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PALESTINIAN MONITORING GROUP

DAILY SITUATION REPORT

08:00 04 December 2004 – 08:00 05 December 2004

SUMMARY OF EVENTS

EVENT	WEST BANK	GAZA STRIP	TOTAL	NOTES
Injuries	1	2	3	Incl. 1 child
Attacks	8	9	17	Incl. 4 during raids & 9 from posts
Raids	15	1	16	Incl. the provocation of civilians
Arrests (per person)	9	2	11	Incl. 3 children and 2 fishermen
Detentions	6	1	7	Incl. in residential compounds
Wall Construction	19	—	19	Jer., Jenin, Ramallah, Beth., Hebron
Curfew	1	—	1	In the village of Bizzariya
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	—	4	4	Incl. 3 partially
School Disruptions	2	—	2	Incl. summons served to teachers
Provocation of Pal. Forces	1	1	2	Incl. 1 Pal. post raided in Nablus
Palestinian Attacks	—	2	2	2 Qassam mortars
Demonstration	1	—	1	In solidarity with prisoners in Hebron
TOTAL	63	22	85	

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. • 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 resumed 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. • School Disruption: The Israeli army expelled 4 students from the village of Beit Safafa school and issued a warning to a number of the school teachers, claiming that a number of students from the school had burnt the Israeli flag.
<p style="text-align: center;">RAMALLAH & EL BIREH</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure: The Israeli army set up 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 resumed in Budrus, Midya, Ni'lin, Deir Qaddis, Beit Liqya, and Beituniya. • Raids: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 12:15, an Israeli army patrol raided the town of Beituniya and took position near Beituniya Secondary Boys School. Confrontations took place between the Israeli army and the school students, during which the Israeli army raided the school yard. (ii) At 13:15, an Israeli army patrol raided the city of Ramallah and patrolled the area. At 00:15, the Israeli army raided the city again, searched the house of a civilian wanted by the Israeli army, and served summons to his wife to give himself up. (iii) At 00:10, the Israeli army raided Al Jalazun refugee camp, opened indiscriminate fire, and arrested 3 civilians. • Arrests: The Israeli army arrested 3 civilians in Al Jalazun refugee camp: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Ibrahim Mohammed Qattawi; (ii) Mu'tassem Ziyad Ali; and (iii) Firas Khalil Halaweh.
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 resumed in Jalbun towards Al Mutilla, Raba, Al Mughayyir, Bardala and 'Ein al Beida, and towards the Jordan River. • Flying Checkpoints: The Israeli army set up several flying checkpoints along the roads leading to the city of Jenin and impeded civilians' movement, allegedly to conduct thorough searches. • Raid: At 15:30, an Israeli army patrol raided the town of Silat Adh Dhahr. Confrontations took place between the Israeli army and civilians, during which the Israeli army injured 1 child. At 16:20, the Israeli army withdrew from the area.

<p style="text-align: center;">TULKAREM</p>	<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 ‘Einav gate between the districts of Tulkarem and Nablus. • <u>Wall Gates:</u> 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. • <u>Flying Checkpoints:</u> 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. The Israeli army also placed an iron gate at the checkpoint set up at Al Kafriyyat junction, forcing civilians to take rough detours, except along Ash Sha’rawiya road. • <u>Raid:</u> The Israeli army raided Tulkarem refugee camp, opened indiscriminate fire, and patrolled the area.
<p style="text-align: center;">QALQILYA</p>	<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. • <u>Wall Gates:</u> 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. • <u>Flying Checkpoints:</u> The Israeli army set up 2 flying checkpoints at the entrances to the villages of Jinsafut and Al Funduq and searched civilians and vehicles.
<p style="text-align: center;">NABLUS</p>	<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. • <u>Raids/Curfew:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 16:00, the Israeli army raided the city of Nablus, opened indiscriminate fire, raided 1 Palestinian National Security location, and patrolled the area. At 20:00, the Israeli army withdrew from the area. (ii) At 16:20, the Israeli army raided ‘Askar refugee camp, searched a number of houses, and arrested 2 civilians, including 1 child. At 04:30, the Israeli army withdrew from the area. (iii) At 19:40, the Israeli army raided the village of Bizzariya, imposed curfew, and withdrew at 24:00.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Arrests: The Israeli army arrested 2 civilians in ‘Askar refugee camp: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Nash’at Abu Kishk, 17 years old; and (ii) Mohammed ‘Awad. • Detentions: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 17:25, the Israeli army closed Huwwara and Za’tara junction checkpoints and prevented civilians, including patients, from crossing in both directions, thereby detaining dozens of civilians. At 20:00, the checkpoints were reopened. (ii) Israeli troops positioned at the village of Deir Sharaf checkpoint detained dozens of civilians and fired rubber-coated steel bullets and tear gas grenades towards civilians.
SALFIT	<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 close the eastern entrance to the village of Yasuf with dirt barricades. • Wall Construction: 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. • Flying Checkpoint: At 06:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint in the area between the city of Salfit and the village of Bruqin and searched civilians and vehicles. • Raid: At 16:00, the Israeli army, including 2 jeeps, raided the city of Salfit and patrolled the area.
JERICHO	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure: 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. • Flying Checkpoint: The Israeli army intensified measures at the checkpoints set up in the area of the Jordan Valley, thereby impeding farmers’ movement and access to their land.
BETHLEHEM	<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 civilians from crossing. (ii) The Israeli army continues to close the only road leading to the village of Al Nu’mān, northeast of the Bethlehem district, isolating the village

	<p>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.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wall Construction: Construction of the Wall was resumed north of the district of Bethlehem, along 'Ayda refugee camp, and along the tunnel road (Gilo). • Raids: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 19:00, the Israeli army raided the city of Bethlehem, set up a checkpoint, and searched civilians and vehicles. At 03:15, the Israeli army raided the city again, searched 2 houses, and patrolled the area. (ii) At 22:15, an Israeli army patrol raided 'Ayda refugee camp. Confrontations took place between the Israeli army and civilians. At 22:30, the Israeli army withdrew from the area. • Arrests: At 01:00 on 04 December 2004, the Israeli army arrested 3 civilians, including 2 children, during its raid on the city of Bethlehem: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) 14-year-old Yousef 'Aref Salah; (ii) 16-year-old Ra'fat Khadr Salah; and (iii) Imad Mahmoud Khadr.
<p style="text-align: center;">HEBRON</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 Construction: Land levelling for Wall construction was resumed 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. • Flying Checkpoint: At 13:00, the Israeli army set up a checkpoint in the area between the city of Hebron and the town of Dura and searched civilians and vehicles. • Raids: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 10:30, the Israeli army raided the town of Adh Dhahiriya and searched a number of houses. (ii) The Israeli army raided the city of Hebron and arrested 1 civilian. • Arrest: The Israeli army arrested Mohammed Hisham Al Ja'bari in the city of Hebron. • Demonstration: A mass demonstration took place in the city of Hebron in solidarity with political prisoners. Confrontations took place between the Israeli army and civilians.

GAZA STRIP

<p style="text-align: center;">NORTHERN GAZA</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure: Beit Hanun Crossing is partially open to merchants and for humanitarian cases only. • Arrest: At 13:10, the Israeli navy arrested 2 fishermen on high seas opposite the town of Beit Lahiya beach: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Mu'in Kayed Bakr; (ii) Mohammed Jamal Bakr.
<p style="text-align: center;">GAZA CITY</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure: Nitsareem junction remains closed. • Attack: At 16:35, the Israeli army opened intensive fire and fired 3 tank shells from its location at Point 70 on the Green Line towards Palestinian territory east of Gaza city. • Raid: At 21:45, the Israeli army raided Palestinian territory opposite Point 68 on the Green Line east of Gaza city and opened intensive fire.
<p style="text-align: center;">CENTRAL GAZA</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Attack: At 18:00, the Israeli army opened intensive fire from its location in the settlement of Kfar Darom towards civilian houses. • Palestinian Attack: At 16:00, 1 Qassam mortar was fired, but fell inside Palestinian territory and did not explode.
<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. (iv) Abu Holi road is closed. At 14:30, the Israeli army closed Salah Ad Din road between Abu Holi and Al Matahin checkpoints and searched civilians and vehicles. • Attack: At 09:10, the Israeli army opened intensive fire from its location in the area surrounding the settlement of Gadid towards civilian houses in An Namsawi neighbourhood and West Khan Yunis refugee camp. • Palestinian Attack: At 09:10, 1 Qassam mortar was fired towards the settlement of Gadid.
<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. At 11:00, the Israeli army closed the crossing, thereby preventing arrivals and departures from moving in both directions. The crossing was allegedly closed because Israeli employees at the crossing refused to carry out their tasks. At 12:00, the checkpoint was reopened.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> (iii) Sufa Crossing is partially open. (iv) Al Mawasi/Rafah road is partially open to pedestrians only. • <u>Attacks:</u> (i) At 19:10, the Israeli army opened intensive fire from Tall Zu'rub military post towards civilian houses in Tall As Sultan neighbourhood. At 20:00, the Israeli army opened fire again, injuring 1 civilian. (ii) At 01:55, the Israeli army opened intensive fire from its location at Point 207 on the Green Line towards 1 Palestinian National Security location near Sufa Crossing.
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GENERAL

POLITICAL PRISONERS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Israeli Measures Against Political Prisoners:</u> (i) Political prisoners in Ar Ramlah Prison suffer from difficult livelihood conditions due to the prison's failure to meet the minimum standards of humanitarian living conditions. The Israeli prison administration continues to set up glass barriers, thereby separating prisoners from their families and preventing children from embracing their parents during family visits. The Israeli prison administration also prevents the entry of food into the prison. Finally, rain has leaked into the prisoners' tents, causing damage to their clothes. (ii) As a collective punishment measure, Neve Tritsiya Prison administration abruptly moved 28 female political prisoners to Hasharon Talmond Prison only 2 days prior to their planned family visits. • <u>Administrative Detentions:</u> Israeli authorities renewed administrative detentions (arrest without charge or trial) for 17 political prisoners in Ketziot Military Prison Camp.
WORK PERMITS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>West Bank:</u> (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. • <u>Gaza Strip:</u> (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.