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PALESTINIAN MONITORING GROUP

DAILY SITUATION REPORT

08:00 20 December 2004 – 08:00 21 December 2004

SUMMARY OF EVENTS

EVENT	WEST BANK	GAZA STRIP	TOTAL	NOTES
Injuries	2	4	6	Incl. 3 children
Attacks	5	4	9	Incl. 5 during raids & 3 from posts
Raids	24	1	25	Incl. cont. presence in Nablus
Air Patrol	1	—	1	Over Tulkarem
Arrests (per person)	15	—	15	Incl. 2 children and 1 officer
Detentions	4	1	5	Incl. in residential compounds
House Demolitions	1	29	30	Incl. 29 in West Khan Yunis RC
Land Levelling	2	—	2	Incl. 80 <i>dunums</i> in Jayyus
Wall Construction	20	—	20	Jer., Jenin, Ramallah, Beth., Hebron
Destruction of Property	3	1	4	Incl. olive trees uprooted
House Occupations	2	1	3	Incl. a number of houses in Nablus
Curfew	1	—	1	The town of Al Khadr
Flying Checkpoints	14	—	14	Incl. Ramallah, Tulkarem, and Salfit
Closure (per District)	9	—	9	Incl. Jerusalem and Jericho (partially)
Closure of Main Roads	(Unidentified)	(7)	—	Incl. 1 partially in Gaza districts
Closure of Wall Gates	(All)	—	(All)	Permits required to cross
Closure of Crossing Points	—	4	4	Incl. 1 partially open
School Disruption	2	—	2	Burqa School surrounded
Provocation of Pal. Forces	—	2	2	Position near 2 Pal. security posts
Palestinian Attacks	—	5	5	Incl. 7 Qassam mortars
TOTAL	105	52	157	

DISTRICT	EVENT
ALL DISTRICTS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Beginning on 11 November 2004, the Israeli army has imposed a total closure on the West Bank and Gaza Strip, preventing civilians from entering the Green Line, 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). • 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.

WEST BANK

JERUSALEM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure: The Israeli army intensified its measures at 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. • Checkpoints: The Israeli army intensified its measures at 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. • Wall Gates: The Israeli army continues to close the Wall gate in the town of Abu Dis with cement blocks, completely preventing civilians from crossing. • Wall Construction: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (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. (ii) Israeli authorities issued an order to modify the route of the Wall in the area of Sur Bahir towards the east. • Raids: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (i) The Israeli army raided the village of Al 'Isawiya, searched 1 house, and arrested 1 civilian. (ii) The Israeli army raided Dahiyat Al Bareed in the city of Jerusalem and demolished 1 house with bulldozers. • Arrests: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (i) The Israeli army arrested Khaled Al 'Isawi in the village of Al 'Isawiya.
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	<p>(ii) Israeli troops positioned at Qalandiya checkpoint arrested an unidentified civilian.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • House Demolition: The Israeli army demolished 1 house in Dahiyat Al Bared in the city of Jerusalem belonging to Kamal Hamdan.
<p>RAMALLAH & EL BIREH</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure: The Israeli army continues to close the entrance to the village of Al Mughayyir with dirt barricades. • Flying Checkpoints: The Israeli army set up 2 flying checkpoints at the entrances to the villages of ‘Abud and An Nabi Salih, halted civilian vehicles, and examined civilians’ IDs. • Wall Construction: Wall construction continues in Budrus, Midya, Ni’lin, Deir Qaddis, Bil’in, Beit Liqya, and Beituniya. • Raids/School Disruption: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 10:30, the Israeli army raided the town of Beituniya, took position opposite Beituniya Boys School, and fired sound grenades towards the school students. (ii) At 20:50, the Israeli army raided the city of Ramallah. Confrontations took place between the Israeli army and civilians, during which the Israeli army injured 2 children. At 22:15, the Israeli army withdrew from the area. (iii) At 19:10, an Israeli army patrol raided the villages of Kafr ‘Ein and Qarawat Bani Zeid. At 01:00, the Israeli army raided the villages again and patrolled the area. (iv) The Israeli army raided the town of Beit Rima and arrested 1 civilian. • Arrests: At 12:30, the Israeli army arrested 2 children while they were tending sheep in Wadi Az Zarqa’ near the village of Deir Nidham: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Mohammed Hazin Abdullah, 16 years old; and (ii) Abdullah Mohammed Nijadeh, 17 years old. (iii) The Israeli army arrested Mohammed Nazih Ar Rimawi in the town of Beit Rima.
<p>JENIN</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure: The Israeli army continues to close the 2 eastern entrances to the city of Jenin, in the areas of As Suweitat and ‘Aba. • Wall Gates: 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. • Wall Construction: Land levelling for Wall construction continues in Jalbun towards Al Mutilla, Raba, Al Mughayyir, Bardala and ‘Ein al Beida, and towards the Jordan River. • Raids: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 11:00, Israeli Special Forces, disguised as civilians, raided the entrance to the village of Al Far’a and arrested 2 civilians.

	<p>(ii) At 02:00, the Israeli army, including 15 jeeps, raided Jenin refugee camp, opened intensive fire, searched a number of houses, and arrested 2 civilians. At 04:00, the Israeli army withdrew from the area.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Arrests: Israeli Special Forces arrested 2 civilians at the entrance to the village of Al Far'a: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Ra'fat Mohammed Bsharat; and (ii) Qadri Abdul Mu'ti Bsharat. <p>The Israeli army arrested 2 civilians in Jenin refugee camp:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (iii) 'Allam Saleh 'Ammar; and (iv) Hassan 'Ammouri. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Detentions: At 15:00, Israeli troops positioned at the iron gate placed along the Jenin-Nazareth road, north of the city of Jenin, arrested employees from the Palestinian Ministry of Local Government and released them at 19:00.
TULKAREM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 13:15, the Israeli army closed Al Kafriyyat checkpoint in both directions, prevented civilians from entering or exiting, thoroughly searched female civilians, and recorded their ID numbers. The checkpoint was reopened at 15:00. (ii) The Israeli army closed 'Einav gate between the districts of Tulkarem and Nablus. (iii) The Israeli army prevented the owners of land located close to Kibutz Beit Hever on the Green Line from accessing and farming their land. • Flying Checkpoints: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 07:30 on 20 December 2004, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to the town of Bal'a, searched civilian vehicles, and obstructed traffic until 10:05. (ii) At 10:50, the Israeli army set up flying checkpoints at the entrances to the town of 'Illar and the villages of Iktaba and Far'un and searched civilians and vehicles until 16:40. • Wall Gates: 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. • Raids: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 10:50, the Israeli army raided the city of Tulkarem and its suburbs and patrolled several neighbourhoods at various times. (ii) At 10:50, Israeli army patrols raided the village of Kafr Al Labad and patrolled the area until they withdrew at 16:40. (iii) At 02:30, the Israeli army, including 8 jeeps, raided Nur Shams refugee camp, opened fire while surrounding and searching 1 house, and arrested 1 civilian.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Arrest:</u> The Israeli army arrested Mohammed Ibrahim Al Fahmwi in Nur Shams refugee camp. • <u>Air Patrol:</u> Israeli army helicopters patrolled the skies over the city of Tulkarem. • <u>Land Levelling:</u> The Israeli army levelled land cultivated with olive trees in the area parallel to Al Kafriyyat checkpoint in the village of Far'un.
QALQILYA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Wall Gates:</u> 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. • <u>Arrest:</u> On 19 December 2004, the Israeli army arrested Mohammed Jamil Salim, a Palestinian Police officer, near the town of Jayyus while he was in his land, which is close to the Wall, parallel to the town. • <u>Land Levelling:</u> The Israeli army levelled 80 <i>dunums</i> (20 acres) of land cultivated with olive trees in the town of Jayyus.
NABLUS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Closure:</u> The Israeli army closed the village of Talluza and Al Badhan and prevented civilians from entering or exiting the villages. • <u>Raids/School Disruption:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 11:40, the Israeli army raided the village of Burqa, surrounded the village's school during the school day, and attempted to close it. (ii) At 04:30, the Israeli army raided the city of Nablus, occupied a number of houses, and converted them into military posts. The Israeli army also searched several other houses and arrested 3 civilians. The Israeli army remains positioned in the area as of 08:00 this morning. • <u>Arrests:</u> The Israeli army arrested 3 civilians in the city of Nablus: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Fadi Abu Sharkh; (ii) Raed As Sakhel; and (iii) Samir Baghdadi.
SALFIT	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Flying Checkpoints:</u> The Israeli army set up 4 flying checkpoints along the Trans-Samaria Highway and Al Matwi road, searched civilian vehicles, and obstructed traffic. • <u>Wall Construction:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (ii) Land levelling for Wall construction continues in the village of Deir Ballut along the Green Line. (iii) The Israeli army began land levelling for Wall construction in the area southwest of the village of Kafr Ad Dik. (iv) 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.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Raid: At 19:30, the Israeli army raided the village of Bruqin and patrolled the area.
JERICHO	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure: 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, including Israeli ID card holders, except those holding Jericho IDs.
BETHLEHEM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure: 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. • Wall Construction: 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. • Raids/Curfew/Destruction of Property: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 19:00, Israeli army patrols raided the city of Bethlehem and Al 'Aza refugee camp, fired sound grenades in the city of Bethlehem, and patrolled the area until 19:45. (ii) At 19:00, the Israeli army, including 3 jeeps, raided the town of Al Khadr, imposed curfew, and destroyed 1 (allegedly suspicious) civilian vehicle. At 19:30, the Israeli army withdrew from the area. • Arrest: At 01:50 on 20 December 2004, the Israeli army arrested Salah Dawoud Al 'Isawi during its raid on the town of Al 'Ubeidiya (reported yesterday).
HEBRON	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure: The Israeli army closed the entrances to the towns of Beit Ummar and Idhna, thereby impeding civilian movement and preventing vehicles from crossing. • Checkpoints: The Israeli army intensified its measures at checkpoints set up at the entrances to the city of Hebron and increased its patrols along the main roads and settler bypass roads. • Wall Construction: 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. • Raids: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 15:00, the Israeli army raided the city of Hebron and set up 5 checkpoints in a number of neighbourhoods. (ii) The Israeli army raided the town of Dura, occupied 1 house, and converted it into a military post. The Israeli army remains positioned in the house as of 08:00 this morning.

GAZA STRIP

<p style="text-align: center;">NORTHERN GAZA</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure: Beit Hanun Crossing is partially open to merchants and for humanitarian cases only. • Palestinian Attacks: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 16:15, 2 Qassam mortars were fired towards the Green Line. (ii) At 17:05, 1 Qassam mortar was fired towards the Green Line. (iii) At 08:00, 2 Qassam mortars were fired towards the Green Line.
<p style="text-align: center;">GAZA</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Nitsareem junction remains closed. (ii) Sheikh 'Ajlin coastal road is closed. • Raid/Provocation of Palestinian Forces: At 03:10, the Israeli army, including 16 tanks and 3 bulldozers, raided the coastal road north of Sheikh 'Ajlin coastal junction, opened intensive fire, and took position near 2 Palestinian National Security locations. The Israeli army also closed the road after levelling it, occupied 1 uninhabited house, and converted it into a military post. • Palestinian Attacks: At 07:00, 2 Qassam mortars were fired towards the settlement of Nitsareem.
<p style="text-align: center;">CENTRAL GAZA</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Activities not reported.
<p style="text-align: center;">KHAN YUNIS</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Abu Al 'Ajin road (Khan Yunis Al Sharqiya) is closed. (ii) Western road (Khan Yunis) remains closed. (iii) Al Mawasi/Khan Yunis road (Al Tuffah checkpoint) is closed. (iv) Abu Holi road is partially open. • Attack: At 17:00, the Israeli army fired a number of tank shells from its location at Point 9 towards civilian houses in the area of As Sadd Al 'Ali in Al Amal neighbourhood. At 19:45, the Israeli army fired a number of tank shells again, injuring 3 civilians with shrapnel, including 1 child. • Detentions: At 16:15, the Israeli army detained 2 civilians for an extended period of time along Salah Ad Din road between Abu Holi and Al Matahin checkpoints. • House Demolitions: On 17 December 2004, the Israeli army demolished 29 houses, in addition to those reported on the same day, during its incursion into An Namsawi neighbourhood and West Khan Yunis refugee camp. The demolished houses belong to civilians from the families of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Asraf; (ii) Abu Abdullah; (iii) 'Ubeid;

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> (iv) Al 'Adluni; (v) Al Halabi; (vi) Abu Libdeh; (vii) Nofal; (viii) Al Faq'awi; (ix) Muhareb; (x) 'Abed; (xi) Al Qidreh; (xii) Abu Subeih; (xiii) Al Bardawil; (xiv) Al 'Arraj; (xv) Shuqeileh; (xvi) Al Khureibi; (xvii) 'Ashour; (xviii) Suhweil; (xix) Abu Madhi; (xx) Abu Shalhoub; (xxi) Abu Mousa; (xxii) Al Hallaq; (xxiii) Abu 'Abdo; (xxiv) Abu Shahmeh; and (xxv) Abu Khatleh. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Palestinian Attacks:</u> At 21:00, several mortars were fired towards the settlement of Neve Dekalim.
RAFAH	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Closure:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Yasser Arafat International Airport remains closed. (ii) Rafah Crossing is closed. (iii) Sufa Crossing is closed. (iv) Al Mawasi/Rafah road is partially open. • <u>Attack:</u> At 07:05, the Israeli army fired 1 tank shell from its location on the border line towards As Salaam neighbourhood, injuring 1 civilian.

GENERAL

POLITICAL PRISONERS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Physical Assault:</u> Israeli Police forces in As Sabe' Prison assaulted Rasmi Jihad Al Khatib, a child, while he was visiting his brother who is held in the prison, leaving him with bruises on his body. • <u>Political Prisoners' Demand:</u> Political prisoners held in Nafha Prison demanded to exercise their right to vote in the upcoming Palestinian presidential elections. • <u>Israeli Army Retaliatory Measures:</u> In response to the decision of political prisoners held under administrative detention (arrest without charge or
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	<p>trial) in Ketziot Military Prison Camp (in which 2,060 prisoners are held) to boycott administrative detention courts beginning on 19 December 2004, the Israeli Prisons Service revoked all achievements made by the prisoners. This includes the prevention of vehicles transporting fruits and vegetables to the prison canteen by prisoners' families and the prevention of families from the Bethlehem district from visiting their relative prisoners, which was scheduled to take place yesterday morning. The prison administration informed the prisoners that this penalty will also be applied to all other districts.</p>
<p>WORK PERMITS</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>West Bank:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Israeli authorities renewed 5,169 work permits to cross the Green Line. The total number of those allowed to cross is unknown. (ii) Israeli authorities restricted the issuing of work permits only to civilians who are married with children and over the age of 30. • <u>Gaza Strip:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (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. (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. (iii) Israeli authorities invalidated all the permits, which it had issued to 2,375 construction workers to remain overnight inside the Green Line.