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PALESTINIAN MONITORING GROUP

DAILY SITUATION REPORT

08:00 03 January 2005 – 08:00 04 January 2005

SUMMARY OF EVENTS

EVENT	WEST BANK	GAZA STRIP	TOTAL	NOTES
Deaths	—	7	7	Incl. children
Physical Assault	1	—	1	1 civilian severely beaten
Injuries	—	2	2	2 children in Rafah
Attacks	1	5	6	2 during raids and 4 from posts
Raids	18	3	21	Incl. in Ramallah and Northern Gaza
Arrests (per person)	26	—	26	Incl. 2 in Ramallah and 19 in Hebron
Detentions	3	2	5	Incl. at checkpoints
Land Levelling	—	2	2	Incl. in the city of Rafah
Wall Construction	20	—	20	Jer., Jenin, Ramallah, Beth., Hebron
Destruction of Property	—	1	1	House windows in Gaza
Flying Checkpoints	9	—	9	Incl. in Ramallah, Jenin, and Nablus
Closure (per District)	6	—	6	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	—	3	3	Incl. 1 partially open
School Disruption	1	—	1	Boys School of Silat Adh Dhahr
Obstruction of Elections	1	—	1	1 electoral campaign centre raided
Provocation of Pal. Forces	1	—	1	1 Pal. post in Ramallah raided
Palestinian Attacks	—	2	2	3 Qassam mortars
TOTAL	87	27	114	

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 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.
<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 continues in Budrus, Midya, Ni'lin, Deir Qaddis, Bil'in, Beit Liqya, and Beituniya. • Raids/Provocation of Palestinian Forces/Obstruction of Elections: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 21:30, the Israeli army, including 10 jeeps, raided the town of Beituniya, opened indiscriminate fire, surrounded 1 civilian building, and searched a number of shops in the Industrial Zone. The Israeli army also arrested 2 civilians after severely beating 1 of them, and withdrew at 22:45. (ii) At 02:00, the Israeli army, including 3 jeeps, raided the city of Ramallah. At 04:30, the Israeli army raided the city again, raided 1 Palestinian National Security location, and detained the officers inside. At 04:55, the Israeli army withdrew from the area.

	<p>(iii) The Israeli army raided the village of An Nabi Salih, provoked civilians who were present in the electoral campaign office of Palestinian presidential candidate Mahmoud Abbas, and removed 1 electoral poster. The Israeli army also set up a checkpoint at the entrance to the village and searched civilians and vehicles.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Arrests: The Israeli army arrested 2 unidentified civilians in the town of Beituniya.
JENIN	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure: The Israeli army continues to close the road to the village of ‘Aba with dirt barricades. • 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. • Flying Checkpoint: At 18:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the southern entrance to the city of Jenin, prevented civilians from exiting the city, and thoroughly searched civilians and vehicles. At 19:00, the Israeli army withdrew from the area. • Raids/School Disruption: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 15:00, the Israeli army, including 5 jeeps, raided the city of Jenin, patrolled the area, and withdrew at 15:20. (ii) At 15:30, the Israeli army, including 5 jeeps, raided the town of ‘Arraba, searched 1 house, and withdrew at 16:00. (iii) At 02:00, the Israeli army raided the village of ‘Anin and arrested 1 civilian. (iv) The Israeli army raided the town of Silat Adh Dhahr and raided the town’s Boys School. • Arrest: The Israeli army arrested Bilal Yaseen Salih in the village of ‘Anin.
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, preventing civilian vehicles from crossing. • 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. • Flying Checkpoint: The Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to the village of Zeita and detained a number of civilians after forcing them to strip for thorough searches.

<p style="text-align: center;">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. • Flying Checkpoint: At 18:45, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the eastern entrance to the city of Qalqiliya and searched civilians and vehicles. • Arrests: At 16:00 on 02 January 2005, the Israeli army arrested 2 individuals, including 1 Palestinian National Security officer, at the entrance to the city of Qalqiliya: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Mahmoud ‘Awni Matar, a Palestinian National Security officer; and (ii) Salah Mohammed Horani.
<p style="text-align: center;">NABLUS</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Flying Checkpoint: At 10:50, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the junction between the settlement of ‘Einav and the village of Deir Sharaf junction and searched civilians and vehicles. • Raid: The Israeli army raided the village of Beita and arrested 1 civilian. • Arrest: The Israeli army arrested Hmeidan Hamayel in the village Beita.
<p style="text-align: center;">SALFIT</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wall Construction: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Land levelling for Wall construction continues 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 Checkpoints: The Israeli army set up several checkpoints along the Trans-Samaria Highway and searched civilians and vehicles. • Raid: At 23:30, the Israeli army raided the city of Salfit and patrolled the area.
<p style="text-align: center;">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. • Checkpoints: The Israeli army intensified its measures at checkpoints set up at the entrances to the city of Jericho. • Detentions: The Israeli army detained 3 civilians, including 1 female civilian, at Al Karama (Allenby) Crossing and prevented them from travelling to Mecca (through Jordan) to perform pilgrimage:

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Fatima At Tahayneh, a female civilian; (ii) Sa'id Murrar; and (iii) Zeid Zakarneh.
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. • Arrest: On 02 January 2005, the Israeli army arrested Bilal Abdullah Ali while he was working inside the settlement of Har Homa, which is constructed on Abu Ghuneim Mount.
HEBRON	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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 Checkpoints: The Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint along the road between the towns of Tarqumiya and Idhna and searched civilians and vehicles. • Raids: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 02:00, the Israeli army raided the village of Khirbet Al Majd and arrested 1 civilian. (ii) At 02:00, the Israeli army raided the town of Halhul and arrested 1 civilian. (iii) The Israeli army raided the town of Dura and arrested 1 civilian. (iv) The Israeli army raided the town of Yatta and arrested 3 civilians. (v) The Israeli army raided Al Fawwar refugee camp and arrested 5 civilians. (vi) The Israeli army raided the town of Beit Ummar and arrested 3 civilians. (vii) The Israeli army raided the village of Deir Samit and arrested 2 civilians. (viii) The Israeli army raided the town of Beit Ula and arrested 3 civilians. • Arrests: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) The Israeli army arrested Walid Mahmoud Isma'il Amr in the village of Khirbet Al Majd. (ii) The Israeli army arrested Tawfiq Al Atrash in the town of Halhul. (iii) The Israeli army arrested Khalil Raba'i Al 'Umour in the town of Dura.

	<p>The Israeli army arrested 3 civilians in the town of Yatta:</p> <p>(iv) Taleb Mahmoud An Najjar;</p> <p>(v) Taysir Hassan Rabba'; and</p> <p>(vi) Rabba' Khalil Raba'i.</p> <p>The Israeli army arrested 5 civilians in Al Fawwar refugee camp:</p> <p>(vii) Kamal 'Amer Abu Tu'eimeh;</p> <p>(viii) Mohammed Ali Al Battah;</p> <p>(ix) Jamal Abu Tu'eimeh;</p> <p>(x) Mohammed Ash Shawakeh; and</p> <p>(xi) Mohammed Al Kharouf.</p> <p>The Israeli army arrested 3 civilians in the town of Beit Ummar:</p> <p>(xii) Ibrahim Mansour As Sabarneh;</p> <p>(xiii) Jamil Mohammed 'Alqam; and</p> <p>(xiv) Farhan 'Alqam.</p> <p>The Israeli army arrested 2 civilians in the village of Deir Samit:</p> <p>(xv) Abdullah Yousef Al Huroub; and</p> <p>(xvi) Mohammed Yousef Al Huroub.</p> <p>The Israeli army arrested 3 civilians in the town of Beit Ula:</p> <p>(xvii) Anwar Abdul Rahim Rajab;</p> <p>(xviii) Jamal Al 'Amleh; and</p> <p>(xix) Jamal 'Awni Al 'Adam.</p>
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GAZA STRIP

<p>NORTHERN GAZA</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure: Beit Hanun Crossing is partially open to merchants and for humanitarian cases only. • Attack: At 08:00 on 04 January 2005, the Israeli army fired 3 tank shells towards civilian houses in the area of Fad'ous in Beit Lahiya, killing 7 civilians, including children, and injuring several civilians, many of whom are in critical condition. • Raid: Beginning at 08:20 on 02 January 2005, the Israeli army remains positioned in the area surrounding the town of Beit Hanun, in Izbat Beit Hanun, and on the Customs junction along Salah Ad Din road and opened intensive fire. The Israeli army remains positioned in the area as of 08:00 this morning. • Killings: The Israeli army killed 7 civilians in the area of Fad'ous in Beit Lahiya: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Hani Mohammed Ghaben; (ii) Mohammed Hassan Ghaben; (iii) Rajeh Hassan Ghaben; (iv) Jibril Abdul Fattah Al Kassih; (v) Bassam Kamel Ghaben; (vi) Jaber Abdullah Ghaben; and
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	<p>(vii) 1 unidentified civilian (severely mangled corpse).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Palestinian Attack:</u> At 16:15, 2 Qassam mortars were fired towards the Green Line.
GAZA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Closure:</u> Nitsareem junction remains closed. • <u>Attacks:</u> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 10:00, the Israeli army fired 1 tank shell towards Al Hajj Fadl's brick factory. (ii) At 21:45, the Israeli army opened intensive fire from the settlement of Nitsareem towards civilian houses in Az Zahra' city, causing damage to the windows of several houses.
CENTRAL GAZA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Land Levelling:</u> At 09:40, the Israeli army levelled land near the sea road (Nitsareem).
KHAN YUNIS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Closure:</u> <ol 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. At 11:25, the Israeli army closed Salah Ad Din road at Abu Holi checkpoint. At 14:50, the Israeli army closed the road again, searched civilians and vehicles, detained 5 civilians, and released them at 15:30. • <u>Raid:</u> At 02:35, the Israeli army, including 1 tank and 1 bulldozer, raided Palestinian territory in Al Amal neighbourhood and withdrew at 06:20.
RAFAH	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Closure:</u> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Yasser Arafat International Airport remains closed. (ii) Rafah Crossing is closed. The Israeli army forced civilians travelling to Mecca to perform pilgrimage to cross Miftahim Crossing (which is allocated for Israeli travellers) into Egypt instead of Rafah Crossing. (iii) Al Mawasi/Rafah road is partially open. • <u>Attack:</u> At 14:55, the Israeli army opened fire from its location near Salah Ad Din gate towards civilian houses, injuring 2 children. • <u>Raid/Land Levelling:</u> At 15:30, an Israeli army bulldozer raided Palestinian territory in the city of Rafah and levelled land.

GENERAL

<p>POLITICAL PRISONERS</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Administrative Detention:</u> Israeli authorities issued administrative detention sentences (arrest without charge or trial) for 6 political prisoners. • <u>Israeli Measures Against Political Prisoners:</u> Political prisoners in Ishel isolation section in Bir As Sabe' Prison suffer from difficult imprisonment conditions. Ill political prisoners suffer in particular, due to the fact that the Israeli prison administration frequently postpones offering them the necessary medical treatment. The prison administration only provides ill prisoners with tranquilizers.
<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.