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PALESTINIAN MONITORING GROUP

DAILY SITUATION REPORT

08:00 03 April 2006 – 08:00 04 April 2006

SUMMARY OF EVENTS

EVENT	WEST BANK	GAZA STRIP	TOTAL	NOTES
Death	1	—	1	1 child in Qalandiya refugee camp
Injuries	4	—	4	Incl. 2 children
Attacks	6	1	7	Incl. 3 in raids & 2 from military posts
Raids	28	—	28	Incl. 7 in Bethlehem & 7 in Hebron
Air Patrols	1	1	2	Over Beit Jala and Northern Gaza
Arrests	20	—	20	Incl. 1 child & 2 Pal. security officers
Detentions	8	—	8	At checkpoints & in residential areas
Wall Construction	31	—	31	Incl. Jer., Raml'h., Qalq., Salfit, Beth.
Confiscation of Property	1	—	1	1 hunting rifle in Beit Ula, Hebron
Land Confiscation	1	—	1	To fortify a military post, Al 'Arrub RC
House Occupations	6	—	6	Incl. 2 buildings in the city of Nablus
Curfew	1	—	1	Over the village of Shuqba, Ramallah
Closure of Checkpoints	7	—	7	Incl. Tayasir & Al Hamra checkpoints
Flying Checkpoints	19	—	19	Incl. 6 in Jenin & 6 in Hebron
Closure (per District)	6	1	7	Incl. An Nu'man village, Bethlehem
Closure of Main Roads	31	—	31	Incl. eastern entrance to Sinjil
Closure of Crossing Points	—	5	5	Incl. Beit Hanun and Rafah partially
Settler Violence	6	—	6	Incl. 2 buildings seized, Jerusalem
Provocation of Pal. Forces	2	2	4	Incl. Pal. officers demanded to evacuate
Palestinian Attacks	1	3	4	Incl. 5 unidentified mortars fired
Pal. Security Measure	1	—	1	1 illegal tractor handed over, Jenin
TOTAL	181	13	194	

DISTRICT	EVENT
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ALL DISTRICTS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Beginning on 11 March 2006, the Israeli army has continued to impose a complete closure over the West Bank and Gaza Strip districts. The Israeli army has prevented civilians with permits, including workers, from crossing into areas inside the Green Line or into the city of Jerusalem, only allowing VIPs and humanitarian cases to cross after prior coordination.
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WEST BANK

JERUSALEM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Closure: The Israeli army continues to intensify its restrictions at checkpoints located at the entrances to the city of Jerusalem and has set up checkpoints in the old city of Jerusalem and around Al Aqsa Mosque compound. Closure of Main Road: The Israeli army continues to close the eastern entrance to Dahiyat Bir Nabala northwest of the city of Jerusalem with cement blocks. Checkpoints: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> The Israeli army continues to intensify its restrictions at Qalandiya checkpoint, after having announced that it would be converted into a border crossing point beginning on 27 March 2006. The Israeli army, however, postponed the conversion of the checkpoint until a later time. The Israeli army continues to intensify its restrictions at Beit Iksa checkpoint and to impede civilian access. Wall Gates: The Israeli army continues to close the Wall gate in the town of Abu Dis with cement blocks. Wall Construction: Wall construction continues in Dahiyat al Aqbat, from the village of Hizma to 'Anata, along the Hizma-Jaba' road, the area of Al 'Eizariya to Ash Shayyah, near Al Quds University, in the town of As Sawahira ash Sharqiya, from the village of Beit Surik to Biddu, in the areas of Al Judeira, Bir Nabala, and Beit Hanina, and west of the village of Al Jib. Flying Checkpoints: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> At 16:40, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to the town of Bir Nabala and searched civilians and vehicles. The Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the junction to 'Atarot Industrial Zone in the town of Ar Ram and searched civilians and vehicles. Raid: At 19:05, the Israeli army raided Qalandiya refugee camp. Confrontations took place between the Israeli army and civilians, during which the Israeli army killed 1 child and injured 3 civilians, including 2 children. Killing: The Israeli army killed Mohammed Fareed Ziyad, 16 years old, in Qalandiya refugee camp.
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Settler Violence:</u> A group of Israeli settlers seized control of 2 inhabited buildings in the neighbourhoods of Silwan and At Tur in the city of Jerusalem. The Israeli settlers intend to set up settlement outposts in the 2 seized buildings.
<p style="text-align: center;">RAMALLAH & EL BIREH</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Closure of Main Roads:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) The Israeli army continues to close the eastern entrance to the village of Sinjil with dirt barricades. (ii) The Israeli army continues to close the entrance to the village of Al Lubban al Gharbi with dirt barricades. • <u>Wall Construction:</u> Wall construction continues in the areas of Al Midya to Budrus, Al Midya to Ni'lin, Bil'in to Saffa, in the village of Beit Liqya, in the town of Beituniya, and west of the town of 'Abud and the village of Beit Sira. • <u>Flying Checkpoints:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 14:20, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the underpass road to the village of Kharbatha al Misbah and searched civilians and vehicles. (ii) At 23:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint in the area between the town of Bir Zeit and the village of Abu Qash and searched civilians and vehicles. • <u>Attack:</u> At 21:30, the Israeli army fired flares from the settlement of Psagot over the city of El Bireh. • <u>Raids/Curfew:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 02:30 on 02 April 2006, the Israeli army raided the town of Turmus'ayya and arrested 1 civilian. (ii) The Israeli army raided the village of Shuqba, imposed curfew, set up a checkpoint at its entrance, and prevented civilians from entering or exiting the village. • <u>Arrest:</u> The Israeli army arrested Akram Safi Abu 'Awwad in the town of Turmus'ayya. • <u>Palestinian Attack:</u> At 01:20, armed Palestinian individuals opened fire towards the settlement of Psagot. Consequently, the Israeli army raided the city of El Bireh and fired flares over the area adjacent to the settlement.
<p style="text-align: center;">JENIN</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Closure of Roads:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the detour road leading to the town of 'Arraba east of the settlement of Dotan. (ii) The Israeli army continues to close the entrance to the village of Fahma with dirt barricades. • <u>Checkpoint:</u> The Israeli army intensified its restrictions at Tayasir checkpoint east of the town of Tubas and prevented civilians from crossing, only allowing access to farmers holding Jordan-Valley-issued IDs and who are above 30 years of age. • <u>Wall Gates:</u> Passage through the Wall gates is restricted to civilians granted special Israeli permits.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Flying Checkpoints:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 13:00, the Israeli army set up 2 flying checkpoints, one on the junction to the town of 'Arraba and the other at the entrance to the town of Az Zababida, and searched civilians and vehicles. (ii) At 15:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint in the area between the town of Qabatiya and the village of Sanur, searched civilian vehicles, and impeded civilian access. (iii) At 21:50, the Israeli army set up 3 flying checkpoints: on Ash Shuhada' junction; in the area between the town of Qabatiya and the village of Al Jarba; and in the area of As Suweitat east of the city of Jenin. The Israeli army searched civilians and vehicles. • <u>Raids:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 21:50, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the village of Bir al Basha. (ii) At 01:00, the Israeli army raided the town of Az Zababida, searched 1 building used as a dormitory for students from the Arab American University, and withdrew at 03:00. • <u>Palestinian Security Measure:</u> Palestinian security forces handed over 1 illegal tractor, seized in the city of Jenin, to the Israeli authorities (through the DCO).
TULKAREM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Closure:</u> The Israeli army continues to impose a complete closure on the district of Tulkarem and to declare it a closed military zone following a suicide attack carried out on the junction to the village of Far'un. The Israeli army continues to impede civilian access to and from the district. • <u>Closure of Main Roads:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the roads connecting the following locales: the town of Bal'a and Dahiyat Iktaba; Dahiyat Dhinnaba in the city of Tulkarem and the town of Kafr al Labad; Dahiyat Dhinnaba and the village of 'Izbat Abu Khamish; the town of Kafr al Labad and the village of Shufa; the towns of Deir al Ghusun and 'Attil; and the towns of Deir al Ghusun and Bal'a. (ii) The Israeli army continues to close the road connecting the town of Beit Lid to the village of Kur with cement blocks. • <u>Checkpoints:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) The Israeli army continues to close with cement blocks the eastern entrance to the city of Tulkarem ('Einav checkpoint) on the road connecting the districts of Tulkarem and Nablus. (ii) The Israeli army continues to intensify its restrictions at the southern entrance to the city of Tulkarem (Jubara checkpoint) and to impede civilian access. • <u>Wall Gates:</u> Passage through the Wall gates is restricted to civilians granted special Israeli permits. • <u>Raids:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 02:55, the Israeli army raided Dahiyat Iktaba in the city of Tulkarem and arrested 1 civilian. (ii) At 03:10, the Israeli army raided the village of Seida and arrested 1 child.

	<p>(iii) At 04:00, the Israeli army raided the town of ‘Illar and arrested 4 civilians.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Arrests: <p>(i) The Israeli army arrested Ala’ ad Din Abdul Rahman Mahajneh in Dahiyat Iktaba in the city of Tulkarem.</p> <p>(ii) The Israeli army arrested Mu’taz Muneeb Abdul Ghani, 16 years old, in the village of Seida.</p> <p>The Israeli army arrested 4 civilians in the town of ‘Illar:</p> <p>(iii) Sameer Ahmed ‘Asa’sah;</p> <p>(iv) Mohammed Qasem ‘Amer;</p> <p>(v) ‘Imad Ahmed Abu ‘Asbeh; and</p> <p>(vi) Mohammed Zuheir Abu Hneitah.</p>
QALQILIYA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure of Main Road: The Israeli army continues to close the road connecting the villages of Jit and Immatin with dirt barricades. • Wall Gates: <p>(i) Passage through the Wall gates is restricted to civilians granted special Israeli permits.</p> <p>(ii) The Israeli army continues to intensify its restrictions at ‘Azzun ‘Atma Wall gate and to search civilians, including students, with a metal detector.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wall Construction: Land levelling for Wall construction continues in the village of Immatin and east of the towns of Kafr Thulth and ‘Azzun. • Raid: At 20:00, the Israeli army raided the town of ‘Azzun. Confrontations took place between the Israeli army and civilians. • Settler Violence: <p>(i) At 16:30, an Israeli settler vehicle collided with a civilian vehicle along the Qalqiliya-Nablus main road. As a result, 1 civilian was injured and transported to Qalqiliya Hospital for medical treatment. The civilian vehicle was also damaged during the accident.</p> <p>(ii) At 20:00, a group of Israeli settlers from the settlement of Kedumim threw stones at civilian vehicles travelling along the Qalqiliya-Nablus main road as well as closed the road. The Israeli army then evacuated the settlers.</p> <p>(iii) At 01:00, a group of Israeli settlers threw stones at civilian vehicles travelling along Wadi Qana road.</p>
NABLUS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure of Main Roads: <p>(i) The Israeli army continues to close the main road leading to the district of Jenin between the junction to the village of Deir Sharaf and the settlement of Shavei Shomron. Instead, the Israeli army has forced civilians to travel along an unpaved 1.5-km-long road, which branches off from the Nablus-Tulkarem road and intersects with the Nablus-Jenin road opposite the village of Sabastiya.</p> <p>(ii) The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades Al Badhan road, which is the north-eastern entrance to the city of Nablus and connects the city to the district of Jenin.</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Checkpoints:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) The Israeli army continues to regulate times for crossing Huwwara, Beit Iba, At Tur Mountain, and Beit Furik checkpoints around the city of Nablus. The Israeli army closes the checkpoints overnight and reopens them at various morning hours. (ii) The Israeli army continues to intensify its restrictions at Huwwara checkpoint and to deny access to civilians between 15 and 30 years of age. (iii) At 10:50, the Israeli army intensified its restrictions at the checkpoint set up at the entrance to the town of Beit Furik and prevented civilian residents of the town from crossing until they acquire access permits. • <u>Raids/House Occupations:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) On 02 April 2006, the Israeli army raided the village of Odala and arrested 1 civilian. (ii) At 01:20, the Israeli army raided 'Askar refugee camp, opened fire, and arrested 1 civilian. (iii) At 02:20, the Israeli army raided the city of Nablus, occupied 2 buildings, and converted them into military posts. The Israeli army also searched a number of houses, arrested 2 female civilians, and withdrew at 05:40. • <u>Arrests:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 20:00, Israeli troops positioned at Huwwara checkpoint arrested Ziyad Tareq Halaweh. (ii) The Israeli army arrested 'Arafat Kamel Yousef in the village of Odala. (iii) The Israeli army arrested Ahmed ash Shinnawi in 'Askar refugee camp. The Israeli army arrested 2 female civilians in the city of Nablus: (iv) Ayat Waleed as Salti; and (v) Rasha Zuheir Yousef. • <u>Settler Violence:</u> At 20:00, a group of Israeli settlers raided the outskirts of the village of Burin and raided 1 civilian house under construction.
SALFIT	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Closure of Main Roads:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) The Israeli army continues to close the main north-western entrance to the city of Salfit with dirt barricades. The road has been closed since the beginning of the current <i>Intifada</i> (Uprising). (ii) The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the western entrances to the town of Bruqin and the village of Marda and the road connecting the town of Deir Istiya to the village of Haris. (iii) The Israeli army continues to close the western entrance to the town of Kafr ad Dik with cement blocks. • <u>Checkpoints:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) The Israeli army continues to close Deir Ballut checkpoint overnight and open it at various morning hours. The Israeli army also prevents civilians from crossing eastwards towards the town of Kafr ad Dik. (ii) At 15:00, the Israeli army intensified its restrictions at the Za'tara junction checkpoint and impeded civilian access.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wall Construction: Wall construction continues near the Green Line in the town of Deir Ballut and the villages of Az Zawiya and Rafat, northwest of the city of Salfit, and in the village of Marda and the town of Kifl Haris north of the settlement of Ari'el. • Raid: At 02:00, the Israeli army raided the village of Haris, searched 2 houses, and withdrew at 04:40.
JERICHO	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure: The Israeli army intensified the closure imposed over the district of Jericho. Road # 90 between the city of Jericho and the village of Al 'Auja continues to be closed with cement blocks. The Israeli army prevents farmers not holding Jericho ID cards from reaching their land, forcing them to apply for access permits. The Israeli army also impedes civilian movement into the city of Jericho, except for Jerusalem ID holders. • Checkpoints: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) The Israeli army intensified its restrictions at Al Hamra checkpoint set up on the road connecting the districts of Jericho and Nablus and prevented civilians from crossing, only allowing access to farmers holding Jordan-Valley-issued IDs and who are above 30 years of age. (ii) The Israeli army continues to intensify its restrictions at the checkpoint set up at the entrance to the village of 'Ein Ad Duyuk (the northern entrance to the city of Jericho) on the road connecting the districts of Jericho and Ramallah, to search civilians and vehicles, and to deny civilian access in both directions between 20:00 and 05:00 on a daily basis. (iii) At 08:00, the Israeli army intensified its restrictions at the DCO checkpoint set up at the southern entrance to the city of Jericho. Israeli troops positioned at the checkpoint prevent civilians between 16 and 30 years of age from exiting the city of Jericho unless they hold special permits to leave the city. • Flying Checkpoint: The Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to the village of 'Ein ad Duyuk and searched civilian vehicles. Israeli troops positioned at the checkpoint prevent civilians between 16 and 30 years of age from leaving the district of Jericho. • Provocation of Palestinian Forces: At 08:00, Israeli troops positioned at the DCO checkpoint set up at the southern entrance to the city of Jericho demanded through loudspeakers that Palestinian National Security officers positioned at the Palestinian checkpoint at the southern entrance to the city to evacuate.
BETHLEHEM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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. The Israeli army considers the civilians' residence in the village illegal because they hold West Bank identity cards while their village is located within the Israeli-defined municipal boundaries of Jerusalem. • Closure of Main Roads: The Israeli army continues to close all roads to Road # 60 leading to the city of Jerusalem, thereby isolating the city of Bethlehem from its towns and villages located west of Road # 60.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Wall Construction:</u> Wall construction continues north of ‘Ayda refugee camp and in the Everest area, northwest of the city of Beit Jala. • <u>Flying Checkpoint:</u> At 21:15, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to the village of Husan and searched civilians and vehicles. • <u>Raids/Air Patrol/Detention:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 10:45, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the city of Beit Jala and the town of Al Khadr. (ii) At 14:00, the Israeli army raided the area of Al ‘Ubayyat in the city of Bethlehem, while civilians were marching in the funeral procession of Raed Moahammed ‘Ubayyat, an individual killed by the Israeli army. The Israeli army also fired sound and tear gas grenades towards civilians. (iii) At 21:15, the Israeli army raided the city of Beit Jala and ‘Ayda refugee camp, whilst combat helicopters patrolled the skies over the area. The Israeli army also detained 1 Palestinian National Security officer, took him to Gilo checkpoint, and released him after abusing him. (iv) At 02:20, the Israeli army raided the city of Bethlehem, searched 2 houses, and arrested 2 individuals, including 1 Palestinian National Security officer. At 04:30, the Israeli army withdrew from the area. (v) At 02:50, the Israeli army raided the town of Tuqu’, arrested 2 individuals, including 1 Palestinian National Security officer, and withdrew at 03:30. • <u>Arrests:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 12:40, Israeli troops positioned at the checkpoint set up near the settlement of Kfar ‘Etzion on the Bethlehem-Hebron main road arrested Yousef Jameel Sabarneh. The Israeli army arrested 2 individuals in the city of Bethlehem: (ii) Mohammed ‘Isa Hijazi, a Palestinian National Security officer; and (iii) Husam Ali ‘Ayesh. The Israeli army arrested 2 individuals in the town of Tuqu’: (iv) Mohammed Taleb Mousa Jibreel, a Palestinian National Security officer; and (v) Hasan Mousa Hasan Jibreel.
HEBRON	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Closure:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) The Israeli army continues to close with cement blocks and barbed wire Ash Shuhada’ Street and the area of As Sahleh and with an iron gate the old gold market, all in the H2 section of the city of Hebron, denying access to civilians and vehicles. (ii) The Israeli army continues to implement a military order to close civilian commercial shops on both sides of the road connecting the settlement of Kiryat Arba’ to the Ibrahimi Mosque in the old city of Hebron from 06 November 2005 until 07 May 2006. Civilian vehicles are prohibited from travelling along the road unless they possess access permits. Only Israeli settler vehicles are allowed unrestricted access on the road.

- (iii) The Israeli army continues to close with a dirt barricade the area of Khuzq al Far near the settlement of Abraham Avino in the old city of Hebron, in addition to the iron gate that has been set up in the area.
- (iv) The Israeli army continues to close the entrance to the area of Al Khan in the old city of Hebron with an electronic gate, isolating the area from Al Laban Market and the area of As Sahleh.
- **Closure of Main Roads:**
 - (i) The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the area of Al Hawawir leading to the town of Halhul, the area of Al Fahs south of the city of Hebron, the junction to the area of Farsh al Hawa leading to Road # 35 northwest of the city of Hebron, and the entrance to the village of 'Arab ar Ramadin.
 - (ii) The Israeli army continues to close the main entrance to Al 'Arrub refugee camp with cement blocks.
 - **Wall Construction:** Wall construction continues west of the towns of Surif and Beit Ula, south of the towns of Adh Dhahiriya and As Samoa', and southeast of the town of Yatta. The Israeli army has also completed construction of most sections of the Wall in the town of Idhna, from the village of Deir Samit to the town of Beit 'Awwa, from Beit 'Awwa to the village of Al Burj, and in the village of Ar Ramadin.
 - **Flying Checkpoints:**
 - (i) At 12:30, and again 18:15, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the overpass to the town of Halhul and searched civilians and vehicles.
 - (ii) At 13:30, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to the town of Idhna and searched civilians and vehicles.
 - (iii) At 21:30, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to the town of Kharas, searched civilians and vehicles, and arrested 1 university student.
 - **Raids/Confiscation of Property/House Occupations:**
 - (i) At 10:30, the Israeli army raided the city of Hebron, set up a checkpoint in front of Hebron University, searched university students, and patrolled the area until 11:25.
 - (ii) At 23:15, the Israeli army raided the town of Beit Ula, searched 1 house, and arrested 1 civilian after it had confiscated a hunting rifle from his house.
 - (iii) At 23:15, the Israeli army, including 10 jeeps, raided the town of Kharas, searched 1 house, and withdrew at 01:00.
 - (iv) At 01:00, the Israeli army raided the village of Kurza north of the town of Adh Dhahiriya, occupied 1 house belonging to Jaser Shihdeh Dodin, and converted it into a military post.
 - (v) At 08:00, the Israeli army raided the area of An Namus in the town of Dura, occupied 1 house belonging to Sameer Mahmoud Masharqah, and converted it into a military post.
 - (vi) The Israeli army raided the town of Tarqumiya, set up a checkpoint at its entrance, searched civilians and vehicles, and patrolled the area.
 - (vii) The Israeli army raided the town of Bani Na'im, occupied 1 house, and

	<p>converted it into a military post.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Arrests: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 12:35, the Israeli army pursued 1 civilian vehicle at the entrance to the town of Idhna and arrested Fadi Khalil al Jayyawi. (ii) Israeli troops positioned at the flying checkpoint set up at the entrance to the town of Kharas arrested Ibrahim Ahmed Taleb. (iii) The Israeli army arrested Isma'il Mustafa Abu 'Akal in the town of Beit Ula. • House Occupation: The Israeli army issued a military order to seize control of the roof and parts of 1 house belonging to Mousa 'Ubeido near the Ibrahimiya School on the road leading to the Ibrahimi Mosque in the old city of Hebron in order to convert the house into a military post. • Land Confiscation: The Israeli army issued a military order to confiscate land adjacent to Al 'Arrub refugee camp on the eastern side of the Hebron-Bethlehem main road in order to fortify a military post constructed at the entrance to the refugee camp. • Provocation of Palestinian Forces: At 12:40, the Israeli authorities notified the Palestinian authorities (through the DCO) that all communications between both sides would be suspended.
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GAZA STRIP

<p style="text-align: center;">ALL DISTRICTS</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Beginning on 16 December 2005, the Israeli army has continued to impose a complete closure on the Gaza Strip ostensibly due to Palestinian individuals' firing of mortars towards the Green Line.
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<p style="text-align: center;">NORTHERN GAZA</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure: Beginning at 18:00 on 28 December 2005, the Israeli army has continued to impose a buffer zone (through open fire as well as artillery and air attacks) in the area near the Green Line, including the area of the debris of evacuated settlements, in the district of Northern Gaza. The Israeli army has also warned that civilians would put their lives in danger if they enter the designated area. • Closure of Crossing Point: Beit Hanun (Erez) Crossing is partially open to foreign nationals, VIPs, and humanitarian cases after prior coordination. • Attacks/Provocation of Palestinian Forces: At 14:40, the Israeli army fired 4 artillery shells from Point 64 on the Green Line east of the town of Jabalya towards Palestinian territory near 1 Palestinian National Security location north of the town of Beit Lahiya. • Air Patrol: At 20:05, Israeli army combat helicopters patrolled the skies over the northern area of the district of Northern Gaza. • Provocation of Palestinian Forces: At 09:10, Israeli authorities refused a request (through the DCO) by Palestinian authorities to allow the entry of food supplies or carry out a shift rotation for Palestinian security forces positioned at their locations in the northern area of the district of Northern
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	<p>Gaza. The Israeli authorities do not recognize that Palestinian National Security locations exist in the area, which they consider to be evacuated.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Palestinian Attacks:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 11:30, 2 unidentified mortars were fired towards the Green Line, of which 1 mortar exploded on Palestinian territory. (ii) At 00:45, 2 unidentified mortars were fired towards the Green Line.
GAZA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Closure of Crossing Point:</u> Al Muntar (Karnei) Crossing is closed.
CENTRAL GAZA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Palestinian Attack:</u> At 17:30, 1 unidentified mortar was fired towards the Green Line.
KHAN YUNIS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Activities not reported.
RAFAH	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Closure of Crossing Points:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Yasser 'Arafat International Airport remains closed. (ii) Rafah Crossing is partially open in both directions to passengers holding Palestinian IDs, humanitarian cases, and Arab and foreign diplomatic missions. (iii) Sufa Crossing is partially open to construction cargo only.

GENERAL

WORK PERMITS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>West Bank:</u> Valid work permits that have been issued by the Israeli Authorities for crossing the Green Line total 10,406. However, none of those possessing work permits were allowed to access areas inside the Green Line due to the imposed closure. • <u>Gaza Strip:</u> Valid work permits that have been issued by the Israeli Authorities for crossing the Green Line total 4,837. However, none of those possessing work permits were allowed to access areas inside the Green Line due to the imposed closure.
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