

## مجموعة الرقابة الفلسطينية



## PALESTINIAN MONITORING GROUP

**DAILY SITUATION REPORT**  
**08:00 04 June 2006 – 08:00 05 June 2006**

## SUMMARY OF EVENTS

EVENT	WEST BANK	GAZA STRIP	TOTAL	NOTES
Physical Assaults	3	—	<b>3</b>	Incl. 2 Police officer beaten, Ramallah
Attacks	4	4	<b>8</b>	Incl. 107 artillery shells fired, N. Gaza
Raids	24	—	<b>24</b>	Incl. 4 Ramallah & 4 in Hebron
Arrests	19	—	<b>19</b>	Incl. 2 children & 2 security officers
Detentions	19	—	<b>19</b>	At checkpoints & in residential areas
Wall Construction	32	—	<b>32</b>	Incl. Jer., Raml'h., Qalq., Salfit, Beth.
Destruction of Property	3	—	<b>3</b>	Incl. doors of 2 houses destroyed
Confiscation of Property	2	—	<b>2</b>	2 Kalashnikov rifles in Ramallah
House Occupation	1	—	<b>1</b>	Converted into a military post in Nablus
Closure of Checkpoints	8	—	<b>8</b>	Incl. 'Atara and Za'tara partially
Flying Checkpoints	18	—	<b>18</b>	Incl. 5 in Jenin and 5 in Tulkarem
Closure (per District)	6	1	<b>7</b>	Incl. a buffer zone in Northern Gaza
Closure of Main Roads	34	—	<b>34</b>	Incl. 2 in Ramallah & 1 in Jericho
Closure of Crossing Points	—	4	<b>4</b>	Incl. Beit Hanun and Rafah partially
Settler Violence	2	—	<b>2</b>	Incl. olive trees set on fire in Hebron
Provocation of Pal. Forces	2	3	<b>5</b>	Incl. 94 shells fired near Pal. locations
Palestinian Attacks	—	2	<b>2</b>	2 mortars fired towards the Green Line
Pal. Security Measure	—	1	<b>1</b>	Attempt to fire 1 mortar blocked, Rafah
Demonstration	1	—	<b>1</b>	Against Wall construction in Yatta
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>178</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>193</b>	

DISTRICT	EVENT
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<p style="text-align: center;"><b>ALL DISTRICTS</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Beginning on 17 April 2006, and following the suicide attack carried out in the city of Tel Aviv inside the Green Line, the Israeli army has intensified 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.</li> </ul>
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### WEST BANK

<p style="text-align: center;"><b>JERUSALEM</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li> <p><b>Closure:</b> 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.</p> </li> <li> <p><b>Closure of Main Roads:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) The Israeli army continues to close the entrance opposite the junction to Dahiyat Al Bareed in the city of Jerusalem with barbed wire and has denied civilian access.</li> <li>(ii) The Israeli army continues to close with cement blocks the main road leading to Dahiyat al Bareed checkpoint towards the town of Beit Hanina and the settlement of Neve Ya'akov. The Israeli army only allows access to vehicles belonging to civilian residents of Dahiyat al Bareed and the town of Ar Ram who possess permits or hold Jerusalem IDs. To access Dahiyat al Bareed checkpoint, civilians must first travel through the centre of Dahiyat al Bareed, passing through Rosary Sisters' School.</li> <li>(iii) The Israeli army closed the eastern entrance to Dahiyat Bir Nabala with cement slabs, thereby completing the Wall section in the area.</li> </ol> </li> <li> <p><b>Checkpoint:</b> According to new measures implemented at Qalandiya checkpoint, which the Israeli army has converted into a "border crossing point", the Israeli army has designated a special crossing for civilians holding Jerusalem-issued IDs and those possessing permits to access the city of Jerusalem. The Israeli army has allowed other civilians to access the main road leading to the junction to the village of Jaba', which branches off to other districts.</p> </li> <li> <p><b>Wall Gates:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) The Israeli army continues to close the Wall gate in the town of Abu Dis with cement blocks.</li> <li>(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-issued IDs to cross, after subjecting them to thorough searches using electronic devices.</li> </ol> </li> <li> <p><b>Wall Construction:</b> Wall construction continues in Dahiyat al Aqbat, from the village of Hizma to 'Anata, along the Hizma-Jaba' road, the area of Al 'Eizariya to Ash Shayyah, near Al Quds University, in the town of As</p> </li> </ul>
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	<p>Sawahira ash Sharqiya, 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.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b><u>Flying Checkpoints:</u></b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) At 09:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to the village of ‘Anata and searched civilians and vehicles.</li> <li>(ii) At 14:30, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on Al Khan al Ahmar junction on the Jerusalem-Jericho main road and searched civilians and vehicles.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b><u>Raid:</u></b> At 16:00, the Israeli army raided the village of ‘Anata. Confrontations took place between the Israeli army and civilians.</li> </ul>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>RAMALLAH &amp; EL BIREH</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b><u>Closure of Main Roads:</u></b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) The Israeli army continues to close the eastern entrance to the village of Sinjil with dirt barricades.</li> <li>(ii) The Israeli army continues to close the entrances to the town of Silwad with dirt barricades.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b><u>Checkpoint:</u></b> The Israeli army continues to intensify its restrictions at the checkpoint set up on the overpass to the town of ‘Atara and to deny access to the city of Ramallah for civilians holding IDs issued in the northern districts of the West Bank.</li> <li>• <b><u>Wall Construction:</u></b> Wall construction continues in the areas of Al Midya to Budrus, Al Midya to Ni’lin, Bil’in to Saffa, in the village of Beit Liqya, in the town of Beituniya, and west of the town of ‘Abud and the village of Beit Sira.</li> <li>• <b><u>Flying Checkpoints:</u></b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) At 16:30, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the junction to the village of ‘Ein ‘Arik and searched civilians and vehicles.</li> <li>(ii) At 19:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the Ramallah-Bir Zeit main road and searched civilians and vehicles.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b><u>Raids/Provocation of Palestinian Forces/Destruction of Property/Detention:</u></b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) At 16:30, Israeli Special Forces, supported by 4 Israeli army armoured vehicles and 24 jeeps, raided the city of Ramallah. After beating them and forcing them to strip, the Israeli army confiscated 2 Kalashnikov rifles from 2 Palestinian Police officers while they were carrying out their security duties. The Israeli army also surrounded 1 building after detaining residents outside as well as arrested 3 civilians. At 18:00, the Israeli army withdrew from the area.</li> <li>(ii) At 23:15, Israeli army infantry forces raided and patrolled the Industrial Zone in the city of El Bireh.</li> <li>(iii) At 02:30, Israeli undercover Special Forces (from the <i>Duvdvan</i> Unit) infiltrated into the village of Qarawat Bani Zeid and spread over the area surrounding the mosque and the village’s centre. The Israeli undercover Special Forces were later supported by 15 Israeli army jeeps. In addition, the Israeli army searched a number of houses, destroyed the doors of 1 house, and arrested 4 school students, including 2 children.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

	<p>(iv) The Israeli army raided the town of Al Mazra'a al Gharbiya and arrested 4 civilians.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Arrests:</b></li> </ul> <p>(i) At 12:00, the Israeli army arrested Mohammed Ribhi 'Assi, while he was reporting to the Israeli Intelligence Service in the settlement of Beit Il.</p> <p>The Israeli army arrested 3 civilians in the city of Ramallah:</p> <p>(ii) Hasan Abdul Raheem Ladadweh;</p> <p>(iii) Ribhi Zuhdi Abu Qare'; and</p> <p>(iv) Kayed Husni.</p> <p>The Israeli army arrested 4 school students in the village of Qarawat Bani Zeid:</p> <p>(v) Thaer Jum'ah Isma'il, 16 years old;</p> <p>(vi) 'Amer Bassam Sneif, 16 years old;</p> <p>(vii) Saher 'Azmi Hjeiji; and</p> <p>(viii) Mohammed Husam Isma'il.</p> <p>The Israeli army arrested 4 civilians in the town of Al Mazra'a al Gharbiya:</p> <p>(ix) Fawwaz Mohammed Ladadweh;</p> <p>(x) Murad Mohammed Shreiteh;</p> <p>(xi) Hasan Mohammed Shreiteh; and</p> <p>(xii) Yousef Mahmoud Bayyoudh.</p>
JENIN	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Closure of Road:</b> 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.</li> <li>• <b>Checkpoint:</b> The Israeli army continues to close Tayasir checkpoint east of the town of Tubas, denying civilian access to the Northern Jordan Valley, except for holders of IDs issued in the Northern Jordan Valley. The Israeli army also continues to demand that drivers of commercial trucks obtain access permits to cross the checkpoint. In addition, the Israeli army continues to install a surveillance camera in order to observe the area surrounding the checkpoint.</li> <li>• <b>Wall Gates:</b> Passage through the Wall gates is restricted to civilians granted special Israeli permits.</li> <li>• <b>Flying Checkpoints:</b> The Israeli army set up 3 flying checkpoints at the entrances to the towns of Tubas and Ya'bad as well as the village of Sanur and searched civilians and vehicles.</li> <li>• <b>Raids:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) At 02:40, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the town of Tubas.</li> <li>(ii) At 03:30, the Israeli army, including 20 jeeps, raided the city of Jenin and Jenin refugee camp, opened indiscriminate fire, and set up a number of checkpoints at the entrances to the refugee camp as well as on road junctions in the city. The Israeli army also searched a number of houses and arrested 3 civilians as well as 1 Palestinian National Security officer. At 07:00, the Israeli army withdrew from the area.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b>Arrests:</b> The Israeli army arrested 3 civilians and 1 Palestinian security officer in the city of Jenin and Jenin refugee camp: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) Wajdi Shawqi Isteiti, a Palestinian National Security officer;</li> <li>(ii) Mohammed Fareed Abu Sirriyyeh;</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(iii) Ali Majed 'Ar'arawi; and</li> <li>(iv) Rami Bilal Saleh Abu Ghalyoun.</li> </ul>
<b>TULKAREM</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Closure:</b> The Israeli army continues to impose a complete closure on the district of Tulkarem and to declare it a closed military zone following a suicide attack carried out on the junction to the village of Far'un. The Israeli army continues to impede civilian access to and from the district.</li> <li>• <b>Closure of Main Roads:</b> The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the following roads: the road connecting Dahiyat Dhinnaba in the city of Tulkarem to the town of Kafr al Labad; the road connecting the town of Kafr al Labad to the village of Shufa; the southern entrance to the town of Baqa ash Sharqiya; the Kafr Sur-Wadi at Tin road; and the road connecting the town of Deir al Ghusun to 'Attil plain. The Israeli army also continues to close with cement blocks the road connecting the town of Beit Lid to the village of Kur.</li> <li>• <b>Checkpoints:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) The Israeli army continues to close 'Einav checkpoint on the Tulkarem-Nablus road, denying access to civilian vehicles. The Israeli army prevents civilian residents of the Tulkarem district from leaving the district, except for those residing in towns and villages east of the checkpoint.</li> <li>(ii) The Israeli army continues to intensify its restrictions at Jubara checkpoint (the southern entrance to the city of Tulkarem) and to impede civilian access.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b>Wall Gates:</b> Passage through the Wall gates is restricted to civilians granted special Israeli permits.</li> <li>• <b>Flying Checkpoints:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) At 08:10, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the junction to the town of Bal'a, searched civilians and vehicles, and withdrew at a later time.</li> <li>(ii) At 08:35, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the junction to the village of Al Jarushiya and searched civilians and vehicles until 13:50.</li> <li>(iii) At 13:35, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the junction to the towns of 'Attil and Deir al Ghusun and searched civilians and vehicles.</li> <li>(iv) At 19:05, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the junction to Dahiyat Iktaba in the city of Tulkarem and searched civilians and vehicles until 19:35.</li> <li>(v) At 07:45, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the junction to town of Bal'a. Israeli troops positioned at this flying checkpoint continue to search civilians and vehicles as of 08:00 this morning.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b>Raids:</b> At 22:15, the Israeli army raided Dahiyat Shuweika and Dahiyat Dhinnaba in the city of Tulkarem and patrolled the area until 00:10.</li> </ul>
<b>QALQILIYA</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Wall Gates:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) Passage through the Wall gates is restricted to civilians granted special Israeli permits.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

	<p>(ii) The Israeli army continues to intensify its restrictions at ‘Azzun ‘Atma Wall gate and to search civilians, including students, with a metal detector.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Wall Construction:</b> Land levelling for Wall construction continues in the village of Immatin and east of the towns of Kafr Thulth and ‘Azzun.</li> <li>• <b>Raid:</b> At 17:00, the Israeli army, including 6 jeeps, raided the city of Qalqiliya, set up a checkpoint, searched civilians and vehicles, and patrolled the area until 20:00.</li> </ul>
<b>NABLUS</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Closure of Main Roads:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) The Israeli army continues to close the Jenin-Nablus main road between the junction to the village of Deir Sharaf and the settlement of Shavei Shomron.</li> <li>(ii) The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades Al Badhan road, which is the north-eastern entrance to the city of Nablus.</li> <li>(iii) The Israeli army continues to close the road connecting the city of Nablus to the town of ‘Asira ash Shamaliya.</li> <li>(iv) The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the road connecting the villages of Beita and Osarin.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b>Checkpoints:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) The Israeli army continues to regulate times for crossing Huwwara, Beit Iba, At Tur Mountain, and Beit Furik checkpoints around the city of Nablus. The Israeli army closes the checkpoints overnight and reopens them at various morning hours.</li> <li>(ii) The Israeli army continues to intensify its restrictions at Beit Iba and Huwwara checkpoints and to deny access to civilians between 15 and 30 years of age as well as holders of IDs issued in the districts of Jenin and Tulkarem.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b>Raids/House Occupation:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) At 23:00, Israeli Special Forces, supported by 5 Israeli army jeeps, raided the city of Nablus, occupied 1 building, and converted it into a military post.</li> <li>(ii) At 02:25, the Israeli army, accompanied by 1 bulldozer, raided the city of Nablus and ‘Ein Beit el Ma’ refugee camp. An armed confrontation took place between the Israeli army and armed Palestinian individuals. The Israeli army also patrolled the area until 04:00.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
<b>SALFIT</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Closure of Main Roads:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(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 <i>Intifada</i> (Uprising).</li> <li>(ii) The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the western entrances to the town of Bruqin and the village of Marda. The Israeli army also continues to close with cement blocks the western entrance to the town of Kafr ad Dik and with an iron gate the northern entrance to the village of Qarawat Bani Hassan.</li> <li>(iii) The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the road connecting the settler bypass road near the settlement of ‘Eli Zahav to the town of Kafr ad Dik.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b><u>Checkpoints:</u></b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(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.</li> <li>(ii) The Israeli army continues to intensify its restrictions at the Za'tara junction checkpoint and to prevent civilians holding IDs issued in the districts of Jenin and Tulkarem from crossing towards the southern districts of the West Bank.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b><u>Wall Construction:</u></b> Wall construction continues near the Green Line in the town of Deir Ballut and the villages of Az Zawiya and Rafat, 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.</li> <li>• <b><u>Flying Checkpoint:</u></b> The Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to the village of Yasuf, searched civilian vehicles, and impeded civilian access.</li> <li>• <b><u>Raids:</u></b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) The Israeli army raided the village of Mas'ha and searched a number of houses.</li> <li>(ii) The Israeli army raided the town of Bidya and the village of Qarawat Bani Hassan as well as searched a number of houses.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
<b>JERICHO</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b><u>Closure:</u></b> 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-issued 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-issued IDs.</li> <li>• <b><u>Checkpoint:</u></b> The Israeli army continues to close Al Hamra checkpoint set up on the Jericho-Nablus road, denying civilian access, except for farmers holding Jericho-issued IDs. The Israeli army also continues to install a surveillance camera in order to observe the area surrounding the checkpoint.</li> </ul>
<b>BETHLEHEM</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b><u>Closure:</u></b> 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. The Israeli army considers the civilians' residence in the village illegal because they hold West Bank identity cards while their village is located within the Israeli-defined municipal boundaries of Jerusalem.</li> <li>• <b><u>Closure of Main Roads:</u></b> 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.</li> <li>• <b><u>Checkpoint:</u></b> The Israeli army continues to intensify its restrictions at As Sawahira ash Sharqiya (the "Container") checkpoint and to deny access to civilian vehicles, except for those possessing access permits.</li> <li>• <b><u>Wall Construction:</u></b> Wall construction continues north of 'Ayda refugee camp and in the Everest area, northwest of the city of Beit Jala.</li> <li>• <b><u>Raids:</u></b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) At 22:00, the Israeli army, including 6 jeeps, raided the town of Beit Fajjar. Confrontations took place between the Israeli army and civilians.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

	<p>(ii) At 05:00, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the city of Beit Jala.</p> <p>(iii) The Israeli army raided the village of Battir and searched a number of houses using Police dogs.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>HEBRON</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b><u>Closure:</u></b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(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.</li> <li>(ii) Although it expired on 07 May 2006, the Israeli army continues to implement a military order stipulating the closure of civilian commercial shops on both sides of the road connecting the settlement of Kiryat Arba' to the Ibrahim Mosque in the old city of Hebron. Civilian vehicles continue to be prohibited from travelling along the road unless they possess access permits. Only Israeli settler vehicles are allowed unrestricted access on the road.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b><u>Closure of Main Roads:</u></b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(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 entrance to the village of Beit 'Einun; Al Baq'a junction south of the town of Beit 'Awwa; and the entrance to the village of 'Arab ar Ramadin.</li> <li>(ii) The Israeli army continues to close the entrance to Al Qeisi neighbourhood in the old city of Hebron with cement blocks.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b><u>Wall Construction:</u></b> Wall construction continues west of the towns of Surif and Beit Ula, south of the towns of Adh Dhahiriya and As Samoa', and southeast of the town of Yatta. The Israeli army has also completed construction of most sections of the Wall in the town of Idhna, from the village of Deir Samit to the town of Beit 'Awwa, from Beit 'Awwa to the village of Al Burj, and in the village of Ar Ramadin.</li> <li>• <b><u>Flying Checkpoints:</u></b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) At 11:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the junction to the village of Deir Samit, searched civilians and vehicles, and arrested 1 civilian.</li> <li>(ii) At 19:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to the town of Adh Dhahiriya, searched civilians and vehicles, and arrested 1 Palestinian Preventive Security officer.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b><u>Raids/Provocation of Palestinian Forces/Destruction of Property:</u></b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) At 00:45, the Israeli army raided the city of Hebron and took position for a period of time near 1 Palestinian National Security checkpoint set up near the offices of the Temporary International Presence in Hebron</li> </ul> </li> </ul>



	<p>(TIPH). The Israeli army also interrogated Palestinian National Security officers positioned at the checkpoint about the reason for their presence in the area.</p> <p>(ii) At 01:30, the Israeli army raided the towns of Halhul, Nuba, and Beit Ula. The Israeli army searched a number of houses in the town of Beit Ula, after an Israeli army bulldozer destroyed the door of an uninhabited house. The Israeli army also arrested 1 civilian.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Arrests:</b> <p>(i) Israeli troops positioned at the flying checkpoint set up on the junction to the village of Deir Samit arrested Anas Khaled Sweiti.</p> <p>(ii) Israeli troops positioned at the flying checkpoint set up at the entrance to the town of Adh Dhahiriya arrested Ghaleb Mohammed as Sawamreh, a Palestinian Preventive Security officer.</p> <p>(iii) The Israeli army arrested Dhiya' 'Azeez al 'Amleh in the town of Beit Ula.</p> </li> <li>• <b>Settler Violence/Destruction of Property/Physical Assault:</b> At 22:45, a group of Israeli settlers set fire to olive trees on civilian land in the neighbourhood of Wadi an Nasara in the old city of Hebron, damaging dozens of olive trees belonging to Jameel Matariyeh. The Israeli settlers also beat Rami Abdul Hayy Matariyyeh.</li> <li>• <b>Demonstration:</b> At 10:00, a mass demonstration, including Israeli and international peace activists, took place southeast of the town of Yatta in protest against Wall construction.</li> </ul>
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### GAZA STRIP

<p><b>ALL DISTRICTS</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Beginning on 16 December 2005, the Israeli army has continued to impose a complete closure on the Gaza Strip ostensibly due to Palestinian individuals' firing of mortars towards the Green Line.</li> </ul>
<p><b>NORTHERN GAZA</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Closure:</b> Beginning at 18:00 on 28 December 2005, the Israeli army has continued to impose a buffer zone (through open fire as well as artillery and air attacks) in the area near the Green Line, including the area of the debris of evacuated settlements.</li> <li>• <b>Closure of Crossing Point:</b> Beit Hanun (Erez) Crossing is partially open to foreign nationals, VIPs, and humanitarian cases after prior coordination.</li> <li>• <b>Attacks/Provocation of Palestinian Forces:</b> <p>Between 09:00 and 21:00, the Israeli army fired 107 artillery shells from its locations inside the Green Line towards Palestinian territory: 13 artillery shells landed north of the area of Al Hawuz opposite An Nada towers; and 94 shells landed near Palestinian National Security locations east of the town of Beit Hanun. Of these, 10 artillery shells did not explode.</p> <p>(i) At 11:10, the Israeli army opened fire from Point 63 on the Green Line towards Palestinian territory east of the town of Jabalya.</p> <p>(ii) At 16:40, the Israeli army opened fire from Point 14 on the Green Line towards 1 Palestinian National Security location north of the town of Beit Lahiya.</p> </li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b><u>Provocation of Palestinian Forces:</u></b> At 18:30, the Israeli army flew an aerostat equipped with a surveillance camera over 2 Palestinian National Security locations northwest of the town of Beit Lahiya.</li> </ul>
<b>GAZA</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b><u>Closure of Crossing Point:</u></b> Al Muntar (Karnei) Crossing is closed.</li> </ul>
<b>CENTRAL GAZA</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Activities not reported.</li> </ul>
<b>KHAN YUNIS</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b><u>Palestinian Attack:</u></b> At 11:45, 1 unidentified mortar was fired towards the Green Line.</li> </ul>
<b>RAFAH</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b><u>Closure of Crossing Points:</u></b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) Yasser 'Arafat International Airport remains closed.</li> <li>(ii) Rafah Crossing is partially open in both directions to passengers holding Palestinian IDs, humanitarian cases, as well as Arab and foreign diplomatic missions.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b><u>Palestinian Security Measure:</u></b> At 12:10, a Palestinian National Security patrol blocked an attempt by armed Palestinian individuals to fire an unidentified mortar from the area surrounding Yasser 'Arafat International Airport towards the Green Line.</li> <li>• <b><u>Palestinian Attack:</u></b> At 14:00, 1 unidentified mortar was fired towards the Green Line.</li> </ul>

## GENERAL

<b>WORK PERMITS</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b><u>West Bank:</u></b> The Israeli authorities issued new work permits to Palestinian workers for crossing the Green Line; however, there is no confirmation of the number of permit-holding workers who were allowed to access areas inside the Green Line because the Israeli authorities have suspended contacts with the Palestinian employment offices and have instead delivered the issued permits directly to the Palestinian Chambers of Commerce and Workers' Unions.</li> <li>• <b><u>Gaza Strip:</u></b> Valid work permits that have been issued by the Israeli authorities for crossing the Green Line total 11. All the Palestinian workers possessing the valid work permits (11) were allowed to access areas inside the Green Line.</li> </ul>
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