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PALESTINIAN MONITORING GROUP

DAILY SITUATION REPORT

08:00 12 December 2004 – 08:00 13 December 2004

SUMMARY OF EVENTS

EVENT	WEST BANK	GAZA STRIP	TOTAL	NOTES
Deaths	1	2	3	Incl. 1 university student & 1 civilian
Physical Assault	1	—	1	1 civilian severely beaten in Nablus
Injuries	—	9	9	3-year-old child and 8 students
Air Attacks	—	3	3	On civilian targets in Gaza city
Attacks	5	19	24	Incl. 7 during raids & 13 from posts
Raids	13	2	15	Incl. provocation of civilians
Air Patrols	—	6	6	Incl. over Beit Lahiya and Gaza city
Arrests (per person)	5	—	5	Incl. 1 officer
Detentions	6	1	7	Incl. at checkpoints
House Demolition	—	1	1	In Tall Al Hawa neighbourhood
Land Levelling	2	—	2	In Bethlehem and Husan
Wall Construction	20	—	20	Jer., Jenin, Ramallah, Beth., Hebron
Destruction of Property	4	1	5	Incl. 1 house burned
Curfews	2	—	2	Over Nablus and Talluza
Checkpoints	All	—	All	
Flying Checkpoints	(Dozens)	(Dozens)	—	Impeding civilian movement
Closure (per District)	(All)	(All)	(All)	
Closure of Main Roads	(Most)	(7)	(Most)	Esp. connecting cities
Closure of Wall Gates	(All)	—	(All)	Permits required to cross
Closure of Crossing Points	—	4	4	Incl. 2 partially open
School Disruption	—	1	1	1 tank shell fired towards 1 school
Settler Violence	1	—	1	Throwing stones at female students
Provocation of Pal. Forces	1	2	3	Position near Pal. security location
Palestinian Attacks	—	7	7	Incl. 11 unidentified mortars
TOTAL	61	58	119	

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 wreaths 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 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/Detention:</u> At 11:15, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint along the Ramallah-Bir Zeit road and impeded civilians' movement, allegedly to conduct thorough searches. The Israeli army also detained 1 Palestinian Police officer until 17:20. • <u>Raid/Provocation of Palestinian Forces:</u> At 01:45, the Israeli army raided the cities of Ramallah and El Bireh and took position in front of a Palestinian National Security location. The Israeli army also searched 1 civilian building in the city of El Bireh after detaining its residents outside, and arrested 1 civilian. • <u>Arrest:</u> The Israeli army arrested Mousa Abu Wardeh in the city of El Bireh.
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>Flying Checkpoint:</u> The Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on Ash Shuhada' junction and searched civilians and vehicles. • <u>Raid:</u> At 11:00, Israeli Special Forces, in addition to 3 Israeli army jeeps, raided the town of Qabatiya and patrolled the area until 12:00.
TULKAREM	<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> 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.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Raids:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 21:30, the Israeli army raided the city of Tulkarem, searched 1 house, and served summons to the family of Ahmed Zaki Qasim to report to the Israeli Intelligence. At 00:30, the Israeli army withdrew from the area. (ii) The Israeli army raided the town of 'Attil and searched 1 house.
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.
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 22:30, the Israeli army, including 12 jeeps, raided the city of Nablus, imposed curfew on several neighbourhoods, and opened intensive fire towards 1 residential building, killing 1 university student. The Israeli army also arrested and severely beat 1 Palestinian Police officer, leaving him with bruises. At 07:00, the Israeli army withdrew from the area. (ii) The Israeli army raided Balata refugee camp and opened indiscriminate fire, setting 1 house on fire. (iii) The Israeli army raided the village of Talluza, imposed curfew, and patrolled the area. • <u>Killing:</u> The Israeli army killed Ihsan Na'im Shawahneh As Seifi in the city of Nablus. • <u>Arrests:</u> At 20:30, Israeli troops positioned at Huwwara checkpoint arrested 2 civilians after destroying a lorry (using explosives) belonging to one of them: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Ibrahim Subhi Abdul Razzaq 'Eid; and (ii) Rami Khaled Salem Abu Hamed. (iii) The Israeli army arrested Hussein Mohammed Rashad Hasibeh, a Palestinian Police officer, in the city of Nablus.
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.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <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 Checkpoint:</u> The Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the overpass to the village of Iskaka and searched civilians and vehicles. • <u>Raids:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) The Israeli army raided the village of Yasuf and patrolled the area. (ii) The Israeli army raided the village of Az Zawiya, fired sound grenades and flares, and patrolled the area.
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 and detained the IDs of civilians travelling along these roads. • <u>Detentions:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) The Israeli army closed the checkpoints set up at the northern and southern entrances to the city of Jericho and prevented civilians from crossing in both directions. (ii) The Israeli army closed Al Hamra checkpoint and prevented civilians not holding the required permits from crossing.
BETHLEHEM	<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 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. • <u>Wall Construction:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Construction of the Wall continues north of the district of Bethlehem, along 'Ayda refugee camp, and along the tunnel road (Gilo). (ii) The Israeli army began levelling land cultivated with olive trees, measuring 2 kilometres in length and 20 meters in width, for construction of a section of the Wall west of the village of Husan.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Raids:</u> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 24:00, the Israeli army raided the city of Beit Jala and arrested 1 civilian. (ii) At 14:30, the Israeli army, including 12 jeeps, raided the town of Tuqu'. Confrontations took place between the Israeli army and civilians. At 16:00, the Israeli army withdrew from the area. • <u>Arrest:</u> The Israeli army arrested Mohammed Khalil Qawwara in the city of Beit Jala. • <u>Land Levelling:</u> At 11:00, the Israeli army levelled agricultural land in the area of Al Baradis in the city of Bethlehem.
HEBRON	<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 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:</u> At 20:00, Israeli army patrols raided the city of Hebron, opened indiscriminate fire, and patrolled the area. • <u>Settler Violence:</u> Groups of extremist Israeli settlers threw stones at dozens of female students from Qurtubah Basic School in Ash Shuhada' Street in the old city of Hebron. At the end of the school day, the Israeli settlers prevented students and teachers from travelling along the main road.

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. • <u>Attacks:</u> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 08:10, the Israeli army opened intensive fire towards Al Qarya Al Badawiya and the area east of the town of Beit Lahiya club. (ii) At 08:30, Israeli army helicopters opened machinegun fire towards the area surrounding Al 'Awda towers north of the town of Beit Lahiya. (iii) At 09:30, Israeli army helicopters opened machinegun fire towards Palestinian territory east of the town of Beit Hanun. • <u>Palestinian Attacks:</u> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 08:10, 4 unidentified mortars were fired towards Beit Hanun Crossing and the settlement of Eli Sinai. (ii) At 08:35, 3 unidentified mortars were fired towards the Green Line. (iii) At 09:30, 3 unidentified mortars were fired towards the Green Line.
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<p style="text-align: center;">GAZA CITY</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Nitsareem junction remains closed. (ii) Sheikh ‘Ajlin coastal road in closed. • Air Attacks: At 01:15, Israeli army helicopters fired a number of missiles towards civilian targets in Gaza city: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) 1 house under construction in the neighbourhood of Tall Al Hawa west of Gaza city. The house was completely destroyed; (ii) 1 blacksmith’s workshop in As Sahabah Street in Ad Daraj neighbourhood in Gaza city. The workshop was completely destroyed; and (iii) Jamal Abdul Nasser Street. • Attack: At 17:30, the Israeli army opened intensive fire towards 1 Palestinian National Security location north of Sheikh ‘Ajlin coastal junction. • Raid: At 19:10, the Israeli army, including 1 tank and 1 bulldozer, raided Sheikh ‘Ajlin coastal junction, opened intensive fire, and closed the Sheikh ‘Ajlin coastal road with dirt barricades. • House Demolition: The Israeli army demolished 1 house in the neighbourhood of Tall Al Hawa in Gaza city during an air attack, belonging to Abu Maher Ar Ramleh.
<p style="text-align: center;">CENTRAL GAZA</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Palestinian Attack: At 19:00, 3 mortars were fired towards the settlement of Kfar Darom.
<p style="text-align: center;">KHAN YUNIS</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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 closed. (iv) Abu Holi road is closed. At 18:35, the Israeli army closed Salah Ad Din road between Al Matahin and Abu Holi checkpoints. The Israeli army continues to close the road as of 08:00 this morning. • Attacks: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 09:30, the Israeli army fired 7 tank shells from its location at Point 12 towards the area of Al Maqabir and towards Tareq Bin Ziyad Elementary School in An Namsawi neighbourhood, injuring 8 children, including 2 females between the ages of 7 and 9. (ii) At 15:15, and again at 08:00, the Israeli army opened intensive fire from the area surrounding the settlement of Morag towards civilian houses in the area of Qizan An Najjar south of the city of Khan Yunis. (iii) At 16:10, the Israeli army opened intensive fire from its locations at Points 11 and 12 towards civilian houses in West Khan Yunis refugee camp and An Namsawi neighbourhood. (iv) At 16:45, the Israeli army opened fire and fired a number of tank

	<p>shells towards the area of Al Maqabir in An Namsawi neighbourhood, injuring 3-year-old Abdul Karim Irbei’.</p> <p>(v) At 21:00, the Israeli army opened intensive fire from its location in the area surrounding the settlement of Neve Dekalim towards civilian houses in West Khan Yunis refugee camp.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Palestinian Attacks:</u> <p>(i) At 16:00, 1 mortar was fired towards the settlement of Gadid.</p> <p>(ii) At 21:00, 1 unidentified mortar was fired towards the settlement of Neve Dekalim.</p>
RAFAH	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Closure:</u> <p>(i) Yasser Arafat International Airport remains closed.</p> <p>(ii) Rafah Crossing is closed.</p> <p>(iii) Sufa Crossing is partially open to construction cargo only.</p> <p>(iv) Al Mawasi/Rafah road is partially open to pedestrians only.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Attacks:</u> <p>(i) At 17:30, the Israeli army opened intensive fire from its location in the area surrounding Rafah Crossing and Israeli army helicopters opened fire towards civilian houses in the city of Rafah, killing 1 civilian.</p> <p>(ii) At 17:40, the Israeli army opened intensive fire towards 1 Palestinian National Security location in the area surrounding Sufa Crossing.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Palestinian Attacks:</u> At 17:30, a military operation was carried out through a tunnel which was constructed under an Israeli army military post in Rafah Crossing, killing 5 Israeli soldiers and injuring 6 others. The individual, who carried out the attack by detonating explosives under the Israeli army military post, was also killed during the operation. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Killings:</u> <p>(i) The Israeli army killed Saber Salameh Abu Shallouf in the city of Rafah.</p> <p>(ii) Mu’yyad Khalil Al Agha, who carried out the operation in Rafah Crossing, was killed.</p>