

## مجموعة الرقابة الفلسطينية



## PALESTINIAN MONITORING GROUP

## DAILY SITUATION REPORT

08:00 17 December 2004 – 08:00 18 December 2004

## SUMMARY OF EVENTS

EVENT	WEST BANK	GAZA STRIP	TOTAL	NOTES
Deaths	—	7	<b>7</b>	Incl. in West Khan Yunis RC
Injuries	2	24	<b>26</b>	Incl. 4 children
Air Attacks	—	3	<b>3</b>	2 from helicopters and 1 from UAV
Attacks	3	10	<b>13</b>	Incl. 6 during raids & 2 from posts
Incursion	—	1	<b>1</b>	Cont. presence in An Namsawi nghb.
Raids	18	1	<b>19</b>	Incl. provocation of civilians
Air Patrols	—	6	<b>6</b>	Incl. helicopters & UAVs over Gaza
Arrests (per person)	20	1	<b>21</b>	Incl. 1 Pal. National Security officer
Detentions	3	1	<b>4</b>	Incl. at checkpoints
Destruction of Property	1	3	<b>4</b>	Incl. 1 blacksmith's workshop
Confiscation of Property	1	—	<b>1</b>	Files from a charity in Beit Kahil
House Occupation	—	1	<b>1</b>	Towers of An Namsawi nghb.
Curfew	1	—	<b>1</b>	Over the village of Talluza
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)	(6)	<b>(Most)</b>	Esp. connecting cities
Closure of Wall Gates	(All)	—	<b>(All)</b>	Permits required to cross
Closure of Crossing Points	1	5	<b>6</b>	Incl. Jericho commercial crossing
Attack on Religious Sites	1	—	<b>1</b>	Beit Kahil mosque raided
School Disruption	—	1	<b>1</b>	5 schools in An Namsawi nghb.
Settlement Activity	—	—	—	Funds to construct bypass road
Settler Violence	1	—	<b>1</b>	3 shops burned in Hebron old city
Provocation of Pal. Forces	1	—	<b>1</b>	Position near 1 Pal. post in Salfit
Palestinian Attacks	—	3	<b>3</b>	Incl. 3 unidentified mortars
Demonstration	1	—	<b>1</b>	In Surif and Al Jab'a
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>54</b>	<b>67</b>	<b>121</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 was suspended for the weekend 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> </ol> </li> <li>• <b>Settlement Activity:</b> The Finance Committee in the Knesset (the Israeli Parliament) approved the allocation of NIS 90 million for the construction of a new settler bypass road between the village of 'Anata and the town of Al 'Eizariya.</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>Wall Construction:</b> Wall construction was suspended for the weekend 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 13:10, the Israeli army raided the town of Beituniya, set up a checkpoint on the junction to the village of 'Ein 'Arik, and searched civilians and vehicles.</li> <li>(ii) At 15:00, the Israeli army raided Al Jalazun refugee camp. Confrontations took place between the Israeli army and civilians, during which the Israeli army injured 2 civilians, including 1 child.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
<b>JENIN</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>Wall Construction:</b> Land levelling for Wall construction was suspended for the weekend in Jalbun towards Al Mutilla, Raba, Al Mughayyir, Bardala and 'Ein al Beida, and towards the Jordan River.</li> <li>• <b>Flying Checkpoints:</b> At 16:00, the Israeli army set up several checkpoints along the roads leading to the city of Jenin, including the Jenin-Nablus, Jenin-Qabatiya, Kafr Dan-Birqin roads and the southern entrance to the city of Jenin, and searched civilians and vehicles until 18:00.</li> </ul>
<b>TULKAREM</b>	<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 18:25, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the junction to the town of 'Attil and searched civilians and vehicles.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b><u>Raids:</u></b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) At 17:25, the Israeli army raided the city of Tulkarem. At 22:55, the Israeli army raided the city again and patrolled the area.</li> <li>(ii) At 22:55, an Israeli army patrol raided Tulkarem refugee camp. At 05:20, the Israeli army raided the refugee camp again, fired sound grenades towards civilian houses, and patrolled the area.</li> <li>(iii) At 00:10, the Israeli army raided the town of 'Illar and patrolled the area.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
QALQILYA	<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> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) 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>(ii) At 11:00, the Israeli army closed the southern entrance to the city of Qalqiliya (Habla tunnel), which is located beneath the Wall.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b><u>Raid:</u></b> At 03:15, the Israeli army raided the city of Qalqiliya, searched a number of houses, and arrested 8 civilians.</li> <li>• <b><u>Arrests:</u></b> The Israeli army arrested 8 civilians in the city of Qalqiliya: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) Khalid 'Aref Nofal;</li> <li>(ii) Ali Mohammed Al Far;</li> <li>(iii) Ala' Mohammed Al Far;</li> <li>(iv) Fadi Walid Jaber;</li> <li>(v) Ahmed Mustafa Al Kharouf;</li> <li>(vi) Ibrahim Mustafa Al Kharouf;</li> <li>(vii) Mohammed Mustafa Al Kharouf; and</li> <li>(viii) Mahmoud Mustafa Al Kahrouf.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
NABLUS	<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>Raid/Curfew:</u></b> The Israeli army raided the village of Talluza again and imposed curfew.</li> <li>• <b><u>Detention:</u></b> At 09:45, Israeli troops positioned at the village of Beit Iba checkpoint detained 1 public transportation vehicle.</li> </ul>
SALFIT	<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> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b><u>Wall Construction:</u></b> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) Land levelling for Wall construction was suspended for the weekend in the village of Deir Ballut along the Green Line.</li> <li>(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.</li> </ol> </li> <li>• <b><u>Raid:</u></b> At 15:30, the Israeli army raided the village of Khirbet Qeis and took position near I Palestinian National Security location. At 21:00, the Israeli army raided the village again and set up a checkpoint in the area between the village and the city of Salfit until 23:50.</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> <li>• <b><u>Closure of Crossing Point:</u></b> Jericho commercial crossing point is closed for the weekend.</li> </ul>
<b>BETHLEHEM</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b><u>Closure:</u></b> <ol 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> </ol> </li> <li>• <b><u>Wall Construction:</u></b> Construction of the Wall was suspended for the weekend 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> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) At 09:40, an Israeli army patrol raided the town of Al Khadr and patrolled the area.</li> <li>(ii) At 18:00, an Israeli army infantry force raided the city of Bethlehem, opened indiscriminate fire, and searched 2 civilian buildings after detaining their residents. At 20:50, the Israeli army raided the city again and patrolled the area until it withdrew at 21:30.</li> <li>(iii) At 23:35, an Israeli army patrol raided the city of Beit Jala and patrolled the area.</li> <li>(iv) At 24:00, an Israeli army patrol raided Al 'Aza refugee camp and patrolled the area.</li> </ol> </li> </ul>

<p style="text-align: center;"><b>HEBRON</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 Construction:</b> Land levelling for Wall construction was suspended for the weekend west of the towns of Surif, Beit Ula, Idhna, and Beit ‘Awwa, in the area extending from the village of Deir Samit, Beit ‘Awwa, and towards the village of Al Burj.</li> <li>• <b>Flying Checkpoint:</b> At 15:00, the Israeli army set up a checkpoint along the main road between the city of Hebron and the town of Dura and searched civilians and vehicles.</li> <li>• <b>Raids/Attack on Religious Site/Destruction and Confiscation of Property:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) The Israeli army raided the town of Beit Kahil and raided the town’s mosque. The Israeli army also raided the Charitable Society after destroying its outer and inner doors, and confiscated its files.</li> <li>(ii) The Israeli army raided the village of Al Burj, searched a number of houses, and arrested 12 civilians.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b>Arrests:</b> The Israeli army arrested 12 civilians in the village of Al Burj: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) Usamah Yasser Al ‘Amayreh;</li> <li>(ii) Mohammed Hussein ‘Awawdeh;</li> <li>(iii) Jihad Yunis ‘Awawdeh;</li> <li>(iv) Yasser Abdul Qader Jaber;</li> <li>(v) Ayman Ibrahmi Al Faqyat;</li> <li>(vi) Ala’ Abdul Fattah Al ‘Amayreh;</li> <li>(vii) Mohammed Mahmoud Tbeish;</li> <li>(viii) Yousef At Talaqimeh;</li> <li>(ix) Raed Hijjeh;</li> <li>(x) Salamed Hassan Al Faqyat.</li> <li>(xi) Salah Al Qiq; and</li> <li>(xii) Ibrahim Hubeish.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b>Settler Violence:</b> A group of extremist Israeli settlers set fire to 3 shops in the old city of Hebron and threw stones at Palestinian Civil Defence vehicles while they were extinguishing fire.</li> <li>• <b>Demonstration:</b> A mass demonstration took place in the town of Surif and the village of Al Jab’a. Civilian protestors performed Friday prayers on a piece of land that is subject to confiscation for construction of the Wall.</li> </ul>
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**GAZA STRIP**

<p style="text-align: center;"><b>NORTHERN GAZA</b></p>	<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>Attacks:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) At 17:50, the Israeli army opened intensive fire from its location in the</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
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	<p>area surrounding the Industrial Zone in Beit Hanun towards civilian houses in Al Qarya Al Badawiya and An Nada towers north of the town of Beit Lahiya.</p> <p>(ii) At 06:55, Israeli army helicopters opened machinegun fire towards Al Qarya Al Badawiya, the area of Al Hawouz, and the area of Al Barakah in the town of Beit Lahiya.</p> <p>(iii) At 07:40, Israeli army helicopters opened machinegun fire towards Palestinian territory east of the town of Beit Hanun.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b><u>Palestinian Attacks:</u></b></li> <li>(i) At 21:00, 2 unidentified mortars were fired towards the Green Line.</li> <li>(ii) At 21:10, 1 unidentified mortar was fired towards Beit Hanun (Erez) Crossing.</li> </ul>
<b>GAZA</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b><u>Closure:</u></b></li> <li>(i) Nitsareem junction remains closed.</li> <li>(ii) Al Muntar (Karni) Crossing is closed.</li> <li>• <b><u>Air Attacks:</u></b></li> <li>(i) At 22:55, Israeli army helicopters fired a number of missiles towards 1 house in An Nassr Street in Gaza city, causing damage to the house.</li> <li>(ii) At 23:05, Israeli army helicopters fired a number of missiles towards 1 blacksmith's workshop in the centre of Gaza city, completely destroying the workshop.</li> <li>• <b><u>Palestinian Attack:</u></b> At 02:05, 2 mortars were fired towards the settlement of Nitsareem.</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></li> <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 only to pedestrian female civilians, children, and civilians above the age of 50.</li> <li>(iv) Abu Holi road is closed.</li> <li>• <b><u>Incursion:</u></b> Beginning at 00:05 on 17 December 2004, the Israeli army remains positioned in An Namsawi neighbourhood and West Khan Yunis refugee camp. Israeli army helicopters opened intensive fire, tanks fired shells, and UAVs fired missiles, killing 7 civilians and injuring 24 others (including 2 in critical condition), 8 children, 1 female civilian, and 1 ambulance driver. The Israeli army continued to occupy the towers of An Namsawi neighbourhood after forcing their residents to evacuate them, and converted them into military posts. The Israeli army also caused disruption of classes in 5 schools serving 4,076 students in An Namsawi neighbourhood. The Israeli army remains positioned in the area as of</li> </ul>

	<p>08:00 this morning.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b><u>Raid:</u></b> At 20:15, the Israeli army raided the area of Abu Al ‘Ajin in Al Qarara, searched 1 house, and arrested 1 Palestinian National Security officer.</li> <li>• <b><u>Killings:</u></b> The Israeli army killed 7 civilians in West Khan Yunis refugee camp and An Namsawi neighbourhood: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) Shadi Al Haddad;</li> <li>(ii) Jihad Abu Omar;</li> <li>(iii) ‘Izz Ad Din Hamdan;</li> <li>(iv) Ahmed Abu Ramadan;</li> <li>(v) Islam An Nabris;</li> <li>(vi) Khalid Abu ‘Ubeid; and</li> <li>(vii) Hamed Ar Rantissi.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b><u>Arrest:</u></b> The Israeli army arrested Zeidan Abu ‘Uweili in the area of Abu Al ‘Ajin in Al Qarara.</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>Destruction of Property:</u></b> At 23:15, the Israeli army demolished 13 shops during/due to its destruction of a tunnel (using explosives) near Salah Ad Din gate.</li> </ul>

**GENERAL**

<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 invalidated all the permits, which it had issued to 2,375 construction workers to remain overnight inside the Green Line.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
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