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PALESTINIAN MONITORING GROUP

DAILY SITUATION REPORT

08:00 16 December 2005 – 08:00 17 December 2005

SUMMARY OF EVENTS

EVENT	WEST BANK	GAZA STRIP	TOTAL	NOTES
Death	1	—	1	1 civilian of injuries sustained
Injury	1	—	1	In the town of 'Anabta, Tulkarem
Attacks	7	14	21	Incl. 3 in raids & 16 from mil. posts
Raids	26	—	26	Incl. 6 in Ramallah & 6 in Hebron
Arrests	10	—	10	Incl. 3 individuals (brothers)
Detentions	14	—	14	Incl. 1 Pal. officer & 1 female civilian
Checkpoint	1	—	1	Qalandiya checkpoint partially closed
Flying Checkpoints	17	—	17	Incl. 3 in Qalqiliya & 10 in Hebron
Closure (per District)	10	—	10	Incl. the city of Hebron
Closure of Main Roads	22	—	22	Incl. overpass to the town of Halhul
Closure of Wall Gates	(All)	—	(All)	Incl. searches at 'Azzun 'Atma gate
Closure of Crossing Points	—	6	6	Incl. Beit Hanun Crossing partially
Palestinian Attacks	3	7	10	Incl. 11 unidentified mortars fired
Demonstration	1	—	1	In Bil'in against Wall construction
TOTAL	113	27	140	

DISTRICT	EVENT
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WEST BANK

<p style="text-align: center;">JERUSALEM</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure: The Israeli army intensified its restrictions at checkpoints located at the entrances to the city of Jerusalem and set up several checkpoints in the old city of Jerusalem and in the area surrounding Al Aqsa Mosque compound, obstructing civilian access to Al Aqsa Mosque to perform Friday prayers. • Checkpoints: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Beginning at 17:30 on 08 December 2005, the Israeli army has continued to close Qalandiya checkpoint and deny civilian access, except for those holding Jerusalem-issued IDs, after a Palestinian individual stabbed and killed an Israeli soldier at the checkpoint. (ii) The Israeli army continues to intensify its restrictions at Beit Iksa checkpoint, impeding civilian access. • Wall Gates: The Israeli army continues to close the Wall gate in the town of Abu Dis with cement blocks. • Wall Construction: Wall construction was suspended for the weekend in Dahiyat al Aqbat, from the village of Hizma to 'Anata, along the Hizma-Jaba' road, the area of Al 'Eizariya to Ash Shayyah, near Al Quds University, in the town of As Sawahira ash Sharqiya, from the village of Beit Surik to Biddu, in the areas of Al Judeira, Bir Nabala, and Beit Hanina, around the settlement of Ma'ale Adumim, and west of the village of Al Jib.
<p style="text-align: center;">RAMALLAH & EL BIREH</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure of Main Road: The Israeli army continues to close the eastern entrance to the village of Sinjil with dirt barricades. • Wall Construction: Wall construction was suspended for the weekend in the areas of Al Midya to Budrus, Al Midya to Ni'lin, Bil'in to Saffa, in the village of Beit Liqya, in the town of Beituniya, and west of the town of 'Abud. • Raids: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 08:35, the Israeli army, including 7 jeeps, raided and patrolled the cities of Ramallah and El Bireh until 10:45. (ii) At 20:20, the Israeli army, including 2 jeeps, raided and patrolled the town of Beit Rima. (iii) At 22:40, an Israeli army patrol raided the village of Qarawat Bani Zeid and patrolled the area until 23:40. (iv) At 02:00, the Israeli army, including 2 jeeps, raided and patrolled the village of Kafr 'Ein until 02:30. (v) The Israeli army raided the village of Al Mughayyir and arrested 2 civilians. • Arrests: The Israeli army arrested 2 civilians in the village of Al Mughayyir: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Rayeq Rajeh Na'san; and (ii) Kheir Allah Rateb Na'san.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Demonstration:</u> A mass demonstration, including international peace activists, took place in the village of Bil'in in protest against Wall construction. Confrontations took place between the Israeli army and protestors.
<p style="text-align: center;">JENIN</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Checkpoint:</u> The Israeli army continues to intensify its restrictions at Tayasir checkpoint east of the town of Tubas and to impede civilian access. • <u>Wall Gates:</u> Passage through the Wall gates is restricted to civilians granted special Israeli permits. • <u>Raid:</u> At 16:30, the Israeli army raided the town of Qabatiya. An armed confrontation took place between armed Palestinian individuals and the Israeli army, while it was patrolling the area.
<p style="text-align: center;">TULKAREM</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Closure:</u> Beginning at 22:00 on 15 December 2005, the Israeli army has continued to impose a complete closure over the district of Tulkarem. The Israeli army prevents civilians from the district of Tulkarem from leaving the district and denies those from other areas access into it. • <u>Closure of Main Roads:</u> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (i) The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the road between the town of Kafr al Labad and the village of Al Hafasa and the entrance to the village of 'Izbat Abu Khmeish. (ii) The Israeli army continues to close the road connecting the towns of Bal'a and Deir al Ghusun with cement blocks. (iii) The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the roads connecting the town of Bal'a to the village of Al 'Attara, to the town of 'Illar, and to Dahiyat Iktaba in the city of Tulkarem. • <u>Checkpoints:</u> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (i) The Israeli army continues to intensify its restrictions at the checkpoint set up near the settlement of 'Einav on the road connecting the districts of Tulkarem and Nablus, search civilian vehicles, and to prevent civilians from the district of Tulkarem from travelling to the district of Nablus. (ii) At 07:50, the Israeli army intensified its restrictions at Jubara checkpoint south of the city of Tulkarem, impeding civilian access. • <u>Wall Gates:</u> Passage through the Wall gates is restricted to civilians granted special Israeli permits. • <u>Flying Checkpoints:</u> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 09:20, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the junction to the town of Bal'a and searched civilians and vehicles. (ii) At 09:25, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the junction to the village of Al Jarushiya and searched civilians and vehicles. • <u>Raids:</u> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 08:30, the Israeli army, including 7 jeeps, raided the town of 'Illar and arrested 1 civilian. (ii) At 09:00, the Israeli army, including 5 jeeps, raided the village of Seida and arrested 3 individuals (brothers), including 1 Palestinian National Security officer.

	<p>(iii) At 19:20, an Israeli army patrol raided the town of ‘Anabta. Confrontations took place between the Israeli army and civilians, during which the Israeli army injured 1 civilian by live fire. The injured civilian was transported to Ramallah Public Hospital for medical treatment.</p> <p>(iv) At 23:55, the Israeli army, including 3 jeeps, raided the city of Tulkarem and Tulkarem refugee camp, set up a checkpoint at the entrance to the refugee camp, and searched civilians and vehicles. The Israeli army also patrolled the area until 03:20.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Arrests:</u> <p>(i) The Israeli army arrested Raed Ahmed Taha in the town of ‘Illar. The Israeli army arrested 3 individuals in the village of Seida:</p> <p>(ii) Sa’di Mahmoud ‘Odeh, a Palestinian National Security officer;</p> <p>(iii) Safwat Mahmoud ‘Odeh; and</p> <p>(iv) Hikmat Mahmoud ‘Odeh.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">QALQILIYA</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Wall Gates:</u> <p>(i) Passage through the Wall gates is restricted to civilians granted special Israeli permits.</p> <p>(ii) The Israeli army continues to intensify its restrictions at ‘Azzun ‘Atma Wall gate and to search civilians, including students, with a metal detector.</p> • <u>Wall Construction:</u> Land levelling for Wall construction was suspended for the weekend in the village of Immatin and east of the towns of Kafr Thulth and ‘Azzun. • <u>Flying Checkpoints:</u> <p>(i) At 11:35, the Israeli army set up 2 flying checkpoints, one at the eastern entrance to the city of Qalqiliya and the other at the entrance to Habla tunnel south of the city, and searched civilians and vehicles.</p> <p>(ii) The Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint in the area between the villages of Beit Amin and Sanniriya and searched civilians and vehicles.</p> • <u>Raids:</u> <p>(i) At 12:10, the Israeli army, including 2 jeeps, raided and patrolled the city of Qalqiliya until 12:35.</p> <p>(ii) The Israeli army raided and patrolled the village of Jinsafut.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">NABLUS</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Closure of Main Roads:</u> <p>(i) The Israeli army continues to close the main road leading to the district of Jenin between the junction to the village of Deir Sharaf and the settlement of Shavei Shomron. Instead, the Israeli army has forced civilians to travel along an unpaved 1.5-km-long road, which branches off from the Nablus-Tulkarem road and intersects with the Nablus-Jenin road opposite the village of Sabastiya.</p> <p>(ii) The Israeli army continues to close the road connecting the city of Nablus and the town of ‘Asira ash Shamaliya.</p> <p>(iii) The Israeli army continues to close the entrance to the village of Majdal Bani Fadil with dirt barricades.</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Checkpoints:</u> The Israeli army continues to regulate times for crossing Huwwara, Beit Iba, At Tur Mountain, and Beit Furik checkpoints around the city of Nablus. The Israeli army closes the checkpoints overnight and reopens them at various morning hours, with the exception of Huwwara checkpoint where civilians are allowed only entry into the city around the clock. • <u>Raid:</u> At 02:20, the Israeli army, including 16 jeeps, raided and patrolled Balata refugee camp. • <u>Palestinian Attack:</u> At 17:40, armed Palestinian individuals opened fire towards the Israeli army on At Tur Mountain south of the city of Nablus. The Israeli army then opened fire and fired flares towards the area of Ad Dahiyat in the city of Nablus and Balata refugee camp.
SALFIT	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Closure of Main Roads:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) The Israeli army continues to close the main north-western entrance to the city of Salfit with dirt barricades. The road has been closed since the beginning of the current <i>Intifada</i> (Uprising). (ii) The Israeli army continues to close the entrance to the town of Kafr ad Dik with cement blocks. (iii) The Israeli army continues to close the western entrance to the village of Bruqin with dirt barricades. • <u>Checkpoints:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) The Israeli army continues to close Deir Ballut checkpoint overnight and open it at various morning hours, impeding civilian access. (ii) The Israeli army continues to intensify its restrictions at Za'tara checkpoint, impeding civilian access. • <u>Wall Construction:</u> Wall construction was suspended for the weekend near the Green Line in the town of Deir Ballut and the villages of Az Zawiya and Rafat, northwest of the city of Salfit, and in the village of Marda and the town of Kifl Haris north of the settlement of Ari'el. • <u>Palestinian Attack:</u> At 22:30, armed Palestinian individuals opened fire towards 1 Israeli settler vehicle in the area between the village of Bruqin and the settlement of Pdu'el. Consequently, the Israeli army, including 12 jeeps, raided the village of Bruqin and fired sound grenades and flares, while combing the village and its surroundings. At 23:30, the Israeli army withdrew from the area.
JERICHO	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Closure:</u> Road # 90 between the city of Jericho and the village of Al 'Auja is closed with cement blocks. The Israeli army prevents farmers not holding Jericho ID cards from reaching their land, forcing them to apply for access permits. The Israeli army also sporadically impedes civilian movement into the city of Jericho, except for Jerusalem and Jericho ID holders. • <u>Checkpoint:</u> The Israeli army intensified its restrictions at Al Hamra checkpoint on the road connecting the districts of Jericho and Nablus and impeded civilian access. • <u>Flying Checkpoint:</u> At 17:45, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint near the junction to the settlement of Vered Yericho and searched civilians and vehicles, impeding civilian access until 22:00.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Arrests: At 15:00, the Israeli army arrested 3 civilians near the settlement of Elisha': <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Ali Sammour Abu Kharabish; (ii) Saleem Ibrahim Abu Kharabish; and (iii) Mohammed Ibrahim Abu Kharabish. (iv) Israeli troops positioned at Al Karama (Allenby) Bridge arrested Islam Hasan al Waridian, while he was returning from Jordan.
BETHLEHEM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) The Israeli army continues to close the road to the village of An Nu'man in the north-eastern Bethlehem district, isolating the village. The Israeli army considers the civilians' residence in the village illegal because they hold West Bank identity cards while their village is located within the Israeli-defined municipal boundaries of Jerusalem. (ii) The Israeli army continues to close the entrances to the villages of Husan and Nahhalin with cement blocks. • Closure of Main Roads: The Israeli army continues to close all roads to Road # 60 leading to the city of Jerusalem, thereby isolating the city of Bethlehem from its towns and villages located west of Road # 60. • Wall Construction: Wall construction was suspended for the weekend north of 'Ayda refugee camp towards the area north of the city of Beit Jala. • Death: At 11:30, Mahmoud Ali died in the Israeli Hadassah Hospital of injuries sustained on 11 December 2005, after Israeli troops severely beat him at the entrance to the village of An Nu'man. • Raids: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 10:00, an Israeli army patrol raided the city of Beit Sahur and patrolled the area. (ii) At 10:20, and again at 16:25, the Israeli army, including 2 jeeps, raided and patrolled the town of Al 'Ubeidiya. (iii) At 16:35, an Israeli army patrol raided the town of Al Khadr and patrolled the area.
HEBRON	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) The Israeli army continues to close with cement blocks and barbed wire Ash Shuhada' Street and the area of As Sahleh and with an iron gate the old gold market, all in the H2 section of the city of Hebron, denying access to civilians and vehicles. (ii) The Israeli army continues to implement a military order to close civilian commercial shops on both sides of the road connecting the settlement of Kiryat Arba' to the Ibrahimi Mosque in the old city of Hebron from 06 November 2005 until 07 May 2006. Civilian vehicles are prohibited from travelling along the road unless they possess access permits. Only Israeli settler vehicles are allowed unrestricted access on the road. (iii) The Israeli army continues to close with a dirt barricade the area of Khuzq al Far near the settlement of Abraham Avino in the old city of Hebron, in addition to the iron gate that has been set up in the area.

- (iv) At 16:30, the Israeli army imposed a complete closure over the city of Hebron and prevented civilians from entering or exiting the city, allowing access to humanitarian cases only.
- **Closure of Main Roads:**
 - (i) At 14:00, the Israeli army closed the iron gate set up on Al Fawwar junction south of the city of Hebron, denying civilian access in both directions.
 - (ii) At 19:00, the Israeli army closed the overpass to the town of Halhul with cement blocks.
 - (iii) At 07:50, the Israeli army closed the entrances to the town of Idhna and the area of An Nabi Yunis, denying civilian access in both directions.
 - **Wall Construction:** Wall construction was suspended for the weekend west of the town of Surif to Beit Ula, in the town of Idhna, from the village of Deir Samit to the village of Beit 'Awwa, from Beit 'Awwa to the village of Al Burj, and south of the towns of Adh Dhahiriya and As Samoa'.
 - **Flying Checkpoints:**
 - (i) At 13:20, the Israeli army set up 2 flying checkpoints, one at the entrance to the town of Dura and the other in the area of Sinjir, and searched civilians and vehicles.
 - (ii) At 14:10, the Israeli army set up 2 flying checkpoints, one on the overpass to the town of Halhul and the other at the entrance to the area of An Nabi Yunis, and searched civilians and vehicles.
 - (iii) At 17:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint near the settlement of 'Otni'el on the junction to the town of As Samoa' and searched civilians and vehicles.
 - **Raids/Detention:**
 - (i) At 13:20, the Israeli army raided the city of Hebron, set up 4 checkpoints in the southern quarters of the city and in the area of Bab az Zawiya, and searched civilians and vehicles. At 21:40, the Israeli army raided the city again and searched a number of houses.
 - (ii) At 14:20, the Israeli army, including 5 jeeps, raided and patrolled the town of Yatta.
 - (iii) At 17:00, the Israeli army raided the village of Kharsa, set up a checkpoint at its entrance, searched civilians and vehicles, and patrolled the area.
 - (iv) At 23:30, the Israeli army raided the town of Dura, searched 3 houses, and detained 1 civilian for several hours. At 03:00, the Israeli army raided the town again and arrested 1 Palestinian Civil Defence officer.
 - **Arrest:** The Israeli army arrested Ashraf Mustafa ad Darabi', a Palestinian Civil Defence officer, in the town of Dura.
 - **Detentions:**
 - (i) At 17:20, the Israeli army detained approximately 30 civilians on Al Fawwar junction south of the city of Hebron until 19:00.
 - (ii) At 20:00, the Israeli army detained Amani Mohammed Abu Shukheidim, a female civilian, for several hours near the Ibrahimi Mosque in the old city of Hebron, ostensibly for locating a knife in her handbag.

- **Palestinian Attack:** At 13:00, armed Palestinian individuals opened fire towards an Israeli settler vehicle travelling near the settlement of Hagai south of the city of Hebron, killing 1 Israeli settler.

GAZA STRIP

NORTHERN GAZA

- **Closure of Crossing Point:** Beit Hanun (Erez) Crossing is partially open to foreign nationals, VIPs, and humanitarian cases only.
- **Attacks:**
 - At 10:30, the Israeli army fired 2 tank shells from Point 62 on the Green Line towards the area of Abu Safiya southeast of the town of Beit Hanun. At 11:05, the Israeli army fired 1 more shell towards Palestinian territory east of the town of Jabalya.
 - At 12:15, the Israeli army fired 3 tank shells from its location inside the Green Line towards Palestinian territory east of the town of Beit Hanun.
 - At 18:30, the Israeli army fired 1 tank shell from Point 54 on the Green Line towards the area of Abu Safiya southeast of the town of Beit Hanun.
 - At 19:15, the Israeli army fired 5 tank shells from its location inside the Green Line towards the area east of the town of Jabalya.
 - At 19:30, the Israeli army fired 1 tank shell from its location inside the Green Line towards Palestinian territory near Beit Hanun Industrial Zone.
 - At 21:25, the Israeli army fired 6 tank shells from Point 62 on the Green Line towards the area of Al Maqabra (the “cemetery”) east of the town of Jabalya.
 - At 21:35, the Israeli army fired 4 tank shells from its location inside the Green Line towards Palestinian territory north of the town of Beit Lahiya.
 - At 21:35, the Israeli army fired 2 tank shells from Point 34 on the Green Line towards Palestinian territory north of the town of Beit Hanun.
 - At 22:20, the Israeli army fired 2 tank shells from Point 54 on the Green Line towards Palestinian territory east of the town of Beit Hanun.
- **Palestinian Attacks:**
 - At 10:20, 1 unidentified mortar was fired towards the Green Line.
 - At 15:15, 2 unidentified mortars were fired towards the Green Line. 1 mortar exploded on Palestinian territory.
 - At 17:00, 2 unidentified mortars were fired towards the Green Line.
 - At 21:05, 2 unidentified mortars were fired towards the Green Line.
 - At 21:10, 1 unidentified mortar was fired towards the Green Line.
 - At 21:15, 2 unidentified mortars were fired towards the Green Line.
 - At 23:30, 1 unidentified mortar was fired towards the Green Line.

GAZA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Closure of Crossing Points:</u> (i) Al Muntar (Karnei) Crossing is closed. (ii) Nahal 'Oz Crossing is closed.
CENTRAL GAZA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Attack:</u> At 11:30, the Israeli army opened fire from Point 112 on the Green Line towards Palestinian territory east of Al Bureij refugee camp.
KHAN YUNIS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Attacks</u> (i) At 14:45, the Israeli army opened fire from Point 147 on the Green Line towards Palestinian territory west of Kessufim gate northeast of the area of Al Qarara. (ii) At 14:45, the Israeli army opened fire from Point 181 on the Green Line towards Palestinian territory east of the area of Al Qarara. (iii) At 18:40, the Israeli army fired 3 tank shells from Point 185 on the Green Line towards the area of At T'eimat east of the area of Khuza'a.
RAFAH	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Closure of Crossing Points:</u> (i) Yasser Arafat International Airport remains closed. (ii) Rafah Crossing is partially open in both directions from 10:30 to 16:00 to passengers holding Palestinian IDs, humanitarian cases, and Arab and foreign diplomatic missions. (iii) Sufa Crossing is closed.