

## مجموعة الرقابة الفلسطينية



## PALESTINIAN MONITORING GROUP

## DAILY SITUATION REPORT

08:00 20 April 2006 – 08:00 21 April 2006

## SUMMARY OF EVENTS

EVENT	WEST BANK	GAZA STRIP	TOTAL	NOTES
Injuries	1	1	<b>2</b>	Incl. 1 Palestinian security officer
Attacks	6	13	<b>19</b>	Incl. 217 artillery shells fired, N. Gaza
Raids	32	—	<b>32</b>	Incl. 8 in Ramallah & 7 in Bethlehem
Air Patrols	1	2	<b>3</b>	Incl. helicopters over Jericho and Gaza
Arrests	22	—	<b>22</b>	Incl. 1 officer & 4 university students
Detentions	16	—	<b>16</b>	Incl. 1 Palestinian Police officer
Wall Construction	31	—	<b>31</b>	Incl. Jer., Raml'h., Qalq., Salfit, Beth.
Destruction of Property	1	—	<b>1</b>	1 security officer's ID card damaged
Confiscation of Property	1	—	<b>1</b>	1 pistol from a civilian in Ramallah
Land Confiscation	1	—	<b>1</b>	100 square metres in Beit Ummar
House Occupation	1	—	<b>1</b>	Converted into a military post in Nablus
Closure of Checkpoints	8	—	<b>8</b>	Incl. Tayasir and Al Hamra checkpoints
Flying Checkpoints	21	—	<b>21</b>	Incl. 7 in Ramallah & 10 in Hebron
Closure (per District)	6	1	<b>7</b>	Incl. a buffer zone in Northern Gaza
Closure of Main Roads	32	—	<b>32</b>	Incl. Al Badhan road in Nablus
Closure of Crossing Points	—	4	<b>4</b>	Incl. Beit Hanun and Rafah partially
Provocation of Pal. Forces	2	2	<b>4</b>	Incl. shelling near Pal. security posts
Palestinian Attacks	—	5	<b>5</b>	8 unidentified mortars fired
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>182</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>210</b>	

DISTRICT	EVENT
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<p style="text-align: center;"><b>ALL DISTRICTS</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 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.</li> </ul>
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### WEST BANK

<p style="text-align: center;"><b>JERUSALEM</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Closure:</b> 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.</li> <li>• <b>Closure of Main Roads:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) The Israeli army continues to close the entrance opposite the junction to Dahiyat Al Bareed in the city of Jerusalem with a checkpoint and barbed wire. The Israeli army denies civilian access, only allowing civilians residing behind the Wall and those holding Jerusalem-issued IDs to cross on foot.</li> <li>(ii) The Israeli army closed the eastern entrance to Dahiyat Bir Nabala with cement slabs, thereby completing the Wall section in the area.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b>Checkpoints:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(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.</li> <li>(ii) The Israeli army continues to close Beit Iksa (Ramot) checkpoint, denying access to civilian vehicles.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b>Wall Gates:</b> The Israeli army continues to close the Wall gate in the town of Abu Dis with cement blocks.</li> <li>• <b>Wall Construction:</b> 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.</li> </ul>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>RAMALLAH &amp;</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Closure of Main Road:</b> The Israeli army continues to close the eastern entrance to the village of Sinjil with dirt barricades.</li> </ul>

<p><b>EL BIREH</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b><u>Wall Construction:</u></b> 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.</li> <li>• <b><u>Flying Checkpoints:</u></b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) At 12:40, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the overpass to the town of 'Atara and searched civilians and vehicles.</li> <li>(ii) At 21:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to the village of An Nabi Salih and searched civilians and vehicles until 02:00.</li> <li>(iii) At 04:20, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the junction to the village of Kafr 'Ein and searched civilians and vehicles.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b><u>Attack:</u></b> At 17:30, the Israeli army fired tear gas grenades towards a number of children near 'Ofer Military Detention Camp, allegedly for throwing stones.</li> <li>• <b><u>Raids/Confiscation of Property:</u></b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) At 18:10, an Israeli army patrol raided the city of El Bireh and patrolled the area.</li> <li>(ii) At 21:00, the Israeli army raided the towns of Deir Ghassana and Beit Rima, set up a checkpoint in the area between the 2 towns, searched civilians and vehicles, and patrolled the area until 02:00.</li> <li>(iii) At 01:00, the Israeli army raided the village of Jilijliya and searched 1 house.</li> <li>(iv) At 01:35, the Israeli army raided the cities of Ramallah and El Bireh, the town of Beituniya, and Al Am'ari refugee camp as well as opened fire in the refugee camp while searching 1 house. The Israeli army also set up 3 checkpoints, searched civilian vehicles, and arrested 2 civilians. Additionally, the Israeli army confiscated 1 pistol from one of the arrested civilians and withdrew at 03:40.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b><u>Arrests:</u></b> The Israeli army arrested 2 civilians in the cities of Ramallah and El Bireh: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) Maheeb ash Shareef; and</li> <li>(ii) Ahmed Mahmoud Abu Shalabayeh.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
<p><b>JENIN</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b><u>Closure of Road:</u></b> 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.</li> <li>• <b><u>Checkpoint:</u></b> 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.</li> <li>• <b><u>Wall Gates:</u></b> Passage through the Wall gates is restricted to civilians granted special Israeli permits.</li> <li>• <b><u>Flying Checkpoint:</u></b> At 08:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to the town of Tubas and searched civilians and vehicles.</li> <li>• <b><u>Raids/Provocation of Palestinian Forces:</u></b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) At 12:45, the Israeli army, including 4 jeeps, raided the city of Jenin and patrolled the area until 13:20.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(ii) At 16:50, the Israeli army raided the town of Meithalun, took position 30 metres away from the town's Palestinian Police station, and withdrew at 17:10.</li> <li>(iii) At 02:30, the Israeli army, including 8 jeeps, raided the town of Silat al Harithiya, arrested 1 civilian, and withdrew at 05:00.</li> <li>(iv) At 03:00, the Israeli army, including 6 jeeps, raided the town of Qabatiya. An armed confrontation took place between the Israeli army and armed Palestinian individuals. The Israeli army also searched a number of houses, arrested 2 civilians, and withdrew at 04:30.</li> <li>(v) At 05:00, the Israeli army, including 5 jeeps, raided the village of Deir Abu Da'if. While surrounding and searching 1 house, the Israeli army opened fire, injuring 1 Palestinian National Security officer. The Israeli army also arrested 2 civilians.</li> </ul> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b><u>Arrests:</u></b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) The Israeli army arrested Talhah Abdallah 'Isa in the town of Silat al Harithiya.</li> </ul> <p>The Israeli army arrested 2 civilians in the town of Qabatiya:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(ii) Sameeh Lu'ay Abu ar Rub; and</li> <li>(iii) Thaer Burhan Abu Khameereh.</li> </ul> <p>The Israeli army arrested 2 civilians in the village of Deir Abu Da'if:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(iv) Hussein Mohammed Shareef; and</li> <li>(v) Ameen Mohammed Yaseen.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
<b>TULKAREM</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b><u>Closure:</u></b> 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.</li> <li>• <b><u>Closure of Main Roads:</u></b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) 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.</li> <li>(ii) The Israeli army continues to close the southern entrance to the town of Baqa ash Sharqiya with dirt barricades.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b><u>Checkpoints:</u></b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) The Israeli army continues to intensify its restrictions at the eastern entrance to the city of Tulkarem ('Einav checkpoint) on the road connecting the districts of Tulkarem and Nablus and to impede civilian access.</li> <li>(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.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Wall Gates:</b> Passage through the Wall gates is restricted to civilians granted special Israeli permits.</li> </ul>
QALQILIYA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Closure of Main Road:</b> The Israeli army continues to close the road connecting the villages of Jit and Immatin with dirt barricades.</li> <li>• <b>Wall Gates:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) Passage through the Wall gates is restricted to civilians granted special Israeli permits.</li> <li>(ii) The Israeli army continues to intensify its restrictions at ‘Azzun ‘Atma Wall gate and to search civilians, including students, with a metal detector.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b>Wall Construction:</b> Land levelling for Wall construction continues in the village of Immatin and east of the towns of Kafr Thulth and ‘Azzun.</li> <li>• <b>Raids:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) At 23:30, the Israeli army, including 2 jeeps, raided the city of Qalqiliya and patrolled the area until 00:30.</li> <li>(ii) At 03:00, the Israeli army raided the village of Jit, searched 2 houses, arrested 1 high school (“<i>Tawjih</i>”) student, and withdrew at 06:00.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b>Arrest:</b> The Israeli army arrested Abdul Qader Majed Yameen in the village of Jit.</li> </ul>
NABLUS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Closure of Main Roads:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(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.</li> <li>(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.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b>Checkpoints:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(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.</li> <li>(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.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b>Flying Checkpoint/Destruction of Property:</b> The Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint near the town of ‘Aqraba, searched civilians and vehicles, and damaged the ID card of Dhirgham Yihya al Qadri, a Palestinian National Security officer.</li> <li>• <b>Raids/House Occupation:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) At 23:00, the Israeli army raided the city of Nablus, opened indiscriminate fire, occupied 1 house, and converted it into a military post. The Israeli army also searched a number of houses and arrested 5 civilians.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

	<p>(ii) At 03:35, the Israeli army raided Balata and 'Askar refugee camps, arrested 2 civilians, and withdrew at 05:10.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Arrests:</b> At 01:00 on 20 April 2006, the Israeli army arrested 4 university students during its raid on the city of Nablus, in addition to those reported yesterday: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) Mahmoud Naji Barakat;</li> <li>(ii) Usayd al Hamd Allah;</li> <li>(iii) Bilal Nasser Tu'meh; and</li> <li>(iv) Anas Kamal Khader.</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p>The Israeli army arrested 5 civilians in the city of Nablus:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(v) Raslan Mohammed Salameh;</li> <li>(vi) 'Izz ad Din Fat'hi 'Uweijan;</li> <li>(vii) Rameh Tayseer Musmar;</li> <li>(viii) Hamdi Ibrahim az Zarba; and</li> <li>(ix) Abdul Lateef Khader Abdul Lateef.</li> </ul> <p>The Israeli army arrested 2 civilians in 'Askar refugee camp:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(x) Hikmat Abdul Mu'ti Jad Allah; and</li> <li>(xi) Abdul Khaleq Marshoud.</li> </ul>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>SALFIT</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Closure of Main Roads:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(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).</li> <li>(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.</li> <li>(iii) At 08:00, the Israeli army closed the northern entrance to the village of Qarawat Bani Hassan with an iron gate.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b>Checkpoints:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(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.</li> <li>(ii) The Israeli army continues to intensify its restrictions at the Za'tara junction checkpoint and to prevent civilians holding IDs issued in the districts of Jenin, Tulkarem, and Nablus from crossing towards the southern districts of the West Bank.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b>Wall Construction:</b> 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.</li> <li>• <b>Flying Checkpoint:</b> At 08:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint near the settlement of 'Emanuel on Wadi Qana road connecting the districts of Salfit and Qalqiliya and searched civilians and vehicles.</li> <li>• <b>Raid:</b> At 01:15, an Israeli army patrol raided the city of Salfit, searched 1 house, and withdrew at 04:30.</li> </ul>

<p style="text-align: center;"><b>JERICHO</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b><u>Closure:</u></b> The Israeli army continues to intensify the closure imposed over the city of Jericho and 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 civilians holding Jerusalem-issued IDs, Israeli citizens, and civilians from other districts from entering the city of Jericho. The Israeli army has also prevented civilians holding Jericho-issued IDs from leaving the city.</li> <li>• <b><u>Checkpoints:</u></b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(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.</li> <li>(ii) The Israeli army continues to close the DCO checkpoint set up at the southern entrance to the city of Jericho and to deny civilian access in both directions, only allowing vehicles bearing Israeli-issued license plates to exit the city.</li> <li>(iii) The Israeli army continues to intensify its restrictions at the checkpoint set up at the entrance to the village of 'Ein ad Duyuk, to deny civilian access to the city of Jericho, and to prevent civilians holding Jericho-issued IDs from leaving the city. Israeli troops positioned at the checkpoint only allow civilians from other districts to exit the city of Jericho.</li> <li>(iv) The Israeli army continues to close the checkpoint set up near the settlement of Yitav west of the village of Al 'Auja, denying civilian access.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b><u>Raids/Air Patrol:</u></b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) At 02:20, the Israeli army, including 19 jeeps, raided 'Aqbat Jaber refugee camp, whilst combat helicopters patrolled the skies over the area. The Israeli army searched 2 houses and withdrew at 05:00.</li> <li>(ii) At 07:00, the Israeli army, including 1 tank and 4 armoured vehicles, raided the area southeast of the city of Jericho, set up a checkpoint, and denied access to civilian vehicles travelling along unpaved detour roads.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>BETHLEHEM</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b><u>Closure:</u></b> 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.</li> <li>• <b><u>Closure of Main Roads:</u></b> 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.</li> <li>• <b><u>Wall Construction:</u></b> Wall construction continues north of 'Ayda refugee camp and in the Everest area, northwest of the city of Beit Jala.</li> <li>• <b><u>Raids:</u></b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) At 10:45, an Israeli army patrol raided the city of Beit Jala and patrolled the area.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(ii) At 11:20, an Israeli army patrol raided the city of Bethlehem and patrolled the area. At 16:15, the Israeli army, including 12 jeeps, raided the city again, searched 1 house, and arrested 1 civilian. At 02:00, the Israeli army raided the city for the third time and patrolled the area.</li> <li>(iii) At 01:35, Israeli army infantry forces raided and patrolled Al 'Aza refugee camp.</li> <li>(iv) At 02:00, the Israeli army raided the town of Tuqu', searched 1 house, and arrested 1 civilian.</li> <li>(v) At 03:00, the Israeli army raided the village of Harmala, searched 1 house, and arrested 1 Palestinian Civil Defence officer.</li> </ul> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b><u>Arrests:</u></b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) The Israeli army arrested Ziyad Mahmoud Dakhl Allah Nawawreh in the city of Bethlehem.</li> <li>(ii) The Israeli army arrested Ridha Salem Khalil 'Ubayyat in the town of Tuqu'.</li> <li>(iii) The Israeli army arrested Tareq 'Adel 'Ata Allah, a Palestinian Civil Defence officer, in the village of Harmala.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>HEBRON</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b><u>Closure:</u></b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) The Israeli army continues to close the following locales in the H2 section of the 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; and the area of Khuzq al Far near the settlement of Abraham Avino with a dirt barricade and an iron gate. 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.</li> <li>(ii) The Israeli army continues to implement a military order stipulating the closure of 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.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b><u>Closure of Main Roads:</u></b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(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.</li> <li>(ii) The Israeli army continues to close the entrance to Al Qeisi neighbourhood in the old city of Hebron with cement blocks.</li> <li>(iii) The Israeli army continues to close Road # 60 connecting the districts of Hebron and Bethlehem and to deny civilian access, forcing civilians to travel along the alternative road that passes through Tuqu' and Sa'ir to Hebron.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>



- **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 08:30, and again at 13:15, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the road to the town of Beit Kahil, searched civilians and vehicles, and impeded civilian access.
  - (ii) At 09:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on Al Fawwar junction, searched civilians and vehicles, and impeded civilian access.
  - (iii) At 13:15, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the overpass to the town of Halhul, searched civilian vehicles, and impeded civilian access until 14:30.
  - (iv) At 14:15, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to the village of Beit 'Einun, halted 2 buses transporting female school students, and prevented them from returning to the town of Sa'ir. Israeli troops positioned at the checkpoint also pursued and detained until 14:45 a number of female students along with the school's chaperon, while they were attempting to bypass the checkpoint on foot through an olive grove.
  - (v) At 14:25, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the junction to the village of Kharsa and searched civilians and vehicles.
  - (vi) At 15:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint in the area of Sinjir between the city of Hebron and the town of Dura and searched civilians and vehicles.
- **Raids/Detentions/Provocation of Palestinian Forces:**
  - (i) At 13:30, the Israeli army raided the city of Hebron, set up a checkpoint in the area of Al Hawuz al Awwal, searched civilian vehicles, and detained 1 Palestinian Police officer. At 15:15, the Israeli army raided the city again, set up a checkpoint in the area of Al Hawuz ath Thani, and patrolled the area.
  - (ii) At 18:45, the Israeli army raided the town of Yatta. Confrontations took place between the Israeli army and civilians. The Israeli army also set up a checkpoint near 1 Palestinian National Security location, searched civilians and vehicles, and detained 3 children until 21:00.
  - (iii) At 19:50, the Israeli army raided the village of Raq'a east of the town of Yatta and searched 1 house.
- **Land Confiscation:** The Israeli army issued Military Order # T/38/06 to confiscate 100 square metres of land belonging to the town of Beit Ummar for construction of a military surveillance point near Al 'Arrub refugee camp.

## GAZA STRIP

ALL DISTRICTS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>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.</li> </ul>
NORTHERN GAZA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Closure:</b> 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.</li> <li><b>Closure of Crossing Point:</b> Beit Hanun (Erez) Crossing is partially open to foreign nationals, VIPs, and humanitarian cases after prior coordination.</li> <li><b>Attacks/Provocation of Palestinian Forces:</b> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Between 08:00 and 20:15, the Israeli army fired 175 artillery shells from its location inside the Green Line towards Palestinian territory near 5 Palestinian National Security locations, in the area surrounding the sewage basins, and in the areas of Al Wadi and Al Farta north and northwest of the town of Beit Lahiya. Other artillery shells landed in Al Ghabun neighbourhood west of the town of Beit Lahiya and near a Palestinian National Security Headquarters in the town of Beit Hanun. As a result, 1 civilian was injured.</li> <li>Between 22:00 and 23:50, the Israeli army fired 42 artillery shells from its location inside the Green Line towards Palestinian territory north and northwest of the town of Beit Lahiya.</li> <li>At 01:40, the Israeli army opened fire from Point 24 on the Green Line towards Palestinian territory east of the town of Beit Hanun.</li> </ol> </li> <li><b>Air Patrol:</b> At 20:45, an Israeli army reconnaissance aircraft patrolled the skies over the northern area in the district of Northern Gaza.</li> <li><b>Palestinian Attacks:</b> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>At 10:10, 2 unidentified mortars were fired towards the Green Line, of which 1 mortar exploded in the area from which it was launched.</li> <li>At 18:45, 2 unidentified mortars were fired towards the Green Line.</li> <li>At 02:00, 2 unidentified mortars were fired towards the Green Line, of which 1 mortar exploded in the area from which it was launched.</li> </ol> </li> </ul>
GAZA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Attack:</b> At 11:05, the Israeli army opened fire from Point 88 on the Green Line towards a number shepherds east of Gaza city.</li> <li><b>Air Patrol:</b> At 20:15, Israeli army combat helicopters patrolled the skies over Gaza city.</li> <li><b>Palestinian Attack:</b> At 20:00, 1 unidentified mortar was fired towards the Green Line.</li> </ul>
CENTRAL GAZA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Attack:</b> At 06:25, the Israeli army opened fire from Point 112 on the Green Line towards Palestinian territory east of Al Bureij refugee camp.</li> </ul>

<b>KHAN YUNIS</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b><u>Attacks:</u></b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) At 22:30, the Israeli army opened fire and fired a number of flares from Point 176 on the Green Line towards Palestinian territory east of the village of 'Abasan al Kabira.</li> <li>(ii) At 22:55, the Israeli army opened fire from the area between Points 164 and 177 on the Green Line towards Palestinian territory east of the village of 'Abasan al Kabira.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b><u>Palestinian Attack:</u></b> At 02:00, 1 unidentified mortar was fired towards the Green Line, but landed on Palestinian territory.</li> </ul>
<b>RAFAH</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b><u>Closure of Crossing Points:</u></b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) Yasser 'Arafat International Airport remains closed.</li> <li>(ii) Rafah Crossing is partially open in both directions to passengers holding Palestinian IDs, humanitarian cases, and Arab and foreign diplomatic missions.</li> <li>(iii) Sufa Crossing is closed.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>