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PALESTINIAN MONITORING GROUP

DAILY SITUATION REPORT
08:00 19 December 2005 – 08:00 20 December 2005

SUMMARY OF EVENTS

EVENT	WEST BANK	GAZA STRIP	TOTAL	NOTES
Injuries	4	1	**5**	Incl. 1 civilian in critical condition
Air Attacks	—	7	**7**	Missiles by F16 combat aircrafts
Attacks	9	6	**15**	Incl. 4 in raids & 7 from mil. posts
Raids	31	2	**33**	Incl. 10 in Ramallah & 2 in K. Yunis
Air Patrols	—	7	**7**	F16 combat aircrafts over N. Gaza
Arrests	17	—	**17**	Incl. 2 children & 1 security officer
Detentions	15	—	**15**	At checkpoints & in residential areas
Wall Construction	28	—	**28**	Incl. Jer., Raml'h., Qalq., Salfit, Beth.
Destruction of Property	1	—	**1**	Window glass of 1 house broken
House Occupations	2	—	**2**	Converted into mil. posts in Nablus
Checkpoint	1	—	**1**	Qalandiya checkpoint partially closed
Flying Checkpoints	13	—	**13**	Incl. 3 in Salfit & 3 in Jericho
Closure (per District)	10	—	**10**	Incl. the city of Hebron
Closure of Main Roads	22	—	**22**	Incl. entrance to the town of Idhna
Closure of Wall Gates	(All)	—	**(All)**	Incl. searches at 'Azzun 'Atma gate
Closure of Crossing Points	—	3	**3**	Incl. Beit Hanun Crossing partially
Medical Obstruction	—	1	**1**	Balsam Hospital shelled, N. Gaza
Settlement Activity	**	—	—	Tenders to construct housing units
Settler Violence	1	—	**1**	1 elderly civilian severely beaten
Provocation of Pal. Forces	—	1	**1**	Vicinity of 1 Pal. security post shelled
Palestinian Attacks	1	3	**4**	Incl. 7 unidentified mortars fired
Pal. Security Measure	1	—	**1**	Jewish worshippers protected, Jericho
TOTAL	**156**	**31**	**187**	

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JERUSALEM	• **Closure:** The Israeli army continues to intensify its restrictions at checkpoints located at the entrances to the city of Jerusalem and has set up checkpoints in the old city of Jerusalem and around Al Aqsa Mosque compound. • **Checkpoints:** (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 continues 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. • **Raid:** The Israeli army raided the village of 'Anata, searched a number of houses, and interrogated a number of civilians. • **Arrests:** At 09:00, the Israeli army arrested 2 unidentified civilians near the settlement of Har Homa, claiming that they were in possession of an explosive device and knives.
RAMALLAH & EL BIREH	• **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 continues 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:** (i) At 16:20, the Israeli army raided the village of Beit Liqya. Confrontations took place between the Israeli army and civilians, during which the Israeli army injured 1 civilian. (ii) At 21:40, and again at 03:30, an Israeli army patrol raided the town of Deir Ghassana and the village of Kafr 'Ein and patrolled the area until 04:20. (iii) At 23:30, and again at 00:20, an Israeli army patrol raided the cities of Ramallah and El Bireh and patrolled the area. (iv) The Israeli army raided the village of Qibya, arrested 6 civilians, and served summons to a number of civilians to report to the Israeli Intelligence Service.

	• **Arrests:** The Israeli army arrested 6 civilians in the village of Qibya: (i) Shadi Nassar; (ii) Majed al Houli; (iii) Rawhi Mahmoud; (iv) Idrees Saleh; (v) Omar Saleh; and (vi) Baher Nasser.
JENIN	• **Checkpoint:** The Israeli army continues to intensify its restrictions at Tayasir checkpoint east of the town of Tubas and to impede civilian access. • **Wall Gates:** Passage through the Wall gates is restricted to civilians granted special Israeli permits. • **Raids:** (i) At 05:00 on 19 December 2005, the Israeli army raided the Al Buqie'a plain near the town of Tammun and arrested 2 civilians. (ii) At 02:00, the Israeli army, including 6 jeeps, raided the town of Qabatiya, searched 1 house, and arrested 1 child. • **Arrests:** The Israeli army arrested 2 civilians in Al Buqei'a plain: (i) Ra'fat Mahmoud Bani 'Odeh; and (ii) Khader Thyab Bani Odeh. (iii) The Israeli army arrested Mohammed Barjas Kmeil, 17 years old, in the town of Qabatiya.
TULKAREM	• **Closure:** The Israeli army continues 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. • **Closure of Main Roads:** (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. • **Checkpoints:** (i) At 08:00, the Israeli army intensified its restrictions at the checkpoint set up near the settlement of 'Einav on the road connecting the districts of Tulkarem and Nablus and impeded civilian access. (ii) At 15:30, the Israeli army intensified its restrictions at Jubara checkpoint south of the city of Tulkarem and impeded civilian access in both directions. • **Wall Gates:** Passage through the Wall gates is restricted to civilians granted special Israeli permits. • **Raids:** (i) At 13:40, an Israeli army patrol raided the town of Bal'a. Confrontations took place between the Israeli army and civilians.

	(ii) At 13:45, an Israeli army patrol raided the city of Tulkarem, set up a checkpoint in front of Al Quds Open University, and searched civilians and vehicles until 13:55.
QALQILIYA	• **Wall Gates:** (i) Passage through the Wall gates is restricted to civilians granted special Israeli permits. (ii) The Israeli army continues to intensify its restrictions at 'Azzun 'Atma Wall gate and to search civilians, including students, with a metal detector. • **Wall Construction:** Land levelling for Wall construction continues in the village of Immatin and east of the towns of Kafr Thulth and 'Azzun. • **Flying Checkpoint:** At 23:20, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the eastern entrance to the city of Qalqiliya and searched civilians and vehicles. • **Raid:** At 14:00, the Israeli army raided the town of 'Azzun. Confrontations took place between the Israeli army and civilians. The Israeli army also searched a number of houses and withdrew at 14:30. • **Settlement Activity:** Israeli authorities invited tenders to construct 20 housing units in the settlement of Karnei Shomron.
NABLUS	• **Closure of Main Roads:** (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. (ii) The Israeli army continues to close the road connecting the city of Nablus and the town of 'Asira ash Shamaliya. (iii) The Israeli army continues to close the entrance to the village of Majdal Bani Fadil with dirt barricades. • **Checkpoints:** 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. • **Raids/House Occupations:** (i) At 23:15, the Israeli army raided the area between the town of 'Asira ash Shamaliya and the village of Talluza. An armed confrontation took place between the Israeli army and armed Palestinian individuals. The Israeli army withdrew from the area at a later time. (ii) At 00:55, the Israeli army raided the city of Nablus, occupied 2 buildings overlooking Balata refugee camp, and converted them into military posts. The Israeli army also opened indiscriminate fire towards civilian houses in Balata refugee camp, injuring 1 civilian. An armed

	confrontation took place between the Israeli army and armed Palestinian individuals in the old city of Nablus, during which the Israeli army critically injured Raed ar Ratrout. At 05:45, the Israeli army withdrew from the area. • **Arrest:** 2 civilians were incorrectly reported yesterday to have been arrested by the Israeli army during its raid on Balata refugee camp. The Israeli army arrested 'Azzam Fakhri Hasan Abu al 'Adas only. • **Detention:** At 15:00, the Israeli army detained 3 civilians while they were working in a plant nursery, located near Ramin plain west of the city of Nablus, until 00:50. • **Palestinian Attack:** At 21:30, armed Palestinian individuals opened fire from the outskirts of Balata refugee camp towards the Israeli army on At Tur Mountain. The Israeli army responded by opening intensive fire indiscriminately towards Balata refugee camp.
SALFIT	• **Closure of Main Roads:** (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 *Intifada* (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. • **Checkpoints:** (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. • **Wall Construction:** Wall construction continues 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. • **Flying Checkpoints:** (i) At 09:30, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to the town of Kafr ad Dik, searched civilian vehicles, and impeded civilian access. (ii) At 20:15, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the settler bypass road leading to the settlement of Pdu'el near the town of Kafr ad Dik and denied access to civilian vehicles in both directions. Israeli troops also combed the area, fired sound grenades and flares, and withdrew at 22:20. • **Raid:** At 08:00, the Israeli army, including 2 jeeps, raided the city of Salfit and the village of Farkha, set up a checkpoint at the entrance to the village of Farkha, and searched civilians and vehicles. The Israeli army also patrolled the area until 11:40. • **Settlement Activity:** Israeli authorities invited tenders to construct 117 housing units in the settlement of Ari'el.

JERICHO	• **Closure:** 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. • **Checkpoints:** (i) The Israeli army continues to intensify its restrictions at Al Hamra checkpoint on the road connecting the districts of Jericho and Nablus and to impede civilian access. (ii) At 13:15, the Israeli army intensified its restrictions at the DCO checkpoint set up at the southern entrance to the city of Jericho, impeding civilian access in both directions. Israeli troops positioned at the checkpoint also arrested 1 Palestinian Police officer. • **Flying Checkpoints/Detention:** (i) At 09:20, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the intersection between Roads # 60 and # 90 in the centre of the village of Al 'Auja and searched civilians and vehicles. Israeli troops positioned at the checkpoint also prevented civilian vehicles from exiting the village and detained 1 Palestinian National Security officer until 17:15. (ii) At 17:00, and again at 18:30, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint near the junction to the settlement of Vered Yericho and searched civilians and vehicles until 19:20. • **Raid:** At 20:40, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the eastern quarters of the village of Al 'Auja east of Road # 90. • **Arrest:** Israeli troops positioned at the DCO checkpoint set up at the southern entrance to the city of Jericho arrested Shadi Washahi, a Palestinian Police officer. • **Palestinian Security Measure:** At 06:30, Palestinian security forces accompanied and provided protection to a number of Jewish worshippers, while they were visiting a synagogue in the city of Jericho.
BETHLEHEM	• **Closure:** (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 continues north of 'Ayda refugee camp towards the area north of the city of Beit Jala and in the Everest area, northwest of the city of Beit Jala. • **Flying Checkpoint:** At 20:55, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to the town of Tuqu' and searched civilians and vehicles.

	• **Raids:**
	(i) At 08:45, an Israeli army patrol raided the city of Bethlehem and patrolled the area.
	(ii) At 11:25, and again at 13:45, an Israeli army patrol raided the town of Al Khadr and arrested 3 civilians, including 1 child. At 05:30, the Israeli army raided the town for the third time and patrolled the area.
	(iii) At 13:00, an Israeli army patrol raided the village of Dar Salah, set up a checkpoint, and searched civilians and vehicles until 14:15.
	(iv) At 16:40, the Israeli army raided the town of Tuqu'. Confrontations took place between the Israeli army and civilians, during which the Israeli army injured Mutlaq Jamal al 'Umour by live fire to the head.
	• **Arrests:** The Israeli army arrested 3 civilians in the town of Al Khadr:
	(i) Mohammed Abdul Karim Salah, 17 years old;
	(ii) Hamzeh Taha Salah; and
	(iii) Rami 'Imad Mousa.
	• **Settler Violence/Physical Assault:** At 14:20, a group of Israeli settlers severely beat 60-year-old 'Isa Mahmoud Salah along Road # 60 leading to the city of Jerusalem, after which he was transported to hospital for treatment of injuries sustained.
HEBRON	• **Closure:**
	(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) The Israeli army continues to impose a complete closure over the city of Hebron and to prevent civilians from entering or exiting the city, allowing access to humanitarian cases only.
	• **Closure of Main Roads:**
	(i) The Israeli army continues to close the iron gate set up on Al Fawwar junction south of the city of Hebron and to deny civilian access in both directions.
	(ii) The Israeli army continues to close the overpass to the town of Halhul with cement blocks.
	(iii) The Israeli army continues to close the entrances to the town of Idhna and the area of An Nabi Yunis, denying access to civilian vehicles.

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- **Wall Construction:** Wall construction continues 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 Checkpoint:** At 17:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to the town of Tarqumiya, searched civilian vehicles, and impeded civilian access.
- **Raids/Destruction of Property:**

(i)   At 10:00, the Israeli army raided the village of Kharsa and arrested 1 civilian.

(ii)   At 12:00, an Israeli army patrol raided the city of Hebron, set up a checkpoint near Hebron University, and searched civilians and vehicles. At 15:00, the Israeli army raided the city of Hebron, set up a checkpoint in the area of Ash Sh'aba, searched civilians and vehicles, and patrolled the area.

(iii)   The Israeli army raided the town of Beit Ummar, searched 1 house, and broke its window glass. The Israeli army also arrested 1 civilian.

- **Arrests:**

(i)   The Israeli army arrested Basel Harbi at Talahmeh in the village of Kharsa.

(ii)   The Israeli army arrested Raed 'Izzat 'Awadh in the town of Beit Ummar.

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- Beginning on 16 December 2005, the Israeli army has continued to impose a complete closure on the Gaza Strip, ostensibly due to Palestinian individuals' firing of mortars towards the Green Line. The Israeli army has also prevented civilians and workers from crossing the Green Line.

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- **Closure of Crossing Point:** Beit Hanun (Erez) Crossing is partially open to foreign nationals, VIPs, and humanitarian cases only.
- **Air Attacks/Medical Obstruction/Provocation of Palestinian Forces:**

(i)   At 08:25, an Israeli army F16 combat aircraft fired 1 missile towards Palestinian territory 100 metres away from 1 Palestinian National Security location north of the town of Beit Lahiya. At 08:35, Israeli army F16 combat aircrafts fired 1 more missile towards the area.

(ii)   At 20:30, an Israeli army F16 combat aircraft fired 2 missiles towards vacant land north of the town of Beit Lahiya. At 05:05, Israeli army F16 combat aircrafts fired 2 more missiles towards the area.

(iii)   At 03:30, an Israeli army F16 combat aircraft fired 1 missile towards Palestinian territory near Balsam Hospital north of the town of Beit Lahiya. At 03:40, Israeli army F16 combat aircrafts fired 1 more missile towards the area.

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	(iv) At 03:55, an Israeli army F16 combat aircraft fired 1 missile towards Palestinian territory near Beit Hanun Industrial Zone. • **Attacks:** (i) At 01:55, the Israeli army fired 4 tank shells from its location inside the Green Line towards Palestinian territory opposite Point 60 on the Green Line east of the town of Jabalya. (ii) At 02:10, the Israeli army fired 4 tank shells from its location inside the Green Line towards Palestinian territory opposite Point 64 on the Green Line east of the town of Jabalya. • **Palestinian Attacks:** (i) At 23:00, 3 unidentified mortars were fired towards the Green Line. (ii) At 06:30, 2 unidentified mortars were fired towards the Green Line. (iii) At 07:30, 2 unidentified mortars were fired towards the Green Line. 1 mortar exploded on Palestinian territory.
GAZA	• Activities not reported.
CENTRAL GAZA	• **Attacks:** (i) At 11:15, and again at 14:40, the Israeli army opened fire from Point 120 on the Green Line towards Palestinian territory east of Al Bureij refugee camp. (ii) At 16:00, and again 07:25, the Israeli army opened fire from Point 114 on the Green Line towards Palestinian territory east of Al Bureij refugee camp, injuring 1 civilian.
KHAN YUNIS	• **Raids:** (i) At 11:30, the Israeli army, including 2 armoured vehicles and 2 bulldozers, setting out from Point 188 on the Green Line, raided 50 metres into Palestinian territory east of the area of Khuza'a. (ii) At 13:30, the Israeli army, including 1 armoured vehicle and 1 bulldozer, setting out from Point 144 on the Green Line, raided 100 metres into Palestinian territory east of the area of Al Qarara.
RAFAH	• **Closure of Crossing Points:** (i) Yasser Arafat International Airport remains closed. (ii) Rafah Crossing is partially open in both directions from 08:00 to 16:00 to passengers holding Palestinian IDs, humanitarian cases, and Arab and foreign diplomatic missions.