

## مجموعة الرقابة الفلسطينية



## PALESTINIAN MONITORING GROUP

## DAILY SITUATION REPORT

08:00 14 December 2004 – 08:00 15 December 2004

## SUMMARY OF EVENTS

EVENT	WEST BANK	GAZA STRIP	TOTAL	NOTES
Deaths	1	1	2	Incl. 1 civ. (heart attack at checkpt.)
Physical Assault	1	—	1	1 civilian severely beaten
Injuries	5	13	18	Incl. children & 1 civilian (critically)
Attacks	2	7	9	Incl. 2 during raids & 6 from posts
Raids	24	3	27	Incl. cont. presence in Al Shuja'iyyah
Air Patrol	1	—	1	Over the city of Nablus
Arrests (per person)	19	—	19	Incl. 3 children, 1 doctor, & 2 officers
Detentions	4	—	4	Incl. in residential compounds
House Demolitions	2	—	2	In the city of Hebron
Land Levelling	—	1	1	Agr. land east of Ash Shuja'iyyah
Wall Construction	21	—	21	Jer., Jenin, Ramallah, Beth., Hebron
Destruction of Property	1	1	2	Doors and windows of a charity
House Occupations	1	1	2	1 in Nablus and 1 in Al Qarara
Curfew	1	—	1	Over 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)	(7)	(Most)	Esp. connecting cities
Closure of Wall Gates	(All)	—	(All)	Permits required to cross
Closure of Crossing Points	—	5	5	Incl. 2 partially open
School Disruption	2	1	3	Incl. 6 schools in Talluza
Provocation of Pal. Forces	—	1	1	Open fire towards 1 Pal. post
Palestinian Attacks	—	4	4	Incl. 4 unidentified mortars
Demonstration	1	—	1	In the village of Bil'in
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>86</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>124</b>	

DISTRICT	EVENT
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<p style="text-align: center;"><b>ALL DISTRICTS</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 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).</li> <li>• 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.</li> </ul>
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### WEST BANK

<p style="text-align: center;"><b>JERUSALEM</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Closure:</b> 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.</li> <li>• <b>Wall Gates:</b> The Israeli army intensified measures at the Wall gate in the town of Abu Dis.</li> <li>• <b>Wall Construction:</b> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(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.</li> <li>(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.</li> </ol> </li> <li>• <b>Raid:</b> The Israeli army raided Shu'fat refugee camp and arrested 3 children.</li> <li>• <b>Arrests:</b> The Israeli army arrested 3 unidentified children, all of whom are 13 years old.</li> </ul>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>RAMALLAH &amp; EL BIREH</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Closure:</b> 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.</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b><u>Wall Construction:</u></b> Wall construction continues in Budrus, Midya, Ni'lin, Deir Qaddis, Bil'in, Beit Liqya, and Beituniya.</li> <li>• <b><u>Raids:</u></b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) At 16:30, the Israeli army, including 3 jeeps, raided the village of Deir Ghassana, searched 1 house, and withdrew at 17:30.</li> <li>(ii) At 18:30, the Israeli army, including 4 jeeps, raided the village of Mazari' An Nubani and patrolled the area until 19:25.</li> <li>(iii) At 20:40, the Israeli army, including 25 jeeps, raided the city of Ramallah, opened indiscriminate fire, and fired sound grenades, injuring 1 civilian. The Israeli army also searched a number of civilian buildings after detaining their residents outside, and arrested 3 civilians, including the injured civilian. At 02:50, the Israeli army withdrew from the area.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b><u>Arrests:</u></b> The Israeli army arrested 3 civilians in the city of Ramallah: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) Salah Ali, a civilian injured by the Israeli army;</li> <li>(ii) Mohammed Yousef Al Masri; and</li> <li>(iii) Kifah Ibrahim Al Fana.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b><u>Demonstration:</u></b> At 09:50, a mass demonstration took place in the village of Bil'in in protest against the beginning of Wall construction west of the village. Confrontations took place between the Israeli army and civilians, during which the Israeli army injured 4 civilians.</li> </ul>
<b>JENIN</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b><u>Closure:</u></b> 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.</li> <li>• <b><u>Wall Gates:</u></b> 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.</li> <li>• <b><u>Wall Construction:</u></b> Land levelling for Wall construction continues in Jalbun towards Al Mutilla, Raba, Al Mughayyir, Bardala and 'Ein al Beida, and towards the Jordan River.</li> <li>• <b><u>Raids:</u></b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) At 23:30, the Israeli army, including 8 jeeps, raided the city of Jenin and patrolled several neighbourhoods until it withdrew at 03:00.</li> <li>(ii) The Israeli army raided the village of Kafr Ra'i and searched a number of houses.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b><u>Killing:</u></b> Husni Qabha, 44 years old, died as a result of a heart stroke as the Israeli troops positioned at the village of Barta'a checkpoint denied him access to the health centre.</li> <li>• <b><u>Arrest:</u></b> At 03:00 on 14 December 2004, the Israeli army arrested Mus'ab Hassan Zuyoud, in addition to those reported yesterday, during its raid on the town of Silat Al Harithiya.</li> </ul>

<p style="text-align: center;"><b>TULKAREM</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b><u>Closure:</u></b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(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.</li> <li>(ii) The Israeli army closed 'Einav gate between the districts of Tulkarem and Nablus.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b><u>Wall Gates:</u></b> 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.</li> <li>• <b><u>Flying Checkpoints:</u></b> 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.</li> <li>• <b><u>Raids:</u></b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) At 10:45, the Israeli army raided the city of Tulkarem and its suburbs and patrolled the area.</li> <li>(ii) At 12:20, an Israeli army patrol raided the village of Zeita and patrolled the area until it withdrew at 13:00.</li> <li>(iii) At 19:00, an Israeli army patrol raided the village of Far'un and arrested 1 civilian.</li> <li>(iv) At 20:40, an Israeli army patrol raided the village of Khirbet Jubara and arrested 1 civilian.</li> <li>(v) At 08:00, the Israeli army raided the town of 'Illar and arrested 2 civilians.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b><u>Arrests:</u></b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) The Israeli army arrested Yousef Hilmi Al Kou' in the village of Far'un.</li> <li>(ii) The Israeli army arrested Ahmed Taher Nasser in the village of Khirbet Jabara.</li> </ul> <p>The Israeli army arrested 2 civilians in the town of 'Illar:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(iii) Nader Salem Al Kharouf; and</li> <li>(iv) Mohammed Fateh 'Ata Ballan.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>QALQILYA</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b><u>Closure:</u></b> 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.</li> <li>• <b><u>Wall Gates:</u></b> 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.</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b><u>Raids:</u></b> At 03:30, the Israeli army, including 6 jeeps, raided the city of Qalqiliya, arrested 1 civilian, and withdrew at 05:30.</li> <li>• <b><u>Arrests:</u></b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) At 11:00, Israeli troops positioned at a checkpoint set up in the area between the cities of Qalqiliya and Tulkarem arrested Shawqi Abdul Jabbar Salem, a Palestinian National Security officer.</li> <li>(ii) The Israeli army arrested Nidhal Ibrahim Nofal in the city of Qalqiliya.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
<b>NABLUS</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b><u>Closure:</u></b> 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.</li> <li>• <b><u>Raids/Curfew/School Disruption:</u></b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) The Israeli army continued to impose curfew on the village of Talluza for the 4<sup>th</sup> consecutive day, thereby disrupting classes in 2 secondary schools serving 804 students.</li> <li>(ii) At 10:00, an Israeli army patrol raided the town of ‘Asira Ash Shamaliya and arrested 1 civilian.</li> <li>(iii) At 13:55, the Israeli army, including 10 jeeps, raided the city of Nablus. Israeli army helicopters patrolled the skies over the area. The Israeli army occupied 1 house and converted it into a military post after detaining its residents in 1 room. At 16:00, the Israeli army withdrew from the area.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b><u>Arrest:</u></b> The Israeli army arrested Hamdan Ahmed Hamadneh in the town of ‘Asira Ash Shamaliya.</li> </ul>
<b>SALFIT</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b><u>Closure:</u></b> 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.</li> <li>• <b><u>Wall Construction:</u></b> 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.</li> <li>• <b><u>Flying Checkpoint:</u></b> At 09:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to the village of Jamma’in and searched civilians and vehicles.</li> <li>• <b><u>Raid:</u></b> At 01:30, the Israeli army raided the village of Kafr Ad Dik and arrested 1 Palestinian National Security officer.</li> <li>• <b><u>Arrest:</u></b> The Israeli army arrested Mohammed ‘Afif Ali Ahmed, a Palestinian National Security officer, in the village of Kafr Ad Dik.</li> </ul>

<p style="text-align: center;"><b>JERICHO</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b><u>Closure:</u></b> 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.</li> <li>• <b><u>Flying Checkpoints:</u></b> The Israeli army set up several flying checkpoints along settler bypass roads and detained the IDs of civilians travelling along these roads.</li> <li>• <b><u>Raids:</u></b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) At 02:20, the Israeli army, including 8 jeeps, raided ‘Aqbat Jaber refugee camp, arrested 2 civilians, and withdrew at 03:45.</li> <li>(ii) At 04:15, the Israeli army, including 6 jeeps, raided ‘Ein As Sultan refugee camp, arrested 1 dentist, and withdrew at 05:00.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b><u>Arrests:</u></b> The Israeli army arrested 2 civilians in ‘Aqbat Jaber refugee camp: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) Jum’ah As Samhuri; and</li> <li>(ii) Maher As Sahili.</li> <li>(iii) The Israeli army arrested Qaher Abu Hammad, a dentist, in ‘Ein As Sultan refugee camp.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>BETHLEHEM</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b><u>Closure:</u></b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(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.</li> <li>(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.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b><u>Wall Construction:</u></b> Construction of the Wall continues north of the district of Bethlehem, along ‘Ayda refugee camp, along the tunnel road (Gilo), and west of the village of Husan.</li> <li>• <b><u>Physical Assault:</u></b> At 16:45, Israeli troops positioned at As Sawahira Ash Sharqiya checkpoint severely beat ‘Issam Yousef Salah, after which he was transported to hospital.</li> <li>• <b><u>Raids/School Disruption:</u></b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) At 10:15, the Israeli army raided the village of Harmala, raided Az Zir School, allegedly in response to stone throwing, and searched the classrooms.</li> <li>(ii) At 16:10, an Israeli army patrol raided the city of Bethlehem. At 17:30, the Israeli army raided the city again and patrolled the area.</li> <li>(iii) At 19:40, the Israeli army raided ‘Ayda refugee camp. Confrontations</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

	<p>took place between the Israeli army and civilians.</p> <p>(iv) At 00:40, the Israeli army raided the city of Beit Sahur, raided the office of the Islamic Charitable Society, and destroyed its outer and inner doors and its windows' glass. At 01:40, the Israeli army withdrew from the area.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Arrest:</b> At 12:00 on 13 December 2004, the Israeli army arrested Hani Mohammed Hassan Rashydeh in the settlement of Etzion, while he went to follow up on the issuing of his magnetic card.</li> </ul>
<b>HEBRON</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Closure:</b> 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.</li> <li>• <b>Wall Construction:</b> 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.</li> <li>• <b>Raid:</b> At 01:00, the Israeli army raided the city of Hebron and demolished 1 house in the neighbourhood of Abu Kteilah and 1 house in Wadi Al Hariyyah (using explosives) belonging to the families of political prisoners.</li> <li>• <b>House Demolitions:</b> The Israeli army demolished 2 houses in the city of Hebron belonging to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) Iyad Abu Shukheidim; and</li> <li>(ii) Yousef Hamid Abu Sneineh.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

### GAZA STRIP

<b>NORTHERN GAZA</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Closure:</b> Beit Hanun Crossing is partially open to merchants and for humanitarian cases only.</li> <li>• <b>Palestinian Attacks:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) At 20:00, 1 Qassam mortar was fired towards the Green Line.</li> <li>(ii) At 22:30, 1 unidentified mortar was fired towards the Green Line.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
<b>GAZA</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Closure:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) Nitsareem junction remains closed.</li> <li>(ii) Sheikh 'Ajlin coastal road in closed.</li> <li>(iii) Al Muntar (Karni) Crossin in closed.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b>Attack:</b> At 22:30, the Israeli army opened intensive fire from its location in the area surrounding the settlement of Nitsareem towards civilian houses in the area of Sheikh 'Ajlin and towards the adjacent neighbourhoods south of Gaza city.</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b><u>Raid/Land Levelling/School Disruption:</u></b> Beginning at 06:15 on 14 December 2004, the Israeli army remains positioned in the area of Al Hajjah Hamdah east of Ash Shuja'iyyah neighbourhood, opened intensive fire, injuring 10 civilians, including 3 children, and levelled vast areas of agricultural land. The Israeli army also caused the disruption of classes in 4 schools serving 3,572 students in Ash Shuja'iyyah neighbourhood. The Israeli army remains positioned in the area as of 08:00 this morning.</li> </ul>
<b>CENTRAL GAZA</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Activities not reported.</li> </ul>
<b>KHAN YUNIS</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b><u>Closure:</u></b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) Abu Al 'Ajin road (Khan Yunis Al Sharqiya) is closed.</li> <li>(ii) Western road (Khan Yunis) remains closed.</li> <li>(iii) Al Mawasi/Khan Yunis road (Al Tuffah checkpoint) is closed.</li> <li>(iv) Abu Holi road is closed.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b><u>Attack:</u></b> At 16:45, 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.</li> <li>• <b><u>Raid/House Occupation:</u></b> At 11:20, an Israeli army infantry force raided the area of Abu Haddaf in Al Qarara, occupied 1 house, and converted it into a military post.</li> </ul>
<b>RAFAH</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b><u>Closure:</u></b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) Yasser Arafat International Airport remains closed.</li> <li>(ii) Rafah Crossing is closed.</li> <li>(iii) Sufa Crossing is partially open to construction cargo only.</li> <li>(iv) Al Mawasi/Rafah road is partially open.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b><u>Attacks/Provocation of Palestinian Forces:</u></b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) At 13:25, the Israeli army opened intensive fire from its location in the area surrounding Rafah Crossing towards civilian houses in the area.</li> <li>(ii) At 18:30, the Israeli army opened intensive fire and fired a number of tank shells towards 1 Palestinian National Security location and civilian houses in As Salaam neighbourhood in Rafah refugee camp, killing 1 Palestinian National Security officer and injuring 3 civilians, 1 of whom is in critical condition.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b><u>Raid:</u></b> At 21:20, the Israeli army, including 25 tanks, raided Palestinian territory and took position near Point 20 opposite the area of Al Hashash in the area of 'Ureibeh.</li> <li>• <b><u>Killing:</u></b> The Israeli army killed Samir Sultan Khafajeh, a Palestinian National Security officer, in As Salaam neighbourhood in Rafah refugee camp.</li> <li>• <b><u>Palestinian Attack:</u></b> At 13:00, 2 unidentified mortars and 1 mortar were fired towards Rafah Crossing.</li> </ul>



**GENERAL**

<b>POLITICAL PRISONERS</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b><u>Administrative Detentions:</u></b> Israeli authorities extended administrative detentions (arrests without charge or trail) for 23 political prisoners in Ketziot Military Prison Camp.</li> <li>• <b><u>New Prison Section:</u></b> Jalboa' Prison administration opened Section # 6 in the prison. The prison administration transported a number of political prisoners to the new section without providing them with the essential requirements, such as adequate blankets and electric appliances, including television sets and kitchen tools.</li> </ul>
<b>WORK PERMITS</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b><u>West Bank:</u></b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) Israeli authorities renewed 5,169 work permits to cross the Green Line. The total number of those allowed to cross is unknown.</li> <li>(ii) Israeli authorities restricted the issuing of work permits only to civilians who are married with children and over the age of 30.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b><u>Gaza Strip:</u></b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(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.</li> <li>(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.</li> <li>(iii) Israeli authorities permitted 2,375 construction workers to remain overnight inside the Green Line.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>