

مجموعة الرقابة الفلسطينية



PALESTINIAN MONITORING GROUP

DAILY SITUATION REPORT

08:00 03 December 2004 – 08:00 04 December 2004

SUMMARY OF EVENTS

EVENT	WEST BANK	GAZA STRIP	TOTAL	NOTES
Injuries	10	1	11	Incl. 3 children and 1 elderly female
Attacks	9	8	17	Incl. 2 during raids & 10 from posts
Raids	26	1	27	Incl. the provocation of civilians
Arrests (per person)	16	2	18	Incl. 2 fishermen
Detentions	2	2	4	Incl. in residential compounds
Destruction of Property	—	1	1	1 apartment set on fire
Confiscation of Property	—	1	1	1 boat confiscated
Checkpoints	All	—	All	
Flying Checkpoints	(Dozens)	(Dozens)	—	Impeding civilian movement
Closure (per District)	(All)	(All)	(All)	Jenin & Nablus closed mil. zones
Closure of Main Roads	(Most)	(6)	(Most)	Esp. connecting cities
Closure of Wall Gates	(All)	—	(All)	Permits required to cross
Closure of Crossing Points	—	5	5	Incl. Al Karama (Allenby) Crossing
Provocation of Pal. Forces	—	1	1	Open fire towards 1 Pal. security post
Palestinian Attacks	—	2	2	1 Qassam mortar and 2 mortars
TOTAL	63	24	87	

DISTRICT	EVENT
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<p style="text-align: center;">ALL DISTRICTS</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Beginning on 11 November 2004, the Israeli army has imposed a total closure on the West Bank and Gaza Strip following the official announcement of the death of President Yasser Arafat, Chairman of the Executive Committee of the Palestine Liberation Organisation, President of the Palestinian National Authority, and President of the State of Palestine (may he rest in peace). • National mourning for President Yasser Arafat continues to take place in all districts of the West Bank and the Gaza Strip and Palestinian flags continue to be flown at half mast. Official and national delegations continue to visit Al Muqata'a in the city of Ramallah to offer their condolences for the death of President Yasser Arafat and to place wreathes on his tomb.
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WEST BANK

<p style="text-align: center;">JERUSALEM</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure: The Israeli army set up flying checkpoints throughout the district, closing all entrances to the city and roads connecting towns and villages, and preventing pedestrians and vehicles from crossing. The Israeli army also intensified measures at the checkpoints set up around the city of Jerusalem. The Israeli army prohibited worshippers from other districts from accessing Jerusalem to perform Friday prayers in Al Aqsa Mosque and detained a number of civilians' IDs at the gates to Al Aqsa Mosque compound. • Wall Gates: The Israeli army continues to close the Wall gate in the town of Abu Dis and to prevent civilians from entering the city of Jerusalem. • Wall Construction: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Wall construction was suspended for the weekend in Dahiyat Al Aqbat, the villages of Hizma and 'Anata, the Hizma-Jaba' road, the area of Al 'Eizariya, the area of Ash Shayyah, and in the town of As Sawahira Ash Sharqiya. (ii) Following an Israeli Supreme Court order, Israeli authorities issued an order to modify the route of the Wall in the area of Sur Bahir towards the east. The order stipulated the confiscation of 120 <i>dunums</i> (30 acres) of land for the new Wall route.
<p style="text-align: center;">RAMALLAH & EL BIREH</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure: The Israeli army set up dozens of flying checkpoints throughout the district, closing all roads connecting towns and villages, and preventing pedestrians and vehicles from crossing. The Israeli army continues to close the entrance to the village of Al Mughayyir with dirt barricades.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wall Construction: Wall construction was suspended for the weekend in Budrus, Midya, Ni'lin, Deir Qaddis, Beit Liqya, and Beituniya. • Raids: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 16:40, the Israeli army, including 2 jeeps, raided the city of Ramallah. At 21:30, the Israeli army raided the city again and patrolled the area. (ii) At 17:20, an Israeli army patrol raided the town of Beituniya and patrolled the area. (iii) At 22:50, the Israeli army raided the town of Bir Zeit. Confrontations took place between the Israeli army and civilians, during which the Israeli army injured 3 civilians. The Israeli army also arrested 1 civilian. (iv) At 01:40, the Israeli army, including 3 jeeps, raided the village of Kafr 'Ein and patrolled the area until 03:00. • Arrest: The Israeli army arrested Samer Al Qeisi in the town of Bir Zeit.
JENIN	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure: The Israeli army set up flying checkpoints throughout the district, closing all entrances to the city and roads connecting towns and villages, and preventing pedestrians and vehicles from crossing. The Israeli army continues to declare the city of Jenin a closed military zone. • Wall Gates: Passage through the Wall gates is restricted to civilians granted special Israeli permits. The closure continues to negatively impact education, economic and livelihood activities and impedes access to health facilities. • Wall Construction: Land levelling for Wall construction was suspended for the weekend in Jalbun towards Al Mutilla, Raba, Al Mughayyir, Bardala and 'Ein al Beida, and towards the Jordan River. • Raids: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 14:00, the Israeli army raided the town of Tammun. Confrontations took place between the Israeli army and civilians, during which the Israeli army injured 2 civilians. At 14:20, the Israeli army withdrew from the area. (ii) At 17:15, the Israeli army raided the town of Tubas. Confrontations took place between the Israeli army and civilians, during which the Israeli army injured 1 child. At 17:40, the Israeli army withdrew from the area. • Arrest: At 18:00, Israeli troops positioned at a checkpoint set up on the junction to the village of Jaba' arrested Thaer Issa Washahi.

<p style="text-align: center;">TULKAREM</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) The Israeli army set up flying checkpoints throughout the district, closing all entrances to the city and roads connecting towns and villages, and preventing pedestrians and vehicles from crossing. (ii) The Israeli army closed 'Einav gate between the districts of Tulkarem and Nablus. • Wall Gates: Passage through the Wall gates is restricted to civilians granted special Israeli permits. The closure continues to negatively impact education, economic and livelihood activities and impedes access to health facilities. • Flying Checkpoints: The Israeli army continues to set up flying checkpoints, and placed dirt barricades, at the entrances to the city of Tulkarem, thereby preventing civilians from entering or exiting the city and forcing them to take rough detours, except along Ash Sha'rawiya road. • Raids: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 18:00, the Israeli army raided the city of Tulkarem. At 22:15, and at 03:00, the Israeli army raided the city again, surrounded 2 civilian buildings, opened intensive fire towards 1 building, and detained their residents outside. The Israeli army also arrested 6 civilians. (ii) At 18:00, the Israeli army raided Nur Shams refugee camp. Confrontations took place between the Israeli army and civilians. (iii) At 22:15, the Israeli army raided Tulkarem refugee camp and patrolled the area. (iv) The Israeli army raided the village of Kafr 'Abbush, raided the premises of a place set up for civilians to offer their condolences for the death of President Yasser Arafat, brought down Palestinian flags, and removed posters and all features set up for the ceremony. The Israeli army also patrolled the area. • Arrests: The Israeli army arrested 6 civilians in the city of Tulkarem: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Rami At Tayyah; (ii) Dr. Malath 'Awwad; (iii) Ala' Abu Shanab; (iv) Mu'taz Barakat; (v) Abdul Qader Abu Thiyab; and (vi) Ibrahim Abu Thiyab.
<p style="text-align: center;">QALQILYA</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure: The Israeli army set up flying checkpoints throughout the district, closing all entrances to the city and roads connecting towns and villages, and preventing pedestrians and vehicles from crossing. • Wall Gates: Passage through the Wall gates is restricted to civilians granted special Israeli permits. The closure continues to negatively impact education, economic and livelihood activities and impedes access to health facilities.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Raid:</u> At 01:00, the Israeli army, including 3 jeeps, raided the city of Qalqiliya and patrolled the area. The Israeli army also distributed fliers in the city streets warning people not to shelter Palestinian individuals who are involved in military operations against Israeli occupation and arrested 1 civilian. • <u>Arrest:</u> The Israeli army arrested Munir 'Abah in the city of Qalqiliya.
NABLUS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Closure:</u> The Israeli army set up dozens of flying checkpoints throughout the district, closing all entrances to the city and roads connecting towns and villages, and preventing pedestrians and vehicles from crossing. The Israeli army continues to declare the city of Nablus a closed military zone.
SALFIT	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Closure:</u> The Israeli army set up flying checkpoints throughout the district, closing all entrances to the city and roads connecting towns and villages, and preventing pedestrians and vehicles from crossing. The Israeli army continues to close the eastern entrance to the village of Yasuf with dirt barricades. • <u>Wall Construction:</u> Land levelling for Wall construction west of the village of Iskaka, north of the city of Salfit (around the settlement of Ariel) and in the villages of Al Zawiya and Deir Ballut, remains suspended due to changes in the Wall route following an Israeli Supreme Court order. • <u>Raids:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 12:40, the Israeli army, including 2 jeeps, raided the village of Farkha and patrolled the area until at 13:00. (ii) At 11:45, the Israeli army, including 2 jeeps, raided the city of Salfit and patrolled the area until 00:15.
JERICHO	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Closure:</u> The Israeli army set up dozens of checkpoints throughout the city, closing all entrances to the city and roads connecting towns and villages, and prevented civilians from crossing. The Israeli army prevented civilians from entering the city, except those holding Jericho IDs. The Israeli army also continues to prevent Israeli ID card holders from entering the city of Jericho.
BETHLEHEM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Closure:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) The Israeli army set up flying checkpoints throughout the district, closing all entrances to the city and roads connecting towns and villages, and preventing civilians from crossing. (ii) The Israeli army continues to close the only road leading to the village of Al Nu'man, northeast of the Bethlehem district, isolating the village and placing it, together with the adjacent village of Al Khas, under the jurisdiction of the Jerusalem municipality. The Israeli army considers the civilian presence in the villages illegal.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Wall Construction:</u> Construction of the Wall was suspended for the weekend north of the district of Bethlehem, along 'Ayda refugee camp, and along the tunnel road (Gilo). • <u>Attacks:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 17:10, the Israeli army opened fire and fired flares towards residential compounds in Beit Jala. (ii) At 21:50, the Israeli army fired sound grenades and flares towards the area surrounding Bilal Bin Rabah Mosque (Rachel's Tomb) in the city of Bethlehem. • <u>Raids:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 14:15, the Israeli army raided the town of Tuqu'. Confrontations took place between the Israeli army and civilians, during which the Israeli army injured 4 civilians, including 3 children. At 17:00, the Israeli army withdrew from the area. (ii) At 14:30, the Israeli army, including 2 jeeps, raided the city of Beit Sahur and patrolled the area until 15:05. (iii) At 15:15, the Israeli army raided the town of Al Khadr. At 00:45, the Israeli army raided the town again until it withdrew at 01:15. (iv) At 02:30, an Israeli army patrol raided the town of Al 'Ubeidiya. At 05:30, the Israeli army raided the town again and patrolled the area. (v) At 02:40, the Israeli army raided the area of Al 'Ubayyat and patrolled the area. (vi) The Israeli army raided the village of Husan, opened indiscriminate fire, and set up a checkpoint at its entrance.
HEBRON	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Closure:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) The Israeli army set up flying checkpoints throughout the district, closing all entrances to the city and roads connecting towns and villages, and preventing pedestrians and vehicles from crossing. (ii) The Israeli army closed the north-eastern iron gate in the town of Yatta, thereby preventing garbage collection vehicles from exiting the town. • <u>Wall Construction:</u> Land levelling for Wall construction was suspended for the weekend west of the towns of Surif, Beit Ula, Idhna, and Beit 'Awwa, in the area extending from the village of Deir Samit towards Beit 'Awwa, Sikkat Al Majd, Deir Al 'Asal Al Foqa, Deir Al 'Asal At Tahta, Beit Ar Rush Al Foqa, Beit Ar Rush At Tahta, Beit Mirsim, Al Bireh, and towards the village of Al Burj. • <u>Raids:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 01:00, the Israeli army raided the town of Surif and arrested 1 civilian. (ii) At 04:00, the Israeli army raided the town of Beit Ula and arrested 1 civilian. (iii) At 04:30, the Israeli army raided the town of Sa'ir and arrested 5 civilians.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Arrests: (i) The Israeli army arrested Khadr Ahmed Ghuneimat in the town of Surif. (ii) The Israeli army arrested Ashraf Isma'il Al 'Adam in the town of Beit Ula. <p>The Israeli army arrested 5 civilians in the town of Sa'ir:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (iii) Mohammed Sharif Jaradat; (iv) Arafat Sharif Jaradat; (v) Munthir Abdul Qadir Jaradat; (vi) Rami Issa Jaradat; and (vii) Kathem Abdul Rahman Jaradat.
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GAZA STRIP

NORTHERN GAZA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure: Beit Hanun Crossing is partially open to merchants and for humanitarian cases only. • Attack: At 01:00, the Israeli army fired 1 tank shell from its location in the area surrounding the settlement of Dugit towards the area of Al Waha.
GAZA CITY	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure: (i) Nitsareem junction remains closed. (ii) Al Muntar (Karni) Crossing is closed. • Attacks: (i) At 17:25, the Israeli army opened intensive fire from the area surrounding Malaka roundabout on the Eastern Line towards Palestinian territory south of Gaza city. (ii) At 19:30, the Israeli army opened intensive fire and fired flares from the area surrounding the settlement of Nitsareem towards Az Zahra towers south of Gaza city, setting fire to 1 apartment in the residential tower # 20. • Arrests: At 16:45, the Israeli navy arrested 2 fishermen on high seas and detained their fishing boat: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Khalid Bakr; and (ii) Khamis Bakr. • Palestinian Attack: At 19:30, 1 Qassam mortar was fired towards the settlement of Nitsareem.
CENTRAL GAZA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Attacks: (i) At 08:10, the Israeli army opened intensive fire towards 1 Palestinian National Security location south of the city of Deir Al Balah. (ii) At 19:00, the Israeli army opened intensive fire from its location in the settlement of Kfar Darom towards the area of Wadi As Salqa. • Palestinian Attack: At 19:00, 1 mortar was fired towards the settlement of Kfar Darom.

<p style="text-align: center;">KHAN YUNIS</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Abu Al 'Ajin road (Khan Yunis Al Sharqiya) is closed. (ii) Western road (Khan Yunis) remains closed. (iii) Al Mawasi/Khan Yunis road (Al Tuffah checkpoint) is partially open to pedestrians only. At 10:30, the Israeli army closed the road and prevented civilians from crossing. (iv) Abu Holi road is closed. At 09:00, the Israeli army closed Salah Ad Din road between Abu Holi and Al Matahin checkpoints and opened indiscriminate fire towards civilian vehicles. The Israeli army continues to close the road as of 08:00 this morning. • Attack: At 21:00, the Israeli army opened intensive fire from its location at At Tuffah checkpoint towards civilian houses in West Khan Yunis refugee camp. • Raid: At 10:30, an Israeli army bulldozer raided Palestinian territory near West Khan Yunis refugee camp
<p style="text-align: center;">RAFAH</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Gaza International Airport remains closed. (ii) Rafah Crossing is partially open. (iii) Sufa Crossing is closed. (iv) Al Mawasi/Rafah road is partially open to pedestrians only. • Attack: At 13:15, the Israeli army opened intensive fire from the area surrounding the settlement of Morag towards the area north of the city of Rafah, injuring Radhiyah Tibasi, a 60-year-old female.

GENERAL

<p style="text-align: center;">WORK PERMITS</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • West Bank: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Israeli authorities renewed 3,357 work permits to cross the Green Line. The total number of those allowed to cross is unknown. (ii) Israeli authorities restricted the issuing of work permits only to civilians who are married with children and over the age of 30. • Gaza Strip: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Israeli authorities renewed 935 work permits for workers in the Industrial Zones. However, workers were not allowed access to the Industrial Zones due to the imposed closure. (ii) Israeli authorities renewed 4,187 work permits for workers to cross the Green Line. However, workers were not allowed access into the Green Line due to the imposed closure. (iii) Israeli authorities permitted 2,375 construction workers to remain overnight inside the Green Line.
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