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PALESTINIAN MONITORING GROUP

DAILY SITUATION REPORT

08:00 09 January 2005 – 08:00 10 January 2005

SUMMARY OF EVENTS

EVENT	WEST BANK	GAZA STRIP	TOTAL	NOTES
Injuries	—	4	4	Incl. 1 child
Attacks	—	7	7	From Israeli army military posts
Raids	8	—	8	Incl. 2 in Bethlehem and 2 in Hebron
Arrests (per person)	8	3	11	Incl. 1 child and 2 officers
Detentions	8	—	8	At checkpoints
Wall Construction	20	—	20	Incl. Jer., Jenin, Ramallah, and Beth.
Destruction of Property	2	—	2	1 bus and 2 vehicles
Land Confiscation	1	—	1	Notices to confiscate 337 <i>dunums</i>
House Occupation	1	—	1	In the old city of Hebron
Flying Checkpoints	19	—	19	Incl. 1 in Jerusalem & 4 in Ramallah
Closure (per District)	3	—	3	Incl. Jerusalem and Jericho (partially)
Closure of Main Roads	(Unidentified)	(5)	—	Incl. 3 partially
Closure of Wall Gates	(All)	—	(All)	Permits required to cross
Closure of Crossing Points	—	4	4	2 partially open
Settler Violence	2	—	2	Incl. throwing stones at 1 bus
Obstruction of Elections	3	1	4	Incl. denying access to observers
Provocation of Pal. Forces	1	1	2	Incl. 1 officer on duty detained
Palestinian Attacks	—	10	10	Incl. 5 mortars towards settlements
TOTAL	76	30	106	

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). • At 07:00 on 09 December 2005, polling centres for the Palestinian presidential elections were opened in all Palestinian cities, towns, and villages. International and Arab observers oversaw the elections. Over 60% of eligible Palestinian voters (who were registered in voters' lists) participated in the elections. The election process went smoothly, despite minor incidents, which were immediately resolved. The polling period, which was supposed to be concluded at 19:00, was extended until 21:00 due to the voters' high turnout and Israeli obstacles (including military checkpoints). Despite Israeli claims that Israeli authorities would facilitate the election process on polling day, the Israeli army impeded civilian movement and detained a number of civilians. Preliminary results of the elections indicated that presidential candidate Mahmoud Abbas "Abu Mazen" won the elections with a landslide victory of 65%.
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WEST BANK

<p style="text-align: center;">JERUSALEM</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Closure:</u> 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. • <u>Checkpoint:</u> The Israeli army continues to intensify its measures at Qalandiya checkpoint and impeded civilian movement between the cities of Jerusalem and Ramallah. • <u>Wall Gates:</u> The Israeli army continues to close the Wall gate in the town of Abu Dis with cement blocks, completely preventing civilians from crossing. • <u>Wall Construction:</u> 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. • <u>Flying Checkpoints:</u> At 08:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint along the road to the village of 'Anata and detained a number of civilians. • <u>Arrests:</u> At 15:00, the Israeli army arrested 2 civilians in the town of Beit Hanina while they were transporting voters to the polling centre in the town:
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Mahmoud Al Biryani; and (ii) Hussam Al Karaki. • Land Confiscation: The Israeli army distributed notices to confiscate 337 <i>dunums</i> (84.25 acres) of land in the village of Qatanna.
<p style="text-align: center;">RAMALLAH & EL BIREH</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wall Construction: Wall construction continues in Budrus, Midya, Ni'lin, Deir Qaddis, Bil'in, Beit Liqya, and Beituniya. • Flying Checkpoints/Obstruction of the Palestinian Presidential Elections: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 10:00, the Israeli army set up 1 flying checkpoint between the villages of Sinjil and Turmus'ayya and another flying checkpoint between the villages of Shuqba and Ni'lin and obstructed civilians on their way to polling centres. (ii) At 10:30, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the overpass to the village of 'Atara, impeded civilian movement, and withdrew at a later time. (iii) At 17:30, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to the town of Turmus'ayya and impeded civilian movement, despite the fact that the town includes a Civil Registry centre covering 10 other villages. • Raid/Obstruction of the Palestinian Presidential Elections: At 13:00, an Israeli army patrol raided the city of El Bireh, patrolled the area near Al Shar'iyah School, which hosted a polling centre, and withdrew at a later time.
<p style="text-align: center;">JENIN</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. • 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 Checkpoints: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 08:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the junction to the settlement of Homesh to observe civilian movement. (ii) At 12:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to the town of Ya'bad and impeded civilian movement. (iii) At 17:30, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint along Tayasir road leading to the Jordan Valley east of the town of Tubas and impeded civilian movement. • Raid/Obstruction of the Palestinian Presidential Elections: At 15:15, the Israeli army, including 2 Police vehicles, raided the village of Bardala and took position in front of the polling centre in the village for a short period of time.

<p style="text-align: center;">TULKAREM</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 Checkpoints:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 10:30, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to the town of Nazlat Issa and impeded civilian movement. (ii) At 15:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to the town of Beit Lid to observe civilian movement. • <u>Raid/Provocation of Palestinian Forces:</u> At 09:00, an Israeli army patrol raided the town of Baqa Ash Sharqiya, halted a Preventive Security officer's vehicle while he was on duty, and caused damages to the vehicle due to thorough searches.
<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 Checkpoints:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 09:10, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint along the Nablus-Qalqiliya main road near the gate to the village of 'Azzun to observe civilian movement. (ii) At 11:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to the village of Jit to observe civilian movement. (iii) At 19:15, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint between the villages Izbat Salman and Beit Amin, detained a number of civilian vehicles, searched them, and arrested 1 civilian. • <u>Arrest:</u> Israeli troops positioned at the flying checkpoint set up between the villages of Izbat Salman and Beit Amin arrested Riyadh 'Azmi Thiyab.
<p style="text-align: center;">NABLUS</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Checkpoints:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 09:10, Israeli troops positioned at the town of Beit Iba checkpoint detained a number of civilian vehicles and arrested 4 individuals at various times, including 2 Palestinian National Security officers. (ii) At 10:00, Israeli troops positioned at the village of Sarra checkpoint detained a bus transporting Palestinian security officers from the district of Salfit to the district of Tulkarem in order to cast their vote in the Palestinian presidential elections. • <u>Arrests:</u> Israeli troops positioned at the town of Beit Iba checkpoint arrested 4 individuals: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Mohammed Fu'ad Hijeh, a Palestinian National Security officer; (ii) Ibrahim Sa'id Sawaftah, a Palestinian National Security officer;

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> (iii) Sami Abdul Salam Saleh; and (iv) Thamer Usamah Seif. (v) At 15:30, the Israeli army arrested 15-year-old Mahmoud Hatem Janajreh near 'Askar refugee camp.
SALFIT	<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/Obstruction of the Palestinian Presidential Elections:</u> At 10:30, the Israeli army set up 1 flying checkpoint at the entrance to the village of Bruqin and another flying checkpoint at the entrance to the village of Yasuf, observed civilian movement, detained a public vehicle transporting 7 Palestinian Police officers at the entrance to the village of Bruqin (while they were going to a polling centre), and released them at 15:00. • <u>Settler Violence/Obstruction of the Palestinian Presidential Elections:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 12:00, a group of Israeli settlers from the settlement of Tappuah threw stones at a civilian bus while it was travelling along the Trans-Samaria Highway, breaking the windows of the bus. (ii) At 13:15, an Israeli settler provoked civilians by stopping his vehicle near the polling centre in the school in the village of As Sawiya.
JERICHO	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Closure:</u> The Israeli army closed all entrances to the city and roads connecting towns and villages and prevented Israeli ID card holders from entering the city. • <u>Raid:</u> At 11:30, an Israeli army patrol raided the village of Al Jiftlik and searched a number of houses belonging to 'Arab Al Jahalin.
BETHLEHEM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Wall Construction:</u> 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. • <u>Checkpoints:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 17:00, the Israeli army closed As Sawahira Ash Sahrqiya checkpoint, thereby detaining dozens of civilian vehicles at both sides of the checkpoint. At 18:30, the Israeli army reopened the checkpoint. (ii) At 19:10, the Israeli army closed the DCO checkpoint leading to the city of Beit Jala. At 19:30, the checkpoint was reopened.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Raids/Obstruction of the Palestinian Presidential Elections:</u> (i) At 11:00, an Israeli army patrol raided the village of Al Khas and stopped near the polling centre in the village. At 16:45, the Israeli army withdrew from the area. (ii) At 20:05, an Israeli army patrol raided the village of Nahhalin, searched 1 house located behind the polling centre in the village, detained 2 civilians, and released them at a later time.
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>Checkpoint:</u> At 11:00, the Israeli army set up a checkpoint on the Tarusa-Dura junction and prevented civilians from crossing. • <u>Flying Checkpoints:</u> At 08:00, the Israeli army set up several flying checkpoints along the settler bypass roads leading to the city of Hebron and towns in the district of Hebron, including along Halhul road, and on Bani Na'im junction, Yatta junction, and Al Fawwar junction in order to observe civilian movement. • <u>Raid/Obstruction of the Palestinian Presidential Elections:</u> At 09:30, an Israeli army patrol raided the city of Hebron and patrolled the area near the polling centre in An Nahdhah School in Abu Isneineh neighbourhood. At 14:15, the Israeli army raided the city again and patrolled the area. • <u>House Occupation:</u> At 12:00, the Israeli army occupied 1 house in the old city of Hebron overlooking the polling centre in Tareq Bin Ziyad School. The Israeli army also prevented a delegation of French observers from entering the polling centre in the school. • <u>Obstruction of Palestinian Presidential Elections:</u> At 15:50, Israeli troops positioned at a checkpoint set up south of the town of As Samoa' prevented civilians from going to the polling centres in the town of As Samoa'.

GAZA STRIP

NORTHERN GAZA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Closure:</u> Beit Hanun Crossing is partially open to humanitarian cases only. • <u>Provocation of Palestinian Forces:</u> At 11:55 on 06 January 2005, the Israeli army raided Palestinian territory near Beit Hanun Crossing, raided 1 Palestinian National Security location, and arrested an unidentified number of officers. • <u>Palestinian Attacks:</u> (i) At 09:40 on 06 January 2005, 1 unidentified mortar was fired, but fell on Palestinian territory near Al Qarya Al Badawiya.
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	<p>(ii) At 22:25 on 08 January 2005, 1 mortar was fired, but fell 15 meters away from the site where it was fired.</p>
GAZA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure: Nitsareem junction remains closed. • Palestinian Attacks: <p>(i) At 16:50 on 07 January 2005, an armed confrontation took place between Palestinian individuals and the Israeli army near Malakah roundabout.</p> <p>(ii) At 08:15 on 08 January 2005, 1 mortar was fired towards the settlement of Nitsareem.</p>
CENTRAL GAZA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Palestinian Attacks: <p>(i) At 16:05 on 06 January 2005, 1 Qassam mortar was fired towards the settlement of Kfar Darom.</p> <p>(ii) At 19:50 on 07 January 2005, an armed confrontation took place between Palestinian individuals and the Israeli army in Abu 'Arib Street in the city of Deir Al Balah.</p> <p>(iii) At 23:00 on 08 January 2005, 2 Qassam mortars were fired towards the settlement of Kfar Darom.</p>
KHAN YUNIS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure: <p>(i) Abu Al 'Ajin road (Khan Yunis Al Sharqiya) is closed.</p> <p>(ii) Western road (Khan Yunis) remains closed.</p> <p>(iii) Al Mawasi/Khan Yunis road (Al Tuffah checkpoint) is partially open to elderly civilians only.</p> • Attacks: <p>(i) At 16:05, the Israeli army opened intensive fire from its locations at Points 11 and 12 towards the polling centre in Tareq Bin Ziyad School in the city of Khan Yunis.</p> <p>(ii) At 14:30, the Israeli army opened intensive fire towards the area of Al Maqaber and civilian houses in An Namsawi neighbourhood.</p> • Killing: Mohammed Al Farra, who had been reported killed in an earlier report as a result of the Israeli army's open fire on a civilian crowd at Abu Holi checkpoint, has been identified as a Palestinian Police officer. • Palestinian Attack: At 09:30 on 06 January 2005, 1 mortar was fired towards the settlement of Gadid.
RAFAH	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure: <p>(i) Yasser Arafat International Airport remains closed.</p> <p>(ii) Rafah Crossing is closed.</p> <p>(iii) Sufa Crossing is partially open to construction cargo only.</p> <p>(iv) Al Mawasi/Rafah road is partially open.</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Attacks:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 17:45, the Israeli army opened intensive fire from its location at Point 8.5 on the Egyptian border towards Rabi'ah Al 'Adawiyyah School in the neighbourhood of Yabna in Rafah refugee camp. (ii) At 15:00, the Israeli army opened intensive fire from Points 8 and 9 on the Egyptian border towards civilian houses in the neighbourhood of Yabna and Tall Zu'rub in Rafah refugee camp, injuring 15-year-old Ali Abu Al 'Enein in the head. (iii) At 20:30, the Israeli army opened intensive fire from its location east of Rafah Crossing towards civilians in the area of Jaradat near the crossing, injuring 3 civilians. The Israeli army arrested the injured civilians. • <u>Arrests:</u> The Israeli army arrested 3 unidentified civilians in the area of Al Jaradat near Rafah Crossing. • <u>Palestinian Attack:</u> At 08:10 on 07 January 2005, an explosive device was detonated while an Israeli army tank was travelling along the border line parallel to Al Barazil neighbourhood in Rafah refugee camp.
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GENERAL

<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.
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