

## مجموعة الرقابة الفلسطينية



## PALESTINIAN MONITORING GROUP

## DAILY SITUATION REPORT

08:00 16 December 2004 – 08:00 17 December 2004

## SUMMARY OF EVENTS

EVENT	WEST BANK	GAZA STRIP	TOTAL	NOTES
Deaths	—	2	<b>2</b>	Incl. in West Khan Yunis RC
Injuries	1	5	<b>6</b>	Incl. a 3-year-old female child
Air Attacks	—	2	<b>2</b>	1 helicopter and 1 UAV
Attacks	5	6	<b>11</b>	Incl. 3 during raids & 4 from posts
Incursion	—	1	<b>1</b>	Cont. presence in An Namsawi nghb.
Raids	15	—	<b>15</b>	Incl. provocation of civilians
Air Patrols	1	3	<b>4</b>	1 helicopters over Salfit and Rafah
Arrests (per person)	7	4	<b>11</b>	Incl. 1 child and 2 officers
Detentions	1	1	<b>2</b>	Incl. in residential compounds
House Demolitions	—	10	<b>10</b>	In West Khan Yunis refugee camp
Wall Construction	19	—	<b>19</b>	Jer., Jenin, Ramallah, Beth., Hebron
Destruction of Property	1	2	<b>3</b>	Incl. 1 electricity generator
House Occupation	—	1	<b>1</b>	Towers of An Namsawi nghb.
Curfew	1	—	<b>1</b>	In the town of Deir Istiya
Checkpoints	All	—	<b>All</b>	
Flying Checkpoints	(Dozens)	(Dozens)	—	Impeding civilian movement
Closure (per District)	(All)	(All)	<b>(All)</b>	
Closure of Main Roads	(Most)	(7)	<b>(Most)</b>	Esp. connecting cities
Closure of Wall Gates	(All)	—	<b>(All)</b>	Permits required to cross
Closure of Crossing Points	—	5	<b>5</b>	Incl. 1 partially open
Medical Obstruction	—	1	<b>1</b>	The wall of Mubarak Hospital
School Disruption	2	—	<b>2</b>	Incl. 2 schools in Silat Adh Dhahr
Provocation of Pal. Forces	1	—	<b>1</b>	1 National Security location raided
Palestinian Attacks	—	—	—	Several mortars towards Morag
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>54</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>97</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> <ul 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) Israeli authorities issued an order to modify the route of the Wall in the area of Sur Bahir towards the east.</li> </ul> </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> <li>• <b>Wall Construction:</b> Wall construction continues in Budrus, Midya, Ni'lin, Deir Qaddis, Bil'in, Beit Liqya, and Beituniya.</li> <li>• <b>Raids:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) At 16:10, an Israeli army patrol raided the village of Al Mughayyir. Confrontations took place between the Israeli army and civilians.</li> <li>(ii) At 20:30, an Israeli army patrol raided the village of Abu Shukheidim.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

	<p>Confrontations took place between the Israeli army and civilians, during which the Israeli army injured 1 child.</p> <p>(iii) At 01:30, the Israeli army raided the city of Ramallah and arrested 2 Palestinian National Security officers inside their house. At 03:10, the Israeli army withdrew from the area.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Arrests:</b> The Israeli army arrested 2 Palestinian National Security officers in the city of Ramallah: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) Suleiman Fat’hi Shallouf; and</li> <li>(ii) Ashraf Al Agha.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>JENIN</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.</li> <li>• <b>Wall Gates:</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>Wall Construction:</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>Raid/School Disruption:</b> The Israeli army raided the town of Silat Al Dhahr and disrupted classes in 2 schools serving 647 students.</li> </ul>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>TULKAREM</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Closure:</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>Wall Gates:</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>Flying Checkpoints:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(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.</li> <li>(ii) At 13:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the junction to the town of Baqa Ash Sharqiya and searched civilians and vehicles.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b>Raids:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) At 12:00, the Israeli army raided the town of Bal’a, took photographs</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

	<p>of the campaign banners for the members of the local council elections, and patrolled the area.</p> <p>(ii) At 12:30, an Israeli army patrol raided the city of Tulkarem and its suburbs and searched a number of shops. At 03:15, the Israeli army raided the city again and patrolled the area until it withdrew at 04:00.</p> <p>(iii) At 03:15, the Israeli army raided Tulkarem refugee camp and opened indiscriminate fire, thereby cutting the electricity from the area. At 04:00, the Israeli army withdrew from the area.</p>
<b>QALQILYA</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 Gates:</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>Attack:</b> At 02:30, the Israeli army opened intensive fire and fired flares towards the area south of the city of Qalqiliya.</li> </ul>
<b>NABLUS</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Closure:</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>Raids/School Disruption:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) At 07:00 on 16 December 2004, the Israeli army raided the village of Beit Dajan and arrested 2 civilians, including 1 child.</li> <li>(ii) The Israeli army raided the village of Talluza and closed its entrances, thereby disrupting classes in 2 schools serving 804 students.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b>Arrests:</b> The Israeli army arrested 2 civilians in the village of Beit Dajan: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) Seif 'Issam Hanani, 16 years old; and</li> <li>(ii) Hazem Majed Hanani.</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p>At 10:00, Israeli troops positioned at Huwwara checkpoint arrested 3 civilians:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(iii) Ahmed Khalid Abdul Fattah;</li> <li>(iv) Baha' Mahmoud Marshoud; and</li> <li>(v) Maher Abed Qandil.</li> </ul>
<b>SALFIT</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. The Israeli army continues to close the eastern entrance to the village of Yasuf.</li> <li>• <b>Wall Construction:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) Land levelling for Wall construction continues in the village of Deir Ballut along the Green Line.</li> <li>(ii) Land levelling for Wall construction west of the village of Iskaka,</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

	<p>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.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b><u>Flying Checkpoint:</u></b> At 08:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint in the area between the town of Deir Istiya and the village of Kifl Haris and searched civilians and vehicles until 10:00.</li> <li>• <b><u>Raids:</u></b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) At 17:55, the Israeli army raided the town of Deir Istiya, imposed curfew, and searched a number of houses.</li> <li>(ii) At 08:30, an Israeli army helicopter dispatched a number of infantry troops in Wadi Ash Sha'er southeast of the city of Salfit. The Israeli troops set up a checkpoint in the area between the city of Salfit and the village of Khirbet Qeis and raided 1 Palestinian National Security location.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
<b>JERICHO</b>	<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> </ul>
<b>BETHLEHEM</b>	<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>Raids:</u></b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) At 13:05, an Israeli army patrol raided the town of Al 'Ubeidiya and patrolled the area.</li> <li>(ii) At 15:30, an Israeli army patrol raided the town of Al Khadr and patrolled the area.</li> <li>(iii) At 18:50, an Israeli army patrol raided 'Ayda refugee camp. Confrontations took place between the Israeli army and civilians. At 21:30, the Israeli army withdrew from the area.</li> </ul> </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, the town of Beit 'Awwa, and towards the village of Al Burj.</li> </ul>
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### 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>Attack:</b> At 22:20, the Israeli army opened intensive fire from its location in the area surrounding Beit Hanun (Erez) Crossing towards civilian houses in the area.</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) Crossing in closed.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
<b>CENTRAL GAZA</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Attack:</b> At 22:25, the Israeli army opened intensive fire from its location in the area surrounding the settlement of Kfar Darom towards Palestinian territory south of the city of Deir Al Balah.</li> </ul>
<b>KHAN YUNIS</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Closure:</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 partially open.</li> <li>(iv) Abu Holi road is partially open. Israeli troops positioned at Abu Holi checkpoint arrested 3 civilians, 2 of whom are from the family of Al Astal and 1 from the family of 'Ashour.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b>Incursion:</b> At 00:05, the Israeli army, including 25 tanks and 5 bulldozers, carried out an incursion into An Namsawi neighbourhood and West Khan Yunis refugee camp. Israeli army helicopters opened intensive fire, tanks fired shells, and UAVs fired missiles, killing 2 civilians and injuring 4 others. The Israeli army occupied the towers of An Namsawi neighbourhood, converted them into military posts, demolished the wall of Mubarak Public Hospital, and demolished 10 houses. The Israeli army also arrested Majdi 'Abdin and used him as a human shield while it was</li> </ul>

	<p>raiding civilian buildings in An Namsawi neighbourhood. The Israeli army remains positioned in the area as of 08:00 this morning.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b><u>Killings:</u></b> The Israeli army killed 2 civilians in An Namsawi neighbourhood and West Khan Yunis refugee camp: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) Rami Abu Sa'dah; and</li> <li>(ii) Sa'id 'Aref Abu Sa'dah.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b><u>House Demolitions:</u></b> The Israeli army demolished 10 houses in West Khan Yunis refugee camp (owners unidentified).</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 closed.</li> <li>(iv) Al Mawasi/Rafah road is partially open.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b><u>Air Attack:</u></b> At 23:40, an Israeli army helicopter fired 1 missile towards 1 carpenter's workshop in Tall As Sultan neighbourhood in Rafah refugee camp, causing damages to the workshop.</li> <li>• <b><u>Attack:</u></b> At 07:30, the Israeli army opened intensive fire from its location at Point 5 on the Egyptian border towards civilian houses in As Salaam neighbourhood in Rafah refugee camp, injuring Hala Gharib, a 3-year-old female.</li> <li>• <b><u>Palestinian Attack:</u></b> At 21:15, several mortars were fired towards the settlement of Morag.</li> </ul>