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PALESTINIAN MONITORING GROUP

DAILY SITUATION REPORT

08:00 15 December 2004 – 08:00 16 December 2004

SUMMARY OF EVENTS

EVENT	WEST BANK	GAZA STRIP	TOTAL	NOTES
Deaths	—	4	4	Incl. 3 in armed confrontations
Physical Assault	1	—	1	1 child severely beaten
Injuries	2	1	3	Incl. 2 children
Attacks	6	5	11	Incl. 3 during raids & 4 from posts
Raids	21	1	22	Incl. provocation of civilians
Arrests (per person)	10	—	10	Incl. 1 Pal. National Security officer
Detentions	5	—	5	Incl. in residential compounds
Wall Construction	21	—	21	Jer., Jenin, Ramallah, Beth., Hebron
Destruction of Property	1	—	1	Rooms in 1 house demolished
Land Confiscations	3	—	3	Incl. 389 <i>dunums</i> in Az Zawiya
Confiscation of Property	1	—	1	2 vehicles and 1 mobile phone
Curfews	2	—	2	Over Talluza and Al Khadr
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. 1 partially open
Attack on Religious Sites	1	—	1	1 mosque converted into synagogue
School Disruption	1	1	2	2 in Talluza & 4 in Ash Shuja'iyah
Settler Violence	2	—	2	Incl. land confiscated in Beit Ikka
Provocation of Pal. Forces	—	1	1	Open fire towards 1 Pal. post
Palestinian Attacks	—	10	10	Incl. 12 unidentified mortars
TOTAL	77	27	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"> • <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 also intensified measures at checkpoints set up around the city of Jerusalem. • <u>Wall Gates:</u> The Israeli army intensified measures at the Wall gate in the town of Abu Dis. • <u>Wall Construction:</u> <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. • <u>Attack on Religious Sites:</u> The Israeli army confiscated the mosque in the village of An Nabi Samwil and converted it into a synagogue. Extremist Israeli settlers now perform their religious rituals in the mosque, claiming that it belongs to one of their ancestors. The Israeli army and settlers left only 1 room within the mosque for Muslim worshippers. • <u>Settler Violence:</u> An extremist Israeli settler confiscated a piece of land in the village of Beit Iksa northwest of the city of Jerusalem and prevented its owners from accessing the land (at gunpoint). The same Israeli settler was reported to have confiscated another piece of land in the village of An Nabi Samwil in 1992.
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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 continues in Budrus, Midya, Ni'lin, Deir Qaddis, Bil'in, Beit Liqya, and Beituniya. • Raids: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 12:15, the Israeli army, including 10 jeeps, raided the village of Qarawat Bani Zeid. Confrontations took place between the Israeli army and civilians, during which the Israeli army injured 1 child. The Israeli army also searched a number of houses, detained 5 civilians, and withdrew at 17:30. (ii) At 16:00, the Israeli army raided the village of An Nabi Salih. Confrontations took place between the Israeli army and civilians, during which the Israeli army injured 1 child. (iii) At 16:00, the Israeli army raided the city of Ramallah and arrested 1 civilian. At 01:20, the Israeli army raided the city again, searched 1 house, and arrested 1 civilian, after confiscating 2 civilian vehicles and 1 mobile phone. At 03:00, the Israeli army withdrew from the area. (iv) At 02:00, an Israeli army patrol raided the village of Kafr 'Ein and patrolled the area. (v) At 03:50, the Israeli army raided the town of Beituniya, opened indiscriminate fire, and searched 2 houses after detaining their residents. The Israeli army demolished the interior of the rooms of 1 house, arrested 1 civilian, and withdrew at 06:40. • Arrests: The Israeli army arrested 2 civilians in the city of Ramallah: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Mohammed Abdul Fattah 'Adawi; and (ii) Mohammed Wajih At Tarifi. (iii) The Israeli army arrested Ahmed Abu Mousa in the town of Beituniya.
<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 continues in Jalbun towards Al Mutilla, Raba, Al Mughayyir, Bardala and 'Ein al Beida, and towards the Jordan River. • Raid: At 02:00, the Israeli army, including 7 jeeps, raided the city of Jenin and Jenin refugee camp, searched a number of houses in Jenin refugee

	<p>camp, and arrested 2 civilians. At 03:00, the Israeli army withdrew from the area.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Arrest: The Israeli army arrested 2 civilians in Jenin refugee camp: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Mohammed Ali Al Alloub; and (ii) Sami Ali Al Alloub.
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: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 04:00 on 15 December 2004, the Israeli army raided the village of Zeita and arrested 3 civilians. (ii) At 12:50, an Israeli army patrol raided the village of Kafr Rumman and took photographs of 1 water well, the village's mosque, and the main road. At 14:00, the Israeli army withdrew from the area. (iii) At 05:20, an Israeli army patrol raided the city of Tulkarem and its suburbs and patrolled the area until it withdrew at 06:00. • Arrests: The Israeli army arrested 3 civilians in the village of Zeita: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Ibrahim Ahmed Abu Al 'Iz; (ii) Mohammed Ibrahim Abu Al 'Iz; and (iii) Mohammed Tayseer Abu Al 'Iz.
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. • Raid: At 11:00, the Israeli army raided the city of Qalqiliya, searched 1

	<p>house, and served summons to Mahmoud Abdul Fattah Shureim to report to the Israeli Intelligence in the settlement of Kedumim. At 12:00, the Israeli army withdrew from the area.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Arrest: At 08:00, Israeli troops positioned at a checkpoint set up along the Qalqiliya-Tulkarem road arrested Ala' Yousef Shabrawi, a Palestinian National Security officer.
<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/School Disruption: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (i) The Israeli army continued to impose curfew on the village of Talluza for the 5th consecutive day, thereby disrupting classes in 2 secondary schools serving 804 students. The Israeli army also severely beat 15-year-old 'Atiyyeh Yaseen, leaving him with bone fractures in the pelvis. At 04:00, the Israeli army withdrew from the area. (ii) At 19:30, the Israeli army, including 3 jeeps, raided the city of Nablus and patrolled the area. (iii) At 21:15, the Israeli army, including 3 jeeps, raided Balata refugee camp, fired flares, and patrolled the area.
<p style="text-align: center;">SALFIT</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 continues to close the eastern entrance to the village of Yasuf. • Wall Construction: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Land levelling for Wall construction continues in the village of Deir Ballut along the Green Line. (ii) 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 village of Az Zawiya, remains suspended due to changes in the Wall route following an Israeli Supreme Court order. • Raid: At 23:20, an Israeli army patrol raided the city of Salfit and patrolled the area. • Land Confiscation: The Israeli army confiscated 78 <i>dunums</i> (19.5 acres) in the village of Mas'ha and 389 <i>dunums</i> (97.25 acres) in the village of Az Zawiya for construction of the Wall.
<p style="text-align: center;">JERICHO</p>	<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.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <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.
<p style="text-align: center;">BETHLEHEM</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 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> 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. • <u>Raids/Curfew:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 19:30, the Israeli army raided the town of Al Khadr, imposed curfew, and patrolled the area. (ii) At 19:45, the Israeli army raided the village of Husan and searched 1 house. (iii) The Israeli army raided 'Ayda refugee camp, fired sound grenades, and searched a number of houses after detaining their residents outside under the rain. • <u>Arrests:</u> At 12:25, Israeli troops positioned at a checkpoint set up at the entrance to the town of Al Khadr arrested 2 civilians: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Iyad Mohammed Al Masri; and (ii) Mu'yyad Nabil Al Khatib.
<p style="text-align: center;">HEBRON</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 continues to prevent civilians from the towns of Yatta and As Samoa' and the area of 'Arab Ar Ramadin from ploughing their land, which is located close to Israeli settlements, thereby causing damages to crops and depriving civilians from their source of income. • <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.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Raids:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) The Israeli army raided the city of Hebron and searched a number of houses. (ii) The Israeli army raided the town of Dura. Confrontations took place between the Israeli army and civilians. The Israeli army also patrolled the area. • <u>Land Confiscation:</u> The Israeli army issued Military Order No. T/74/04 ruling for the confiscation of 270 <i>dunums</i> (67.5 acres), measuring 2,253 meters in length and 271 meters in width, of agricultural land in the town of Surif and the village of Al Jab'a for construction of the Wall. The Military Order will seize approximately 3,000 <i>dunums</i> (750 acres) behind the Wall.
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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>Palestinian Attacks:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 18:05, 1 unidentified mortar was fired; however, it detonated in the same area. (ii) At 22:00, 1 unidentified mortar was fired and fell within the boundaries of the settlement of Nisanit. (iii) At 07:50, 1 mortar was fired towards the settlement of Nisanit. (iv) At 08:00, 3 mortars were fired towards the settlement of Nisanit. 1 mortar fell on 1 civilian house in Al Qarya Al Badawiya.
GAZA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Closure:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Nitsareem junction remains closed. (ii) Sheikh 'Ajlin coastal road in closed. • <u>Attack:</u> At 08:30, the Israeli army opened intensive fire towards civilians travelling along the coastal road north of Sheikh 'Ajlin junction, killing 1 civilian. At 10:40, the Israeli army opened fire again, injuring 1 civilian. • <u>Raid/School Disruption:</u> 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, and opened intensive fire. The Israeli army also caused the disruption of classes in 4 schools serving 3,572 students in Ash Shuja'iyyah neighbourhood. At 10:15, the Israeli army withdrew from the area. • <u>Killing:</u> The Israeli army killed Mustafa As Sawarikah along the coastal road north of Sheikh 'Ajlin junction.

<p style="text-align: center;">CENTRAL GAZA</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Palestinian Attacks:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 19:20, 3 mortars were fired towards 1 Israeli army post near Al Matahin. (ii) At 21:20, an armed confrontation took place between Palestinian individuals and the Israeli army while they were attempting to infiltrate an Israeli army military post in the area of Al Barakah, south of the city of Deir Al Balah. The Israeli army killed the 2 individuals. (iii) At 23:25, 1 mortar was fired towards the settlement of Kfar Darom. • <u>Killings:</u> The Israeli army killed 2 individuals during an armed confrontation in the area of Al Barakah: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Hassan Al Banna; and (ii) Ashraf Ba'lousheh.
<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 only to pedestrian female civilians, children, and civilians above the age of 50. (iv) Abu Holi road is closed. • <u>Attack:</u> At 07:15, the Israeli army opened intensive fire from its location in the area surrounding Mahfouthah checkpoint on Al Matahin junction towards 1 Palestinian National Security location south of Mahfouthah checkpoint. • <u>Palestinian Attacks:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 22:00, an armed confrontation took place between Palestinian individuals and the Israeli army north of Kissufim road south of the city of Deir Al Balah, during which the Israeli army killed 1 individual. (ii) At 16:33, 3 mortars were fired towards the settlement block of Gosh Katif. (iii) At 23:20, 1 mortar was fired towards the settlement of Gadid. • <u>Killing:</u> The Israeli army killed Mohammed Khalil Miqdad during an armed confrontation north of Kissufim road.
<p style="text-align: center;">RAFAH</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Closure:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Yasser Arafat International Airport remains closed. (ii) Rafah Crossing is closed. (iii) Sufa Crossing is closed. (iv) Al Mawasi/Rafah road is partially open. • <u>Attack:</u> At 14:20, the Israeli army opened intensive fire from its location in the area surrounding Sufa Crossing towards Palestinian territory.

GENERAL

<p>POLITICAL PRISONERS</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Boycotting Administrative Detention Courts:</u> Beginning on 19 December 2004, political prisoners held under administrative detention (arrest without charge or trial) will declare their boycott of administrative detention courts, and will not acknowledge their legitimacy unless they meet their demands regarding the release of all prisoners whose administrative detention sentences have been renewed. Political prisoners also demanded an appeal before impartial courts, should they be available, in order to ensure that a clear decision is issued to guarantee the non-renewal of administrative detention sentences. Should prisoners held under administrative detention not be released, they (the prisoners) should be transferred to the judiciary, where administrative detentions must be revoked.
<p>WORK PERMITS</p>	<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.