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PALESTINIAN MONITORING GROUP

DAILY SITUATION REPORT

08:00 06 December 2004 - 08:00 07 December 2004

SUMMARY OF EVENTS

EVENT	WEST BANK	GAZA STRIP	TOTAL	NOTES
Injury	_	1	1	1 child
Attacks	4	10	14	Incl. 5 during raids & 7 from posts
Raids	19	3	22	Incl. cont. presence east of Gaza city
Air Patrol	_	1	1	Helicopters over east of Gaza city
Arrests (per person)	23	3	26	Incl. 4 children and 1 female student
Detentions	5	2	7	Incl. in residential compounds
House Demolition	1	_	1	A 2-storey house in Jerusalem
Land Levelling	_	2	2	Incl. east of Gaza city
Wall Construction	19		19	Jer., Jenin, Ramallah, Beth., Hebron
Destruction of Property	2	1	3	Incl. 2 shops demolished
Land Confiscation	1		1	350 dunums in Izbat Salman & Jal'ud
House Occupation	_	1	1	In Ash Shuja'iyyah neighbourhood
Curfews	3		3	In Huwwara, Al Khadr, and Tuqu'
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. 3 partially open
Settlement Activity	1	1	2	Incl. 1 settlement outpost constructed
Settler Violence	3	_	3	Incl. 1 child and 1 female run over
Provocation of Pal. Forces	_	2	2	Incl. 6 Pal. Police officers detained
Palestinian Attacks	_	2	2	1 Qassam mortar and 3 mortars
TOTAL	81	34	115	

 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. 	DISTRICT	EVENT		
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JERUSALEM	 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:
	 (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 dunums (30 acres) of land for the new Wall route. • Detentions: The Israeli army intensified measures at Qalandiya and An Nabi Samwil checkpoints and impeded civilians' movement, allegedly to conduct thorough searches. • House Demolition/Destruction of Property: The Israeli army demolished 2
	commercial shops and a 2-storey house in the neighbourhood of Al Mukabbir Mount belonging to Fu'ad Salameh, allegedly for being constructed without the required permits.

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- (ii) The Israeli army closed 'Einav gate between the districts of Tulkarem and Nablus.
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TULKAREM

- 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. 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>: At 19:00, an Israeli army patrol raided the city of Tulkarem, searched a number of houses, and arrested 4 civilians.
- Arrests: The Israeli army arrested 4 civilians in the city of Tulkarem:
- (i) Nael Subhi 'Adwan;
- (ii) Na'im Mahmoud 'Adwan;
- (iii) Samir Mahmoud 'Adwan; and
- (iv) Munir Mahmoud 'Adwan.

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- Raid: At 03:00, the Israeli army raided the city of Qalqiliya, opened indiscriminate fire, searched 1 house, arrested 4 civilians, and withdrew at 05:30.
- Arrests: The Israeli army arrested 4 civilians in the city of Qalqiliya:
- (i) Shaher Ali Ar Ra'i;
- (ii) Nimr Rizq Al Madhi;
- (iii) Samer Ali Ar Ra'i; and
- (iv) Rizq Mahmoud Al Far.
- <u>Settlement Activity/Land Confiscation</u>: Under the protection of the Israeli army, Israeli settlers began construction of a new settlement outpost called "Nov Hasharon" on land belonging to the villages of Izbat Salman and Izbat Jal'ud and established approximately 40 housing units. The settlers have confiscated 350 *dunums* (87.5 acres) of land.

QALQILYA

NABLUS	 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 Israeli army continues to declare the city of Nablus a closed military zone. Raids/Curfew: (i) At 21:00, the Israeli army raided the city of Nablus and searched a number of civilian buildings. Confrontations took place between the Israeli army and civilians. (ii) At 03:00, the Israeli army raided Balata refugee camp, searched 1 house, and arrested 2 civilians, including 1 child. (iii) The Israeli army raided the village of Wadi Al Badhan and imposed a total closure on the village. (iv) The Israeli army raided the town of Huwwara and imposed curfew. Arrests: The Israeli army arrested 2 civilians in Balata refugee camp:
SALFIT	 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: The Israeli army set up several flying checkpoints along the Trans-Samaria Highway and searched civilians and vehicles. Raid: At 16:20, an Israeli army patrol raided the village of Farkha and patrolled the area. Settler Violence: At 17:45, an Israeli settler's vehicle ran over and injured 8-year-old Tayseer Ali 'Aql at the entrance to the village of Haris. The child was transported to hospital.
JERICHO	 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 Checkpoints: The Israeli army set up several flying checkpoints along settler bypass roads, searched civilian vehicles, and examined civilians' IDs.

• Closure:

- (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.
- <u>Wall Construction</u>: Construction of the Wall continues north of the district of Bethlehem, along 'Ayda refugee camp, and along the tunnel road (Gilo).

• Raids/Curfew:

- (i) At 15:15, the Israeli army raided the town of Al Khadr, imposed curfew, and searched a number of houses.
- (ii) At 18:30, the Israeli army, including 18 jeeps, raided the city of Beit Sahur, opened fire, fired sound grenades, searched 1 civilian building after detaining its residents outside, and arrested 3 civilians. At 20:00, the Israeli army withdrew from the area.
- (iii) At 18:30, the Israeli army raided the city of Bethlehem, opened fire, fired sound grenades, and set up a checkpoint. At 04:00, the Israeli army raided the city again, searched 1 house, and arrested 1 civilian.
- (iv) At 01:15, the Israeli army raided the town of Tuqu', imposed curfew, searched 2 houses, and arrested 3 children. At 05:00, the Israeli army withdrew from the area.
- Arrests: The Israeli army arrested 3 civilians in the city of Beit Sahur:
- (i) Gabi Samir George Sahuri;
- (ii) Nabil Salim 'Ubayyat; and
- (iii) Johny Elias Mis'ed.
- (iv) The Israeli army arrested Ayyoub Ya'qoub Al 'Asa in the city of Bethlehem.

The Israeli army arrested 3 civilians in the town of Tuqu':

- (v) Saleem Ali Jibreel, 16 years old;
- (vi) Saleem Ali Ash Sha'er, 16 years old; and
- (vii) Yousef Suleiman Abu Mifreh.

HEBRON

BETHLEHEM

- <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.
- 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.

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- **Flying Checkpoint:** At 16:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to the village of Yatta and searched civilians and vehicles.
- Raids:
- (i) At 15:00, the Israeli army raided the town of Adh Dhahiriya and patrolled the area.
- (ii) The Israeli army raided the town of Beit Ummar and arrested 1 civilian.
- (iii) The Israeli army raided the city of Hebron and arrested 4 civilians.
- (iv) The Israeli army raided the town of Bani Na'im, raided the office of the Charitable Society, and closed it.
- Arrests:
- (i) The Israeli army arrested Abdul Muhdi Badawi Az Zuhour in the town of Beit Ummar.

The Israeli army arrested 4 civilians in the city of Hebron:

- (ii) Issa Khalil Al Ja'bari;
- (iii) Tariq Abdul Fattah Al Ja'bari;
- (iv) Mahir 'Ubeido; and
- (v) 'Adel Nu'man Al Junaydi.
- <u>Destruction of Property</u>: On 05 December 2004, the Israeli army issued an order to demolish a guard's room constructed at the entrance to Al Arrub College of Agriculture.
- Settler Violence:
- (i) At 16:00, an Israeli settler's vehicle ran over and injured Nida' Fat'hi Bahr, a female civilian, along Al 'Arrub refugee camp road, after which she was transported to hospital.
- (ii) An Israeli settler assaulted land in the proximity of an Israeli army military post in Khallet Al 'Ajum in the town of Dura. The Israeli settler ploughed the land and prevented its owner from accessing it.

GAZA STRIP

NORTHERN GAZA	Closure: Beit Hanun Crossing is partially open to merchants and for humanitarian cases only.
GAZA CITY	 Closure: Nitsareem junction remains closed. Al Muntar (Karni) Crossing is closed. Attack: At 03:00, the Israeli army opened intensive fire and fired 5 tank shells from its location at Point 77 on the Green Line. Israeli army helicopters also opened machinegun fire towards Palestinian territory. Raids/Land Levelling: At 16:00, the Israeli army, accompanied by 3 bulldozers, raided Palestinian territory northwest of Sheikh 'Ajlin coastal road, opened

	intensive fire towards 1 Palestinian National Security location, constructed a road in the area, and placed dirt barricades. (ii) At 11:00, the Israeli army, including 20 tanks, raided 100 meters into Palestinian territory in the area surrounding Al Muntar (Karni) and Nahal 'Oz Crossings east of Gaza city, opened intensive fire towards civilian houses in Ash Shuja'iyyah neighbourhood, and levelled agricultural land. The Israeli army remains positioned in the area as of 08:00 this morning.
CENTRAL GAZA	 <u>Attack</u>: At 21:00, the Israeli army opened intensive fire from its location in the settlement of Kfar Darom towards Palestinian territory. <u>Palestinian Attack</u>: At 21:00, 1 Qassam mortar was fired towards the settlement of Kfar Darom.
KHAN YUNIS	 Closure: Abu Al 'Ajin road (Khan Yunis Al Sharqiya) is closed. Western road (Khan Yunis) remains closed. Al Mawasi/Khan Yunis road (Al Tuffah checkpoint) is closed. Abu Holi road is partially open. At 11:50, the Israeli army closed Salah Ad Din between Abu Holi and Al Matahin checkpoints, detained 6 Palestinian Police officers while they were wearing their uniforms and travelling along the road from the north to the south, and detained 5 civilians. At 16:45, the Israeli army closed the road again and arrested 1 civilian. Attacks: At 14:50, the Israeli army opened intensive fire towards civilian houses in the area of Batn As Samin and An Namsawi neighbourhood, injuring 1 child. At 14:55, the Israeli army fired tear gas grenades from the area surrounding the settlement of Netzer Hazani towards 'Eid Al Agha School in the area of Al Dalta, injuring a number of civilians as a result of tear gas inhalation. Raid: At 11:00, the Israeli army raided 200 meters into the area of Al Qarara south of Kissufim road and searched a number of houses. Arrest: Israeli troops positioned at Abu Holi checkpoint arrested Riyadh Abu Al Leil. Palestinian Attack: At 15:00, 3 mortars were fired towards the settlement of Neve Dekalim, injuring 1 Palestinian worker inside the settlement.
RAFAH	 Closure: (i) Gaza International Airport remains closed. (ii) Rafah Crossing is partially open. (iii) Sufa Crossing is partially open to construction cargo only. (iv) Al Mawasi/Rafah road is partially open to pedestrians only.

- Attack: At 21:00, the Israeli army opened intensive fire from its locations on the Egyptian border towards civilian houses in Al Barazil neighbourhood in Rafah refugee camp.
- <u>Arrests</u>: On 05 December 2004, Israeli troops positioned at Rafah Crossing arrested 2 civilians as they were leaving for Egypt:
- (i) Bashir Karajeh; and
- (ii) Mohammed Ziyad Ja'rour.