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DAILY SITUATION REPORT
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SUMMARY OF EVENTS

EVENT	WEST BANK	GAZA STRIP	TOTAL	NOTES
Injury	—	1	**1**	1 civilian in the Northern Gaza district
Attacks	2	3	**5**	3 in raids and 2 from military posts
Raids	20	3	**23**	Incl. 4 in Ramallah & 2 in Khan Yunis
Arrests	12	—	**12**	Incl. 1 child in the district of Ramallah
Detentions	15	—	**15**	At checkpoints & in residential locales
Land Levelling	—	1	**1**	East of Al Qarara area in Khan Yunis
Wall Construction	27	—	**27**	Jer., Raml'h., Qalq., Salfit, Hebron, Beth.
Confiscation of Property	1	—	**1**	A hunting rifle from a civilian, Tulkarem
Closure of Checkpoints	13	—	**13**	Incl. access impeded at 6 checkpoints
Flying Checkpoints	17	—	**17**	Incl. 3 in Ramallah and 5 in Jenin
Closure (per District)	6	—	**6**	Incl. Jerusalem and Tulkarem partially
Closure of Main Roads	32	—	**32**	Incl. 2 in Bethlehem & 11 in Hebron
Closure of Crossing Points	—	6	**6**	Incl. Beit Hanun (Erez) partially
Palestinian Attacks	1	1	**2**	Incl. 1 unidentified mortar fired, N. Gaza
TOTAL	**146**	**15**	**161**	

DISTRICT	EVENT

WEST BANK

ALL DISTRICTS	• The Israeli army continues to intensify its restrictions at checkpoints set up on the main roads connecting the West Bank districts, thereby isolating the northern districts from the southern districts as well as the Jericho district and the Jordan Valley from the remainder of the West Bank.

JERUSALEM	• **Closure:** The Israeli army continues to intensify its restrictions at checkpoints located at the entrances to the city of Jerusalem, in the old city of Jerusalem, and around Al Aqsa Mosque compound. • **Closure of Main Roads:** (i) The Israeli army continues to close the entrance opposite the junction to Dahiyat al Bareed in the city of Jerusalem with a barbed wire gate and to deny civilian access. (ii) The Israeli army continues to close the road connecting Dahiyat al Bareed to the town of Ar Ram in order to complete Wall construction in the area. (iii) The Israeli army continues to close with cement blocks the entrance to the village of Jaba', which connects the village to the cities of Jerusalem, Ramallah, and Jericho. • **Checkpoint:** The Israeli army continues to consider Qalandiya checkpoint a "border crossing point" and has designated a special crossing for holders of Jerusalem IDs and those possessing permits to access the city of Jerusalem. • **Wall Gates:** (i) The Israeli army continues to close the Wall gate in the town of Abu Dis with cement blocks. (ii) The Israeli army continues to deny civilian access through the Wall gate on Ash Shayyah road in the area between the villages of As Sawahira ash Sharqiya and As Sawahira al Gharbiya, only allowing civilians holding Jerusalem IDs to cross, after subjecting them to thorough searches using electronic devices. • **Wall Construction:** Wall construction continues in Dahiyat al Bareed, Dahiyat al Aqbat, from the village of Hizma to 'Anata, along the Hizma-Jaba' road, the area of Al 'Eizariya to Ash Shayyah, from the village of Beit Surik to Biddu, in the areas of Al Judeira, Bir Nabala, and Beit Hanina, west of the village of Al Jib, and in the vicinity of the village of Qatanna. • **Raid:** The Israeli army raided the town of Al 'Eizariya and arrested 3 civilians. • **Arrests:** The Israeli army arrested 3 civilians in the town of Al 'Eizariya: (i) Mousa Dawoud Matar; (ii) Yaseen Hasan Matar; and (iii) Bahjat Saqer Nassr Allah.

RAMALLAH & EL BIREH	**Closure of Main Roads:** (i) The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the eastern entrance to the village of Sinjil. (ii) The Israeli army continues to close with cement blocks the western entrance to the village of Saffa. **Checkpoint:** The Israeli army continues to intensify its restrictions at the checkpoint set up on the overpass to the town of 'Atara and to impede access to the city of Ramallah for civilians holding IDs issued in the northern districts of the West Bank. **Wall Construction:** Wall construction continues in the area west of the town of 'Abud, in the areas of Al Midya to Ni'lin, Ni'lin to Deir Qaddis, and in the town of Beituniya. **Flying Checkpoints:** (i) At 14:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to the town of Deir Dibwan and searched civilians and vehicles. (ii) At 14:30, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the junction to the village of Surda along the road connecting the city of Ramallah to Al Jalazun refugee camp and searched civilians and vehicles. **Raids/Attack:** (i) At 17:30, the Israeli army, including 4 jeeps, raided the city of El Bireh and Al Am'ari refugee camp. The Israeli army also opened fire towards a civilian vehicle, searched 1 house, and arrested 1 civilian in the refugee camp. At 04:00, the Israeli army withdrew from the area. (ii) At 21:05, the Israeli army, including 3 jeeps, raided the village of Kafr 'Ein, set up a checkpoint at its entrance, and searched civilians and vehicles. The Israeli army also patrolled the area. (iii) At 04:00, the Israeli army raided the town of Beituniya and searched a number of houses. **Arrests:** (i) At 09:00, the Israeli army arrested 17-year-old Ibrahim Jamal Mohammed, while he was riding a motorcycle near 'Ofar military post. (ii) The Israeli army arrested 'Abed Sa'eed Abu Raddahah in Al Am'ari refugee camp.
JENIN	**Closure of Roads:** The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the unpaved detour road leading to the town of 'Arraba east of the settlement of Dotan as well as the road connecting the town of Qabatiya to the village of Misliya. **Checkpoint:** The Israeli army continues to close Tayasir checkpoint east of the town of Tubas, denying civilian access to the Northern Jordan Valley, except for civilians whose IDs indicate that their place of residence is the Northern Jordan Valley. **Wall Gates:** Passage through the Wall gates is restricted to civilians granted special Israeli permits.

	• **Flying Checkpoints:** (i) At 09:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint near the junction to the village of Zububa, searched civilians and vehicles, and denied civilian access, claiming to be defusing an explosive device. (ii) At 14:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the junction to the town of 'Arraba and searched civilians and vehicles. (iii) The Israeli army set up 3 flying checkpoints on the junctions to the town of Az Zababida as well as the villages of Al Kufeir and Al Hashimiya and searched civilians and vehicles. • **Raids:** (i) At 18:00, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the village of Al Far'a. (ii) At 03:00, an Israeli army patrol raided the town of Tubas and patrolled the area.
TULKAREM	• **Closure:** The Israeli army continues to declare the district of Tulkarem a closed military zone and to impede civilian access to and from the district. • **Closure of Main Roads:** The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the Dahiyat Iktaba-Bal'a road, the entrance to the village of Saffarin, the road connecting the town of Deir al Ghusun to 'Attil plain, and the road connecting the town of Kafr al Labad to the village of Shufa. • **Checkpoints:** The Israeli army continues to intensify its restrictions at 'Einav checkpoint (the eastern entrance to the city) and Jubara checkpoint (the southern entrance to the city). • **Wall Gates:** Passage through the Wall gates is restricted to civilians granted special Israeli permits. • **Flying Checkpoints:** (i) At 08:50, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to the village of Qaffin, searched civilians and vehicles, and denied civilian access, claiming to be defusing a suspicious object. (ii) At 10:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the junction to the town of Bal'a and searched civilians and vehicles. • **Raids/Confiscation of Property:** (i) At 11:00, the Israeli army, including 9 jeeps, raided the village of Kafr 'Abbush and arrested 1 civilian, while he was tending sheep. The Israeli army also confiscated a hunting rifle from the arrested civilian. (ii) At 11:55, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the city of Tulkarem. (iii) At 01:10, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the city of Tulkarem and Tulkarem refugee camp. • **Arrest:** The Israeli army arrested Hisham Ahmed Bushnaq in the village of Kafr 'Abbush.
QALQILIYA	• **Closure of Roads:** The Israeli army continues to close with cement blocks the agricultural roads east of the town of 'Azzun. • **Wall Gates:** (i) Passage through the Wall gates is restricted to civilians granted special Israeli permits. (ii) The Israeli army continues to intensify its restrictions at 'Azzun 'Atma Wall gate and to search civilians, including students, with a metal detector.

	• **Wall Construction:** Land levelling for Wall construction continues in the villages of Immatin and Kafr Laqif as well as east of the towns of Kafr Thulth and 'Azzun. • **Flying Checkpoints:** At 09:00, the Israeli army set up 2 flying checkpoints at the eastern and southern entrances to the city of Qalqiliya and searched civilians and vehicles. • **Raids/Attack:** At 20:30, the Israeli army raided the towns of 'Azzun and Kafr Thulth and opened fire towards a civilian vehicle that fled. The Israeli army also patrolled the area.
NABLUS	• **Closure of Main Roads:** (i) The Israeli army continues to close the Jenin-Nablus road between the junction to the village of Deir Sharaf and the settlement of Shavei Shomron. (ii) The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the southern entrance to the village of Qaryut. • **Checkpoints:** The Israeli army continues to regulate times for crossing checkpoints set up around the city of Nablus: (i) Huwwara and Beit Iba checkpoints (set up at the southern and western entrances to the city of Nablus respectively) are closed at 23:00. The Israeli army only allows civilian vehicles possessing access permits to cross these checkpoints. (ii) At Tur neighbourhood checkpoint (set up on Jirzim Mount) is closed on Fridays and Saturdays as well as during Jewish holidays. On all other days, it is open for civilian residents of the neighbourhood only. (iii) Beit Furik checkpoint is open to civilian residents of the town of Beit Furik and the village of Beit Dajan until 17:30. (iv) Beginning on 23 November 2006, the Israeli army continues to close the checkpoint set up in the area between the city of Nablus and the town of 'Asira ash Shamaliya and to prevent civilians from crossing, only allowing access to humanitarian cases. (v) At 10:00, the Israeli army closed Beit Iba checkpoint, denied civilian access, and reopened it at a later time. • **Raids:** At 15:40, the Israeli army, including 3 jeeps, raided the city of Nablus, set up a checkpoint along the road to the village of Till, and searched civilians and vehicles. At 00:05, the Israeli army raided the city again and patrolled the area. • **Arrests:** Israeli troops positioned at Huwwara checkpoint arrested 2 civilians: (i) Baha' Tayel Hamad; and (ii) 'Allam 'Izz ad Din as Sayeh.
SALFIT	• **Closure of Main Roads:** (i) The Israeli army has continued to close the main north-western entrance to the city of Salfit with dirt barricades since the beginning of the current *Intifada* (Uprising).

	(ii) The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the western entrance to the village of Marda and, with cement blocks, the western entrance to the town of Kafr ad Dik. • **Checkpoints:** (i) The Israeli army continues to intensify its restrictions at Deir Ballut checkpoint and to deny civilian access to the town of Kafr ad Dik. (ii) The Israeli army continues to intensify its restrictions at the Za'tara junction checkpoint and to impede civilian access. • **Wall Construction:** Wall construction continues in the area northwest of the city of Salfit, and in the village of Marda and the town of Kifl Haris north of the settlement of Ari'el. • **Raid:** At 10:55, an Israeli army patrol raided the city of Salfit and patrolled the area.
JERICHO	• **Closure:** The Israeli army continues to close Road # 90 between the city of Jericho and the village of Al 'Auja with cement blocks and to prevent farmers not holding Jericho Governorate IDs from reaching their land, forcing them to apply for access permits. The Israeli army also continues to deny access to the city to holders of Israeli IDs. • **Flying Checkpoint:** At 17:50, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the junction to the village of Al 'Auja and searched civilians and vehicles. • **Arrest:** The Israeli army arrested Ibrahim Mahmoud 'Awajleh from a commercial shop on the junction to the Red Sea.
BETHLEHEM	• **Closure:** The Israeli army continues to close the roads to the village of An Nu'man, with the exception of the road leading to the Wall gate in the south-eastern area of the village. • **Closure of Main Roads:** The Israeli army continues to close all roads to Road # 60 leading to the city of Jerusalem, thereby isolating the city of Bethlehem from its towns and villages located west of Road # 60. • **Wall Construction:** Wall construction continues in the area northwest of the town of Al Khadr, north of 'Ayda refugee camp, northwest of the city of Beit Jala, and in the area of Wadi Rahhal east of the settlement of Efrat. • **Flying Checkpoint:** At 21:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to the village of Al 'Asakira and searched civilians and vehicles. • **Raids:** (i) At 16:40, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the city of Beit Jala. (ii) At 01:40, the Israeli army raided the village of Ash Shawawra, searched 1 house, and arrested 1 civilian. (iii) At 07:30, the Israeli army raided the village of Nahhalin arrested 1 civilian. • **Arrests:** (i) The Israeli army arrested Mohammed Talab Hamdan in the village of Ash Shawawra. (ii) The Israeli army arrested Sayed Mohammed Najajreh in the village of Nahhalin.

	• **Palestinian Attack:** At 18:30, an armed Palestinian individual threw an explosive device at Israeli troops positioned in the area surrounding Bilal Bin Rabah Mosque (Rachel's Tomb).
HEBRON	• **Closure:** (i) The Israeli army continues to close the following locales in the old city of Hebron: Ash Shuhada' Street and the area of As Sahleh with cement blocks and barbed wire; the old gold market with an iron gate; the area of Khuzq al Far near the settlement of Abraham Avino with a dirt barricade and an iron gate; and the entrance to the area of Al Khan with an electronic gate, isolating the area from Al Laban Market and the area of As Sahleh. (ii) Although it expired on 07 May 2006, the Israeli army continues to implement a military order stipulating the prohibition of civilian vehicles from travelling along the road connecting the settlement of Kiryat Arba' to the Ibrahimi Mosque in the old city of Hebron unless they possess access permits. • **Closure of Main Roads:** (i) The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the following locales: the area of Al Hawawir leading to the town of Halhul; the area of Al Fahs south of the city of Hebron; the junction to the area of Farsh al Hawa leading to Road # 35 northwest of the city of Hebron; the road connecting the town of Surif to the village of Al Jab'a; the entrance to the village of Beit 'Einun; and the eastern entrance to the village of Kharsa. The Israeli army also continues to close with cement blocks the entrance to Al Qeisi neighbourhood in the old city of Hebron as well as the main entrance to Al 'Arrub refugee camp. (ii) In accordance with Military Order # 378, the Israeli army continues to prohibit Palestinian vehicles from travelling along Shalala Old Street that leads to the old city of Hebron, only allowing Israeli vehicles as well as Israeli army vehicles to travel along this street. • **Wall Construction:** Wall construction continues in the section of Tarqumiya checkpoint terminal, the remaining section of the Wall route that separates the settlement of Eshkolot from the village of Ar Ramadin, and near the village of Imneizil southeast of the town of Yatta. • **Flying Checkpoints:** (i) At 10:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to Al 'Arrub refugee camp and searched civilians and vehicles. (ii) The Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on Al Fawwar junction, searched civilians and vehicles, and arrested 1 civilian. • **Raid:** At 02:30, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the city of Hebron. • **Arrest:** Israeli troops positioned at the flying checkpoint set up on Al Fawwar junction arrested Usamah Abdul Qader al Masalmeh.

GAZA STRIP

ALL DISTRICTS	• The ceasefire agreement that entered into force at 06:00 on 26 November 2006 remains effective. However, the Israeli army carried out 3 raids into Palestinian territory, during one of which it levelled land. In addition, the Israeli army opened fire towards Palestinian territory on 3 occasions, injuring 1 civilian. Armed Palestinian individuals also fired 1 mortar towards the Green Line.
NORTHERN GAZA	• **Closure of Crossing Point:** Beit Hanun (Erez) Crossing is partially open only to foreign nationals, VIPs, and humanitarian cases. From 14:00 until 14:30, the Israeli army closed the Crossing, allegedly for investigating a suspicious object. • **Attack/Injury:** At 13:00, in violation of the Israeli-Palestinian ceasefire agreement, the Israeli army opened fire from one of its locations on the Green Line towards a number of civilians northwest of the town of Beit Lahiya, injuring 1 civilian. • **Raid:** At 01:50, in violation of the Israeli-Palestinian ceasefire agreement, the Israeli army, including 10 armoured vehicles, raided 500 metres into the area of Abu Safiya east of the town of Beit Hanun and withdrew at 06:50. • **Palestinian Attack:** At 15:50, armed Palestinian individuals fired 1 unidentified mortar towards the Green Line, thereby violating the Israeli-Palestinian ceasefire agreement.
GAZA	• **Closure of Crossing Point:** Ash Shuja'iya (Nahal 'Oz) Crossing is closed.
CENTRAL GAZA	• **Attack:** In violation of the Israeli-Palestinian ceasefire agreement, the Israeli army opened fire from the area near Point 117 on the Green Line towards 2 civilians at a distance of 300 metres from the border fence east of Al Bureij refugee camp.
KHAN YUNIS	• **Raids/Land Levelling/Attack:** In violation of the Israeli-Palestinian ceasefire agreement, the Israeli army carried out 2 raids into Palestinian territory as follows: (i) At 09:45, the Israeli army, including 1 armoured vehicle and 2 bulldozers, raided 50 metres into Palestinian territory near Point 152 on the Green Line east of the area of Al Qarara and levelled land. (ii) At 12:00, the Israeli army, including 2 armoured vehicles, raided 200 metres into Palestinian territory near Point 147 on the Green Line east of the area of Al Qarara and opened indiscriminate fire.
RAFAH	• **Closure of Crossing Points:** (i) Yasser 'Arafat International Airport remains closed. (ii) Rafah Crossing is closed. (iii) Sufa Crossing is closed. (iv) Karm Abu Salim (Karem Shalom) Crossing is closed.