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PALESTINIAN MONITORING GROUP

DAILY SITUATION REPORT

08:00 09 December 2004 – 08:00 10 December 2004

SUMMARY OF EVENTS

EVENT	WEST BANK	GAZA STRIP	TOTAL	NOTES
Assassination Attempts	—	2	2	UAV missiles towards house, vehicle
Killing	—	1	1	1 Pal. officer
Physical Assault	1	—	1	1 civilian in Qaffin severely beaten
Injuries	—	3	3	During an air attack in Rafah
Air Attacks	—	2	2	UAV missiles in the city of Rafah
Attacks	2	3	5	Incl. 1 during raids & 1 from posts
Raids	21	1	22	Incl. provocation of civilians
Air Patrols	—	3	3	1 helicopter and 2 UAVs
Arrests (per person)	24	3	27	Incl. 5 children and 2 officers
Detentions	3	—	3	Incl. in residential compounds
House Demolition	—	—	—	Summons to demolish 1 house
Wall Construction	19	—	19	Jer., Jenin, Ramallah, Beth., Hebron
Destruction of Property	—	2	2	1 house garage and 1 vehicle
Land Confiscation	1	—	1	270 <i>dunums</i> in Al Jab'a
Confiscation of Property	1	—	1	1 tractor in Khashm Ad Daraj
House Occupation	—	1	1	In the area of Al Qarara
Damage to Environment	—	1	1	Sand moved to Israel
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
Settler Violence	2	—	2	Incl. 1 female child run over
Provocation of Pal. Forces	1	—	1	'Anabta Police station raided
Palestinian Attacks	—	3	3	6 mortars
TOTAL	75	29	104	

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.
RAMALLAH & EL BIREH	<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.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Flying Checkpoint:</u> At 18:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to the village of Beit ‘Ur At Tahta and searched civilians and vehicles. • <u>Raids:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 12:40, the Israeli army, including 3 jeeps, raided the city of Ramallah. Confrontations took place between the Israeli army and civilians. At 02:15, the Israeli army raided the city again, searched 1 house, and withdrew at 03:00. (ii) At 23:00, the Israeli army, including 3 jeeps, raided the village of Deir Ghassana and patrolled the area. (iii) At 01:40, the Israeli army, including 4 jeeps, raided the village of Qarawat Bani Zeid and patrolled the area. At 03:20, the Israeli army withdrew from the area. • <u>Detentions:</u> At 16:00, the Israeli army closed the checkpoint set up on the overpass to the village of ‘Atara and prevented civilians from crossing in both directions, thereby detaining civilians and delaying them from reaching their workplaces and homes.
JENIN	<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>Raid:</u> The Israeli army raided the town of Tubas and arrested 1 Palestinian National Security officer. • <u>Arrest:</u> The Israeli army arrested Mohammed Shuqeir Salah in the town of Tubas.

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: 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. • Raids/Provocation of Palestinian Forces/Physical Assault: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 11:25, the Israeli army raided the town of 'Anabta, raided the town's Police station, and took photographs of the station. At 16:15, the Israeli army raided the town again and patrolled the area until it withdrew at 16:45. (ii) At 12:05, the Israeli army, supported by 1 tank and 8 jeeps, raided the city of Tulkarem and Tulkarem refugee camp, searched 1 house in Tulkarem refugee camp, and arrested 1 civilian. At 01:30, the Israeli army raided the city of Tulkarem again and patrolled the area until it withdrew at 02:00. (iii) At 13:30, the Israeli army, including 4 jeeps, raided the town of Qaffin, opened fire, fired sound grenades, and severely beat 1 civilian, breaking his leg. At 15:20, the Israeli army withdrew from the area. • Arrest: The Israeli army arrested Fayez Ali Abu Sufier in Tulkarem refugee camp.
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.
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.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Raids/Curfew:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 17:00, an Israeli army patrol raided the village of Qusin and arrested 1 civilian. (ii) At 17:30, Israeli Special Forces raided the village of Rujeib and arrested 7 civilians, including 2 children. (iii) At 02:30, an Israeli army patrol raided the town of Beit Furik, searched 1 house, and arrested 1 civilian. (iv) At 03:00, an Israeli army patrol raided 'Ein Beit El Ma' refugee camp and arrested 1 child. • <u>Arrests:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) The Israeli army arrested Mas'oud Fawzi Suleiman in the village of Qusin. <p>The Israeli army arrested 7 civilians in the village of Rujeib:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (ii) Ahmed As'ad Al Ka'bi, 15 years old; (iii) Raed As'ad Al Ka'bi, 14 years old; (iv) Ghassan 'Izzat Rawajbeh; (v) Ghassan Ahmed Al Ka'bi; (vi) Marwan Ahmed Al Ka'bi; (vii) Issam Ahmed Al Ka'bi; and (viii) Ja'far Zahed Rawajbeh. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (ix) The Israeli army arrested Abdullah Radhwan Khatatbeh in the town of Beit Furik. (x) The Israeli army arrested Nidhal Mohammed Thib in 'Ein Beit El Ma' refugee camp. (xi) Israeli troops positioned at a checkpoint set up near the village of Burqa arrested Mohammed Abdul Jabbar Saleh, a Palestinian National Security officer. (xii) The Israeli army arrested Mohammed Samir 'Athamneh, 14 years old, while he was harvesting olive crops. <p>The Israeli army arrested 4 civilians in various places in the district of Nablus:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (xiii) Shadi Abu Omar, 16 years old, (xiv) Ala' Fayez Mas'oud; (xv) Mohammed Zuheir Abu Omar; and (xvi) Rami Jamal Seif. • <u>Settler Violence:</u> At 17:15, an Israeli settler ran over and injured Asma' Sami Al Wazani, an 11-year-old female, near the village of Burin. The child was transported to hospital.
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 and closed the village of Deir Ballut checkpoint, preventing civilians and vehicles from crossing.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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 16:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the eastern entrance to the city of Salfit, searched civilian vehicles, and examined civilians' IDs until it withdrew at 20:00. • Raid: At 14:00, an Israeli army patrol raided the city of Salfit, set up a checkpoint in the area between the city and the village of Bruqin, and searched civilians and vehicles. • Settler Violence: An Israeli settler from the settlement of Tappuah threw stones at civilian vehicles as they were travelling along the Trans-Samaria Highway.
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.
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 15:30, the Israeli army raided the town of Al Khadr and served summons to 1 civilian to demolish his rural house in the land of Al Qarami in the town. (ii) At 19:40, the Israeli army raided the city of Beit Jala and patrolled the area until it withdrew at 20:20. (iii) At 19:40, an Israeli army patrol raided 'Ayda refugee camp and patrolled the area until it withdrew at 24:00. • Land Confiscation: The Israeli army served summons to civilians in the village of Al Jab'a to confiscate 270 <i>dunums</i> (67.5 acres) of the village's land for Wall construction.

<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 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 16:00, the Israeli army raided the city of Hebron and the town of Halhul, searched 2 houses in the city of Hebron, and arrested 1 civilian. (ii) At 03:50, the Israeli army raided the town of Ad Dhahiriya and arrested 5 civilians. • Arrests: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) The Israeli army arrested As'ad Abbas in the city of Hebron. The Israeli army arrested 5 civilians in the town of Adh Dhahiriya: (ii) Ghazi Hassan Mansour; (iii) Misbah Az Zubeidiyyed; (iv) Muhyi Ad Din Al Battat; (v) As'ad Ash Sha'ban; and (vi) Ali Abu Dayyur. • Confiscation of Property: The Israeli army confiscated 1 tractor in the area of Khashm Ad Daraj while its owner was using it to plough his land.
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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. • Assassination Attempt: At 23:45, an Israeli army UAV fired 1 missile towards the house of Mahmoud Al Madhoun in the area of As Salatin in the town of Beit Lahiya, in an attempt to extra-judicially kill him. The house garage was damaged during the attack. • Attack: At 11:00, Israeli army helicopters opened machinegun fire towards the area east of Al Qarya Al Badawiya north of the town of Beit Lahiya. • Palestinian Attack: At 09:15, 2 unidentified mortars were fired towards the Green Line.
<p style="text-align: center;">GAZA CITY</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure: Nitsareem junction remains closed. • Killing: Karam Ash Shami, a Palestinian National Security sergeant, died of injuries sustained on 21 April 2004 following an Israeli army attack on his location in the area of At Tuffah in Gaza city.

<p style="text-align: center;">CENTRAL GAZA</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Damage to Environment:</u> Israeli civilian lorries steal sand from the area east of Al Matahin and transport it into the Green Line. • <u>Palestinian Attacks:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 17:30, 1 mortar was fired towards the settlement of Nitsareem. (ii) At 21:00, 3 mortars were fired towards the settlement of Kfar Darom.
<p style="text-align: center;">KHAN YUNIS</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Closure:</u> <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. • <u>Attack:</u> At 04:00, the Israeli army opened intensive fire from its location at Point 12 towards civilian houses in West Khan Yunis refugee camp. • <u>Raid:</u> At 10:35, an Israeli army infantry force, accompanied by 3 bulldozers, raided 800 meters into the area of Al Qarara south of Kissufim road, occupied 1 house, and converted it into a military post.
<p style="text-align: center;">RAFAH</p>	<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 to construction cargo only. (iv) Al Mawasi/Rafah road is partially open to pedestrians only. • <u>Assassination Attempt:</u> At 11:00, an Israeli army UAV fired 1 missile towards 1 civilian vehicle, in an attempt to extra-judicially kill Jamal Abu Samhadaneh and 2 civilians accompanying him along Eastern Rafah road, injuring the 3 civilians and destroying the vehicle. • <u>Arrests:</u> On 08 December 2004, the Israeli army arrested 3 civilians near Point 5 on the Egyptian border: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Anwar Younis Sheikh Al ‘Eid; (ii) Nathmi Abu Hammar; and (iii) Anwar Yousef Sheikh Al ‘Eid.