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PALESTINIAN MONITORING GROUP

DAILY SITUATION REPORT

08:00 07 December 2004 – 08:00 08 December 2004

SUMMARY OF EVENTS

EVENT	WEST BANK	GAZA STRIP	TOTAL	NOTES
Deaths	—	3	3	3 in Ash Shuja'iyyah neighbourhood
Physical Assaults	4	—	4	4 civilians beaten in Beit Ula
Injuries	—	13	13	Incl. 2 children and 1 officer
Air Attacks	—	2	2	UAV missiles towards civ. crowds
Attacks	6	8	14	Incl. 4 during raids & 6 from posts
Raids	23	2	25	Incl. provocation of civilians
Air Patrols	—	3	3	1 helicopter and 2 UAVs
Arrests (per person)	33	2	35	Incl. 4 children and 2 female civilians
Detentions	8	2	10	Incl. in residential compounds
Land Levelling	2	1	3	Incl. in Marj Na'ja and Bani 'Odeh
Wall Construction	19	—	19	Jer., Jenin, Ramallah, Beth., Hebron
Destruction of Property	—	1	1	Crops east of Ash Shuja'iyyah
House Occupation	—	1	1	In Ash Shuja'iyyah neighbourhood
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
School Disruption	1	1	2	Incl. 8 schools in Ash Shuja'iyyah
Attack on Religious Sites	1	—	1	1 mosque raided in Salim
Settler Violence	2	—	2	Attempt to run over & abduct students
Provocation of Pal. Forces	1	—	1	A group of Pal. officers detained
Palestinian Attacks	—	5	5	7 Qassam mortars and 4 mortars
Demonstration	1	—	1	In the village of Budrus against the Wall
TOTAL	101	49	150	

DISTRICT	EVENT
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.

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. • Raid: The Israeli army raided the town of Abu Dis, searched a number of houses, including a student hall of residence, and arrested 2 civilians. • Arrests: The Israeli army arrested 2 unidentified civilians in the town of Abu Dis. • Detentions: The Israeli army intensified measures at Qalandiya and An Nabi Samwil checkpoints and detained dozens of civilians, allegedly to conduct thorough searches, thereby delaying students and employees from reaching their destinations.
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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. • Flying Checkpoint: At 15:30, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint in the area of Samir Amis along the Ramallah-Qalandiya road and prevented civilians from entering the city of Ramallah. • Raids: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 18:45, an Israeli army patrol raided the village of Kafr 'Ein and patrolled the area until it withdrew at 19:30. (ii) At 01:55, the Israeli army, including 11 jeeps, raided the village of Qarawat Bani Zeid and arrested 5 individuals, including 1 female civilian and 1 Palestinian National Security officer. At 06:30, the Israeli army withdrew from the area. (iii) At 07:50, the Israeli army raided the town of Beit Rima and arrested 1 civilian. (iv) An Israeli army patrol raided the village of Beit Liqya and patrolled the area. • Arrests: The Israeli army arrested 5 individuals in the village of Qarawat Bani Zeid: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Sana' Raja Abdul Hamid Sneif, a female civilian; (ii) Mustafa Faraj Malloukh, a Palestinian National Security officer; (iii) Nidhal Khaldoun Jawdat Haridi; (iv) Basil Jasser 'Arar; and (v) Abed Taher Rajeh Sneif. (vi) The Israeli army arrested Ya'qoub Hazem Al Khatib in the town of Beit Rima. (vii) The Israeli army arrested 7 unidentified civilians in the village of Budrus. • Demonstration: A mass demonstration, including international peace activists, took place in the village of Budrus against Wall construction. Confrontations took place between the Israeli army and civilians, during which the Israeli army fired tear gas grenades, injuring a number of civilians as a result of tear gas inhalation. The Israeli army also detained 40 civilians and arrested 7 others.
<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

	<p>granted special Israeli permits. The closure continues to negatively impact education, economic and livelihood activities and impedes access to health facilities.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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. • Raids: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 03:00, the Israeli army, including 15 jeeps, raided the town of Birqin, opened indiscriminate fire, searched a number of houses, and arrested 2 civilians. At 06:00, the Israeli army withdrew from the area. (ii) At 03:00, the Israeli army raided the town of Al Yamun, searched a number of houses, and withdrew at 05:30. (iii) The Israeli army raided the village of Zububa, searched a number of houses, and arrested 4 children. • Arrests: The Israeli army arrested 2 civilians in the town of Birqin: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Qays Walid Ghanim; and (ii) Qaysar Walid Ghanim. <p>The Israeli army arrested 4 children in the village of Zububa:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (iii) Mahmoud Saleem Jaradat, 15 years old; (iv) Mahmoud Maqaldeh, 14 years old; (v) Issam Mahmoud ‘Ubeidi, 12 years old; and (vi) Ghassan ‘Ayed Khamasneh, 14 years old.
<p>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 continues to close ‘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 11:30, the Israeli army set up flying checkpoints at the entrances to the towns of ‘Attil and Deir Al Ghusun and the villages of Al Jarushiya and An Nazla Ash Sharqiya and searched civilians and vehicles. • Attack: At 18:15, Israeli troops positioned at a checkpoint set up at the junction to the town of Qaffin opened indiscriminate fire and fired flares.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Raids:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 08:00, the Israeli army, including 5 jeeps, raided Nur Shams refugee camp and patrolled the area. (ii) At 15:25, the Israeli army raided the city of Tulkarem and Tulkarem refugee camp. At 23:05, the Israeli army raided the city of Tulkarem again and patrolled the area. • <u>Provocation of Palestinian Forces:</u> At 10:45, Israeli troops positioned at a checkpoint set up in the area between the town of Kafr Al Labad and the village of Shufa detained a group of Palestinian Preventive Security officers (along with their vehicle) and released them at 12:15.
QALQILYA	<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>Raids:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 18:30, the Israeli army, including 3 jeeps, raided the city of Qalqiliya and patrolled several neighbourhoods. (ii) The Israeli army raided the village of ‘Azzun and arrested 1 civilian. • <u>Arrests:</u> At 03:00 on 07 December 2004, the Israeli army arrested 3 civilians (in addition to those reported yesterday) in the city of Qalqiliya: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Yahya Isma’il Badra; (ii) Khalid Abdul Hafith Dawoud; and (iii) Ali ‘Adel Ahmed. (iv) At 09:15, Israeli troops positioned at a checkpoint set up along the Qalqiliya-Nablus road arrested Ghadir Mohammed Al Aqra’, a female civilian. (v) The Israeli army arrested an unidentified civilian in the village of ‘Azzun.
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. • <u>Raid/Attack or Religious Sites:</u> At 17:30, the Israeli army raided the village of Salim. Confrontations took place between the Israeli army and civilians. The Israeli army raided the village’s mosque, forced worshippers to leave, and examined their IDs. • <u>Arrest:</u> Israeli troops positioned at Huwwara checkpoint arrested Yamen Zeid ‘Attili.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Settler Violence:</u> An extremist Israeli settler from the settlement of Yitzhar attempted to run over with his vehicle a number of students near the junction to the settlement as they were on their way out of school. Another group of Israeli settlers attempted to abduct a number of students.
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>Flying Checkpoints:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 09:30, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the junction to the settlement of Ariel, searched civilian vehicles, and examined civilians' IDs until 10:30. (ii) At 15:25, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint in the area between the city of Salfit and the village of Bruqin and impeded civilians' movement until 16:20. • <u>Raids:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 21:25, the Israeli army, including 3 jeeps, raided the village of Marda, raided the house of the head of the Village Council, and threatened to impose a total closure on the village, to disrupt classes in its schools, and to uproot olive trees along the Trans-Samaria Highway if stones are thrown again at Israeli army vehicles travelling along the Highway. (ii) At 21:40, the Israeli army raided the town of Deir Istiya, searched 1 house, and withdrew at 23:00. • <u>Arrests:</u> At 19:00, Israeli troops positioned at Za'tara checkpoint arrested 2 individuals, including 1 Palestinian National Security officer: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) As'ad Mustafa Souf, a Palestinian National Security officer; and (ii) Imad Duweikat.
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. • <u>Flying Checkpoints:</u> The Israeli army set up several flying checkpoints along settler bypass roads, searched civilian vehicles, and examined civilians' IDs.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Land Levelling: The Israeli army levelled land in the village of Marj Na'ja and in the area of Bani 'Odeh in order to facilitate their confiscation.
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'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). • Raids: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 18:25, the Israeli army raided the city of Bethlehem and 'Ayda refugee camp. Confrontations took place between the Israeli army and civilians in 'Ayda refugee camp. The Israeli army also arrested 2 civilians in the city of Bethlehem and withdrew at 23:00. (ii) At 21:00, the Israeli army raided the town of Al Khadr and patrolled the area. (iii) At 21:15, an Israeli army patrol raided the village of Dar Salah, set up a checkpoint, and searched civilians and vehicles. • Arrests: The Israeli army arrested 2 civilians in the city of Bethlehem: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Omar Al Bustanji; and (ii) Mahmoud 'Ubeid.
HEBRON	<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 the north-eastern gate to the town of Yatta, preventing garbage collection vehicles from exiting the town. • 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. • Physical Assault: Israeli troops positioned in the town of Beit Ula severely beat 4 civilians while they were on their way to work in their land, which is under the threat of being confiscated for Wall construction. • Raids: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) The Israeli army raided the town of Beit 'Awwa and arrested 2 civilians.

	<p>(ii) The Israeli army raided the town of Sa'ir, opened fire, fired tear gas grenades, and searched a number of houses after detaining the residents of each house in one room.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Arrests: The Israeli army arrested 2 civilians in the town of Beit 'Awwa: <p>(i) Isma'im Mohammed As Suweiti; and</p> <p>(ii) Ibrahim Mohammed As Suweiti.</p>
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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. • Palestinian Attacks: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 10:30, 2 Qassam mortars were fired towards the Green Line. (ii) At 19:00, 4 Qassam mortars were fired towards the Green Line. (iii) At 07:30, 1 Qassam mortar was fired towards the Green Line.
GAZA CITY	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Nitsareem junction remains closed. (ii) Al Muntar (Karni) Crossing is closed. • Air Attacks: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 09:10, an Israeli army UAV fired 1 missile towards a civilian crowd in Ash Shuja'iyyah neighbourhood, killing 1 civilian and injuring 3 others, including 2 children. (ii) At 10:50, an Israeli army UAV fired 2 missiles towards a civilian crowd in Ash Shuja'iyyah neighbourhood, killing 1 civilian and injuring 7 others. • Killings: The Israeli army killed 2 civilians during the air attacks on Ash Shuja'iyyah neighbourhood: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Isma'il As Sawarikah; and (ii) 'Amer Abdullah Saleem. (iii) At 07:00, the corpse of Mu'min Rajab, whom the Israeli army killed on 07 December 2004 east of Ash Shuja'iyyah neighbourhood, was delivered to Ash Shifa' Hospital in Gaza city. • Raids/Land Levelling/School Disruption: At 18:45, the Israeli army withdrew from Palestinian territory east of Ash Shuja'iyyah neighbourhood, east of Gaza city, after 15 hours of raiding the area. The Israeli army searched a number of houses, occupied several houses, and converted them into military posts. Israeli army helicopters opened intensive machinegun fire and tanks fired a number of shells. The Israeli army also levelled agricultural land and disrupted classes in 8 schools serving 6,267 students.

<p style="text-align: center;">CENTRAL GAZA</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Attack: At 22:15, the Israeli army opened intensive fire from its location in the settlement of Kfar Darom towards Palestinian territory. • Palestinian Attack: At 22:15, 2 mortars were fired towards the settlement of Kfar Darom.
<p style="text-align: center;">KHAN YUNIS</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure: <ol 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. (iv) Abu Holi road is partially open. At 13:40, the Israeli army repeatedly closed Salah Ad Din road between Abu Holi and Al Matahin checkpoints and arrested 1 civilian. • Attacks: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 18:20, the Israeli army opened intensive fire towards civilian houses in the area of As Satr Al Gharbi, injuring 1 civilian. (ii) At 18:20, the Israeli army fired 3 tank shells towards West Khan Yunis refugee camp. • Raid: At 12:20, the Israeli army raided Palestinian territory in the area of Al Qarara along the Kissufim road and arrested 1 civilian. The Israeli army also fixed surveillance cameras at the gate to Kissufim Crossing. • Arrests: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Israeli troops positioned at Abu Holi checkpoint arrested Imad Al Jubour. (ii) The Israeli army arrested Jaber Al ‘Imawi in the area of Al Qarara. • Palestinian Attack: At 18:20, 3 mortars were fired towards the settlement of Gadid.
<p style="text-align: center;">RAFAH</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (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. • Attacks: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 10:20, the Israeli army opened intensive fire from its location at Point 7 on the Egyptian border towards civilian houses in the area surrounding Salah Ad Din gate, injuring 2 individuals, including 1 Palestinian Police officer. (ii) At 07:20, the Israeli army opened intensive fire from the area surrounding the settlement of Morag towards civilian houses north of the city of Rafah.

GENERAL

WORK PERMITS	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• <u>West Bank:</u><ul style="list-style-type: none">(i) Israeli authorities renewed 5,169 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 524 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 3,119 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) During the month of November 2004, Israeli authorities did not issue new permits for construction workers to remain overnight inside the Green Line.
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