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PALESTINIAN MONITORING GROUP

DAILY SITUATION REPORT

08:00 01 January 2005 – 08:00 02 January 2005

SUMMARY OF EVENTS

EVENT	WEST BANK	GAZA STRIP	TOTAL	NOTES
Physical Assaults	4	—	4	Incl. 1 civilian run over
Injuries	2	2	4	Incl. in Tulkarem and Khan Yunis
Air Attacks	—	3	3	2 in Northern Gaza & in Khan Yunis
Attacks	11	11	22	Incl. 6 during raids and 11 from posts
Raids	25	5	30	Incl. in Ramallah, Tulkarem, & Jenin
Air Patrols	—	5	5	Incl. helicopters over Northern Gaza
Arrests (per person)	15	—	15	Incl. 3 in Ramallah and 7 in Nablus
Detentions	2	—	2	Incl. in residential compounds
House Demolition	—	1	1	A 3-storey house in Khan Yunis
Land Levelling	—	1	1	In the district of Northern Gaza
Wall Construction	20	—	20	Jer., Jenin, Ramallah, Beth., Hebron
Destruction of Property	—	4	4	Incl. 1 playground damaged
Confiscation of Property	1	—	1	High taxes imposed in Jerusalem
House Occupation	1	—	1	A number of houses in Tulkarem
Curfews	2	—	2	In Kafr Qalil and Husan
Flying Checkpoints	13	—	13	Incl. in Ramallah, Jenin, & Tulkarem
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
Medical Obstruction	2	—	2	PRCS and a hospital yard raided
Attack on Religious Sites	1	—	1	1 mosque in Husan surrounded
School Disruption	5	1	6	Incl. 10 schools in Beit Rima
Settler Violence	1	—	1	Civilians in Asira Qibliya assaulted
Provocation of Pal. Forces	1	1	2	Incl. 1 Pal. post raided in Al 'Auja
Palestinian Attacks	—	9	9	Incl. 3 Qassam mortars & 6 mortars
Demonstration	1	—	1	In Jayyus
TOTAL	112	47	159	

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. • Checkpoints: The Israeli army continues to intensify 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 districts of Jerusalem and Ramallah. • 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 resumed 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. • Confiscation of Property: The Israeli Jerusalem Municipality issued high fines for civilian buildings in the neighbourhood of Al Mukabbir Mount and took photographs of dozens of houses constructed a few years ago in order to demolish them, allegedly for being constructed without the required licenses.
<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 resumed in Budrus, Midya, Ni'lin, Deir Qaddis, Bil'in, Beit Liqya, and Beituniya. • Flying Checkpoints: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 10:05, the Israeli army set up 1 flying checkpoint on the overpass to the village of 'Atara and another flying checkpoint at the entrance to the village of An Nabi Salih and searched civilians and vehicles. (ii) At 19:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the village of 'Ein 'Arik junction and searched civilians and vehicles.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Raids/Physical Assault:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 17:00, the Israeli army raided the village of ‘Arura. Confrontations took place between the Israeli army and civilians, during which the Israeli army injured 1 civilian. (ii) At 18:50, the Israeli army, including 5 jeeps, raided the city of Ramallah. At 23:00, the Israeli army raided the city again and patrolled the area. (iii) At 22:20, the Israeli army raided the town of Bir Zeit. Confrontations took place between the Israeli army and civilians. An Israeli army jeep ran over 1 civilian, leaving him with bruises. The Israeli army also arrested 1 Palestinian Preventive Security officer. • <u>Arrest:</u> The Israeli army arrested Muthanna George Abdullah in the town of Bir Zeit. • <u>School Disruption:</u> On 30 December 2004, the Israeli army caused the disruption of classes in 6 schools serving 2,647 students in the villages of Kafr ‘Ein, Beit Rima, and Qarawat Bani Zeid due to the curfew which it imposed on these villages.
JENIN	<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>Wall Construction:</u> Land levelling for Wall construction was resumed in Jalbun towards Al Mutilla, Raba, Al Mughayyir, Bardala and ‘Ein al Beida, and towards the Jordan River. • <u>Flying Checkpoint:</u> At 21:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint between the towns of ‘Arraba and Kafr Ra’i and searched civilians and vehicles. • <u>Raids:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 19:30, the Israeli army raided the town of ‘Arraba, opened indiscriminate fire, and searched a number of houses. At 21:00, the Israeli army withdrew from the area. (ii) The Israeli army raided the village of Ibziq and patrolled the area.
TULKAREM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Closure:</u> The Israeli army continues to close Al Kafriyyat road and ‘Einav gate, between the districts of Tulkarem and Nablus. • <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>Flying Checkpoint:</u> At 17:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to the village of Far’un and searched civilians and vehicles.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Raids/Medical Obstruction:</u> (i) At 14:35, the Israeli army, including 2 tanks and a number of jeeps, raided the city of Tulkarem and Tulkarem refugee camp. Confrontations took place between the Israeli army and civilians, during which the Israeli army injured 1 civilian. The Israeli army searched a number of houses in Tulkarem refugee camp, occupied several houses in the city of Tulkarem overlooking the refugee camp, and converted them into military posts. The Israeli army also raided the offices of the Palestinian Red Crescent Society and the yard of Thabet Thabet Public Hospital. At 00:50, the Israeli army raided the city and refugee camp again, opened indiscriminate fire, searched a number of houses, and arrested 1 civilian in Tulkarem refugee camp. At 07:30, the Israeli army withdrew from the area. (ii) At 19:55, the Israeli army, including 3 jeeps, raided the town of 'Attil. Confrontations took place between the Israeli army and civilians. • <u>Arrests:</u> At 01:00 on 01 January 2005, the Israeli army arrested 2 civilians, in addition to those reported yesterday, during its raid on the city of Tulkarem and Tulkarem refugee camp: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Yousef Mustafa Shihab; and (ii) Imad Mohammed Turkman. (iii) The Israeli army arrested Murad Fayeze Kharyoush in Tulkarem refugee camp.
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>Flying Checkpoints:</u> (i) At 09:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint between the villages of Jit and Jinsafut and searched civilians and vehicles. (ii) At 16:45, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint along the old Habla road between the city of Qalqiliya and the Green Line and searched civilians and vehicles. • <u>Raids:</u> (i) At 16:10, the Israeli army raided the city of Qalqiliya, set up a checkpoint in the centre of the city, searched civilians and vehicles, and arrested 1 civilian. At 16:30, the Israeli army withdrew from the area. (ii) At 21:00, the Israeli army raided the village of 'Azzun and patrolled the area. • <u>Arrest:</u> The Israeli army arrested an unidentified civilian in the city of Qalqiliya. • <u>School Disruption:</u> On 30 December 2004, the Israeli army caused the disruption on classes in 4 schools serving 726 students in the villages of

	<p>Hajja and Al Funduq due to the curfew which it imposed on the 2 villages.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Demonstration: At 13:30, a mass demonstration, including international peace activists, took place in the town of Jayyus and marched towards the Wall gates leading to civilian lands located behind the Wall to cultivate them with olive trees. However, Israeli troops positioned at the Wall gates prevented protestors from crossing the Wall gates.
NABLUS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Attack: At 20:45, the Israeli army opened intensive fire from its location in the area surrounding Huwwara checkpoint towards civilian houses in the village of Kafr Qalil. • Raids/Curfew: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 14:30, the Israeli army raided the city of Nablus. At 20:50, the Israeli army raided the city again, opened fire, fired sound grenades, and patrolled the area. (ii) At 20:45, the Israeli army raided the village of Kafr Qalil, opened indiscriminate fire, and imposed curfew. (iii) The Israeli army raided Balata refugee camp, searched 1 house, and arrested 1 civilian. • Arrests: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 20:00, Israeli troops positioned at Huwwara checkpoint arrested Sa'id Yasser Hamad. (ii) The Israeli army arrested Firas Fattouh in Balata refugee camp. • Detention: At 15:15, Israeli troops positioned at Beit Iba checkpoint detained 1 Palestinian National Security officer and released him during the night. • Settler Violence: At 10:30, a group of Israeli settlers from the settlement of Yitzhar raided the village of 'Asira Al Qibliya and assaulted civilians, leaving 2 civilians with bruises.
SALFIT	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wall Construction: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Land levelling for Wall construction was resumed in the village of Deir Ballut along the Green Line and in the area southwest of the village of Kafr Ad Dik. (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. • Flying Checkpoint: At 07:00 on 01 January 2005, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint between the village of Iskaka and the city of Salfit and searched civilians and vehicles. • Raids: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 09:45, an Israeli army patrol raided the town of Kifl Haris and arrested 1 civilian.

	<p>(ii) At 01:30, an Israeli army patrol raided the city of Salfit and patrolled the area.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Arrest: The Israeli army arrested 'Irsan Mtawe' Abu Zih in the town of Kifl Haris.
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. • Raid/Provocation of Palestinian Forces: At 15:30, the Israeli army raided the village of Al 'Auja, raided 1 Palestinian National Security location, and took photographs of the location and of 1 house belonging to a political prisoner. At 16:00, the Israeli army withdrew from the area.
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 was resumed north of the district of Bethlehem, along 'Ayda refugee camp, along the tunnel road (Gilo), and west of the village of Husan. • Raids/Curfew/Attack on Religious Sites: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 18:45, the Israeli army raided the village of Husan, opened fire, fired tear gas grenades, and imposed curfew. The Israeli army also surrounded the village's mosque while worshippers were performing evening prayers, severely beat a number of worshippers, and set up 2 checkpoints at the entrances to the village. At 05:00, the Israeli army withdrew from the area. (ii) At 03:20, the Israeli army, including 10 jeeps, raided the village of Nahhalin, set up a checkpoint at the entrance to the village, and patrolled the area until 05:00. (iii) The Israeli army raided the village of Battir, patrolled the area, set up a checkpoint at the entrance to the village, and searched civilians and vehicles.
HEBRON	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wall Construction: Land levelling for Wall construction was resumed 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 19:00, an Israeli army patrol raided the village of Hadab Al

	<p>Fawwar. Confrontations took place between the Israeli army and civilians.</p> <p>(ii) At 02:00, the Israeli army raided the town of Dura and arrested 7 civilians.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Arrests: The Israeli army arrested 7 civilians in the town of Dura: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Nayef Ar Rujoub; (ii) Fat'hi Omar; (iii) Mustafa Omar; (iv) Yasser Ar Rujoub; (v) Mohammed Ibiteit; (vi) Ahmed Hussein An Hanin; and (vii) Abdul Jalil Qassem.
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GAZA STRIP

NORTHERN GAZA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure: Beit Hanun Crossing is partially open to merchants and for humanitarian cases only. • Air Attacks: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 21:00, an Israeli army UAV fired 1 missile towards a civilian crowd in the area of Sha'sha'a, injuring civilians. (ii) At 01:00, an Israeli army UAV fired 1 missile towards the area behind the club of the town of Beit Lahiya. • Attacks: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 08:30, the Israeli army opened intensive fire from its location in the area surrounding the settlement of Dugit towards Palestinian territory east and south of the settlement. (ii) At 20:00, the Israeli army opened intensive fire from its locations at the watchtowers surrounding the settlement Nisanit towards civilian houses in Al Qarya Al Badawiya. (iii) At 03:50, the Israeli army opened intensive fire from its location at Point 23 on the Green Line towards the town of Beit Hanun. • Raids/Provocation of Palestinian Forces/Land Levelling: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 13:15, the Israeli army, including 15 tanks and a number of bulldozers, raided Palestinian territory and took position in Abu Safiyyah hill east of the town of Beit Hanun. (ii) At 20:40, an Israeli army infantry force raided Palestinian territory north of the town of Beit Lahiya and took position near 1 Palestinian National Security location. (iii) At 01:30, the Israeli army, including 12 tanks, raided Palestinian territory and took position in Zammu Street near the town of Beit Hanun. (iv) At 01:55, the Israeli army, including 6 tanks and 2 bulldozers, raided 700 meters into Palestinian territory opposite Point 44 on the Green Line, levelled land, and erected dirt barricades.
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Air Patrols:</u> At 20:40, and again at 07:45, Israeli army helicopters patrolled the skies over the district of Northern Gaza. • <u>Palestinian Attacks:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 08:30, 1 Qassam mortar was fired towards the Green Line. (ii) At 09:20, 2 unidentified mortars were fired towards the Green Line. (iii) At 20:30, 1 Qassam mortar was fired towards the settlement of Dugit. (iv) At 20:35, 2 mortars were fired towards the settlement of Nisanit. (v) At 06:45, 2 unidentified mortars were fired towards the Green Line.
GAZA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Closure:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Nitsareem junction remains closed. (ii) Al Muntar (Karni) Crossing is closed.
CENTRAL GAZA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Palestinian Attack:</u> At 17:40, 1 unidentified mortar was fired towards the settlement of Nitsareem.
KHAN YUNIS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Closure:</u> <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. • <u>Air Attack:</u> At 20:30, an Israeli army UAV fired missiles towards civilian houses in Al Amal neighbourhood. • <u>Attacks:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 22:20, the Israeli army opened intensive fire and fired a number of tank shells towards civilian houses in Al Amal and An Namsawi neighbourhoods. (ii) At 23:30, the Israeli army opened intensive fire from its location in the settlement of Gadid towards civilian houses in the city of Khan Yunis, injuring 1 civilian. • <u>Raid/Destruction of Property:</u> Beginning at 00:15 on 30 December 2004, the Israeli army remains positioned in Al Amal neighbourhood and opened intensive fire towards civilian houses, injuring 1 civilian. The Israeli army also demolished a 3-storey house and destroyed the local market, playground, and walls of Al Amal neighbourhood, along with the walls of a number of houses. At 05:00, the Israeli army withdrew from the area. • <u>School Disruption:</u> On 30 December 2004, the Israeli army caused the disruption of classes in 4 schools serving 2,984 students in Al Amal neighbourhood in the city of Khan Yunis. • <u>House Demolition:</u> The Israeli army demolished 1 house in Al Amal neighbourhood belonging to Suleiman Abu Nimr.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Palestinian Attacks:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 20:10, 1 mortar was fired towards the settlement of Gadid. (ii) At 21:30, 3 mortars were fired towards the settlement of Gadid. (iii) At 23:30, 1 Qassam mortar was fired towards the settlement of Gadid.
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) Al Mawasi/Rafah road is partially open. • <u>Attack:</u> At 02:00, the Israeli army opened fire towards civilian houses in the city of Rafah.

GENERAL

WORK PERMITS	<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.
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