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PALESTINIAN MONITORING GROUP

DAILY SITUATION REPORT

08:00 17 April 2006 – 08:00 18 April 2006

SUMMARY OF EVENTS

EVENT	WEST BANK	GAZA STRIP	TOTAL	NOTES
Death	—	1	1	A 14-year-old child in Northern Gaza
Physical Assaults	3	—	3	Incl. 1 school principal beaten, 'Anata
Injuries	24	2	26	Incl. 15 children
Air Attack	—	1	1	Missiles fired by a helicopter, Gaza city
Attacks	6	12	18	Incl. 209 artillery shells fired
Raids	36	—	36	Incl. 7 in Tulkarem & 6 in Hebron
Air Patrols	—	2	2	Incl. helicopters over Khan Yunis
Arrests	37	—	37	Incl. 2 children & 4 security officers
Detentions	24	—	24	At checkpoints & in residential areas
Wall Construction	31	—	31	Incl. Jer., Raml'h., Qalq., Salfit, Beth.
Destruction of Property	1	1	2	Incl. 1 blacksmith's workshop in Gaza
Land Confiscation	1	—	1	In Bethlehem to construct a settler road
House Occupations	10	—	10	Incl. 4 houses in the old city of Hebron
Closure of Checkpoints	7	—	7	Incl. Tayasir and Al Hamra checkpoints
Flying Checkpoints	22	—	22	Incl. 4 in Tulkarem & 4 in Qalqiliya
Closure (per District)	6	1	7	Incl. a buffer zone in Northern Gaza
Closure of Main Roads	30	—	30	Incl. entrance to Sinjil village, Ramallah
Closure of Crossing Points	—	3	3	Incl. Beit Hanun and Rafah partially
School Disruption	2	—	2	Incl. 1 school converted into a mil. post
Settler Violence	1	—	1	1 civilian beaten & 20 sheep stolen
Provocation of Pal. Forces	—	2	2	Incl. shelling near Pal. security posts
Palestinian Attacks	—	2	2	4 unidentified mortars fired
Demonstrations	4	1	5	In solidarity with political prisoners
TOTAL	245	28	273	

DISTRICT	EVENT
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<p style="text-align: center;">ALL DISTRICTS</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Beginning on 17 April 2006, the Israeli army has intensified the complete closure imposed over the West Bank and Gaza Strip districts after a Palestinian individual carried out a suicide attack in the city of Tel Aviv inside the Green Line. The Israeli army has continued to prevent civilians with permits, including workers, from crossing into areas inside the Green Line or into the city of Jerusalem. In addition, the imposed closure applies to international organizations' local staff working in Palestinian Authority-controlled territory until 20 April 2006.
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WEST BANK

<p style="text-align: center;">JERUSALEM</p>	<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, in the old city of Jerusalem, and around Al Aqsa Mosque compound. • Closure of Main Roads: The Israeli army continues to close the eastern entrance to Dahiyat Bir Nabala as well as the entrance opposite the junction to Dahiyat Al Bareed in the city of Jerusalem with 2 checkpoints and barbed wires. The Israeli army denies civilian access, only allowing civilians residing behind the Wall and those holding Jerusalem-issued IDs to cross on foot. • Checkpoints: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Beginning on 04 April 2006, the Israeli army has implemented new measures at Qalandiya checkpoint, after having declared it a "border crossing point." The Israeli army designated a special crossing for civilians holding Jerusalem-issued IDs and those possessing permits to access the city of Jerusalem. The Israeli army has allowed other civilians to access the main road leading to the junction to the village of Jaba', which branches off to other districts. (ii) The Israeli army continues to close Beit Iksa (Ramot) checkpoint, denying access to civilian vehicles. • 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 Checkpoint: At 15:00, the Israeli army set up several flying checkpoints on the roads surrounding the city of Jerusalem, searched civilian vehicles, and impeded civilian access.
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Raid/Physical Assault/School Disruption:</u> At 13:00, the Israeli army raided the village of 'Anata. Confrontations took place between the Israeli army and students from 'Anata Boys School. An Israeli army jeep also ran over 14-year-old Abdul Salam Jamal Salameh, leaving him with injuries. In addition, the Israeli army raided the village's school and beat the school principal.
<p style="text-align: center;">RAMALLAH & EL BIREH</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Closure of Main Road:</u> The Israeli army continues to close the eastern entrance to the village of Sinjil 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 02:30, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the Ramallah-Bir Zeit main road and searched civilians and vehicles. (ii) The Israeli army set up 2 flying checkpoints, one in the area between the town of Silwad and the village of Yabrud and the other at the entrance to the town of Deir Dibwan, and searched civilians and vehicles. • <u>Raids/Destruction of Property:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 01:30, the Israeli army, including 4 jeeps, raided and patrolled the cities of Ramallah and El Bireh. (ii) At 02:30, the Israeli army, including 6 jeeps, raided the village of Qarawat Bani Zeid, searched 1 house, damaged its contents, and arrested 1 Palestinian National Security officer. At 05:30, the Israeli army withdrew from the area. • <u>Arrest:</u> The Israeli army arrested Mohammed Hamdan al Maloukh, a Palestinian National Security officer, in the village of Qarawat Bani Zeid.
<p style="text-align: center;">JENIN</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Closure of Road:</u> The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the unpaved detour road leading to the town of 'Arraba east of the settlement of Dotan. • <u>Checkpoint:</u> The Israeli army continues to intensify its restrictions at Tayasir checkpoint east of the town of Tubas and to deny access to civilians under 30 years of age. • <u>Wall Gates:</u> Passage through the Wall gates is restricted to civilians granted special Israeli permits. • <u>Flying Checkpoints:</u> The Israeli army set up 4 flying checkpoints: in the area between the villages of Sanur and Al Jarba; on the junctions to the town of Az Zababida and the village of Sir; and in the area between the town of Tubas and the village of 'Aqqaba. Israeli troops positioned at these checkpoints searched civilian vehicles and impeded civilian access. • <u>Raids/School Disruption:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 18:05, the Israeli army, including 15 jeeps, raided the village of Sanur. An armed confrontation took place between the Israeli army and armed Palestinian individuals. The Israeli army also searched 1 house and arrested 1 civilian.

	<p>(ii) At 02:30, the Israeli army, including 6 jeeps, raided the city of Jenin and Jenin refugee camp and arrested 2 civilians in the refugee camp.</p> <p>(iii) At 06:00, the Israeli army, including 20 jeeps, raided the village of Birqin, occupied the village's Boys School and a number of neighbouring houses, converted them into military posts, and arrested 2 civilians. The Israeli army remains positioned in the area as of 08:00 this morning.</p> <p>(iv) At 07:00, the Israeli army, including 15 jeeps and 1 bulldozer, raided the village of Al 'Araqa, searched the house of the Palestinian individual who carried out the suicide attack in the city of Tel Aviv inside the Green Line, and arrested 3 civilians, including the individual's father and brother (a child). The Israeli army remains positioned in the area as of 08:00 this morning.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Arrests:</u> <p>(i) At 15:30, Israeli troops positioned at Tayasir checkpoint arrested 2 unidentified civilians and detained their truck.</p> <p>(ii) The Israeli army arrested Abdul Salam Farouq 'Ayaseh in the village of Sanur.</p> <p>The Israeli army arrested 2 civilians in Jenin refugee camp:</p> <p>(iii) Ahmed Sa'eed as Sa'di; and</p> <p>(iv) Muneer Ibrahim 'Irsan.</p> <p>The Israeli army arrested 2 civilians in the village of Birqin:</p> <p>(v) Maysarah 'Aref 'Urouq; and</p> <p>(vi) Ali Mansour Abu Khaled.</p> <p>The Israeli army arrested 3 civilians in the village of Al 'Araqa:</p> <p>(vii) Sami Sameeh Hammad, 15 years old;</p> <p>(viii) Sameeh Qasem Hammad; and</p> <p>(ix) 'Imad Mustafa Yihya.</p>
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> The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the roads connecting the following locales: Dahiyat Iktaba in the city of Tulkarem and the town of Bal'a; 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. The Israeli army also continues to close with cement blocks the road connecting the town of Beit Lid to the village of Kur. • <u>Checkpoints:</u> <p>(i) At 14:00, the Israeli army closed the eastern entrance to the city of Tulkarem ('Einav checkpoint) on the road connecting the districts of Tulkarem and Nablus and denied civilian access in both directions.</p> <p>(ii) At 14:25, the Israeli army closed the southern entrance to the city of Tulkarem (Jubara checkpoint), denied civilian access, and opened</p>

	<p>indiscriminate fire towards civilians waiting on both sides of the checkpoint to cross.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wall Gates: Passage through the Wall gates is restricted to civilians granted special Israeli permits. • Flying Checkpoints: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 14:15, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the junction to the village of Kafr Jamal on the road connecting the districts of Tulkarem and Qalqiliya and denied civilian access in both directions. (ii) At 14:40, the Israeli army set up 2 flying checkpoints on the junctions to the towns of Deir al Ghusun and 'Attil and denied civilian access in both directions until 20:20. (iii) At 14:45, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the junction to the town of Bal'a and denied civilian access in both directions. • Raids: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 15:00, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the town of Bal'a. (ii) At 20:20, the Israeli army raided the city of Tulkarem, Tulkarem refugee camp, the towns of Bal'a and 'Anabta, and the village of 'Izbat al Jarad. Confrontations took place between the Israeli army and civilians in the town of 'Anabta. The Israeli army also searched a number of houses and arrested 15 individuals, including 1 Palestinian National Security officer. (iii) At 02:55, the Israeli army, including 8 jeeps, raided and patrolled Nur Shams refugee camp. • Arrests: The Israeli army arrested 15 individuals in the city of Tulkarem, Tulkarem refugee camp, the towns of Bal'a and 'Attil, and the village of 'Izbat al Jarad: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Mohammed Khaled Yousef, a Palestinian National Security officer; (ii) Abdul Rahman Sameeh az Zaghal; (iii) Khaled Jamal az Zaqleh; (iv) Mahmoud Ghaleb at Tuhol; (v) Baha' Ghaleb at Tuhol; (vi) Ala' Ghaleb at Tuhol; (vii) Mahmoud Ghazi 'Umeir; (viii) Tareq 'Ata Zayet; (ix) Nael Ibrahim Abed Rabbu; (x) Jameel Jamal Abu Shanab; (xi) Ihab Mohammed Sbeitan; (xii) Bader Abdul Rahman Abu Shanab; (xiii) Mahmoud Hasan Abu al 'Einein; (xiv) Rizq Mansour Shreim; and (xv) Saleh Mahmoud Salameh.
<p>QALQILIYA</p>	<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: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Passage through the Wall gates is restricted to civilians granted special Israeli permits.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> (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: Land levelling for Wall construction continues in the village of Immatin and east of the towns of Kafr Thulth and ‘Azzun. • Flying Checkpoints: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 10:35, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the northern entrance to the town of ‘Azzun and searched civilians and vehicles. (ii) At 14:30, the Israeli army set up 2 flying checkpoints, one at the eastern entrance to the city of Qalqiliya and the other at the entrance to Habla tunnel (the southern entrance to the city of Qalqiliya), and denied civilian access in both directions. (iii) At 07:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on Wadi Qana road connecting the districts of Qalqiliya and Salfit and searched civilians and vehicles. • Raids: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 17:50, an Israeli army patrol raided the city of Qalqiliya and patrolled the area. (ii) At 22:55, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the village of Kafr Qaddum.
NABLUS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure of Main Roads: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (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. (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. • Checkpoints: <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. • Raids/House Occupations/Detention: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Beginning at 02:20 on 17 April 2006, the Israeli army has remained positioned in the city of Nablus and continued to occupy 5 buildings, after having converted them into military posts. (ii) At 14:00, the Israeli army, including 50 jeeps, raided the city of Nablus and Balata refugee camp. Confrontations took place between the Israeli army and civilians, during which the Israeli army injured 20 civilians, including 10 children. Islam Saleh Tareq also sustained critical injuries.

	<p>At 00:15, the Israeli army raided the city again, searched 5 buildings after detaining residents, and arrested 5 civilians, including 1 child. At 06:30, the Israeli army withdrew from the area.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Arrests:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 10:00, Israeli troops positioned at Beit Iba checkpoint arrested ‘Aref Rajeh al Qar’an, a Palestinian National Security officer. (ii) At 15:45, Israeli troops positioned at the checkpoint set up at the entrance to the town of Beit Furik arrested Mohammed Jamal Hanani. <p>The Israeli army arrested 5 civilians in the city of Nablus and Balata refugee camp:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (iii) Marwan Khamees Sa’d, 16 years old; (iv) Mahmoud Ribhi Zuhod; (v) ‘Imad Saher ash Shalhoub; (vi) Sidqi Sa’eed al Aghbar; and (vii) Mohammed Wael al Qadhi. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Settler Violence/Physical Assault:</u> At 16:00, a group of Israeli settlers severely beat Kheiri Ali Hasan, while he was tending sheep in the vicinity of the village of Deir al Hatab. Israeli settlers also stole 20 sheep belonging to Hasan.
SALFIT	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Closure of Main Roads:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) The Israeli army has continued to close the main north-western entrance to the city of Salfit with dirt barricades 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 as well as the road connecting the town of Deir Istiya to the village of Haris. The Israeli army also continues to close with cement blocks the western entrance to the town of Kafr ad Dik. • <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) The Israeli army continues to intensify its restrictions at the Za’tara junction checkpoint and to impede civilian access. • <u>Wall Construction:</u> 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. • <u>Flying Checkpoint:</u> The Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to the village of Qarawat Bani Hassan and searched civilians and vehicles. • <u>Raids:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 13:00, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the town of Kifl Haris. (ii) At 02:30, the Israeli army, including 3 jeeps, raided and patrolled the city of Salfit and the village of Farkha. • <u>Demonstration:</u> At 11:00, a mass demonstration took place in the city of Salfit in solidarity with political prisoners held in Israeli prisons.

<p style="text-align: center;">JERICHO</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure: The Israeli army continues to close Road # 90 between the city of Jericho and the village of Al ‘Auja with cement blocks. The Israeli army also prevents farmers not holding Jericho-issued IDs from reaching their land, forcing them to apply for access permits. In addition, the Israeli army prevents Israeli citizens from entering the city of Jericho. • 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 denied access to civilians under 30 years of age. (ii) At 14:45, the Israeli army closed the DCO checkpoint set up at the southern entrance to the city of Jericho until 15:45. • Flying Checkpoints: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 14:45, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to the village of ‘Ein ad Duyuk and denied civilian access in both directions until 15:45. (ii) At 21:10, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the junction to the village of Al ‘Auja on Al Mu’arrajat road connecting the districts of Jericho and Ramallah, searched civilian vehicles, and impeded civilian access. • Demonstration: At 10:45, a mass demonstration took place in the city of Jericho in solidarity with political prisoners held in Israeli prisons.
<p style="text-align: center;">BETHLEHEM</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure: The Israeli army continues to close the roads to the village of An Nu’mān, 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. • Checkpoint: At 18:00, the Israeli army intensified its restrictions at As Sawahira ash Sharqiya (the “Container”) checkpoint and impeded civilian access. • Wall Construction: Wall construction continues north of ‘Ayda refugee camp and in the Everest area, northwest of the city of Beit Jala. • Raids/Physical Assault: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 08:30, the Israeli army raided the cities of Bethlehem and Beit Sahur and severely beat Khader Khalil Isma’il, after which he was transported to hospital for medical treatment. (ii) At 16:30, the Israeli army raided the city of Beit Jala and ‘Ayda refugee camp. Confrontations took place between the Israeli army and civilians in ‘Ayda refugee camp, during which the Israeli army injured 3 civilians, including 2 children. One of the injured children was a 6-year-old female child. (iii) At 19:15, the Israeli army, including 3 jeeps, raided and patrolled the city of Bethlehem.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Land Confiscation:</u> On 30 March 2006, the Israeli army issued Military Order # 66/6 to confiscate land for construction of a settler bypass road extending from the area of Wadi Ahmed to the village of Al Walaja (land area was not specified). • <u>Demonstration:</u> At 13:20, a mass demonstration took place in the city of Bethlehem in solidarity with political prisoners held in Israeli prisons.
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; with an iron gate the old gold market; and with a dirt barricade and iron gate the area of Khuzq al Far near the settlement of Abraham Avino, all in the H2 section of the city of Hebron. The Israeli army also 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. (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. • <u>Closure of Main Roads:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (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 entrance to Al Qeisi neighbourhood in the old city of Hebron with cement blocks. • <u>Wall Construction:</u> 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. • <u>Flying Checkpoint:</u> At 14:50, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the overpass to the town of Halhul and searched civilians and vehicles. • <u>Raids:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 14:50, the Israeli army raided the city of Hebron, set up 2 checkpoints in front of Hebron University and in the area of Ras al Jora, and searched civilians and vehicles. At 01:00, the Israeli army raided the city again and patrolled the area. (ii) At 01:00, the Israeli army raided Al 'Arrub refugee camp, searched 1 house, arrested 1 Palestinian National Security officer, and withdrew at 02:30.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> (iii) At 01:30, the Israeli army, including 20 jeeps, raided the town of Beit ‘Awwa, searched a number of houses, and arrested 1 high school (“<i>Tawjih</i>”) student. (iv) At 04:05, the Israeli army raided the town of Bani Na'im, searched 1 house, and arrested 1 civilian. (v) The Israeli army raided the town of Tarqumiya and arrested 1 civilian. • <u>Arrests:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) The Israeli army arrested Muhannad Isma'il al Hourani in Al ‘Arrub refugee camp. (ii) The Israeli army arrested Zeid Nader as Sweiti in the town of Beit ‘Awwa. (iii) The Israeli army arrested Mahmoud Ali Abu Zweid in the town of Bani Na'im. (iv) The Israeli army arrested Ahmed Fayez Ghareeb in the town of Tarqumiya. • <u>House Occupations:</u> The Israeli army occupied 4 houses in the area of Wadi al Hussain in the old city of Hebron and converted them into military posts. • <u>Demonstration:</u> At 11:00, a mass demonstration took place in the city of Hebron in solidarity with political prisoners held in Israeli prisons.
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GAZA STRIP

ALL DISTRICTS	<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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NORTHERN GAZA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Closure:</u> 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. • <u>Closure of Crossing Point:</u> Beit Hanun (Erez) Crossing is partially open to foreign nationals, VIPs, and humanitarian cases after prior coordination. • <u>Attacks/Provocation of Palestinian Forces:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Between 09:00 and 20:00, the Israeli army fired 208 artillery shells from its location inside the Green Line towards Palestinian territory near 7 Palestinian National Security locations north and northwest of the town of Beit Lahiya, west of the area of Al Hawuz north of the town of Beit Lahiya, and east of the towns of Beit Hanun and Jabalya. (ii) At 19:10, the Israeli army fired 1 artillery shell from its location inside the Green Line towards Palestinian territory near Ash Sheikh Zayed towers, killing 1 child and injuring 2 others. • <u>Killing:</u> The Israeli army killed Mamdouh Mohammed ‘Ubeid, 14 years old, near Ash Sheikh Zayed towers.
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Palestinian Attack:</u> At 12:25, 2 unidentified mortars were fired towards the Green Line, one of which landed in the sea.
GAZA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Air Attack/Destruction of Property:</u> At 00:10, Israeli army combat helicopters fired missiles towards and damaged 1 blacksmith's workshop in Gaza city.
CENTRAL GAZA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Demonstration:</u> At 19:30, a mass demonstration took place in An Nuseirat refugee camp in solidarity with political prisoners held in Israeli prisons.
KHAN YUNIS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Attack:</u> At 18:15, Israeli naval boats opened fire and fired 2 shells towards the beach of the city of Khan Yunis. • <u>Air Patrol:</u> At 19:50, Israeli army combat helicopters patrolled the skies over the area of Khuza'a in the south-eastern Khan Yunis district. • <u>Palestinian Attack:</u> At 22:05, 2 unidentified mortars were fired towards the Green Line.
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. • <u>Attacks/Provocation of Palestinian Forces:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 17:55, and again at 02:00, Israeli naval boats opened fire and fired a number of shells towards the beach of the city of Rafah. (ii) At 20:30, Israeli naval boats opened fire towards 1 Palestinian National Security location in the area of As Suwaidiya in the district of Rafah.

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 5,416. 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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