Closure of Crossing Points		7	7	All crossings are completely closed
Settler Violence	1	_	1	Attack demonstrators in Hebron district
Demonstration	1	_	1	To allow farmers to cultivate their land
Palestinian Attack	_	1	1	2 mortars fired towards the Green Line
TOTAL	131	11	142	

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:

- The Israeli army continues to intensify restrictions at checkpoints (i) set up at entrances to the city of Jerusalem and Al Agsa Mosque.
- On 05 January 2009, the Israeli army issued military order # 02/09 (ii) closing the seam line area, an extension of the Wall, according to a set of land confiscation orders, for the construction of the Wall around the city of Jerusalem to prevent civilians from entering the city, with the exception of civilians living in the area and those holding permits. Entry is regulated through crossings and gates set up at entrances to the city of Jerusalem, as designated in the military order.
- Beginning on 02 April 2009, the Israeli army has continued to (iii) impose a blockade and deny civilian access to a hill located in an area between the village of Biddu and Beit Iksa due to its geographical significance as it overlooks the city of Jerusalem.

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 (ii) section separating the area of Dahiyat Al Bareed in Jerusalem city from the town of Ar Ram.
- Checkpoint: 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.
- Physical Assault: At 03:30, Israeli troops positioned at Qalandiya military checkpoint severely beat the civilian Ahmad Muhammad Id'ais. As a result, he sustained contusions and immediately evacuated to hospital for treatment.

Wall Gates:

- The Israeli army continues to close the Wall gate in the town of Abu (i) Dis with cement blocks.
- The Israeli army continues to deny civilian access through the Wall (ii) gate on al-Shayyah road in the area between the villages of al-Sawahira al-Sharqiya and al-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 was suspended for the weekend in the area of al-'Eizariya to al-Shayyah, from Beit Surik village to Biddu, in the areas of al-Judeira, Bir Nabala, and Beit Hanina, west of al-Jib village, in the vicinity of the village of Qatanna, and south of Beit Hanina village.
RAMALLAH & EL BIREH	 Closure of Main Roads: The Israeli army continues to close the entrances to the village of Sinjil, the village of Safa and the junction to the villages of Kafr Malik – Ein Samiya. Checkpoint: The Israeli army continues to intensify restrictions at the checkpoint on the overpass to 'Atara town and impede civilian access. Flying Checkpoint: At 08:30, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint in the area between the village of Surda and Al Jalazun refugee camp and searched civilians and vehicles. Arrest: At 14:00, the Israeli army arrested near the village of Deir Abu Mash'al the civilian Waleed Abdulrahman Al Barghouti. Wall Construction: Wall construction was suspended for the weekend west of the town of 'Abud and in the areas of al-Midya to Ni'lin and Ni'lin to Deir Qaddis.
JENIN	 Closure of Main Roads: The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the road leading to 'Arraba town, east of the settlement of Dotan. Fiving Checkpoints: At 19:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint near the junction leading to the village of Al Jarba and searched civilians and vehicles until 20:30. At 20:30, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint in the area between the town of Meithalun and the village of Sanur. At 07:30, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint in the area between the tow of Arraba and the village of Fahma and searched civilians and vehicles. Raids: At 17:00, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the village of Ya'bad until 17:20. At 17:00, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the villages of Sanur and Al Jarba until 17:30. At 20:30, the Israeli army raided an area located near Al Yamun town and arrested 2 children. At 01:50, the Israeli army raided and patrolled Qabatiya town until 04:30. Arrests: The Israeli army arrested in the area located near Al Yamun town Muhammad Isam Said Abu Al Hayja, 14-year-old, and Muhammad Basem Muhammad Al Ja'bari, 14-year-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.

TOUBAS	 <u>Checkpoint</u>: The Israeli army continues to close Tayasir checkpoint east of the town of Tubas, denying civilian access to the Northern Jordan Valley, except for civilians whose IDs indicate that their place of residence is the Northern Jordan Valley. <u>Raid</u>: At 03:30, the Israeli army raided and patrolled Tammun town.
TULKAREM	 Closure of Main Roads: The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the western entrance to the village of Shofeh and the road connecting the town of Kafr Dan to the village of Shofeh. Checkpoints: The Israeli army continues to intensify restrictions at Einav checkpoint that is set up on Tulkarm-Nablus main road. Flying Checkpoints: At 10:30, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to the village of Al Jarushiya and searched civilians and vehicles. At 22:30, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint near the entrance to the village of Kur and searched civilians and vehicles. Raids: At 17:20, the Israeli army raided and patrolled Nur Shams refugee camp in the city of Tulkarm. At 18:00, the Israeli army raided and patrolled Beit Lid town. At 00:45, the Israeli army raided and patrolled Zeita town. At 03:00, the Israeli army raided and patrolled Tulkarm city. 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 the agricultural roads east of the town of 'Azzun. Beginning on 17 March 2009, the Israeli army continues to close with cement blocks the northern entrance to the town of Azzun. Checkpoint: The Israeli army continues to intensify restrictions at the checkpoint that is set up at the eastern entrance to the city of Qalqiliya and impede civilian access. Flying Checkpoints: At 08:40, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the junction leading to the village of Jit and searched civilians and vehicles. At 08:45, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint near the junction leading to the village of Jinsafut. At 09:30, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the junction leading to the village of Immatin and searched civilians and vehicles. Raid: At 20:00, the Israeli army raided and patrolled Azzun town. Attack on Property: On 25 May 2009, the Israeli army served orders in the area of Arab Ar Ramadin Al Janoubi, located south of Qalqiliya city, to demolish 3 shacks built of bricks used as houses and a caravan containing work equipment under the pretext of not being licensed.

• 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 detector.
- Wall Construction: Wall construction was suspended for the weekend south of the town of Jayyus as well as near the settlement of Alfeh Minesheh in the villages of Ras Tira, Magharet Ad Dab'a and Wadi Ar Rasha, located south of Qalqiliya city.

• Closure of Main Roads:

- (i) The Israeli army continues to close with cement blocks the roads of Sarra-Jit, Tel-Burin, Beit Furik-Salem, the road between Aqraba town and the main road and the eastern entrance to the village of Al Lubban Ash Sharqiya; and with dirt barricades the road between the villages of Tel and Madama, the southern entrances to the villages of Qaryut and Duma, the eastern entrance to the village of Al Lubban Ash Sharqiya, the western entrances to the town of Aqraba and the village of Majdal Bani Fadil, the northern entrance to the town of Qabalan, as well as the settler bypass road connecting the village of Deir al-Hatab to Alon Moreh settlement.
- (ii) Passage through the junction to Deir Sharaf village and the settlement of Shavei Shomron on Jenin-Nablus road is allowed daily from 06:00 until 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 neighborhood 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) Palestinian holders of Israeli IDs are allowed to enter with their vehicles into Nablus city through all its checkpoints. They are allowed to depart the city of Nablus through Beit Furik checkpoint and Beit Iba gate. Physicians who are residents of Nablus are also allowed passage with their vehicles without permits.
- (iii) The Israeli army allowed residents from Nablus city who are above the age of 50 years to cross with their families and vehicles the checkpoints around the city without crossing permits.
- (iv) The iron gate near the junction leading to the village of Deir Sharaf on Nablus-Tulkarm main road is opened daily from 05:00 to 24:00 for civilian access in both directions without access permits.

• Flying Checkpoints:

- (i) At 14:40, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the junction leading to the village of Bizzariya and searched civilians and vehicles.
- (ii) At 20:10, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to the town of Asira Ash Shamaliya.
- (iii) At 21:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to the town of Beita and searched civilians and vehicles.

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SALFIT	 Closure of Main Roads: The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the northern entrance to Salfit city. The Israeli army continues to close with cement blocks and iron gates the northern entrances to the town of Bruqin and the western entrance to the town of Kafr Ad Dik. Checkpoint: The Israeli army continues to intensify its restrictions at Za'tara checkpoint and impede civilian access. Flying Checkpoint: At 17:35, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to the village of Iskaka and searched civilians and vehicles. Raid: At 07:30, the Israeli army raided the town of Bruqin, set up a flying checkpoint in the middle of the town and patrolled the area. Wall Construction: Wall construction was suspended for the weekend in the area northwest of the city of Salfit, and in the village of Marda and the town of Kafr Hares 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 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. Destruction of Property: At 18:00, the Israeli army demolished a number of vendors' kiosks erected on road # 90 near the village of Az Zubeidat.
BETHLEHEM	 Closure: 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. Since September 15, 2007, the Israeli army has been preventing civilian access, according to military order 07.02.S, to the 22-dunum land that has been confiscated in accordance with confiscation order number 07.31.T. The 22-dunum area has been set to construct a passage in the area of Mazmouriyyeh that is located in the cities of Beit Sahur and Bethlehem. Closure of Main Roads: The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the two sideways east and south of Al Walaja village and the roads of Beit Jala-Wadi Ahmad, Talita-Nazlet As-Sidr in the city of Beit Jala, Al Khadr town-Road # 60, Al Khadr town-Beit Jala housing, Wadi Rahal-Efrat and the sideway east of Beit Fajjar town. Checkpoint: At 14:20, the Israeli army intensified its restrictions at Al Container checkpoint and impeded civilian access.

- Flying Checkpoint: At 23:10, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on An Nashash area junction (the southern entrance to Bethlehem city) and searched civilians and vehicles.
- Raid: At 08:25, the Israeli army raided and patrolled Al Khadr town.
- Wall Construction: Wall construction was suspended for the weekend in the area northwest of the town of al-Khadr; northwest of Beit Jala city; in the area of Wadi Rahhal east of Ephrata settlement; and in the area surrounding al-Walaja village.

Closure:

- (i) The Israeli army continues to close the following locales in the old city of Hebron: al-Shuhada' Street and the area of al-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 al-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.
- Although it expired on 07 May 2006, the Israeli army continues to (ii) implement a military order stipulating the prohibition of civilian vehicles from traveling along the road connecting the settlement of Kiryat Arba' to the Ibrahimi Mosque in the old city of Hebron unless they possess access permits.
- (iii) On 05 January 2009, the Israeli army issued military order # 06/09 closing the area located near the Green Line, south of Yatta town, evacuating the area of those inside it and denying them access to it.

Closure of Main Roads:

- The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the following (i) locales: the entrance to the town of al-Samoa'; the area of al-Hawawir leading to the town of Halhoul; the road connecting the town of Surif to the village of al-Jab'a; and the eastern entrance to the village of Kharsa. The Israeli army also continues to close with cement blocks the entrance to al-Qeisi neighborhood in the old city of Hebron; the main entrance to al-'Arrub refugee camp; the village of At Tuwani as well as the entrance to the town of Adh Dhahiriya.
- (ii) In accordance with Military Order # 378, the Israeli army continues to prohibit Palestinian vehicles from traveling along Shalala Old Street that leads to the old city of Hebron, only allowing Israeli vehicles as well as Israeli army vehicles to travel along this street.
- The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the road (iii) between the villages of Al Karmil and At Tuwani and all roads leading to bypass Road # 60.
- The Israeli army continues to open the Iron Gate on the junction of (iv) Farsh Al Hawa, which leads to Road # 35 that leads to Tarqumiya Crossing, from 05:00 until 07:00 and from 09:00 until 13:00.

HEBRON

• Flying Checkpoints:

- (i) At 12:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to the town of Sa'ir and searched civilians and vehicles.
- (ii) At 17:10, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint in the area between the towns of Surif and Kharas.
- (iii) At 22:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the road connecting the town of Bani Na'im to the town of Yatta.

Raids:

- (i) At 16:30, the Israeli army raided the village of Hadab Al Fawwar, opened fire and fired sound grenades and arrested a civilian.
- (ii) At 23:15, the Israeli army raided the city of Hebron, searched 2 houses, served summons to 2 civilians to report to the Israeli Intelligence agency and patrolled the area.
- (iii) At 23:20, the Israeli army raided the village of At Turrama and fired light flares in the sky above the village while patrolling the area.
- (iv) At 03:10, the Israeli army raided and patrolled Kharas town.
- (v) At 04:20, the Israeli army raided and patrolled Surif town.
- Arrest: The Israeli army arrested in the village of Hadab Al Fawwar the civilian Muhammad Isma'il Asfour.
- <u>Demonstration</u>: At 12:00, a mass sit in demonstration took place, with the participation of international peace activists, on civilian agricultural land belonging to the village of Khirbet Safa, located near the settlement of Bat Ayin, against settler attacks and to enable civilians to cultivate their land. A group of settlers attacked participants in the demonstration. The Israeli army also intervened and detained 2 children and 3 activists while attempting to confront the settler attacks.
- <u>Wall Construction</u>: Wall construction was suspended for the weekend in the section of Tarqumiya checkpoint terminal, in the periphery of Eshkolot settlement southwest of Adh Dhahiriya town and between southwest of Arab Ar Ramadin village and the village of Imneizil.

GAZA STRIP

At 02:00 on 18 January 2009, the Israeli army declared a unilateral ceasefire. In the meantime, armed Palestinian groups declared a one-week-long ceasefire. Meanwhile, the ceasefire was extended until 05 February 2009. The ceasefire is holding despite the end of the specified period. The Israeli army breached the ceasefire by opening fire during a raid on Palestinian areas east of Al Bureij refugee camp in Central Gaza. Armed Palestinian groups violated the ceasefire by firing 2 mortars towards the Green Line.

NORTHERN GAZA	Closure of Crossing Point: Beit Hanun (Erez) Crossing is closed.	
GAZA	 Closure of Crossing Points: Al-Muntar (Karni) Crossing is closed. Al-Shuja'iya (Nahal 'Oz) Crossing is closed. 	
CENTRAL GAZA	 Raid: At 02:00, Israeli army special force raided Palestinian areas east of Al Buraij refugee camp and clashed with armed Palestinian individuals. Palestinian Attack: At 02:00, the Israeli army fired 2 mortars towards the Green Line. Consequently, Israeli helicopter gunships patrolled the skies above Palestinian areas east of Al Buraij refugee camp. 	
KHAN YOUNIS	Activities not reported.	
RAFAH	 Closure of Crossing Points: (All Closed) (i) Yasser 'Arafat International Airport remains closed. (ii) Rafah (Al Awdah) Crossing is closed. (iii) Sufa Crossing is closed. (iv) Karm Abu Salim (Karem Shalom) Crossing is closed. 	