

مجموعة الرقابة الفلسطينية



PALESTINIAN MONITORING GROUP

DAILY SITUATION REPORT

08:00 10 December 2004 – 08:00 11 December 2004

SUMMARY OF EVENTS

| EVENT | WEST BANK | GAZA STRIP | TOTAL | NOTES |
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| Killings | — | 3 | 3 | 1 child and 2 civilians |
| Physical Assaults | 2 | — | 2 | Presidential candidate beaten |
| Injuries | 1 | 2 | 3 | Incl. 1 child |
| Attacks | 6 | 4 | 10 | Incl. 2 during raids & 5 from posts |
| Raids | 24 | 2 | 26 | Incl. provocation of civilians |
| Air Patrol | — | 1 | 1 | Over Central Gaza |
| Arrests (per person) | 9 | — | 9 | Incl. 1 child and 1 officer |
| Detentions | 4 | — | 4 | Incl. at checkpoints |
| Land Levelling | — | 2 | 2 | East of Gaza city & Qizan An Najjar |
| Destruction of Property | 2 | — | 2 | Incl. destroying 1 cave in Kobar |
| House Occupation | 1 | — | 1 | In the village of Husan |
| Curfew | 1 | — | 1 | In the village of Talluza |
| 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 | 1 | 5 | 6 | Incl. commercial crossing in Jericho |
| School Disruption | 1 | — | 1 | Students brought out of schools |
| Provocation of Pal. Forces | — | 1 | 1 | Open fire towards 1 Pal. post |
| Palestinian Attacks | — | 3 | 3 | Incl. 1 mortar towards Green Line |
| Demonstration | 1 | — | 1 | In Idhna against the Wall |
| TOTAL | 53 | 23 | 76 | |

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| <p style="text-align: center;">ALL DISTRICTS</p> | <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

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| <p style="text-align: center;">JERUSALEM</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 also intensified measures at the checkpoints set up around the city of Jerusalem. The Israeli army prohibited worshippers from other districts from accessing Jerusalem to perform Friday prayers in Al Aqsa Mosque and detained a number of civilians' IDs at the gates to Al Aqsa Mosque compound. • 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 was suspended for the weekend 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. • Detention: At 17:10, Israeli troops positioned at Qalandiya checkpoint detained Palestinian presidential candidate Bassam As Salhi after severely beating him. The Israeli army later released Salhi on bail. |
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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 was suspended for the weekend in Budrus, Midya, Ni'lin, Deir Qaddis, Beit Liqya, and Beituniya. • Raids/Destruction of Property: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 13:00, the Israeli army raided the village of Qarawat Bani Zeid and detained 2 civilians. The 2 civilians were released at a later time. (ii) At 13:30, an Israeli army patrol raided the villages of Mazari' An Nubani and 'Arura and patrolled the area. (iii) At 14:40, the Israeli army, including 8 jeeps, raided the village of Kobar and demolished 1 cave (using explosives). (iv) At 00:40, an Israeli army patrol raided the villages of Kafr 'Ein and Deir Ghassana and patrolled the area until it withdrew at 01:40. (v) The Israeli army raided the village of Beit Liqya, opened fire, and fired tear gas grenades, injuring a number of civilians as a result of tear gas inhalation. |
| <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. • 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 was suspended for the weekend in Jalbun towards Al Mutilla, Raba, Al Mughayyir, Bardala and 'Ein al Beida, and towards the Jordan River. • Flying Checkpoint: At 16:30, the Israeli army set up a checkpoint at the entrance to the town of Tammun and searched civilians and vehicles. • Raid: At 17:00, the Israeli army raided Al Far'a refugee camp. Confrontations took place between the Israeli army and civilians, during which the Israeli army injured 1 child. • Arrest: Israeli troops positioned at a checkpoint set up near the village of 'Arraba arrested Ala' Samih Ya'aqbeh. |

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| <p style="text-align: center;">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 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: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 12:30, the Israeli army raided the city of Tulkarem and the village of Iktaba and searched a number of shops. At 19:00, the Israeli army raided the city of Tulkarem again and patrolled the area. (ii) At 23:00, an Israeli army patrol raided Tulkarem refugee camp and patrolled the area until it withdrew at 02:00. • Detention: At 12:10, Israeli troops positioned at ‘Einav gate detained 1 civilian and released him at 14:20. |
| <p style="text-align: center;">QALQILYA</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 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. |
| <p style="text-align: center;">NABLUS</p> | <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. • Raids/Curfew: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 02:30, the Israeli army raided ‘Askar refugee camp and arrested 2 civilians, including 1 child. (ii) At 08:00, the Israeli army raided the village of Talluza, imposed curfew, and forced students to leave their schools. The Israeli army also searched a number of houses and remains positioned in the village as of 08:00 this morning. |

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| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Arrests: The Israeli army arrested 2 civilians in ‘Askar refugee camp: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Ibrahim Izz Ad Din Abu Sa’dah, 17 years old; and (ii) Ihab Mahmoud Abu Salem. |
| SALFIT | <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 and closed the village of Deir Ballut checkpoint, preventing civilians and vehicles from crossing. • 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. • Attack: At 20:30, and again at 02:00, the Israeli army opened indiscriminate fire from its location over Al Irsal hill north of the city of Salfit towards the northern neighbourhoods in the city. |
| 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. • Closure of Crossing Point: The Israeli army closed the commercial crossing point for the weekend, preventing commercial vehicles from crossing. |
| 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’mān, 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 was suspended for the weekend 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 14:00, the Israeli army raided the village of Husan, occupied 1 house, and converted it into a military post after forcing its residents to |

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| | <p>evacuate it. At 16:40, the Israeli army withdrew from the area.</p> <p>(ii) At 14:10, an Israeli army patrol raided the town of Tuqu' and severely beat 1 civilian.</p> <p>(iii) At 02:10, Israeli army patrols raided the cities of Bethlehem and Beit Sahur, and the town Al 'Ubeidiya and patrolled the area until 04:30.</p> |
| <p>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 was suspended for the weekend 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 13:30, the Israeli army raided the town of Halhul and searched several houses. At 15:00, the Israeli army raided the town again and opened sound and tear gas grenades towards civilians. (ii) At 02:00, the Israeli army raided Al 'Arrub refugee camp and arrested 1 Palestinian Police officer. (iii) At 04:00, the Israeli army raided the city of Hebron and arrested 4 civilians. (iv) The Israeli army raided the town of Beit Kahil and arrested 1 civilian. • Arrests: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) The Israeli army arrested Suleiman Farrajin, a Palestinian Police officer, in Al 'Arrub refugee camp. <p>The Israeli army arrested 4 civilians in the city of Hebron:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (ii) Yousef Al Ja'bari; (iii) Muhyi Ad Din An Natsheh; (iv) Rateb An Natsheh; and (v) Akram Saleem. (vi) The Israeli army arrested Mohammed Ahmed Al Judi in the town of Beit Kahil. • Destruction of Property: At 07:30 on 10 December 2004, the Israeli army destroyed the doors of a number of shops in the old city of Hebron. • Demonstration: At 10:30, a mass demonstration took place in the town of Idhna in protest against construction of the Wall. Confrontations took place between the Israeli army and civilians, during which the Israeli army injured a number of civilians. |

GAZA STRIP

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| NORTHERN GAZA | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure: Beit Hanun Crossing is partially open to merchants and for humanitarian cases only. • Palestinian Attack: At 09:15, 2 unidentified mortars were fired. 1 mortar exploded in the area where it was fired and the other fell inside the Green Line. |
| GAZA CITY | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure: Nitsareem junction remains closed. • Attack: At 16:40, the Israeli army opened intensive fire towards 1 Palestinian National Security location in the village of Al Mughraqa. • Raid/Land Levelling: At 13:00, the Israeli army, including 1 tank and 1 bulldozer, raided Palestinian territory in the area surrounding Al Muntar (Karni) Crossing east of Gaza city and levelled land. |
| CENTRAL GAZA | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Palestinian Attack: At 21:00, fire was opened towards an Israeli army lorry near Ash Shuhada' (Nitsareem) junction. The Israeli army pulled the lorry out of the area. |
| 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. • Attacks: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 14:15, the Israeli army opened intensive fire from its locations at Points 9, 10, and 11 towards civilian houses in West Khan Yunis refugee camp and An Namsawi neighbourhood, killing 1 female child in An Namsawi neighbourhood and injuring 2 civilians. (ii) At 15:30, Israeli army helicopters opened fire towards the area of Al Maqabir in the city of Khan Yunis. • Killings: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) The Israeli army killed Rania Siyam, an 8-year-old female, in An Namsawi neighbourhood. (ii) Ramadan Hirz Allah, 20 years old, died of injuries sustained over 1 year ago during an Israeli army incursion into West Khan Yunis refugee camp. • Raids/Land Levelling: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 23:20, the Israeli army, including 10 tanks, raided An Namsawi neighbourhood. At 05:20, the Israeli army withdrew from the area. (ii) At 01:50, the Israeli army, including several tanks, raided the area of Qizan An Najjar, levelled land, and withdrew at 02:30. |

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| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Palestinian Attack:</u> At 14:00, several mortars were fired towards the settlement of Neve Dekalim, during which 4 Israeli settlers were injured (2 of whom are in critical condition). |
| 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 closed. (iv) Al Mawasi/Rafah road is partially open to pedestrians only. • <u>Killing:</u> At 15:25, Salah Omar Al 'Abed died of injuries sustained on 08 December 2004 in As Salaam neighbourhood in Rafah refugee camp. |

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| 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) Israeli authorities permitted 2,375 construction workers to remain overnight inside the Green Line. |
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