

مجموعة الرقابة الفلسطينية



PALESTINIAN MONITORING GROUP

DAILY SITUATION REPORT

08:00 11 December 2004 – 08:00 12 December 2004

SUMMARY OF EVENTS

EVENT	WEST BANK	GAZA STRIP	TOTAL	NOTES
Injury	1	—	1	1 child in Al Far'a refugee camp
Attacks	3	4	7	Incl. 3 during raids & 3 from posts
Raids	17	—	17	Incl. provocation of civilians
Air Patrol	—	1	1	Over the town of Beit Hanun
Arrests (per person)	4	6	10	Incl. 3 officers and 5 fishermen
Detentions	3	—	3	Incl. at checkpoints
Land Levelling	1	—	1	Between Burin and Bracha settlement
Wall Construction	19	—	19	Jer., Jenin, Ramallah, Beth., Hebron
Destruction of Property	1	—	1	Several houses damaged in Hebron
Confiscation of Property	—	1	1	1 fishing boat on high seas
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
Settler Violence	3	—	3	Incl. shepherds and farmers assaulted
Palestinian Attack	—	1	1	1 Qassam mortar towards Dugit
TOTAL	52	17	69	

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 checkpoints set up around the city of Jerusalem. • Wall Gates: The Israeli army intensified measures at the Wall gate in the town of Abu Dis. • Wall Construction: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Wall construction was resumed 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 was resumed in Budrus, Midya, Ni'lin, Deir Qaddis, Beit Liqya, and Beituniya.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Flying Checkpoints:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 10:10, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint near the village of Turmus' ayya and prevented civilians holding Nablus IDs from accessing the city of Ramallah. (ii) At 16:40, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on 'Uyoun Al Haramiyah junction along the Nablus road and searched civilians and vehicles. • <u>Raids:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 09:40, the Israeli army raided the city of Ramallah and opened indiscriminate fire. At 19:45, the Israeli army raided the city again and patrolled the area. (ii) At 10:30, Israeli Special Forces, including 2 Israeli army jeeps, raided the city of El Bireh and patrolled the area. (iii) At 16:00, an Israeli army patrol raided the village of Kafr 'Ein and patrolled the area.
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 was resumed in Jalbun towards Al Mutilla, Raba, Al Mughayyir, Bardala and 'Ein al Beida, and towards the Jordan River. • <u>Flying Checkpoints:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 08:30, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the junction to the town of Tammun and prevented civilians from crossing in both directions until 15:30. (ii) At 10:25, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the junction to the village of Bizzariya and searched civilians and vehicles until it withdrew at 18:00. • <u>Raids:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 08:30, the Israeli army raided Al Far'a refugee camp, opened indiscriminate fire, injuring 1 child, and arrested 1 Palestinian National Security officer. At 15:30, the Israeli army withdrew from the area. (ii) At 11:00, the Israeli army raided the town of Tammun and patrolled the area until it withdrew at 11:20. • <u>Arrest:</u> The Israeli army arrested Ibrahim Samarah, a Palestinian National Security officer, in Al Far'a refugee camp.

<p style="text-align: center;">TULKAREM</p>	<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 '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> <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 15:20, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the junction to the town of Qaffin and searched civilians and vehicles. (iii) At 19:30, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the junction to the village of Far'un and searched civilians and vehicles until 21:30. • <u>Raids:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 20:00, the Israeli army raided the city of Tulkarem and Tulkarem refugee camp, opened indiscriminate fire, and patrolled the area until 05:00. (ii) At 15:45, the Israeli army raided the village of Kafr Jammal, set up a checkpoint in the centre of the village, and searched civilians and vehicles. • <u>Arrest:</u> At 12:00, Israeli troops positioned at a checkpoint set up near the village of Khirbet Jubara arrested Issam 'Ukashah, a Palestinian National Security officer.
<p style="text-align: center;">QALQILYA</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.
<p style="text-align: center;">NABLUS</p>	<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>Raid:</u> Israeli army patrols raided the city of Nablus and patrolled the area.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Land Levelling: The Israeli army levelled land in the area between the village of Burin and the settlement of Bracha. • Settler Violence: At 11:30, a group of Israeli settlers assaulted a number of civilians tending their sheep near the town of ‘Aqraba.
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. • 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 14:30, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the junction to the village of Jamma’in and impeded civilians’ movement, allegedly to conduct thorough searches. • Settler Violence: At 13:00, a group of Israeli settlers from the settlement of Ariel assaulted a number of civilians while they were harvesting olive crops near the overpass to the village of Iskaka.
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. • Flying Checkpoints: The Israeli army set up several flying checkpoints along the Jordan Valley northern road and searched civilians and vehicles.
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 was resumed 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 11:05, an Israeli army patrol raided the town of Al Khadr and patrolled the area.

	<p>(ii) At 17:30, an Israeli army patrol raided the city of Bethlehem. At 01:00, the Israeli army raided the city again, searched a number of houses, arrested 1 civilian, and withdrew at 03:35.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Arrest: The Israeli army arrested Ali Izghari in the city of Bethlehem.
HEBRON	<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 resumed 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 20:00, the Israeli army raided the town of Yatta and patrolled the area. (ii) At 24:00, the Israeli army raided the city of Hebron and the town of Sa'ir, patrolled the area, searched a number of houses, and arrested 1 civilian. (iii) An Israeli army patrol raided the town of Dura and patrolled the area. • Arrest: The Israeli army arrested Taleb Akram Abu Sneineh in the city of Hebron. • Settler Violence: Groups of extremist Israeli settlers assaulted and damaged a number of civilian houses that are close to the Israeli settlement outposts in the old city of Hebron.

GAZA STRIP

NORTHERN GAZA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure: Beit Hanun Crossing is partially open to merchants and for humanitarian cases only. • Attack: At 11:40, Israeli army helicopters opened intensive machinegun fire towards the Agriculture School in the town of Beit Hanun. • Arrest: At 13:00, the Israeli navy arrested 5 fishermen on high seas and confiscated their fishing boat: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Ziyad Mohammed Al Habbash; (ii) Hasam Mohammed Al Habbash; (iii) Hazem Ahmed Jum'ah Al Qur'an; (iv) Majed Ahmed Jum'ah Al Qur'an; and (v) Suheil Ahmed Jum'ah Al Qur'an. • Palestinian Attack: At 01:00, 1 Qassam mortar was fired towards the settlement of Dugit.
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GAZA CITY	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure: Nitsareem junction remains closed.
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. • Attack: At 01:00, the Israeli army opened intensive fire from a number of military posts towards civilian houses in Al Amal and An Namsawi neighbourhoods and West Khan Yunis refugee camp. • Arrest: At 11:45, Israeli troops positioned at Al Matahin checkpoint along Salah Ad Din road arrested Raef Ramez Al Farra, a Palestinian Police officer.
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.

GENERAL

WORK PERMITS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • West Bank: <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. • Gaza Strip: <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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