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SUMMARY OF EVENTS

EVENT	WEST BANK	GAZA STRIP	TOTAL	NOTES
Death	_	1	1	1 child of injuries sustained, N. Gaza
Injuries	_	2	2	2 armed Palestinian individuals, N. Gaza
Air Attack	_	1	1	1 missile fired by a combat helicopter
Attacks	2	5	7	Incl. 2 from mil. posts & 2 by helicopters
Raids	23	9	32	Incl. 5 in Northern Gaza & 3 in Rafah
Air Patrols	_	3	3	By combat helicopters
Arrests (per person)	15	2	17	Incl. 1 Palestinian security officer
Detentions	18	1	19	At checkpoints & in residential areas
Land Levelling	_	3	3	2 in Northern Gaza & in Rafah
Wall Construction	25	_	25	Jer., Raml'h., Qalq., Salfit, Hebron, Beth.
Destruction of Property	1	2	3	A house furniture and crops destroyed
House Occupations	1	1	2	Incl. 1 building in the city of Nablus
Curfew	1	_	1	Over the village of Beita, Nablus
Closure of Checkpoints	14	_	14	Incl. access impeded at 7 checkpoints
Flying Checkpoints	14	_	14	Incl. 4 in Jenin and 3 in Hebron
Closure (per District)	6	_	6	Incl. Jerusalem and Tulkarem partially
Closure of Main Roads	36	_	36	Incl. 2 in Qalqiliya and 12 in Hebron
Closure of Crossing Points	_	5	5	Incl. Beit Hanun (Erez) partially
Medical Obstruction	1	_	1	Taking position in a hospital's yard
Provocation of Pal. Forces	3	1	4	Incl. fire opened towards a security post
Palestinian Attacks		5	5	7 mortars fired towards the Green Line
TOTAL	160	41	201	

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.

• <u>Closure</u>: The Israeli army continues to intensify its restrictions at checkpoints located at the entrances to the city of Jerusalem. The Israeli army also continues to close the entrances to Al Aqsa Mosque compound in the old city of Jerusalem and impede civilian access to the mosque.

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 and dirt barricades the entrance to the village of Jaba', which connects the village to the cities of Jerusalem, Ramallah, and Jericho.
- <u>Checkpoint</u>: 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.

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.

• Raids:

- (i) At 10:00, the Israeli army raided Dahiyat Samir Amis north of the city of Jerusalem and conducted a census of civilian houses.
- (ii) At 01:40, the Israeli army, including 20 jeeps, raided Qalandiya refugee camp. While patrolling the area, confrontations took place between the Israeli army and civilians. At 02:35, the Israeli army withdrew from the area.

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	• 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
	civilian access.
	• Wall Construction: Wall construction continues in the area west of the
	town of 'Abud as well as in the areas of Al Midya to Ni'lin and Ni'lin to
	Deir Qaddis.
RAMALLAH	• Raids:
&	(i) At 19:50, the Israeli army, including 4 jeeps, raided and patrolled the
EL BIREH	city of El Bireh.
	(ii) At 01:45, the Israeli army, including 20 jeeps, raided the town of
	Silwad, searched a number houses, arrested 3 civilians, and withdrew at
	02:40.
	(iii) At 03:00, the Israeli army raided the village of Kafr Malik, searched 1
	house, and arrested 1 civilian.
	• Arrests: The Israeli army arrested 3 civilians in the town of Silwad:
	(i) 'Aabed Abdul Majid Hamed;
	(ii) Mohammed Saleh Hamed; and
	(iii) Mohammed 'Aatef Hamed.
	(iv) The Israeli army arrested Na'im Mahmoud 'Awadh in the village of
	Kafr Malik.
	• <u>Closure of Roads</u> : The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades
	the unpaved detour roads leading to the town of 'Arraba east of the
	settlement of Dotan.
	• <u>Checkpoint</u> : 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
TENIN	Northern Jordan Valley.
JENIN	Wall Gates: Passage through the Wall gates is restricted to civilians granted
	special Israeli permits.
	• Flying Checkpoints: The Israeli army set up 4 flying checkpoints: 3 on the
	junctions to the towns of 'Arraba and Az Zababida as well as the village of
	Al Kufeir and 1 in the area between the town of Qabatiya and the village of
	Misliya. Israeli troops positioned at these flying checkpoints searched
	civilians and vehicles.
	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.
TULKAREM	• 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; the
	road connecting the town of Kafr al Labad to the village of Shufa; the road
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	to the town of Deir al Ghusun's plain; and the entrance to the village of
	'Izbat Abu Khamish.

	 <u>Checkpoints</u>: The Israeli army continues to intensify its restrictions at Jubara checkpoint (the southern entrance to the city of Tulkarem) as well as at 'Einav checkpoint (the eastern entrance to the city). <u>Wall Gates</u>: Passage through the Wall gates is restricted to civilians granted special Israeli permits. <u>Flying Checkpoint</u>: At 10:45, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the junction to the village of Al Jarushiya and searched civilians and vehicles until 16:20.
QALQILIYA	 Closure of Roads: The Israeli army continues to close with cement blocks the agricultural roads east of the town of 'Azzun as well as the road connecting the town of 'Azzun to the village of 'Izbat at Tabib. Wall Gates: Passage through the Wall gates is restricted to civilians granted special Israeli permits. 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 Checkpoint: At 10:55, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint in the area between the towns of Jayyus and 'Azzun and denied civilian access in both directions until 13:00. Arrests: At 00:40 on 31 May 2007, the Israeli army arrested Yasser Wassfi Nazzal during its raid into the city of Qalqiliya. At 01:20 on 31 May 2007, the Israeli army arrested Baha' Faheem Fakhri during its raid into the town of Jayyus, in addition to those reported yesterday.
NABLUS	 Closure of Main Roads: 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. The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the settler bypass road connecting the village of Deir al Hatab to the settlement of Alon Moreh as well as the southern entrance to the village of Qaryut. The Israeli army continues to close the entrance to the village of Al Lubban ash Sharqiya with dirt barricades and cement blocks. Checkpoints: The Israeli army continues to regulate times for crossing checkpoints set up around the city of Nablus: 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. The Israeli army also searches civilians using metal detectors at Beit Iba checkpoint, impeding their access.

- (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.
- (i) Beit Furik checkpoint is open to civilian residents of the town of Beit Furik and the village of Beit Dajan until 17:30.
- (ii) 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.

• Flying Checkpoints:

- (i) At 08:10, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the junction to the village of Al Badhan, searched civilians and vehicles, and arrested 1 Palestinian National Security officer.
- (ii) At 08:45, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to the village of Beita and searched civilians and vehicles.

• Raids/Curfew/House Occupation:

- (i) At 08:45, the Israeli army raided the village of Beita and imposed curfew over several neighbourhoods.
- (ii) At 12:10, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the city of Nablus. At 21:00, the Israeli army raided the city again, occupied 1 building, and converted it into a military post.
- <u>Arrest</u>: Israeli troops positioned at the flying checkpoint set up on the junction to the village of Al Badhan arrested Iyad 'Adnan Saqr, a Palestinian National Security officer.

• 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.

• <u>Checkpoints</u>:

- (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.
- <u>Wall Construction</u>: 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.
- **Flying Checkpoint:** At 08:30, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint along the Trans-Samaria Highway near the village of Marda and searched civilians and vehicles until 10:30.
- Raid: At 02:00, the Israeli army raided the town of Kafr ad Dik and arrested 2 university students.

• Arrests:

(i) Israeli troops positioned at the Za'tara junction checkpoint arrested Mahdi al Hanbali, the Deputy Chairman of Nablus Municipality.

SALFIT

	The Israeli army arrested 2 university students in the town of Kafr ad Dik: (ii) Husam Jamal Naji; and (iii) Wajdi Mohammed Naji.
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. Checkpoints: The Israeli army continues to intensify its restrictions and impede civilian access at Al Hamra checkpoint set up along Al Badhan road connecting the districts of Jericho and Nablus as well as on the checkpoint set up on the junction to the village of Al 'Auja along Al Mu'arrajat road connecting the districts of Jericho and Ramallah.
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, northwest of the city of Beit Jala, and in the area of Wadi Rahhal east of the settlement of Efrat. Raids/Provocation of Palestinian Forces/Detentions: At 11:40, the Israeli army raided the cities of Bethlehem and Beit Jala, took position near a Palestinian National Security checkpoint in the city of Beit Jala, and patrolled the area. At 18:10, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the city of Bethlehem, the town of Al Khadr, and Ad Duheisha refugee camp. At 23:40, the Israeli army raided the town of Tuqu'. While patrolling the area, confrontations took place between the Israeli army and civilians. The Israeli army also detained a number of children and took their fingerprints, allegedly for throwing stones. Detention: At 18:00, Israeli troops positioned at As Sawahira ash Sharqiya (the "Container") checkpoint detained Ramzi 'Arar, a Palestinian Police officer.
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. The Israeli army also continues to install an iron gate at the entrance to the area of Al Hisba (the fruits and vegetables market) in the old city of Hebron, thereby controlling civilian access to and from the area.

(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 entrance to the town of As Samoa'; 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.
- <u>Wall Construction</u>: 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 08:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to Al Fawwar refugee camp and searched civilians and vehicles.
- (ii) At 13:30, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the overpass to the town of Halhul and searched civilians and vehicles.
- (iii) At 20:55, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the junction to the village of Kharsa and searched civilians and vehicles.

• Raids/Provocation of Palestinian Forces/Destruction of Property:

- (i) At 03:00 on 31 May 2007, the Israeli army raided Al Fawwar refugee camp and arrested 1 civilian.
- (ii) At 03:00 on 31 May 2007, the Israeli army raided the area of 'Aqabet Taffuh in the city of Hebron and arrested 1 civilian.
- (iii) At 15:55, the Israeli army raided the village of Rabud and searched 2 houses.
- (iv) At 15:55, the Israeli army raided the town of Halhul and took position in front of the town's Palestinian Police station until 16:10.
- (v) At 18:00, the Israeli army raided the town of Beit Ummar and searched 1 house.
- (vi) At 18:00, the Israeli army raided the town of Beit Ula, searched 1 house, and damaged its furniture.
- (vii) At 19:10, the Israeli army raided the city of Hebron and took position in the yard of Al Ahli Hospital. At 21:40, the Israeli army raided the city again, after having demanded (through the DCO) that Palestinian

security forces not leave their positions. In addition, the Israeli army arrested 2 civilians in Dahiyat az Zaytun, raided a wedding hall in the area of Wadi al Hariya, and withdrew at 01:00.

• Arrests:

- (i) At 03:00 on 31 May 2007, the Israeli army arrested Ibrahim Hussein Abu Zneid during its raid into the town of Dura.
- (ii) The Israeli army arrested Mohammed Ibrahim at Teeti in Al Fawwar refugee camp.
- (iii) The Israeli army arrested Anas Yasser al Qawasmeh in the area of 'Aqabet Taffuh in the city of Hebron.
- (iv) The Israeli army arrested 2 unidentified civilians in the city of Hebron.
- <u>Detention</u>: At 13:20, Israeli troops positioned at a checkpoint set up in an area between the districts of Hebron and Bethlehem detained Advocate Mohammed Yousef Ar Raba'i, while he was transporting a sum of NIS 40,000 and carrying a licensed pistol belonging to Cairo-Amman Bank. Israeli troops released Ar Raba'i at a later time, after having withheld the pistol for security examination.

GAZA STRIP

ALL DISTRICTS	Despite frequent violations, the ceasefire agreement that entered into force at 06:00 on 26 November 2006 remains effective.
NORTHERN GAZA	 Closure of Crossing Point: Beit Hanun (Erez) Crossing is partially open to foreign nationals, humanitarian cases, merchants, and VIPs. Death: At 01:20, Hamzeh Amin al Massri, 16 years old, died of critical injuries sustained during an Israeli army artillery attack on the town of Beit Lahiya on 21 May 2007. As was reported then, 1 child was killed and 5 civilians were injured. All killed and injured civilians were from the same family. Air Attack: At 00:50, an Israeli combat helicopter fired 1 missile towards the area surrounding Hamuda gas station east of the town of Jabalya, thereby violating the Israeli-Palestinian ceasefire agreement. Attacks/Air Patrols/Injuries/Provocation of Palestinian Forces: In violation of the Israeli-Palestinian ceasefire agreement, the Israeli air force and army opened fire towards Palestinian territory, as follows: (i) At 08:00, Israeli combat helicopters opened fire towards Quleibu Hill east of the town of Beit Lahiya. (ii) At 08:00, the Israeli army fired 1 missile mortar from one of its locations inside the Green Line towards the area of As Sikka in the town of Beit Hanun, injuring 2 armed Palestinian individuals. (iii) At 22:10, Israeli combat helicopters opened fire towards the area surrounding a Palestinian Naval Police force in the area of As Sudaniya northwest of the town of Beit Lahiya.

	Raids/Land Levelling/Destruction of Property: In violation of the Israeli-	
	Palestinian ceasefire agreement, the Israeli army raided Palestinian territory,	
	as follows:	
	(i) At 09:30, the Israeli army, including 3 armoured vehicles, raided 300 metres into Palestinian territory near Point 23 on the Green Line east of Beit Hanun (Erez) Crossing north of the town of Beit Hanun.	
	(ii) At 12:00, the Israeli army, including 4 armoured vehicles, raided 1,000 metres into Palestinian territory near Point 15 on the Green Line north of Al Qarya al Badawiya north of the town of Beit Lahiya and levelled agricultural land.	
	(iii) At 12:05, the Israeli army, including 14 armoured vehicles and 1 bulldozer, raided Palestinian territory near Point 56 on the Green Line and took position on Abu Safiya Hill east of the town of Beit Hanun.	
	(iv) At 16:00, the Israeli army, including 17 armoured vehicles and 2 bulldozers, raided Palestinian territory near Point 2 on the Green Line northwest of the town of Beit Lahiya and levelled land.	
	(v) At 17:00, the Israeli army, including 12 jeeps and 2 bulldozers, raided Palestinian territory east of the eastern cemetery east of the town of Jabalya.	
	• <u>Palestinian Attacks</u> : In violation of the Israeli-Palestinian ceasefire agreement, armed Palestinian individuals fired 7 mortars towards the Green Line, as follows:	
	 (i) At 08:00, 1 unidentified mortar was fired towards the Green Line. (ii) At 20:30, 2 mortars were fired towards the Green Line, but they landed on Palestinian territory. 	
	 (iii) At 00:20, 1 unidentified mortar was fired towards the Green Line. (iv) At 02:15, 2 unidentified mortars were fired towards the Green Line. (v) At 06:30, 1 unidentified mortar was fired towards the Green Line. 	
GAZA	Activities not reported.	
CENTRAL GAZA	• Attack: At 19:55, the Israeli army opened fire from the area near Point 131 on the Green Line towards Palestinian territory east of the city of Deir al Balah, thereby violating the Israeli-Palestinian ceasefire agreement.	
KHAN YUNIS	• Raid/Detention: At 09:30, in violation of the Israeli-Palestinian ceasefire agreement, Israeli army infantry forces raided Palestinian territory near Point 197 on the Green Line between the areas of Ar Rabayi'a and Al Ma'amira north of Sufa Crossing, detained 1 civilian, and released him, after interrogation. At 20:20, the Israeli army withdrew from the area.	
RAFAH	 Closure of Crossing Points: Yasser 'Arafat International Airport remains closed. Rafah Crossing is closed. Sufa Crossing is closed. Karm Abu Salim (Karem Shalom) Crossing is closed. 	

- <u>Attack</u>: At 01:05, Israeli navy boats opened fire towards the beach of the city of Rafah, thereby violating the Israeli-Palestinian ceasefire agreement.
- Raids/Land Levelling/Destruction of Property/House Occupation: In violation of the Israeli-Palestinian ceasefire agreement, the Israeli army raided Palestinian territory, as follows:
- (i) At 10:00, the Israeli army, including 7 armoured vehicles and 3 bulldozers, raided 1,000 metres into Palestinian territory near Point 210 on the Green Line in the area surrounding Sufa Crossing east of the city of Rafah, levelled agricultural land, and withdrew at 20:20.
- (ii) At 10:45, Israeli Special Forces raided the area of Al 'Umur near Yasser 'Arafat International Airport east of the city of Rafah, occupied the roof of a house, and converted it into a military post. The Israeli army also arrested 2 civilians and withdrew at 19:40.
- (iii) At 15:00, the Israeli army, including 4 armoured vehicles and 2 bulldozers, raided 300 metres into Palestinian territory east of Yasser 'Arafat International Airport and withdrew at 20:20.
- <u>Arrests</u>: The Israeli army arrested 2 civilians in the area of Al 'Umur near Yasser 'Arafat International Airport east of the city of Rafah:
- (i) Fakhri Shbeir; and
- (ii) Suleiman Sa'eed al 'Umour.