

## مجموعة الرقابة الفلسطينية



## PALESTINIAN MONITORING GROUP

## DAILY SITUATION REPORT

08:00 18 December 2004 – 08:00 19 December 2004

## SUMMARY OF EVENTS

EVENT	WEST BANK	GAZA STRIP	TOTAL	NOTES
Deaths	—	2	<b>2</b>	Incl. in West Khan Yunis RC
Injuries	6	16	<b>22</b>	Incl. 8 children and 1 female civilian
Air Attack	—	1	<b>1</b>	From UAVs in Khan Yunis
Attacks	5	4	<b>9</b>	Incl. 1 during raids & 3 from posts
Incursion	—	1	<b>1</b>	Withdrawal from Namsawi nghd.
Raids	16	—	<b>16</b>	Incl. provocation of civilians
Air Patrols	—	2	<b>2</b>	Over Khan Yunis
Arrests (per person)	9	—	<b>9</b>	Incl. 2 children and 1 officer
Detention	1	—	<b>1</b>	Civilians denied access to their land
Wall Construction	19	—	<b>19</b>	Jer., Jenin, Ramallah, Beth., Hebron
Destruction of Property	(1)	(Unlimited)	—	Incl. 1 house door
House Occupations	(1)	(Several houses)	—	Incl. 1 house east of the town of Yatta
Curfew	1	—	<b>1</b>	Over 'Asira Ash Shamaliya
Checkpoints	All	—	<b>All</b>	
Flying Checkpoints	15	—	<b>15</b>	Impeding civilian movement
Closure (per District)	4	—	<b>4</b>	Incl. the total closure of Tulkarem
Closure of Main Roads	(Unidentified)	(6)	—	Incl. 2 partially in Gaza districts
Closure of Wall Gates	(All)	—	<b>(All)</b>	Permits required to cross
Closure of Crossing Points	—	4	<b>4</b>	Incl. 1 partially open
School Disruption	—	1	<b>1</b>	In Namsawi nghd. & Khan Yunis RC
Settler Violence	3	—	<b>3</b>	Incl. 1 settlement outpost constructed
Provocation of Pal. Forces	1	—	<b>1</b>	Position near 1 Pal. security post
Palestinian Attacks	—	12	<b>12</b>	Incl. 12 mortars towards Green Line
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>80</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>123</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). The Israeli army prevents civilians from entering the Green Line.</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 intensified its measures.</li> <li>• <b>Wall Gates:</b> The Israeli army intensified its 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 resumed 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>Military Checkpoints:</b> The Israeli army intensified its measures at the checkpoints set up around the city of Jerusalem, particularly at An Nabi Samwil and Qalandiya checkpoints, which control civilian movement between the Jerusalem and Ramallah districts.</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 continues to close the entrance to the village of Al Mughayyir with dirt barricades.</li> <li>• <b>Wall Construction:</b> Wall construction was resumed in Budrus, Midya, Ni'lin, Deir Qaddis, Bil'in, Beit Liqya, and Beituniya.</li> <li>• <b>Flying Checkpoint:</b> The Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint in the area of 'Uyoun Al Haramiya along the Ramallah-Nablus road.</li> <li>• <b>Raid:</b> At 20:00, an Israeli army patrol raided the town of Beit Rima and the villages of Kafr 'Ein and Deir Ghassana and patrolled the area.</li> </ul>

<p style="text-align: center;"><b>JENIN</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Closure:</b> The Israeli army closed the 2 eastern entrances to the city of Jenin in the areas of As Suweitat and ‘Aba.</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 resumed in Jalbun towards Al Mutilla, Raba, Al Mughayyir, Bardala and ‘Ein al Beida, and towards the Jordan River.</li> <li>• <b>Permanent Checkpoints:</b> The Israeli army intensified its measures at the checkpoints set up east of the Jenin district (in the area of Tubas), which control civilian movement between the district, the area of the Jordan Valley, and Jericho.</li> <li>• <b>Settler Violence:</b> Israeli settlers attempted to confiscate civilian land in the area of Al Malih in the northern Jordan Valley.</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 closed all entrances to the city of Tulkarem, including Al Kafriyyat checkpoint, and prevented civilian movement and public buses 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 Checkpoint:</b> The Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the entrance to Dahiyat Dhinnaba, searched civilian vehicles, and obstructed traffic.</li> <li>• <b>Raids:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) At 15:40, the Israeli army raided the city of Tulkarem, set up a number of checkpoints in several neighbourhoods, and patrolled the area until it withdrew at 04:00.</li> <li>(ii) At 03:00, the Israeli army raided Tulkarem refugee camp, opened fire, fired sound grenades, and patrolled the area until it withdrew at 04:00.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>QALQILYA</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Checkpoints:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) The eastern entrance to the city of Qalqiliya is open to pedestrians only. The Israeli army also set up a checkpoint at the eastern entrance to the city of Qalqiliya and searched civilians.</li> <li>(ii) The southern entrance to the city of Qalqiliya (Habla tunnel), which is located beneath the Wall, is completely closed.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

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<b>NABLUS</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Military Checkpoints:</b> The Israeli army intensified its measures at Za'tara checkpoint, which controls civilian movement between the districts in the north and centre of the West Bank.</li> <li>• <b>Raids/Curfew:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) At 19:00, the Israeli army raided the town of 'Asira Ash Shamaliya and imposed curfew. The Israeli army remains positioned in the area as of 08:00 this morning.</li> <li>(ii) At 21:00, the Israeli army raided the city of Nablus, set up a number of checkpoints in several neighbourhoods, patrolled the area, and arrested 1 child.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b>Arrests:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) The Israeli army arrested Hilal Ziyadeh, 15 years old, in the city of Nablus.</li> </ul> <p>Israeli troops positioned at Shavei Shomron checkpoint arrested 2 civilians from the village of Burqa:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(ii) Tareq Daghlas; and</li> <li>(iii) Mustafa Amin, a university student.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
<b>SALFIT</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Flying Checkpoints:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) The Israeli army set up several checkpoints along the Trans-Samaria Highway, searched civilian vehicles, and obstructed traffic.</li> <li>(ii) The Israeli army set up a checkpoint at the entrance to the village of Jamma'in, searched civilians, and examined their IDs.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b>Wall Construction:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) Land levelling for Wall construction was resumed 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> </ul> </li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Raid:</b> At 12:15, an Israeli army patrol raided the town of Deir Istiya and patrolled the area until 13:00.</li> </ul>
<b>JERICHO</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Closure:</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>Closure:</b> 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> <li>• <b>Wall Construction:</b> Construction of the Wall was resumed 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>Flying Checkpoints:</b> The Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint east of the city of Beit Sahur along Wadi An Nar road, which connects the district of Bethlehem to Jerusalem, Jericho, and Ramallah districts.</li> <li>• <b>Raids:</b> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) At 12:15, an Israeli army patrol raided the town of Al Khadr. At 19:30, the Israeli army raided the town again and patrolled the area.</li> <li>(ii) At 13:20, an Israeli army patrol raided the village of Dar Salah, set up a checkpoint, and searched civilians and vehicles.</li> <li>(iii) At 14:00, an Israeli army patrol raided the city of Beit Sahur and took position in front of a Palestinian National Security location.</li> <li>(iv) At 20:15, an Israeli army patrol raided the city of Beit Jala and patrolled the area.</li> <li>(v) The Israeli army raided 1 house in the neighbourhood of Karkafa in the city of Bethlehem, abducted 9-year-old Jamal Zawahreh, and took him to Gilo (the tunnel) checkpoint, where he was interrogated and intimidated. Hours later, Zawahreh returned home on foot in a bad physical and psychological condition.</li> <li>(vi) The Israeli army raided the village of Husan and searched 1 house after evacuating its residents during the night and in the cold.</li> </ol> </li> </ul>
<b>HEBRON</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Closure:</b> The Israeli army continues to prevent civilians from the towns of As Samoa' and Yatta from ploughing their land, which is located close to Israeli settlements.</li> <li>• <b>Wall Construction:</b> Land levelling for Wall construction was resumed west of the towns of Surif, Beit Ula, Idhna, and Beit 'Awwa, in the area</li> </ul>

	<p>extending from the village of Deir Samit, Beit 'Awwa, and towards the village of Al Burj.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Attack:</b> At 23:00, the Israeli army opened indiscriminate fire from its locations on the hill overlooking the junction of Zif.</li> <li>• <b>Raids:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) At 02:00, the Israeli army raided the town of Yatta, searched a number of houses, and confiscated a 2-storey house east of the town. The Israeli army detained the residents of the house in 1 room and erected a permanent surveillance point on the rooftop of the house.</li> <li>(ii) The Israeli army intensified its presence in the western area of the town of Beit Ula.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b>Detention:</b> The Israeli army detained civilians and prevented them from entering their land, which is located close to the Wall.</li> <li>• <b>Settler Violence:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) Israeli settlers from the settlement of Kiryat Arba' threw stones at civilians in the neighbourhood of Wadi An Nasara, near the settlement, injuring 3 civilians.</li> <li>(ii) Under the protection of the Israeli army, dozens of Israeli settlers from the settlement of Kiryat Arba' began construction of a settlement outpost on land belonging to Mohammed Jaber. When civilians attempted to confront settlers, the Israeli army assaulted them and injured 3 civilians.</li> </ul> </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 16:50, the Israeli army opened intensive fire from its location in the area surrounding the Industrial Zone of Beit Hanun towards neighbouring Palestinian territory.</li> <li>(ii) At 06:30, Israeli army helicopters opened machinegun fire towards Al Qarya Al Badawiya, the area of Al Hawouz, and the area of Al Birak in the town of Beit Lahiya.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b>Palestinian Attacks:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) At 09:00, 2 unidentified mortars were fired towards the Green Line, one of which exploded while it was being fired.</li> <li>(ii) At 09:00, 2 unidentified mortars were fired towards Israeli settlements.</li> <li>(iii) At 09:00, 2 unidentified mortars were fired (targets unidentified).</li> <li>(iv) At 09:35, 1 unidentified mortar was fired towards the Green Line.</li> <li>(v) At 17:00, 2 unidentified mortars were fired towards Beit Hanun Crossing.</li> <li>(vi) At 17:00, 4 unidentified mortars were fired towards the Green Line.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
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	<p>(vii) At 17:00, 2 unidentified mortars were fired towards the settlement of Dugit.</p> <p>(viii) At 07:45, 3 unidentified mortars were fired towards the city of Sadirot inside the Green Line.</p>
<b>GAZA</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Closure:</b> Nitsareem junction remains closed.</li> </ul>
<b>CENTRAL GAZA</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Palestinian Attacks:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) At 20:55, 2 unidentified mortars were fired towards the Green Line.</li> <li>(ii) At 23:25, 1 mortar was fired towards the settlement of Kfar Darom.</li> </ul> </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 only to pedestrian female civilians, children, and civilians above the age of 50.</li> <li>(iv) Abu Holi road is closed.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b>Incursion:</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 2 civilians and injuring 16 others, including 5 children and 1 female civilian. 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 the disruption of classes in 5 schools serving 4,076 students in An Namsawi neighbourhood. At 22:55, the Israeli army withdrew from the area.</li> <li>• <b>Killings:</b> The Israeli army killed 2 civilians in West Khan Yunis refugee camp and An Namsawi neighbourhood: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) Mahmoud Bureikh; and</li> <li>(ii) Ibrahim Al Farra.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b>Palestinian Attacks:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) At 20:40, 1 Qassam mortar was fired towards the settlement of Neve Dekalim.</li> <li>(ii) At 21:30, 1 Qassam mortar was fired towards the settlement of Gadid.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
<b>RAFAH</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Closure:</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> </ul>

- **Attack:** At 18:30, the Israeli army opened fire from the border line towards civilian houses in Al Barazil neighbourhood in Rafah refugee camp.

## GENERAL

<p><b>POLITICAL PRISONERS</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Israeli Measures Against Political Prisoners:</b> Israeli Prisons Service began isolating political prisoners from Jerusalem in Ar Ramlah Prison. Earlier, the Israeli Prisons Service at Jalboa' Prison had isolated prisoners from areas inside the Green Line.</li> <li>• <b>Medical Negligence:</b> The Palestinian Prisoners' Club announced that a number of political prisoners in Shattah Prison suffer from health problems and complain that the prison administration does not offer the necessary medical treatment to the ill prisoners. Ala' Kojak, a political prisoner from Balata refugee camp who suffers from a bullet wound in the chest, a paralysed left arm, and a liver infection is in urgent need of a surgical operation.</li> <li>• <b>Child Prisoners:</b> Out of 30 political prisoners held in Etzion Detention Centre, 14 child prisoners are subjected to frequent assaults. All prisoners in the detention centre are in need of clothes during the cold winter season and complain of poor food quality, which includes carbohydrates only.</li> </ul>
<p><b>WORK PERMITS</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>West Bank:</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>Gaza Strip:</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>