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PALESTINIAN MONITORING GROUP

DAILY SITUATION REPORT

08:00 31 December 2004 – 08:00 01 January 2005

SUMMARY OF EVENTS

EVENT	WEST BANK	GAZA STRIP	TOTAL	NOTES
Deaths	—	3	3	2 in Al Amal ngbd. & 1 in Rafah RC
Physical Assault	1	—	1	1 civilian run over in Hebron old city
Injuries	5	9	14	Incl. 6 children
Air Attack	—	1	1	1 UAV missile
Attacks	5	9	14	Incl. 7 during raids and 6 from posts
Raids	17	4	21	Incl. in Ramallah, Tulkarem, & Salfit
Air Patrols	1	3	4	Incl. helicopters over Tulkarem
Arrests (per person)	6	—	6	Incl. 4 in Tulkarem and 1 in Hebron
Detentions	—	2	2	Incl. in a residential compound
Land Levelling	—	2	2	In Wadi As Salqa and Deir Al Balah
Destruction of Property	—	3	3	Olive trees and greenhouses
Land Confiscation	1	—	1	522 <i>dunums</i> in Ar Ras and Far'un
Confiscation of Property	2	—	2	Incl. civilian vehicles in Jerusalem
House Occupation	—	1	1	In Al Mazra'a St. in Deir Al Balah
Flying Checkpoints	6	—	6	Incl. in Ramallah, Jenin, & Salfit
Closure (per District)	5	—	5	Incl. Jerusalem and Jericho (partially)
Closure of Main Roads	(Unidentified)	(6)	—	Incl. 3 partially
Closure of Wall Gates	(All)	—	(All)	Permits required to cross
Closure of Crossing Points	—	4	4	Incl. 1 partially open
Obstruction of Elections	1	—	1	Campaign manager summoned
Settlement Activity	2	—	2	Incl. 1 settler bypass road constructed
Settler Violence	1	—	1	Land cultivated near Sa'ir
Palestinian Attacks	—	13	13	Incl. 10 unidentified mortars
Demonstration	1	—	1	In Jayyus against the Wall
TOTAL	54	54	108	

DISTRICT	EVENT
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<p style="text-align: center;">ALL DISTRICTS</p>	<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 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).
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WEST BANK

<p style="text-align: center;">JERUSALEM</p>	<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. The Israeli army also prevented civilians from other districts from entering the city of Jerusalem to perform Friday prayers in Al Aqsa Mosque and detained the IDs of a number of civilians at the gates to Al Aqsa Mosque compound. • 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 was suspended for the weekend. • Confiscation of Property: The Israeli Department of Taxes carried out an indiscriminate campaign of tax collection in the city of Jerusalem and its villages and confiscated a number of civilian vehicles. • Obstruction of the Presidential Elections: The Israeli army raided the Employees' Club in the city of Jerusalem and ordered individuals in charge of the presidential electoral campaign for Mahmoud Abbas (Abu Mazen) not to conduct the electoral campaign. The Israeli army also served summons to the manager of the campaign to report to the Israeli Intelligence.
<p style="text-align: center;">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. • Wall Construction: Wall construction was suspended for the weekend. • Flying Checkpoint: At 22:15, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the village of 'Ein 'Arik junction and searched civilians and vehicles. • Raids: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 21:50, the Israeli army raided Al Jalazun refugee camp. Confrontations took place between the Israeli army and civilians, during which the Israeli army injured 4 children. The Israeli army also searched a number of houses.

	<p>(ii) At 00:25, the Israeli army raided the town of Beituniya, opened indiscriminate fire, and searched a number of houses.</p> <p>(iii) At 01:30, the Israeli army raided the village of Kafr 'Ein and patrolled the area.</p>
JENIN	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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 was suspended for the weekend. • Flying Checkpoints: At 15:30, the Israeli army set up 1 flying checkpoint along the Jenin-Haifa road and another checkpoint in the area between the city of Jenin and the town of Birqin and searched civilians and vehicles until 16:30.
TULKAREM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure: The Israeli army continues to close Al Kafriyyat road and 'Einav gate, between the districts of Tulkarem and Nablus. • 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: <p>(i) At 14:00, the Israeli army raided the city of Tulkarem, set up a checkpoint in Dahiyat Shuweika, and searched civilians and vehicles. At 17:00, and again at 01:00, the Israeli army raided the city again, opened fire, fired sound grenades, searched a number of houses, and arrested 4 civilians. At 07:00, the Israeli army withdrew from the area.</p> <p>(ii) At 01:00, the Israeli army raided Tulkarem refugee camp, opened fire, and fired sound grenades, injuring 1 civilian. At 07:00, the Israeli army withdrew from the area.</p> • Air Patrol: At 01:00, an Israeli army reconnaissance aircraft patrolled the skies over the city of Tulkarem. • Arrests: The Israeli army arrested 4 civilians in the city of Tulkarem: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Ayman Abu Safiyyeh; (ii) Ashraf Al Hamshari; (iii) Imad Al Hamshari; and (iv) 'Abed Nafe'. • Land Confiscation: The Israeli army confiscated approximately 522 <i>dunums</i> (130.5 acres) of agricultural land in the villages of Ar Ras and Far'un and constructed a settler bypass road.

<p>QALQILYA</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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. • Demonstration: At 13:00, a mass demonstration, including international peace activists, took place in the town of Jayyus in protest against Wall construction and the uprooting of olive trees.
<p>NABLUS</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Raids: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Beginning at 06:00 on 31 December 2004, the Israeli army remains positioned in 'Askar refugee camp and arrested 1 civilian. At 11:00, the Israeli army withdrew from the area. (ii) At 20:45, the Israeli army raided the city of Nablus and Balata and 'Askar refugee camps. At 01:00, the Israeli army withdrew from the area. • Arrest: The Israeli army arrested Hamadeh Bahr Ad Dam in 'Askar refugee camp.
<p>SALFIT</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wall Construction: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Land levelling for Wall construction was suspended for the weekend. (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 Zawiyah, remains suspended due to changes in the Wall route following an Israeli Supreme Court order. • Raid: At 15:30, an Israeli army patrol raided the city of Salfit, set up a checkpoint on the village of Farkha junction, and searched civilians and vehicles.
<p>JERICHO</p>	<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.
<p>BETHLEHEM</p>	<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 was suspended for the weekend.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Raids:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 15:45, the Israeli army raided the village of Dar Salah, set up a checkpoint, and searched civilians and vehicles. (ii) At 20:10, an Israeli army patrol raided the cities of Beit Jala and Bethlehem and patrolled the area. (iii) The Israeli army raided the village of Harmala, fired sound grenades, and searched a number of houses.
HEBRON	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Wall Construction:</u> Land levelling for Wall construction was suspended for the weekend. • <u>Physical Assault:</u> At 17:10, an Israeli army jeep ran over, and injured, Mohammed Ya'qoub in the old city of Hebron, after which he was transported to hospital. • <u>Raid:</u> At 22:40, Israeli army patrols raided the city of Hebron and arrested 1 civilian. • <u>Arrest:</u> The Israeli army arrested Fahd Al Qawasmi in the city of Hebron. • <u>Settlement Activity:</u> Israeli authorities placed surveyor marks on civilian land in the town of Halhul for constructing a high voltage electricity network connecting the settlement of Karmeit Tzur to the area of 'Ein Ash Sunnar along road # 60 east of the town. • <u>Settler Violence:</u> Groups of Israeli settlers from the settlements of Meitzad Asfar and Meitzad Sham' on northwest of the town of Sa'ir cultivated dozens of <i>dunums</i> of civilian land with forest trees in order to annex it to the 2 settlements.

GAZA STRIP

NORTHERN GAZA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Closure:</u> Beit Hanun Crossing is partially open to merchants and for humanitarian cases only. • <u>Attack:</u> At 00:10, the Israeli army opened intensive fire from the settlement of Dugit towards the area of As Sudaniyyah. • <u>Palestinian Attacks:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 17:20, 1 unidentified mortar was fired towards the Green Line. (ii) At 19:10, 2 unidentified mortars were fired towards the Green Line. (iii) At 19:40, 1 unidentified mortar was fired, but exploded in the air. (iv) At 21:45, 1 unidentified mortar was fired towards the Green Line. (v) At 03:00, 2 unidentified mortars were fired towards the Green Line. (vi) At 00:10, 2 mortars and 2 unidentified mortars were fired towards the settlement of Dugit.
GAZA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Closure:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Nitsareem junction remains closed.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> (ii) Al Muntar (Karni) Crossing is closed. • Air Patrol: At 00:20, Israeli army helicopters patrolled the skies over Gaza city.
CENTRAL GAZA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Attacks: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 13:25, the Israeli army opened intensive fire towards the area of Al Haker in the city of Deir Al Balah, injuring 3 civilians. (ii) At 07:15, the Israeli army opened intensive fire from its location in the area surrounding the settlement of Kfar Darom towards Palestinian territory near the settlement and in all directions. • Raid/Land Levelling: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 09:00, the Israeli army, including tanks, raided Al Mazra'a Street in the city of Deir Al Balah, opened intensive fire, occupied 1 house, and converted it into a military post. The Israeli army also levelled land cultivated with olive trees and several greenhouses. (ii) At 10:00, the Israeli army, including tanks, raided the area of Wadi As Salqa, detained 1 civilian, and levelled greenhouses. (iii) At 01:15, the Israeli army, including 5 tanks, raided 250 meters into Palestinian territory in the area of Abu Khousa opposite Point 117 on the Green Line. • Palestinian Attacks: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 16:35, 1 mortar was fired towards the settlement of Nitsareem. (ii) At 16:55, 1 Qassam mortar was fired towards the settlement of Nitsareem. (iii) At 07:15, 1 mortar was fired towards the settlement of Kfar Darom.
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 partially open to elderly civilians only. (iv) Abu Holi road is partially open. • Attacks: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 10:00, the Israeli army opened intensive fire towards Tall As Sultan refugee camp, injuring 1 civilian. (ii) At 13:30, the Israeli army opened intensive fire towards Khan Yunis cemetery during funerals for civilians killed by the Israeli army, injuring 1 civilian. • Raid: Beginning at 00:15 on 30 December 2004, the Israeli army remains positioned in Al Amal neighbourhood, opened intensive fire, and fired tank shells. An Israeli army UAV also fired [1 missile] towards a civilian crowd, killing 2 civilians and injuring 4 civilians, including 2 children. The Israeli army detained a number of civilians and remains positioned in the area as of 08:00 this morning.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Killings:</u> The Israeli army killed 2 individuals in Al Amal neighbourhood: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Mohammed Khreis; and (ii) Khaled Abu 'Odeh. • <u>Air Patrol:</u> At 00:15, Israeli army helicopters patrolled the skies over the city of Khan Yunis. • <u>Palestinian Attacks:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 23:55, 1 Qassam mortar was fired towards the settlement of Neve Dekalim. (ii) At 01:35, 1 Qassam mortar was fired towards the settlement of Neve Dekalim. (iii) At 02:35, 1 mortar was fired towards the settlement of Gadid.
<p style="text-align: center;">RAFAH</p>	<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) Al Mawasi/Rafah road is partially open. • <u>Attack:</u> At 21:40, the Israeli army opened fire towards civilian houses in As Salaam neighbourhood in Rafah refugee camp, killing 1 civilian. • <u>Killing:</u> The Israeli army killed 'Awwad 'Ataya in As Salaam neighbourhood in Rafah refugee camp.