

مجموعة الرقابة الفلسطينية



PALESTINIAN MONITORING GROUP

DAILY SITUATION REPORT
08:00 05 December 2004 – 08:00 06 December 2004

SUMMARY OF EVENTS

EVENT	WEST BANK	GAZA STRIP	TOTAL	NOTES
Physical Assaults	2	—	2	2 civilians severely beaten
Injuries	1	4	5	Incl. 1 child and 1 doctor (critically)
Attacks	9	4	13	Incl. 4 during raids & 5 from posts
Raids	25	2	27	Incl. the provocation of civilians
Arrests (per person)	21	1	22	Incl. 6 children
Detentions	9	—	9	Incl. at checkpoints
Land Levelling	—	1	1	Agricultural land in Al Qarara
Wall Construction	19	—	19	Jer., Jenin, Ramallah, Beth., Hebron
Destruction of Property	—	1	1	200 olive trees levelled in Al Qarara
Confiscation of Property	1	—	1	Files, pictures, and maps
Curfew	1	—	1	In the village of Zeita
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 Disruption	1	—	1	Raid on school in Budrus
Provocation of Pal. Forces	1	—	1	Position near 1 Palestinian post
Palestinian Attacks	—	2	2	3 mortars towards 2 settlements
TOTAL	90	19	109	

DISTRICT	EVENT
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ALL DISTRICTS	<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

JERUSALEM	<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 continues 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. • Flying Checkpoints: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (i) The Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint near the village of Mikhmas, searched civilians and vehicles, and prevented civilian movement, allegedly to conduct thorough searches. (ii) The Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint near the village of An Nabi Samwil, searched civilians and vehicles, and prevented civilian movement, allegedly to conduct thorough searches.
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<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. • Wall Construction: Wall construction continues in Budrus, Midya, Ni'lin, Deir Qaddis, Beit Liqya, and Beituniya. • Raids/School Disruption: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 18:45, an Israeli army patrol raided the village of Al Mughayyir. Confrontations took place between the Israeli army and civilians. The Israeli army also patrolled the area. (ii) At 19:30, the Israeli army raided the village of 'Arura. Confrontations took place between the Israeli army and civilians. The Israeli army withdrew at 20:30. (iii) At 20:45, an Israeli army patrol raided the village of Kafr Malik. Confrontations took place between the Israeli army and civilians, during which the Israeli army injured 1 child. (iv) At 00:35, the Israeli army raided the cities of Ramallah and El Bireh and patrolled several neighbourhoods. (v) At 01:30, the Israeli army raided the village of Kobar, searched 1 house, and patrolled the area. (vi) The Israeli army raided the village of Budrus, opened indiscriminate fire, and raided the village's school while students were inside.
<p style="text-align: center;">JENIN</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 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 continues in Jalbun towards Al Mutilla, Raba, Al Mughayyir, Bardala and 'Ein al Beida, and towards the Jordan River. • Flying Checkpoints: At 08:00, the Israeli army set up 1 flying checkpoint at the southern entrance to the city of Jenin and another flying checkpoint in the area between the town of Az Zababida and the village of 'Aqqaba and searched civilians and vehicles, thereby impeding civilian movement, allegedly to conduct thorough searches. The Israeli army also arrested 1 civilian after severely beating him. At 16:00, the Israeli army withdrew from the area. • Attack: At 22:00, an Israeli army patrol indiscriminately opened intensive fire as it was travelling along the road parallel to As Suweitat neighbourhood in the city of Jenin.

TULKAREM	<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: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) 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. (ii) At 12:30, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the junction to the town of 'Attil and the village of Zeita, searched civilians and vehicles, and detained 3 civilians until 15:10. • Raids/Provocation of Palestinian Forces/Curfew: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 13:30, an Israeli army patrol raided the city of Tulkarem. At 01:20, the Israeli army raided the city again, took position near 1 Palestinian National Security location, and patrolled the area. (ii) At 01:40, the Israeli army raided Tulkarem refugee camp, fired sound grenades, and patrolled the area. (iii) The Israeli army raided the village of Zeita, opened indiscriminate fire, and imposed curfew.
QALQILYA	<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. • Flying Checkpoint: At 08:30, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint in the area between the town of Jayyus and the village of 'Azzun and searched civilians and vehicles. • Raid: At 15:00, an Israeli army patrol raided the city of Qalqiliya and patrolled the area until it withdrew at 15:50.
NABLUS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure: 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

	<p>Israeli army continues to declare the city of Nablus a closed military zone.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Raid: At 01:15, the Israeli army raided the city of Nablus, searched a number of houses, and arrested 11 civilians. • Arrests: The Israeli army arrested 11 civilians in the city of Nablus: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Suhayb Al ‘Abbushi; (ii) Mu’tassem Hamayel; (iii) Wajih Hamayel; (iv) Sael Hamayel; (v) Fadi Hamayel; (vi) Ammar Ash Shouli; (vii) Mahmoud Az Ziben; (viii) Usamah Yaseen; (ix) Khalid ‘Aroub; (x) Zahi Zeid; and (xi) Mus’ab ‘Adel. • Detentions: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Israeli troops positioned at the village of Beit Iba checkpoint detained dozens of female civilians for several hours, allegedly to conduct thorough searches. (ii) Israeli troops positioned at Beit Furik and Huwwara checkpoints detained dozens of civilians, allegedly to conduct thorough searches.
<p style="text-align: center;">SALFIT</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 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 Checkpoints: At 08:00, the Israeli army set up 1 flying checkpoint along the road between the city of Salfit and the village of Bruqin and another flying checkpoint in the area between the city of Salfit and the village of Iskaka and searched civilians and vehicles. At 12:00, the Israeli army withdrew from the area. • Raids: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 20:20, the Israeli army, including 2 jeeps, raided the city of Salfit. At 23:30, the Israeli army raided the city again and withdrew at 00:30. (ii) At 22:00, the Israeli army raided the village of Az Zawiya, searched 1 house, and withdrew at 23:20. • Arrest: Israeli troops positioned at the checkpoint set up at Za’tara junction arrested 15-year-old Mahmoud Yousef As Safadi, a school student.

<p style="text-align: center;">JERICHO</p>	<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.
<p style="text-align: center;">BETHLEHEM</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 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. • Wall Construction: Construction of the Wall continues north of the district of Bethlehem, along 'Ayda refugee camp, and along the tunnel road (Gilo). • Physical Assault: Israeli troops positioned at a checkpoint severely beat 17-year-old Sameh Abdul Latif, after which he was admitted to Al Hussein Hospital. • Raids: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) On 04 December 2004, the Israeli army raided the village of Nahhalin and arrested 1 child. (ii) At 14:00, the Israeli army raided the village of Dar Salah, set up a checkpoint, searched civilians and vehicles, and withdrew at 16:00. (iii) At 22:30, an Israeli army patrol raided 'Ayda refugee camp. Confrontations took place between the Israeli army and civilians. The Israeli army also patrolled the area. (iv) At 01:30, the Israeli army raided Ad Duheisha refugee camp, searched 1 house belonging to the family of a political prisoner, and withdrew at 03:20. (v) At 01:45, the Israeli army raided the town of Tuqu', searched a number of houses, and arrested 4 civilians, including 3 children. • Arrests: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) The Israeli army arrested 15-year-old Bayan Fadhl Najajreh in the village of Nahhalin. <p>The Israeli army arrested 4 civilians in the town of Tuqu':</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (ii) 16-year-old Sami Hassan Al Badan; (iii) 17-year-old Hamzeh Ali Al Badan; (iv) 17-year-old Mahmoud Saleem Al Badan; and (v) Omar Mohammed Hamid.

HEBRON	<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 continues 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. • Raids: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 22:00, the Israeli army raided the town of Halhul, opened indiscriminate fire, and patrolled the area. (ii) At 24:00, the Israeli army raided the town of Idhna and arrested 1 civilian. (iii) At 24:00, the Israeli army raided the city of Hebron and arrested 1 civilian. (iv) The Israeli army raided the town of Dura and patrolled the area. • Arrests: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 24:00 on 04 December 2004, the Israeli army arrested 17-year-old Khalid Tubeish in the old city of Hebron. (ii) The Israeli army arrested Ibrahim Ahmed Faraj Allah in the town of Idhna. (iii) The Israeli army arrested Hisham Taha 'Abdin in the city of Hebron. • Confiscation of Property: At 01:30 on 05 December 2004, the Israeli army raided the offices of the Palestinian Cultural Cooperative Society, including a kindergarten, in the old city of Hebron and confiscated files, photos, and maps of the old city of Hebron from the society.
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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.
GAZA CITY	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure: Nitsareem junction remains closed.
CENTRAL GAZA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Attack: At 06:00, the Israeli army opened intensive fire from its location in the settlement of Kfar Darom towards civilian houses.
KHAN YUNIS	<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 partially open.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Attack:</u> At 11:25, the Israeli army opened intensive fire and fired a number of tank shells from its location at Point 10 towards civilian houses in West Khan Yunis refugee camp, injuring 1 civilian. • <u>Raids:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 09:30, the Israeli army, including 1 tank and 1 bulldozer, raided 1,100 meters into the area of Al Qarara and levelled agricultural land, uprooting 200 olive trees. At 17:00, the Israeli army withdrew from the area. (ii) At 00:10, the Israeli army, including 8 jeeps, raided Al Matahin junction on Salah Ad Din road and arrested 1 civilian after forcing him to strip. • <u>Arrest:</u> The Israeli army arrested an unidentified civilian at Al Matahin junction. • <u>Palestinian Attack:</u> At 11:30, 2 mortars were fired towards the settlement of Gadid.
RAFAH	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Closure:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Gaza International Airport remains closed. (ii) Rafah Crossing is partially open. (iii) Sufa Crossing is partially open. (iv) Al Mawasi/Rafah road is partially open to pedestrians only. • <u>Attack:</u> At 13:00, the Israeli army opened intensive fire from its location in the area surrounding Salah Ad Din gate towards civilian houses in the area, injuring 3 civilians, including 1 doctor (who is in critical condition). • <u>Palestinian Attack:</u> At 09:30, 1 mortar was fired towards the settlement of Rafiah Yam.

GENERAL

WORK PERMITS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>West Bank:</u> <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. • <u>Gaza Strip:</u> <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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