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PALESTINIAN MONITORING GROUP

DAILY SITUATION REPORT

08:00 10 January 2005 – 08:00 11 January 2005

SUMMARY OF EVENTS

EVENT	WEST BANK	GAZA STRIP	TOTAL	NOTES
Physical Assault	1	—	1	A number of civilians severely beaten
Injuries	—	2	2	Incl. 1 child
Attacks	2	5	7	1 during a raid and 6 from posts
Raids	13	1	14	Incl. 2 in Ramallah and 2 in Jenin
Arrests (per person)	23	2	25	Incl. 3 in Qalqiliya and 18 in Nablus
Detentions	4	3	7	At checkpoints
Land Levelling	1	1	2	Incl. in the village of Jamrura
Wall Construction	20	—	20	Incl. Jer., Jenin, Ramallah, and Beth.
Confiscation of Property	1	—	1	Fines imposed in Al Walaja
Curfews	2	—	2	Over Silat Adh Dhahr and Salim
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)	(6)	—	Incl. 3 partially
Closure of Wall Gates	(All)	—	(All)	Permits required to cross
Closure of Crossing Points	—	4	4	Incl. 2 partially open
Palestinian Attacks	1	1	2	Incl. open fire towards Ganim
TOTAL	90	19	109	

DISTRICT	EVENT
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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). • Following the end of the counting of votes in all polling centres, the Palestinian Central Elections Commission (CEC) announced that presidential candidate Mahmoud Abbas “Abu Mazen” won the elections with a landslide victory of 62.32% of the votes. • The Israeli army declared, through the DCO, that it would re-impose its measures in all Palestinian cities, towns, and villages and along roads, as had been prevalent during the period preceding the Palestinian presidential elections.
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WEST BANK

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. • Closure of Main Roads: At 15:40, the Israeli army closed the road between Qalandiya checkpoint and the village of Jaba’ after setting up a checkpoint along the road, searched civilian vehicles, and examined civilians’ IDs. At 16:00, the road was reopened. • Checkpoints: The Israeli army intensified its measures at Qalandiya, An Nabi Samwil, and Dahiyat Al Bareed checkpoints. The Israeli army also closed Qalandiya and Dahiyat Al Bareed checkpoints and prevented civilians from crossing, thereby detaining hundreds of civilians at both sides of the checkpoints and delaying them from reaching their homes. • 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. • Flying Checkpoint: The Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint along the road to the village of ‘Anata and detained dozens of civilians, allegedly to conduct thorough searches.
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<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: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 10:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the overpass to the village of 'Ein Yabrud and searched civilians and vehicles. (ii) At 08:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to the village of Um Safa, searched civilian vehicles, examined civilians' IDs, and arrested 1 Palestinian Preventive Security officer. (iii) The Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on 'Atara overpass and searched civilians and vehicles. (iv) The Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint along the Ramallah-Bir Zeit road and searched civilians and vehicles. • Raids: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 19:00, an Israeli army patrol raided the village of Kafr 'Ein and patrolled the area. (ii) At 08:00, an Israeli army patrol raided the city of Ramallah and patrolled the area. • Arrest: Israeli troops positioned at the checkpoint set up at the entrance to the village of Um Safa arrested Abdul Razzaq 'Abed Hassan Abu Dhuha, a Palestinian Preventive Security officer.
<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 Checkpoint: At 20:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to the town of Birqin and searched civilians and vehicles. • Physical Assault: Israeli troops severely beat a number of farmers in the village of Bardala and prevented them from accessing their land. • Raids/Curfew: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 16:00, the Israeli army raided the town of Silat Adh Dhahr and imposed curfew, allegedly in response to an incident of stone-throwing at an Israeli bus. At 06:00, the Israeli army withdrew from the area. (ii) At 20:30, the Israeli army raided the town of Birqin and patrolled the area, allegedly in search of a vehicle transporting armed individuals. At 24:00, the Israeli army withdrew from the area. • Palestinian Attack: At 18:30, armed individuals opened fire towards the settlement of Ganim. The Israeli army later declared, through the DCO, that it would close As Suweitat junction with dirt barricades.

<p>TULKAREM</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 16:45, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the southern entrance to the town of Baqa Ash Sharqiya and searched civilians and vehicles. • Raid: At 01:30, the Israeli army raided the city of Tulkarem and Tulkarem refugee camp and patrolled the area.
<p>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 Checkpoints: At 06:30, Israeli Police forces set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to the city of Qalqiliya in order to observe civilians. • Raids: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 24:00, the Israeli army, including 8 jeeps, raided the village of ‘Azzun and patrolled the area. (ii) At 03:00, the Israeli army raided the village of Kafr Qaddum, searched a number of houses, and arrested 3 civilians. • Arrests: The Israeli army arrested 3 civilians in the village of Kafr Qaddum: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Mahmoud Abdullah ‘Ubeid; (ii) Sami Abdul Karim Shteivi; and (iii) Sami Al Khatib.
<p>NABLUS</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Flying Checkpoints: At 05:00, the Israeli army set up flying checkpoints at the entrances to villages and on junctions throughout the district of Nablus, including Burin junction, the entrance to the town of ‘Asira Al Qibliya, the settlement of Yitzhar junction, and the junctions to Beita, Qabalan, Yatma, and ‘Aqraba. The Israeli army searched civilian vehicles and examined civilians’ IDs. • Raids/Curfew: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 15:15, the Israeli army raided the village of Salim, opened indiscriminate fire, and imposed curfew. (ii) At 02:00, the Israeli army raided the city of Nablus and arrested 1 civilian. (iii) At 02:00, the Israeli army raided the village of ‘Asira Al Qibliya and arrested 17 civilians. • Arrests: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) The Israeli army arrested ‘Adel Hani Al Bouz in the city of Nablus.

	<p>The Israeli army arrested 17 civilians in the village of ‘Asira Al Qibliya:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (ii) ‘Ayed Hamdan Saleh; (iii) Ahmed Saleh Saleh; (iv) Ahmed Fawwaz Saleh; (v) Tareq Husni Saleh; (vi) Jihad Subhi Khalaf; (vii) Mohammed Subhi Khalaf; (viii) Iyad Yousef Ahmed; (ix) Ammar Yousef Ahmed; (x) Haytham Jasser Hamdan; (xi) Mohammed Yousef ‘Asayreh; (xii) ‘Issa Mousa Ahmed; (xiii) Ahmed Lutfi Abu Hamad; (xiv) Iyad ‘Azzam Hamdan; (xv) Thaer Ahmed Saleh; (xvi) Majd Ahmed Saleh; (xvii) Mohammed Abdul Karim Hamdan; and (xviii) Ali ‘Issa Makhlof.
<p style="text-align: center;">SALFIT</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure: The Israeli army closed the roads leading to the village of Yasuf, Bruqin, and Qarawat Bani Hassan with dirt barricades again. • 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. • Checkpoints: At 10:00, the Israeli army re-established a permanent checkpoint on Za’tara junction and searched civilians and vehicles. • Flying Checkpoints: At 14:00, the Israeli army set up 2 flying checkpoints at the entrances to the villages of Haris and Jamma’in and searched civilians and vehicles. • Attack: At 17:00, an Israeli army infantry force opened indiscriminate fire while it was patrolling the settler bypass road near the village of Kafr Ad Dik. • Raid: At 20:00, an Israeli Police vehicle raided the town of Kifl Haris and arrested 1 civilian while he was driving an illegal vehicle at the entrance to the village. • Arrest: Israeli Police forces arrested Najeh Salim Abu Ya’qoub in the town of Kifl Haris.

JERICHO	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure: 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.
BETHLEHEM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure: The Israeli army closed (again) 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. • Confiscation of Property: Israeli authorities distributed notices in the village of Al Walaja stipulating that the owners of 23 houses will be fined a total sum of NIS 628,260, allegedly for constructing their houses without the required licences. Should the owners refuse to abide by these orders, Israeli authorities will demolish the houses.
HEBRON	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure: The Israeli army closed (again) Al Baq'a junction connecting the town of Beit 'Awwa to villages south of the town. The Israeli army also closed Tarusa road, which connects the town of Dura to the village of Deir Samit. • 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: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (i) The Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on Al Fawwar junction and searched civilians and vehicles. (ii) The Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint between the towns of Idhna and Tarqumiya and searched civilians and vehicles. • Raid: At 02:30, the Israeli army, including 10 jeeps, raided the town of Halhul, searched 1 house, and withdrew at a later time. • Land Levelling: The Israeli army levelled land in the village of Jamrura northwest of the town of Tarqumiya.

GAZA STRIP

<p style="text-align: center;">NORTHERN GAZA</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure: Beit Hanun Crossing is partially open only to workers in the agricultural sector. • Closure of Main Roads: At 11:20, the Israeli army closed Salah Ad Din road at the Industrial Zone and prevented civilian vehicles from travelling towards Erez Crossing. At 17:30, the road was reopened. • Attacks: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 09:10, the Israeli army opened intensive fire towards Al Maqbara Ash Sharqiya opposite Point 64 on the Green Line. At 09:50, the Israeli army opened fire again, injuring 1 child. (ii) At 12:15, the Israeli army opened fire towards 1 public vehicle near the Industrial Zone of Erez, injuring 1 civilian. • Arrest: At 20:00, Israeli troops positioned at Beit Hanun Crossing arrested Hani Dawoud on his way back from Israeli hospitals, where he had been treated for injuries he sustained near the crossing. • Palestinian Attack: At 07:35, 1 Qassam mortar was fired towards the Green Line.
<p style="text-align: center;">GAZA</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure: Nitsareem junction remains closed.
<p style="text-align: center;">CENTRAL GAZA</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Activities not reported.
<p style="text-align: center;">KHAN YUNIS</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure: <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 11:20, the Israeli army closed Salah Ad Din road at Abu Holi checkpoint. At 16:30, the Israeli army closed the road again, searched civilians and vehicles, and arrested 1 Palestinian National Security officer. At 17:00, the road was reopened. • Attack: At 06:10, the Israeli army opened intensive fire from its locations on the Green Line towards Palestinian territory approximately 400 meters south of Kissufim road. • Raid/Land Levelling: At 22:25, the Israeli army, including 2 tanks and 1 bulldozer, raided the area of Al Barabikha and An Namsawi neighbourhood and levelled land. • Arrest: Israeli troops positioned at Abu Holi checkpoint arrested Raed Isma'il Tamraz, a Palestinian National Security officer.

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) Sufa Crossing is partially open to construction cargo only. (iv) Al Mawasi/Rafah road is partially open. • <u>Attack:</u> At 24:00, the Israeli army opened intensive fire from its locations on the Egyptian border towards civilian houses in Al Barazil neighbourhood in Rafah refugee camp.
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POLITICAL PRISONERS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Israeli Measures Against Prisoners' Families:</u> Families of political prisoners are subjected to humiliation while they visit their relative prisoners in Hadarim Prison. The Israeli prison administration also continues to prevent a number of families from visiting their relative prisoners, allegedly for security reasons. Although prisoners purchase food at expensive prices within the prison, food quality remains inadequate. Additionally, prisoners suffer from severe cold in the prison cells and are subjected to strip searches. • <u>Imprisonment Sentences:</u> An Israeli court issued a prison sentence of 5½ years against political prisoner Ahmed Al Barbari from Al 'Aza refugee camp and a sentence of 11 years against Ahmed Al Atrash from the town of Kafr Ra'i.
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.