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PALESTINIAN MONITORING GROUP

DAILY SITUATION REPORT

08:00 07 February 2005 – 08:00 08 February 2005

SUMMARY OF EVENTS

EVENT	WEST BANK	GAZA STRIP	TOTAL	NOTES
Attacks	1	3	4	Incl. 3 tank shells
Raids	11	1	12	Incl. 5 in Bethlehem and 2 in Hebron
Arrests (per person)	3	—	3	Incl. 1 university student
Detentions	4	1	5	At checkpoints
Wall Construction	21	—	21	Incl. Jer., Jenin, Ram'lah, Beth., Salfit
Checkpoints	(All)	—	(All)	
Flying Checkpoints	3	—	3	In Tulkarem, Bethlehem and Hebron
Closure (per District)	6	—	6	Incl. Jerusalem & Jericho (partially)
Closure of Main Roads	(Unidentified)	(10)	—	Incl. 2 partially
Closure of Wall Gates	(All)	—	(All)	Permits required to cross
Closure of Crossing Points	—	5	5	Incl. 3 partially open
School Disruption	1	—	1	1 school raided in Nablus
Construction of Terminal	2	—	2	Incl. construction work at Qalandiya
Palestinian Attacks	—	5	5	Incl. 6 mortars and 1 Qassam mortar
Pal. Security Measures	—	1	1	An attempt to fire 1 mortar blocked
TOTAL	52	16	68	

DISTRICT	EVENT
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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 and workers from crossing the Green Line, following the official announcement of the death of President Yasser Arafat.
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WEST BANK

JERUSALEM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Closure: The Israeli army continues to impose strict restrictions at checkpoints set up at the entrances to the city of Jerusalem and dispatched patrols to prevent civilians from other districts from entering the city. Checkpoint: The Israeli army intensified its restrictions at Qalandiya checkpoint and prevented civilians holding Israeli IDs from accessing the city of Ramallah in their vehicles. 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: Wall construction continues in Dahiyat Al Aqbat, the villages of Hizma and 'Anata, the Hizma-Jaba' road, the area of Al 'Eizariya, near Al Quds University, the area of Ash Shayyah, and in the town of As Sawahira Ash Sharqiya. Construction of Terminal/Land Levelling: The Israeli army began construction work at Qalandiya checkpoint in order to convert it into a terminal, including 3 tracks for vehicles, 3 tracks for pedestrians and a metal detector. The Israeli army also began land levelling near the Industrial Zone of 'Atarot to construct a new DCO office.
RAMALLAH & EL BIREH	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Closure: The Israeli army continues to close the entrance to the village of Al Mughayyir with dirt barricades. Wall Construction: Wall construction continues in Budrus, Midya, Ni'lin, Deir Qaddis, Bil'in, Beit Liqya, and Beituniya. Raid: The Israeli army raided the village of Shuqba and arrested 1 university student. Arrest: The Israeli army arrested Yousef Ahmed Hassan in the village of Shuqba.
JENIN	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Wall Gates: Passage through the Wall gates is restricted to civilians granted special Israeli permits. 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.
TULKAREM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure: The Israeli army continues to close 'Einav gate which controls the road between the cities of Tulkarem and Nablus, preventing civilian vehicles from crossing. • Wall Gates: Passage through the Wall gates is restricted to civilians granted special Israeli permits. • Flying Checkpoint: At 07:30, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to the town of Bal'a, searched civilian vehicles, examined civilians' IDs, and obstructed civilian movement. • Raid: At 00:30, the Israeli army, including 7 jeeps, raided the city of Tulkarem and patrolled the area.
QALQILYA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wall Gates: Passage through the Wall gates is restricted to civilians granted special Israeli permits.
NABLUS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Checkpoints: At 06:30, the Israeli army closed Beit Iba and Huwwara checkpoints and prevented civilians, including school students and teachers, from crossing in both directions of the checkpoints. The Israeli army continues to close the 2 checkpoints as of 08:00 this morning. • Raids/School Disruption: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 11:00, the Israeli army raided a residential neighbourhood in the city of Nablus, raided Abu Bakr School, patrolled the school yard, and withdrew at a later time. (ii) At 01:00, the Israeli army, including 1 tank and 7 jeeps, raided the city of Nablus and patrolled several neighbourhoods.
SALFIT	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wall Construction: Land levelling for Wall construction continues in the village of Deir Ballut along the Green Line, in the area southwest of the village of Kafr Ad Dik, west of the village of Iskaka, and north of city of Salfit.
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 permitted only residents of the city of Jericho to enter the city.
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

	<p>the civilian presence in the villages illegal.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 09:30, the Israeli army raided and patrolled town of Tuqu'. (ii) At 11:00, an Israeli army patrol raided the town of Al Khadr. At 15:00, the Israeli army raided the town again and patrolled the area. (iii) At 12:15, an Israeli army patrol raided the village of Dar Salah, set up a checkpoint, searched civilian vehicles, and examined civilians' IDs. (iv) At 13:40, the Israeli army, including 2 jeeps, raided the town of Al Ubeidiya. Confrontations took place between the Israeli army and civilians. • Arrests: Israeli troops positioned at As Sawahira Ash Sharqiya checkpoint arrested 2 civilians: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Bahjat Shuqeirat; and (ii) Khaled Shuqeirat.
HEBRON	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure: The Israeli army continues to close Al Shuhada' Street and the area of As Sahleh in the area of H2 in the city of Hebron with cement blocks and barbed wire, denying civilians and vehicles access. • 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. • Flying Checkpoint: At 22:30, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at Al Fawwar junction and searched civilians and vehicles. • Raids: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 22:00, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the town of Dura. (ii) At 23:00, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the city of Hebron.

GAZA STRIP

NORTHERN GAZA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure: Beit Hanun Crossing is partially open to foreign nationals and humanitarian cases only.
GAZA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Nitsareem junction remains closed. (ii) Al Shuhada Junction-Al Muntar Crossing road is closed. (iii) Al Muntar (Karni) Crossing is closed.

CENTRAL GAZA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Activities not reported.
KHAN YUNIS	<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. At 10:50, the Israeli army closed Salah Ad Din road between Al Matahin and Abu Holi checkpoints. At 11:50, the road was reopened. (v) Alon checkpoint (entrance to Al Mawasi/Khan Yunis) south of Deir Al Balah is closed. (vi) Deir Al Balah junction to Abu Holi checkpoint (Kfar Darom road) is closed. (vii) Morag road connecting Khan Yunis eastern and western roads is closed. • Attacks: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 21:45, the Israeli army fired 1 tank shell from its location at Point 12 towards civilian houses in An Namsawi neighbourhood. (ii) At 21:50, the Israeli army fired 2 tank shells from its location at Point 9 towards civilian houses in West Khan Yunis refugee camp. • Palestinian Attacks: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 17:15, 2 mortars were fired towards the settlement of Gadid. (ii) At 21:20, 2 mortars were fired towards the settlement of Neve Dekalim. (iii) At 21:25, 2 mortars were fired towards the settlement of Gadid. (iv) At 00:20, 1 Qassam mortar was fired towards the settlement of Gadid. • Palestinian Security Measures: At 00:20, Palestinian National Security forces blocked an attempt by armed Palestinian individuals to fire a second Qassam mortar towards the settlement of Gadid.
RAFAH	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Yasser Arafat International Airport remains closed. (ii) Rafah Crossing is partially open to arrivals and departures over the age of 35 only. (iii) Sufa Crossing is open to construction cargo only. (iv) Al Mawasi/Rafah road is partially open to workers only. • Attack: At 08:30, the Israeli army opened fire from its location along the Palestinian-Egyptian border towards civilian houses in Al Barazil neighbourhood in Rafah refugee camp. • Raid: At 16:35, the Israeli army, including several tanks and bulldozers, raided Palestinian territory near Canada neighbourhood west of the city of Rafah, allegedly to destroy a suspicious object.

GENERAL

WORK PERMITS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>West Bank:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Israeli authorities renewed 9,819 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 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 148 work permits for workers to enter Erez and Karni Industrial Zones. However, workers were not allowed access to the Industrial Zones due to the imposed closure. (ii) Following the cancellation of previous work permits, Israeli authorities renewed 780 work permits for workers to cross the Green Line to work in the agricultural sector and 1 permit to work in the service sector. Permits are valid for the period 07 December 2004 to 14 February 2005. However, workers were not allowed access into the Green Line due to the imposed closure.
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