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PALESTINIAN MONITORING GROUP

DAILY SITUATION REPORT

08:00 08 December 2004 – 08:00 09 December 2004

SUMMARY OF EVENTS

EVENT	WEST BANK	GAZA STRIP	TOTAL	NOTES
Deaths	—	4	4	In Salaam neighbourhood in Rafah RC
Physical Assault	1	—	1	Incl. presidential candidate beaten
Injuries	2	1	3	Incl. 2 children
Attacks	3	5	8	Incl. 2 during raids & 5 from posts
Raids	26	1	27	Incl. provocation of civilians
Air Patrol	1	—	1	Helicopters over the city of Tulkarem
Arrests (per person)	23	—	23	Incl. 2 children and 1 officer
Detentions	11	2	13	Incl. in residential compounds
House Demolition	1	—	1	In the village of Al Jib
Land Levelling	1	—	1	In the Jordan Valley
Wall Construction	19	—	19	Jer., Jenin, Ramallah, Beth., Hebron
Destruction of Property	5	—	5	Incl. sheep pens and house furniture
Confiscation of Property	2	—	2	Incl. vehicle spare parts from a shop
Curfew	1	—	1	In the village of An Naqura
Checkpoints	All	—	All	
Flying Checkpoints	(Dozens)	(Dozens)	—	Impeding civilian movement
Closure (per District)	(All)	(All)	(All)	
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 open
Medical Obstruction	2	—	2	1 ambulance detained and 1 clinic raided
Settler Violence	1	—	1	1 hand grenade thrown at 1 child
Palestinian Attack	—	1	1	1 Qassam mortar towards Ganei Tall
TOTAL	99	18	117	

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. • Raids/House Demolition: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (i) The Israeli army raided the town of Bir Nabala southwest of the city of Jerusalem and demolished a number of tents and barracks used for residence and as sheep pens, and belonging of Al Ka'abneh Bedouins. The tents and barracks were allegedly demolished for being in close proximity to the Wall. (ii) The Israeli army raided the village of Al Jib and demolished 1 house, including its furniture, allegedly for being constructed without the required license.
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Detentions:</u> The Israeli army intensified measures at Qalandiya and An Nabi Samwil checkpoints and detained dozens of civilians, allegedly to conduct thorough searches. • <u>House Demolition:</u> The Israeli army demolished 1 house belonging to Zahran Al Lozi, allegedly for being constructed without the required license.
<p style="text-align: center;">RAMALLAH & EL BIREH</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Closure:</u> 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. • <u>Wall Construction:</u> Wall construction continues in Budrus, Midya, Ni'lin, Deir Qaddis, Beit Liqya, and Beituniya. • <u>Raids:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 12:45, the Israeli army, including 12 jeeps, raided the city of Ramallah. At 18:10, the Israeli army raided the city again and arrested 1 civilian. At 22:20, the Israeli army raided the city again, searched 1 house, and withdrew at a later time. (ii) At 21:40, Israeli army patrols raided the villages of Kafr 'Ein and Qarawat Bani Zeid. At 00:50, the Israeli army raided the 2 villages again and patrolled the area. (iii) At 08:00, the Israeli army raided the village of Rafat, raided the village's houses, and forced civilians to sign papers written in Hebrew. (iv) The Israeli army raided the village of Beit Liqya and arrested 2 civilians. • <u>Arrests:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) The Israeli army arrested Iskandar Anton Qassis in the city of Ramallah. (ii) The Israeli army arrested 2 unidentified civilians in the village of Beit Liqya.
<p style="text-align: center;">JENIN</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>Wall Construction:</u> Land levelling for Wall construction continues in Jalbun towards Al Mutilla, Raba, Al Mughayyir, Bardala and 'Ein al Beida, and towards the Jordan River. • <u>Physical Assault:</u> At 20:30, Israeli troops positioned at a checkpoint set up on the junction to the village of Jaba' beat Palestinian presidential candidate Dr. Mustafa Al Barghouthi and his minder and detained them until 21:30.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Raids:</u> (i) At 09:00, the Israeli army, including 6 jeeps, raided the village of Raba, took photographs of the village's houses and streets, and withdrew at 10:30. (ii) At 12:30, the Israeli army raided the town of Silat Adh Dhahr and forced civilians to close their shops.
TULKAREM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Closure:</u> (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. • <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> (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 08:00, the Israeli army set up flying checkpoints at the entrance to the town of Qaffin and searched civilians and vehicles until 10:00. • <u>Raids/Destruction and Confiscation of Property:</u> (i) At 13:30, the Israeli army, including 4 jeeps, raided 1 shop and confiscated vehicle spare parts. At 19:40, the Israeli army, including 4 tanks and 7 jeeps, raided the city again and opened indiscriminate fire. While patrolling the area, 1 Israeli army tank destroyed 1 electricity post, cutting electricity from the area. At 03:00, the Israeli army withdrew from the area. (ii) At 19:40, the Israeli army raided Tulkarem refugee camp, opened indiscriminate fire, and patrolled the area until it withdrew at 23:40. • <u>Air Patrol:</u> At 22:30, Israeli army helicopters patrolled the skies over the city of Tulkarem.
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.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Flying Checkpoints:</u> At 13:00, the Israeli army set up several flying checkpoints at the entrances to the villages of Immatin, Jit, and Jinsafut and searched civilians and vehicles. • <u>Raid:</u> At 03:50, the Israeli army raided the village of Kafr Thulth, searched a number of houses, and arrested 19 individuals, including 2 children and 1 Palestinian Preventive Security officer. At 06:00, the Israeli army withdrew from the area. • <u>Arrests:</u> The Israeli army arrested 19 individuals in the village of Kafr Thulth: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Fakhr Ad Din Mohammed Shawahneh, 16 years old; (ii) Mahran Musleh 'Odeh, 16 years old; (iii) 'Adel Sa'id Shwahneh, a Palestinian Preventive Security officer; (iv) Hazem Abdullah Sa'adeh; (v) Rawnaq Rafiq Shawahneh; (vi) Rabi' 'Uqab Shawahneh; (vii) Jaber Ahmed 'Odeh; (viii) Mu'taz Dawood Al Ashqar; (ix) Adib Sa'id 'Odeh; (x) Mash'hour Ibrahim Gharabeh; (xi) 'Adnan Hamed 'Odeh; (xii) Na'im Mohammed Mara'beh; (xiii) Ala' Isam'il Mara'beh; (xiv) Kamal Sa'id Shawahneh; (xv) Samer Nassif Gharabeh; (xvi) Yousef Nidhal 'Odeh; (xvii) Ghassan Hamd Allah Issa; (xviii) Attaf Mohammed Gharabeh; and (xix) Fadi Sidqi Abu Ar Ruz.
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. • <u>Raids/Curfew:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 19:15, the Israeli army raided the village of An Naqura, north of the city of Nablus, and imposed curfew. (ii) At 19:15, the Israeli army raided the village of Yasid and arrested 1 civilian. • <u>Arrest:</u> The Israeli army arrested Thabet Khaled Salman in the village of Yasid. • <u>Detentions:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 11:30, the Israeli army detained 1 bus (transporting 40 civilians) on the junction to the settlement of Yitzhar for an extended period of time. (ii) At 16:30, the Israeli army closed Beit Iba checkpoint and detained civilians for an extended period of time.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Medical Obstruction:</u> At 18:00, Israeli troops positioned at Beit Iba checkpoint detained 1 ambulance belonging to the Palestinian Military Medical Services, while it was transporting an ill civilian.
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> At 13:30, the Israeli army set up several flying checkpoints along the Trans-Samaria Highway, searched civilian vehicles, and examined civilians' IDs. • <u>Raid:</u> At 11:00, the Israeli army raided the city of Salfit. Confrontations took place between the Israeli army and school students, during which the Israeli army injured 1 child. The Israeli army also detained 1 civilian and his wife. At 16:30, the Israeli army raided the city again and patrolled the area until it withdrew at 17:30.
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>Detention:</u> The Israeli army closed the checkpoints set up at the northern and southern entrances to the city of Jericho and prevented civilians from entering or exiting the city. • <u>Land Levelling:</u> The Israeli army levelled land in the northern Jordan Valley, allegedly to use it for military training.
BETHLEHEM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Closure:</u> <ol 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 continues north of the district of Bethlehem, along 'Ayda refugee camp, and along the tunnel road (Gilo). • <u>Raids/Medical Obstruction:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 03:40 on 08 December 2004, the Israeli army raided the town of Al Khadr, raided a clinic affiliated with the Palestinian Ministry of Health, and destroyed its doors, windows, and some of its content. At 13:00, the Israeli army raided the town again, set up a checkpoint in the centre of the town, and searched civilians and vehicles. (ii) At 18:30, an Israeli army patrol raided 'Ayda refugee camp and patrolled the area. (iii) An Israeli army patrol raided the town of Al 'Ubeidiya and patrolled the area.
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 road parallel to the settlement of Kiryat Arba' and prevented civilians from the area of Al Baq'a from using the road to transport food. (iii) The Israeli army closed Halhul overpass and prevented civilians from crossing for an extended period of time, allegedly to conduct thorough searches. • <u>Wall Construction:</u> 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. • <u>Raid/Destruction and Confiscation of Property:</u> The Israeli army raided the city of Hebron, raided the offices of the Supporters of Prisoners Society, destroyed its doors and windows, and confiscated its contents. • <u>Settler Violence:</u> A group of extremist Israeli settlers threw 1 hand grenade at 15-year-old Ghalib Rajeh Abu Sneineh in the old city of Hebron, leaving him with several injuries on his body and causing the amputation of 3 of his fingers.

GAZA STRIP

NORTHERN GAZA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Closure:</u> Beit Hanun Crossing is partially open to merchants and for humanitarian cases only.
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GAZA CITY	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure: Nitsareem junction remains closed. • Attack: At 16:25, the Israeli army opened intensive fire from its location in the area surrounding the settlement of Nitsareem towards 1 civilian as he was present near the settlement, injuring him. • Raid: At 02:00, the Israeli army raided Palestinian territory in the area surrounding Karni and Nahal 'Oz Crossings, east of Gaza city, and combed the area.
CENTRAL GAZA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Activities not reported.
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. (iv) Abu Holi road is partially open. At 14:00, the Israeli army repeatedly closed Salah Ad Din road between Abu Holi and Al Matahin checkpoints. • Attacks: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 10:30, the Israeli army opened intensive fire from its location at Point 10.5 towards civilian houses in West Khan Yunis refugee camp. (ii) At 23:00, the Israeli army opened intensive fire from its location in the settlement of Ganei Tall towards civilian houses in Khan Yunis. (iii) At 08:00, the Israeli army opened intensive fire from its location at Point 8 towards civilian houses in Al Amal neighbourhood in the city of Khan Yunis. • Palestinian Attack: At 23:00, 1 Qassam mortar was fired towards the settlement of Ganei Tall.
RAFAH	<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 partially open to construction cargo only. (iv) Al Mawasi/Rafah road is partially open to pedestrians only. • Attack: At 21:45, the Israeli army opened intensive fire from its location on the Egyptian border towards civilian houses in As Salaam neighbourhood in Rafah refugee camp, killing 4 civilians. • Killings: The Israeli army killed 4 civilians in As Salaam neighbourhood in Rafah refugee camp: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Walid Msa'ed At Tarabin; (ii) Rashad 'Attiyyed Abu Sneimeh; (iii) Iyad Suleiman Ghayydh; and (iv) Abdul Mu'ti Abu Sheiban.