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PALESTINIAN MONITORING GROUP

DAILY SITUATION REPORT

08:00 04 January 2005 – 08:00 05 January 2005

SUMMARY OF EVENTS

| EVENT | WEST BANK | GAZA STRIP | TOTAL | NOTES |
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| Deaths | — | 2 | 2 | Incl. 1 in an armed confrontation |
| Injuries | — | 11 | 11 | Incl. 3 officers |
| Attacks | 6 | 10 | 16 | Incl. 6 during raids and 9 from posts |
| Raids | 21 | 1 | 22 | Incl. 5 in Ramallah and 4 in Nablus |
| Air Patrols | 1 | 2 | 3 | Over Salfit and Northern Gaza |
| Arrests (per person) | 12 | 21 | 33 | Incl. 19 officers in Northern Gaza |
| Detentions | 6 | 1 | 7 | Incl. civilians denied travel to Mecca |
| Wall Construction | 20 | — | 20 | Jer., Jenin, Ramallah, Beth., Hebron |
| Destruction of Property | 1 | — | 1 | 1 civilian vehicle destroyed |
| House Occupations | 2 | — | 2 | 1 in Tulkarem and 1 in Baqa Sharqiya |
| Flying Checkpoints | 10 | — | 10 | Incl. in Ramallah and Qalqiliya |
| 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 | All closed |
| Medical Obstruction | — | 1 | 1 | Ambulances denied access |
| School Disruption | 1 | — | 1 | Teachers denied access |
| Construction of Mil. Post | — | — | — | Order issued to erect a watchtower |
| Provocation of Pal. Forces | 3 | 2 | 5 | Incl. open fire towards 2 Pal. posts |
| Palestinian Attacks | — | 14 | 14 | Incl. 8 Qassam mortars & 14 mortars |
| TOTAL | 89 | 68 | 157 | |

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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 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

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| JERUSALEM | <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. |
| 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. Flying Checkpoints: At 21:00, the Israeli army set up 1 flying checkpoint along the Bir Zeit road and another flying checkpoint along the Rafat road, searched civilians and vehicles, obstructed the convoy of the President of the Palestinian National Authority, Mr. Rawhi Fattouh, and halted it for a period of time. Raids: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> At 11:00, the Israeli army, including 4 jeeps, raided the city of Ramallah and arrested 1 civilian. At 20:00, the Israeli army raided the village of 'Ein 'Arik, opened indiscriminate fire, and patrolled the area. |

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| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (iii) At 20:30, the Israeli army raided the town of Beituniya, set up a checkpoint on the 'Ein 'Arik junction, and opened indiscriminate fire while raiding a restaurant. (iv) At 22:25, an Israeli army patrol raided the town of Bir Zeit, set up a checkpoint in the centre of the town, and searched civilians and vehicles. (v) At 02:25, the Israeli army, including 7 jeeps, raided the village of Qarawat Bani Zeid, searched 1 house, and arrested 1 civilian. • Arrests: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) The Israeli army arrested Mohammed Hashem Abdul Rahman in the city of Ramallah. (ii) The Israeli army arrested Rami Saed Sneif in the village of Qarawat Bani Zeid. |
| 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. • Raid: At 03:00, the Israeli army, including 6 jeeps, raided the city of Jenin, opened intensive fire, fired sound grenades, searched a number of houses, and arrested 1 civilian. At 04:00, the Israeli army withdrew from the area. • Arrest: The Israeli army arrested 'Aql Omar Abu 'Aql in the city of Jenin. |
| 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. • Raids/House Occupations: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 09:30, the Israeli army raided the city of Tulkarem, occupied 1 house in Dahiyat Dhinnaba after detaining its residents inside, and converted it into a military post. (ii) At 18:30, the Israeli army raided the town of Baqa Ash Sharqiya, occupied 1 house after detaining its residents inside, and converted it into a military post. |

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| <p style="text-align: center;">QALQILYA</p> | <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 Checkpoint:</u> At 15:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the eastern entrance to the city of Qalqiliya, searched civilians and vehicles, and withdrew at 21:00. • <u>Raid:</u> At 01:00, the Israeli army raided the city of Qalqiliya and patrolled the area until 06:00. |
| <p style="text-align: center;">NABLUS</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Flying Checkpoint:</u> At 08:40, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the junction to the villages of Salim and Deir Al Hatab, searched civilians and vehicles, detained a number of civilians, and prevented teachers from reaching their schools. • <u>Raids/Provocation of Palestinian Forces:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 10:50, the Israeli army raided the village of Juneid, raided 1 Palestinian National Security location, searched 1 house, and patrolled the area. (ii) At 17:30, the Israeli army, including 4 jeeps, raided the city of Nablus. Confrontations took place between the Israeli army and civilians. The Israeli army also patrolled the area. (iii) At 02:30, the Israeli army raided the village of Kafr Qalil and Balata refugee camp and arrested 2 individuals in the village of Kafr Qalil, including 1 Palestinian Preventive Security officer. • <u>Arrests:</u> The Israeli army arrested 2 individuals in the village of Kafr Qalil: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Bilal Hamdan ‘Amer, a Palestinian Preventive Security officer; and (ii) Ziyad Nasr Mansour. |
| <p style="text-align: center;">SALFIT</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Wall Construction:</u> <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. • <u>Flying Checkpoints:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 11:25, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the southern entrance to the city of Salfit, searched civilians and vehicles, and withdrew at 13:30. (ii) The Israeli army set up a checkpoint under the overpass to the village of Az Zawiya and impeded civilian movement. |

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| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Raid: At 08:30, an Israeli army helicopter dispatched a number of infantry troops in the area of Wadi Ash Sha'er south of the city of Salfit and pulled them out at 13:25. |
| <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 a number of civilians from the town of Dura at Al Karama (Allenby) Crossing and prevented them from travelling to Mecca (through Jordan) to perform pilgrimage. |
| <p style="text-align: center;">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 continues north of the district of Bethlehem, along 'Ayda refugee camp, along the tunnel road (Gilo), and west of the village of Husan. • Flying Checkpoint: At 09:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to the city of Beit Sahur and searched civilians and vehicles. • Raids/Provocation of Palestinian Forces: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 09:15, an Israeli army patrol raided the city of Beit Sahur and took position near a Palestinian National Security location set up at the entrance to the city. (ii) At 18:30, the Israeli army, including 4 jeeps, raided the town of Al Khadr, opened fire towards 1 civilian vehicle (which was parked in the area), and destroyed it (using explosive). (iii) At 04:20, the Israeli army, including 13 jeeps, raided the city of Bethlehem, opened indiscriminate fire, searched a number of houses, and arrested 3 individuals, including 1 Palestinian National Security officer and 1 Palestinian General Intelligence officer. At 07:25, the Israeli army withdrew from the area. (iv) The Israeli army raided the village of Husan and searched 1 house, allegedly to search for civilians wanted by the Israeli army. • Arrests: The Israeli army arrested 3 individuals in the city of Bethlehem: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Fayez Al Akhras, an officer; (ii) Ibrahim Nawawreh, an officer; and (iii) Faris Nawawreh. |

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| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Detention:</u> The Israeli army detained a bus transporting civilians in the village of Al Walaja, because it was present in the area of Jerusalem. |
| HEBRON | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Wall Construction:</u> 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. • <u>Flying Checkpoint:</u> At 07:00 on 05 January 2005, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint between the town of Dura and Al Fawwar refugee camp and searched civilians and vehicles. • <u>Raids:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 22:00, the Israeli army raided the town of Dura and arrested 1 civilian. (ii) At 22:00, the Israeli army raided the city of Hebron and patrolled several neighbourhoods. (iii) The Israeli army raided the town of Surif and arrested 3 civilians. • <u>Arrests:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) The Israeli army arrested Isma'il Hassan 'Awawdeh in the town of Dura. <p>The Israeli army arrested 3 civilians in the town of Surif:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (ii) Hamed Sha'ban Al Hour; (iii) Ahmed Al Hour; and (iv) Mohammed Al 'Ar'ar. • <u>Construction of Military Post:</u> The Israeli army issued an order to construct a military watchtower in Al Fahss neighbourhood in the city of Hebron, which will lead to the confiscation of civilian land. |

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| NORTHERN GAZA | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Closure:</u> Beit Hanun Crossing is closed. • <u>Attacks/Provocation of Palestinian Forces/Medical Obstruction:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 14:20, Israeli army helicopters opened machinegun fire towards land cultivated with trees in the town of Beit Hanun. (ii) At 18:55, the Israeli army fired 3 tank shells towards civilian houses in the town of Beit Hanun. (iii) At 00:50, the Israeli army opened fire from its location at Point 27 on the Green Line towards land cultivated with trees in the town of Beit Hanun. (iv) At 01:10, the Israeli army opened fire towards 2 Palestinian National Security locations in the district of Northern Gaza, injuring 3 Palestinian National Security officers. The Israeli army prevented ambulances from transporting the injured officers to hospital. |
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| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Raid/Provocation of Palestinian Forces:</u> 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, opened intensive fire, raided 2 Palestinian National Security locations, and arrested 19 Palestinian National Security officers. The Israeli army remains positioned in the area as of 08:00 this morning. • <u>Air Patrol:</u> At 12:00, Israeli army helicopters patrolled the skies over the town of Beit Lahiya. • <u>Palestinian Attacks:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 10:10, 1 Qassam mortar was fired (but exploded in the area where it was fired), injuring 3 civilians. (ii) At 11:00, 3 Qassam mortars were fired towards the Green Line. (iii) At 12:00, 2 unidentified mortars were fired towards the settlement of Dugit. (iv) At 14:00, 4 unidentified mortars were fired towards the Green Line (2 of the mortars exploded in the area where they were fired). (v) At 14:40, 1 Qassam mortar was fired towards the Green Line. (vi) At 20:40, 1 unidentified mortar was fired towards the settlement of Dugit. (vii) At 01:30, an armed confrontation took place between Palestinian individuals and the Israeli army near the Industrial Zone in Beit Hanun, during which the Israeli army killed 1 Palestinian individual. (viii) At 07:50, 3 mortars were fired towards the Green Line. (ix) At 17:50, 1 unidentified mortar was fired towards Beit Hanun Crossing. • <u>Killings:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) The Israeli army killed an unidentified individual during an armed confrontation with Palestinian individuals near the Industrial Zone in Beit Hanun. (ii) The 7 civilians who were killed by the Israeli army in the area of Fad'ous (reported yesterday) included 6 students, aged 10 – 17. • <u>Arrests:</u> The Israeli army arrested 19 unidentified Palestinian National Security officers in the district of Northern Gaza. |
| GAZA | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Closure:</u> Nitsareem junction remains closed. • <u>Attacks:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 16:40, the Israeli army fired 1 tank shell towards the soda factory along the Karni-Nitsareem road. The Israeli army also fired 2 tank shells towards civilian houses in Az Zaytoun neighbourhood in Gaza city, killing 1 civilian and injuring 5 others. (ii) At 18:55, the Israeli army fired 3 tank shells towards the area of Malakeh roundabout. (iii) At 00:50, the Israeli army opened intensive fire towards the area near Al Hajj Fadl's factory along the Karni-Nitsareem road. |

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| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Killing:</u> The Israeli army killed Mohammed Hani Khalifeh in Az Zaytoun neighbourhood in Gaza city. |
| CENTRAL GAZA | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Palestinian Attacks:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 23:55, 1 mortar was fired towards the settlement of Kfar Darom. (ii) At 07:15, 2 Qassam mortars were fired towards the settlement bloc of Gosh Katif. |
| 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. At 14:45, the Israeli army closed Salah Ad Din road at Abu Holi checkpoint and arrested 2 civilians. At 15:45, the road was reopened. • <u>Attack:</u> At 13:15, the Israeli army fired several tank shells from its location at Point 95 towards Khan Yunis refugee camp. • <u>Arrests:</u> The Israeli army arrested 2 civilians at Abu Holi checkpoint: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Ala' 'Arafat; and (ii) A civilian from the family of As Soussi. • <u>Palestinian Attacks:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 12:05, 1 Qassam mortar was fired towards the settlement of Gadid. (ii) At 18:50, 1 mortar was fired towards the settlement of Gadid. (iii) At 21:15, 1 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. |

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| 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. |
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| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li data-bbox="451 212 1406 317">(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.<li data-bbox="451 321 1406 394">(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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