

## مجموعة الرقابة الفلسطينية



## PALESTINIAN MONITORING GROUP

## DAILY SITUATION REPORT

08:00 19 December 2004 – 08:00 20 December 2004

## SUMMARY OF EVENTS

EVENT	WEST BANK	GAZA STRIP	TOTAL	NOTES
Physical Assault	1	—	<b>1</b>	1 civilian severely beaten
Injuries	6	5	<b>11</b>	Incl. 4 children and 1 elderly civilian
Air Attacks	—	2	<b>2</b>	Missiles from UAVs
Attacks	11	6	<b>17</b>	Incl. 5 during raids & 6 from posts
Raids	26	1	<b>27</b>	Incl. provocation of civilians
Air Patrols	2	3	<b>5</b>	Incl. 2 UAVs over Beit Hanun
Arrests (per person)	9	3	<b>12</b>	Incl. in Jerusalem and Hebron
Detentions	7	5	<b>12</b>	Incl. in residential compounds
House Demolitions	2	—	<b>2</b>	2 houses demolished in Arraba
Wall Construction	19	—	<b>19</b>	Jer., Jenin, Ramallah, Beth., Hebron
Curfew	1	—	<b>1</b>	Over 'Askar refugee camp
Military Checkpoints	11	—	<b>11</b>	Ramallah, Tulkarem, and Salfit
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>	Beituniya Boys School surrounded
Provocation of Pal. Forces	1	—	<b>1</b>	Open fire towards 1 Pal. security post
Palestinian Attacks	—	3	<b>3</b>	Incl. 3 unidentified mortars
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>101</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>133</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 at the checkpoints set up at the entrances to the city of Jerusalem and dispatched patrols in order to prevent civilians from other districts from entering the city.</li> <li>• <b>Wall Gates:</b> The Israeli army closed the Wall gate in the town of Abu Dis with cement blocks, completely preventing civilians from crossing.</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> <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> <li>• <b>Raid:</b> The Israeli army raided At Tur neighbourhood in the city of Jerusalem, searched a number of houses, and arrested 3 civilians.</li> <li>• <b>Arrests:</b> The Israeli army arrested 3 unidentified civilians in At Tur neighbourhood in the city of Jerusalem.</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 continues in Budrus, Midya, Ni'lin, Deir Qaddis, Bil'in, Beit Liqya, and Beituniya.</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b><u>Flying Checkpoints:</u></b> The Israeli army set up flying checkpoints at the entrances to the villages of ‘Atara, ‘Abud, and Deir Abu Mash’al, halted civilian vehicles, and examined civilians’ IDs.</li> <li>• <b><u>Raids/School Disruption:</u></b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) At 10:00, an Israeli army patrol raided the city of Ramallah. At 15:15, the Israeli army raided the city again and took photographs of a number of vehicles in At Tira neighbourhood.</li> <li>(ii) At 11:50, an Israeli army patrol raided the city of El Bireh and patrolled the area.</li> <li>(iii) At 12:00, an Israeli army patrol raided the town of Beituniya, surrounded Beituniya Boys School, and opened fire towards the students, injuring 1 student. At 08:00, the Israeli army raided the town again. Confrontations took place between the Israeli army and students.</li> <li>(iv) At 19:40, an Israeli army patrol raided the village of Kafr ‘Ein and patrolled the area.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
<b>JENIN</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b><u>Closure:</u></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><u>Wall Gates:</u></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><u>Wall Construction:</u></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><u>Military Checkpoints:</u></b> The Israeli army intensified its measures at the checkpoints set up east of the Jenin district (in the area of Tubas) and prevented farmers from crossing Tayasir checkpoint, denying them access to their land.</li> <li>• <b><u>Raid:</u></b> At 03:00, the Israeli army, including 20 jeeps, raided the town of ‘Arraba, forced the residents of 2 houses belonging to families of political prisoners to evacuate their houses, and demolished them (using explosives). At 04:00, the Israeli army withdrew from the area.</li> <li>• <b><u>House Demolitions:</u></b> The Israeli army demolished 2 houses in the town of ‘Arraba belonging to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) Bassam Abu ‘Ubied; and</li> <li>(ii) Fat’hi Thib ‘Ayyush.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
<b>TULKAREM</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b><u>Closure:</u></b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) The Israeli army closed all entrances to the city of Tulkarem, including Al Kafriyyat checkpoint, which is set up at its southern entrance, and prevented civilian movement and public buses from crossing.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

	<p>(ii) The Israeli army closed 'Einav gate between the districts of Tulkarem and Nablus.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <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> <p>(i) At 13:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to the town of Qaffin, searched civilian vehicles, and obstructed traffic.</p> <p>(ii) At 19:30, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint in the area between the towns of Baqa Ash Sharqiya and Qaffin, searched civilian vehicles, and impeded civilian movement.</p> </li> <li>• <b>Raids:</b> <p>(i) At 12:00, an Israeli army patrol raided Tulkarem refugee camp. Confrontations took place between the Israeli army and civilians, during which the Israeli army injured 3 children.</p> <p>(ii) At 17:20, the Israeli army, including 2 tanks, raided the city of Tulkarem and fired sound grenades towards civilian houses in Tulkarem refugee camp while it was patrolling the city's main road. At 20:20, the Israeli army raided the city again, set up a checkpoint, and searched civilians and vehicles. At 21:10, the Israeli army raided the city again and patrolled the area.</p> <p>(iii) At 19:10, an Israeli army patrol raided the village of Izbat Al Jarad and patrolled the area.</p> <p>(iv) The Israeli army raided the town of 'Illar, opened fire, fired sound grenades, and set up a checkpoint at the entrance to the town.</p> </li> <li>• <b>Air Patrol:</b> At 20:10, Israeli army helicopters patrolled the skies over the city of Tulkarem.</li> </ul>
QALQILYA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <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>Raid:</b> The Israeli army, accompanied by 1 bulldozer, raided the town of Jayyus. Confrontations took place between the Israeli army and civilians. The Israeli army also detained 2 children for several hours.</li> <li>• <b>Arrest:</b> On 18 December 2004, the Israeli army arrested Yasser Dawoud Abu Ali during its raid on the city of Qalqiliya.</li> </ul>
NABLUS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Raids/Curfew:</b> <p>(i) At 23:00, the Israeli army raided the city of Nablus and 'Ein Beit El Ma' refugee camp, opened indiscriminate fire, injuring 1 civilian, and patrolled the area.</p> </li> </ul>

	<p>(ii) The Israeli army raided ‘Askar refugee camp, opened indiscriminate fire, imposed curfew, and searched a number of houses after detaining their residents outside in the severe cold.</p>
<b>SALFIT</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b><u>Flying Checkpoints:</u></b> The Israeli army set up several flying checkpoints along the Trans-Samaria Highway, searched civilian vehicles, and obstructed traffic.</li> <li>• <b><u>Wall Construction:</u></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, 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> <li>• <b><u>Raid:</u></b> At 15:45, the Israeli army raided the city of Salfit and patrolled the area.</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> 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><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>Physical Assault:</u></b> At 21:45, Israeli troops positioned at a checkpoint set up along road # 60, which is parallel to the city of Beit Jala, severely beat and injured 1 civilian, after which he was transported to Hadassah Hospital.</li> <li>• <b><u>Raids:</u></b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) At 19:00, an Israeli army patrol raided the city of Bethlehem and ‘Ayda refugee camp. Confrontations took place between the Israeli army and civilians in ‘Ayda refugee camp. At 19:30, the Israeli army withdrew from the area.</li> <li>(ii) At 19:00, an Israeli army patrol raided the town of Al Khadr. At 21:30, the Israeli army raided the town again and patrolled the area.</li> <li>(iii) At 01:50, an Israeli army patrol raided the town of Al ‘Ubeidiya and patrolled the area until 02:30.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

	<p>(iv) The Israeli army raided the town of Tuqu'. Confrontations took place between the Israeli army and school students.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Air Patrol:</b> At 00:15, Israeli army helicopters patrolled the skies over the town of Al Khadr and the area of Al 'Ubayyat.</li> <li>• <b>Arrests:</b> At 21:45, the Israeli army arrested 3 unidentified civilians from the village of Al Jib along road # 60, which is parallel to the city of Beit Jala.</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 continues 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>Military Checkpoints:</b> The Israeli army intensified its measures at the checkpoints set up at the entrances to the city of Hebron and increased its patrols along the main roads and settler bypass roads.</li> <li>• <b>Raids:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) At 20:00, the Israeli army raided the town of Halhul. Confrontations took place between the Israeli army and civilians, during which the Israeli army injured 1 child.</li> <li>(ii) The Israeli army raided the village of Al Burj and arrested 2 civilians.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b>Arrests:</b> The Israeli army arrested 2 civilians in the village of Al Burj: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) Ghanem Al Qiq; and</li> <li>(ii) Yousef Mohammed Al Faqih.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

**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>Air Attacks:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) At 11:30, an Israeli army UAV fired 2 missiles towards the area north of Sheikh Zayed city in the town of Beit Lahiya.</li> <li>(ii) At 16:10, an Israeli army UAV fired 1 missile towards the area of Al Burah in the town of Beit Hanun.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b>Palestinian Attack:</b> At 09:00, 1 unidentified mortar was fired towards the Green Line.</li> </ul>
<b>GAZA</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Closure:</b> Nitsareem junction remains closed.</li> </ul>

<p style="text-align: center;"><b>CENTRAL GAZA</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b><u>Palestinian Attacks:</u></b></li> <li>(i) At 20:40, 2 unidentified mortars were fired towards the Green Line.</li> <li>(ii) At 07:30, 2 mortars were fired towards the settlement of Kfar Darom.</li> </ul>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>KHAN YUNIS</b></p>	<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.</li> <li>(iv) Abu Holi road is closed. At 10:00, the Israeli army closed Salah Ad Din road between Abu Holi and Al Matahin checkpoints. The Israeli army closed the road on 3 other occasions and arrested 3 civilians.</li> <li>• <b><u>Attack:</u></b> At 10:55, the Israeli army opened intensive fire towards civilian houses in An Namsawi neighbourhood, injuring 1 civilian.</li> <li>• <b><u>Raid:</u></b> At 19:00, the Israeli army raided the area of Al Qarara and searched 1 house after detaining its residents.</li> <li>• <b><u>Air Patrol:</u></b> At 24:00, Israeli army helicopters patrolled the skies over the area of Al Qarara and An Namsawi neighbourhood and dropped fliers inciting civilians against Palestinian individuals engaged in armed resistance against Israeli occupation.</li> <li>• <b><u>Arrests:</u></b> Israeli troops positioned at Abu Holi checkpoint arrested 3 civilians: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) Maher Ibrahim;</li> <li>(ii) Raed Baroud; and</li> <li>(iii) Wisam Baroud.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>RAFAH</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b><u>Closure:</u></b></li> <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> <li>• <b><u>Attacks:</u></b></li> <li>(i) At 10:00, the Israeli army opened intensive fire towards civilian houses in the area surrounding Salah Ad Din gate and Al Barazil neighbourhood in Rafah refugee camp, injuring 3 civilians, including a 60-year-old civilian.</li> <li>(ii) At 23:45, the Israeli army opened intensive fire towards 1 Palestinian National Security location near Sufa Crossing.</li> <li>(iii) At 08:00, the Israeli army opened intensive fire and fired a number of tank shells from its location at Point 5 on the Egyptian border towards As Salaam neighbourhood in Rafah refugee camp, injuring 1 civilian.</li> </ul>

**GENERAL**

<b>POLITICAL PRISONERS</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b><u>Israeli Measures Against Political Prisoners:</u></b> Following his visit to Huwwara Detention Centre, in which 60 political prisoners are held, the advocate of the Palestinian Prisoners' Club confirmed that the prisoners are subjected to harsh and difficult detention conditions. Political prisoners lack basic living standards and suffer from severe cold due to shortage in blankets and heaters. The administration of the detention centre does not offer the necessary medical treatment to the ill prisoners and postpones the transfer of prisoners to Israeli central prisons.</li> </ul>
<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>