

## مجموعة الرقابة الفلسطينية



## PALESTINIAN MONITORING GROUP

**DAILY SITUATION REPORT**  
 08:00 15 May 2006 – 08:00 16 May 2006

## SUMMARY OF EVENTS

EVENT	WEST BANK	GAZA STRIP	TOTAL	NOTES
Physical Assault	1	—	<b>1</b>	1 civilian beaten in the city of El Bireh
Injuries	—	4	<b>4</b>	Incl. 1 female child in Khan Yunis
Air Attack	—	1	<b>1</b>	2 missiles fired by a UAV, Khan Yunis
Attacks	3	5	<b>8</b>	Incl. 91 artillery shells fired, N. Gaza
Raids	19	1	<b>20</b>	Incl. 4 in Ramallah & 4 in Hebron
Air Patrols	1	2	<b>3</b>	Incl. helicopters over Salfit and Gaza
Arrests	22	—	<b>22</b>	Incl. 1 physically disabled civilian
Detentions	14	—	<b>14</b>	At checkpoints & in residential areas
House Demolition	1	—	<b>1</b>	1 house in Al Hashimiya village, Jenin
Land Levelling	—	1	<b>1</b>	Near the Green Line in Northern Gaza
Wall Construction	32	—	<b>32</b>	Incl. Jer., Raml'h., Qalq., Salfit, Beth.
Destruction of Property	1	1	<b>2</b>	Incl. 1 vehicle destroyed in Khan Yunis
Confiscation of Property	1	—	<b>1</b>	2 M16 rifles in the city of Ramallah
Curfews	2	—	<b>2</b>	Over Huwwara and Al 'Auja
Closure of Checkpoints	9	—	<b>9</b>	Incl. Tayasir & Al Hamra checkpoints
Flying Checkpoints	10	—	<b>10</b>	Incl. 2 in Jenin & 3 in Hebron
Closure (per District)	6	1	<b>7</b>	Incl. a buffer zone in Northern Gaza
Closure of Main Roads	30	—	<b>30</b>	Incl. Nablus-'Asira ash Shamaliya road
Closure of Crossing Points	—	5	<b>5</b>	Incl. Beit Hanun and Rafah partially
School Disruption	4	—	<b>4</b>	Incl. teachers denied access to schools
Settler Violence	1	—	<b>1</b>	1 house stoned in the old city of Hebron
Provocation of Pal. Forces	1	2	<b>3</b>	Incl. shelling near Pal. security posts
Palestinian Attacks	—	6	<b>6</b>	8 mortars fired towards the Green Line
Pal. Security Measures	2	—	<b>2</b>	Incl. 1 illegal vehicle handed over
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>160</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>189</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 11 March 2006, the Israeli army has continued to impose a complete closure on the West Bank and Gaza Strip districts and to prevent civilians with permits, including workers, from crossing into areas inside the Green Line and into the city of Jerusalem.</li> <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>• <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.</li> <li>• <b>Closure of Main Roads:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) The Israeli army closed the entrance opposite the junction to Dahiyat Al Bareed in the city of Jerusalem with barbed wire and has denied civilian access. The Israeli army allows access to the city of Jerusalem through Dahiyat al Bareed checkpoint only to vehicles bearing Israeli-issued license plates and from the lane previously designated for VIPs.</li> <li>(ii) The Israeli army closed the eastern entrance to Dahiyat Bir Nabala with cement slabs, thereby completing the Wall section in the area.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <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.</li> <li>• <b>Wall Gates:</b> <ul 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> </ul> </li> <li>• <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 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.</li> </ul>
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Raid:</b> The Israeli army raided the village of Biddu and arrested 2 civilians.</li> <li>• <b>Arrests:</b> The Israeli army arrested 2 civilians in the village of Biddu: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) Nader Abdullah Mansour; and</li> <li>(ii) Thaer 'Isa Mansour.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
<b>RAMALLAH &amp; EL BIREH</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Closure of Main Road:</b> The Israeli army continues to close the eastern entrance to the village of Sinjil with dirt barricades.</li> <li>• <b>Checkpoint:</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>Wall Construction:</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>Flying Checkpoint/Detention:</b> The Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the junction to the town of Turmus'ayya on the Ramallah-Nablus main road, searched civilians and vehicles, and detained 3 civilians.</li> <li>• <b>Raids/Physical Assault/Confiscation of Property:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) At 19:10, the Israeli army raided the city of El Bireh, raided 1 gas station, and beat its owner. At 00:40, the Israeli army raided the city again and searched a number of houses.</li> <li>(ii) At 02:45, the Israeli army raided the city of Ramallah, searched 1 building and a number of houses, and arrested 6 civilians, including 3 brothers, a father, and his son. The Israeli army also confiscated 2 M16 rifles from a house, set up a checkpoint, searched civilians and vehicles, and withdrew at 04:25.</li> <li>(iii) At 03:00, the Israeli army raided the town of Silwad, searched a number of houses, and arrested 1 civilian.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b>Arrests:</b> The Israeli army arrested 6 civilians in the city of Ramallah: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) Iyad Mohammed Hardan;</li> <li>(ii) Thaer Mohammed Hardan;</li> <li>(iii) Jihad Mohammed Hardan;</li> <li>(iv) Shadi Shihadeh Shalalkeh;</li> <li>(v) Sultan Dawoud al Mallah; and</li> <li>(vi) Dawoud al Mallah.</li> <li>(vii) The Israeli army arrested Saleh Muneer Hamed in the town of Silwad.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b>Palestinian Security Measure:</b> At 09:00, Palestinian security forces handed over 1 illegal vehicle, seized in the city of Ramallah, to the Israeli authorities (through the DCO).</li> </ul>
<b>JENIN</b>	<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 and commercial trucks.</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b><u>Wall Gates:</u></b> Passage through the Wall gates is restricted to civilians granted special Israeli permits.</li> <li>• <b><u>Flying Checkpoints:</u></b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) At 06:30, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the southern entrance to the city of Jenin, searched civilian vehicles, and denied access to civilians under 35 years of age.</li> <li>(ii) The Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to the town of Tammun and searched civilians and vehicles.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b><u>Raids/School Disruption:</u></b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) At 02:00, the Israeli army, including 6 jeeps and 1 bulldozer, raided the village of Al Hashimiya, demolished 1 house, and arrested 1 civilian.</li> <li>(ii) The Israeli army raided the village of Zabda, raided the village's secondary school, and took down the Palestinian flag from the school roof.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b><u>Arrest:</u></b> The Israeli army arrested Ali Ahmed Hamdan in the village of Al Hashimiya.</li> <li>• <b><u>House Demolition:</u></b> The Israeli army demolished 1 house belonging to Ali Ahmed Hamdan in the village of Al Hashimiya.</li> <li>• <b><u>School Disruption:</u></b> On 15 May 2006, classes were disrupted at 12 schools in the town of Qabatiya so that students could take part in the funeral procession of the 6 civilians killed by the Israeli army in the town on 14 May 2006.</li> </ul>
TULKAREM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b><u>Closure:</u></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><u>Closure of Main Roads:</u></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; and the Kafr Sur-Wadi at Tin road. 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><u>Checkpoints:</u></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 prevent civilians holding IDs issued in the districts of Jenin and Tulkarem from crossing towards the southern districts of the West Bank. Israeli troops positioned at the checkpoint only allow civilian residents of villages located south of the city of Tulkarem in the Tulkarem district to cross on foot, only after examining civilians' places of residence.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Wall Gates:</b> Passage through the Wall gates is restricted to civilians granted special Israeli permits.</li> <li>• <b>School Disruption:</b> On 15 May 2006, classes were disrupted in 3 schools, serving 923 students, in the town of 'Illar so that students could take part in the funeral procession of a civilian resident of the town, who was killed along with 5 other civilians by the Israeli army in the district of Jenin.</li> </ul>
QALQILIYA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Wall Gates:</b> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) Passage through the Wall gates is restricted to civilians granted special Israeli permits.</li> <li>(ii) The Israeli army continues to intensify its restrictions at 'Azzun 'Atma Wall gate and to search civilians, including students, with a metal detector.</li> </ol> </li> <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> </ul>
NABLUS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Closure of Main Roads:</b> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) The Israeli army continues to close the main road leading to the district of Jenin between the junction to the village of Deir Sharaf and the settlement of Shavei Shomron. Instead, the Israeli army has forced civilians to travel along an unpaved 1.5-km-long road, which branches off from the Nablus-Tulkarem road and intersects with the Nablus-Jenin road opposite the village of Sabastiya.</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 entrance to the village of Beita with dirt barricades.</li> <li>(iv) The Israeli army closed the road connecting the city of Nablus to the town of 'Asira ash Shamaliya.</li> </ol> </li> <li>• <b>Checkpoints:</b> <ol 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> <li>(iii) Israeli troops positioned at the checkpoint set up at the entrance to the town of Beit Furik continue to prevent taxis from the town of Beit Furik and the village of Beit Dajan from crossing unless they possess access permits.</li> </ol> </li> <li>• <b>Raids/Curfew:</b> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) At 09:45, the Israeli army raided the town of Huwwara and imposed curfew.</li> <li>(ii) At 01:15, the Israeli army raided the city of Nablus and patrolled the area until 05:30.</li> <li>(iii) The Israeli army raided the village of Talfit, opened indiscriminate fire, and arrested 1 civilian.</li> </ol> </li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Arrests:</b> At 09:25, Israeli troops positioned at Huwwara checkpoint arrested 3 civilians: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) Ibrahim Mohammed Isma'il;</li> <li>(ii) Majdi 'Ata Mahmoud; and</li> <li>(iii) 'Adel Mousa Sa'ed.</li> <li>(iv) The Israeli army arrested Ashraf Mousa Sa'ed in the village of Talfit.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b>School Disruption:</b> On 15 May 2006, Israeli troops positioned at Huwwara checkpoint prevented 20 teachers from accessing their schools in towns and villages southeast of the city of Nablus for being under 30 years of age.</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> </ul> </li> <li>• <b>Checkpoints:</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. From 09:00 until 13:30, Israeli troops positioned at the checkpoint also denied civilian access to the city of Nablus.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b>Wall Construction:</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>Flying Checkpoint:</b> At 23:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint in the area between the villages of Khirbet Qeis and 'Ammuriya and searched civilians and vehicles until 00:30.</li> <li>• <b>Raids/Air Patrol:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) At 13:40, the Israeli army, including 1 armoured vehicle and 2 jeeps, raided the town of Bidya, searched 1 house, and withdrew at 15:25.</li> <li>(ii) At 20:30, Israeli army infantry forces raided the village of Khirbet Qeis, opened fire, fired sound grenades, and searched 5 houses. At 23:30, an Israeli army combat helicopter pulled out the Israeli troops from the area.</li> <li>(iii) At 23:30, the Israeli army, including 2 jeeps, raided the town of Kafr ad Dik, set up a checkpoint in the town's centre, searched civilians and vehicles, and patrolled the area.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
<b>JERICHO</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Closure:</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</li> </ul>

	<p>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.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Checkpoint:</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.</li> <li>• <b>Raid/Curfew:</b> Beginning at 05:45 on 15 May 2006, the Israeli army remained positioned in the village of Al ‘Auja and continued to impose curfew until 10:00.</li> </ul>
<p><b>BETHLEHEM</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Closure:</b> The Israeli army continues to close the roads to the village of An Nu’mān, 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>Closure of Main Roads:</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>Checkpoint:</b> The Israeli army intensified its restrictions at As Sawahira ash Sharqiya (the “Container”) checkpoint, impeding civilian access in both directions.</li> <li>• <b>Wall Construction:</b> Wall construction continues north of ‘Ayda refugee camp and in the Everest area, northwest of the city of Beit Jala.</li> <li>• <b>Flying Checkpoint:</b> The Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to the town of Tuqu’, searched civilian vehicles, and impeded civilian access.</li> <li>• <b>Raid:</b> At 07:30, the Israeli army raided the town of Al ‘Ubeidiya. Confrontations took place between the Israeli army and civilians.</li> <li>• <b>Arrest:</b> At 22:00 on 14 May 2006, the Israeli army arrested Ayman Mohammed Rashaydeh, a Palestinian National Security officer, during its raid on the city of Bethlehem.</li> </ul>
<p><b>HEBRON</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Closure:</b> <ol 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 Ibrahimi 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> </ol> </li> </ul>

- **Closure of Main Roads:**
  - (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.
  - (ii) The Israeli army continues to close the entrance to Al Qeisi neighbourhood in the old city of Hebron with cement blocks.
- **Wall Construction:** Wall construction continues west of the towns of Surif and Beit Ula, south of the towns of Adh Dhahiriyah 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.
- **Flying Checkpoints:**
  - (i) At 09:40, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the junction to the town of Tarqumiya and searched civilians and vehicles.
  - (ii) At 07:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the overpass to the town of Halhul and searched civilians and vehicles.
- **Raids/Provocation of Palestinian Forces:**
  - (i) At 14:00, the Israeli army raided the city of Hebron, set up a checkpoint in front of the city's Palestinian Police station, searched civilians and vehicles, and patrolled the area.
  - (ii) At 16:00, the Israeli army raided Ash Sheikh neighbourhood in the city of Hebron and searched 2 houses.
  - (iii) At 02:00, the Israeli army raided the town of Idhna, searched a number of houses, and arrested 1 Palestinian Police officer as well as 1 Palestinian National Security officer. At 04:00, the Israeli army withdrew from the area.
  - (iv) At 02:30, the Israeli army raided the town of Beit 'Awwa, searched a number of houses, and arrested 5 civilians, including 1 child, 1 physically disabled civilian, and 2 university students.
- **Arrests:** The Israeli army arrested 2 Palestinian security officers in the town of Idhna:
  - (i) Ja'far Mousa Nofal, a Palestinian Police officer; and
  - (ii) Khaled Abdul Fattah Nimer, a Palestinian National Security officer.
 The Israeli army arrested 5 civilians in the town of Beit 'Awwa:
  - (iii) Sajed Isma'il 'Awadh, 17 years old;
  - (iv) Ashraf Suleiman Abu Threi', a physically disabled civilian;
  - (v) Sharhabeel Badawi Abu Threi';
  - (vi) Hussein Rasmi Abu al Ghiasi; and
  - (vii) Hani Rasmi Abu al Ghiasi.
- **Destruction of Property:** On 30 April 2006, the Israeli army issued an order for the cessation of the construction of a 170-m<sup>2</sup> house belonging to Mousa Hussein 'Alqam in the town of Beit Ummar, claiming that it was being



	<p>built without the required license.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Settler Violence:</b> At 15:30, a group of Israeli settlers threw stones and empty bottles at 1 house belonging to Wael ash Sharabati in the neighbourhood of Tall Rumeida in the old city of Hebron.</li> <li>• <b>Palestinian Security Measure:</b> At 17:30, Palestinian security forces handed over 1 hand grenade, seized in the area of Bab az Zawiya in the city of Hebron, to the Israeli authorities (through the DCO).</li> </ul>
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### GAZA STRIP

<b>ALL DISTRICTS</b>	<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>
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<b>NORTHERN GAZA</b>	<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> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) Between 08:05 and 08:30, the Israeli army fired 11 artillery shells from its locations inside the Green Line towards Palestinian territory near 1 Palestinian National Security location north of the town of Beit Lahiya.</li> <li>(ii) Between 09:00 and 21:00, the Israeli army fired 80 artillery shells from its locations inside the Green Line towards Palestinian territory near Palestinian National Security locations north and northwest of the town of Beit Lahiya, damaging 1 Palestinian National Security location.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b>Raid/Land Levelling:</b> At 10:30, the Israeli army, including 2 armoured vehicles and 3 bulldozers, raided 100 metres into Palestinian territory near Point 38 on the Green Line north of the town of Beit Hanun and levelled land.</li> <li>• <b>Palestinian Attacks:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) At 09:25, 2 unidentified mortars were fired towards the Green Line.</li> <li>(ii) At 19:00, 1 unidentified mortar was fired towards the Green Line.</li> <li>(iii) At 22:20, 1 unidentified mortar was fired towards the Green Line.</li> <li>(iv) At 03:05, armed Palestinian individuals attempted to fire 1 unidentified mortar towards the Green Line, but exploded in the area from which it was launched.</li> <li>(v) At 05:10, 1 unidentified mortar was fired towards the Green Line.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
<b>GAZA</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Closure of Crossing Point:</b> Al Muntar (Karnei) Crossing is closed.</li> <li>• <b>Air Patrol:</b> At 04:00, Israeli army combat helicopters patrolled the skies over Gaza city.</li> </ul>
<b>CENTRAL GAZA</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Attack:</b> At 10:10, the Israeli army opened fire from Point 120 on the Green Line towards Palestinian territory east of Al Bureij refugee camp.</li> </ul>

<p><b>KHAN YUNIS</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b><u>Air Attack/Destruction of Property:</u></b> At 18:50, an Israeli army UAV fired 2 missiles towards 1 civilian vehicle in the village of ‘Abasan al Kabira, injuring 4 civilians, including Hasan Salah al Halqawi who was in critical condition as well as a female child bystander. The air attack also resulted in the destruction of the targeted vehicle.</li> <li>• <b><u>Palestinian Attacks:</u></b> At 22:15, 2 unidentified mortars were fired towards the Green Line. Consequently, the Israeli army opened intensive fire and fired flares towards Palestinian territory east of the area of Khuza’a.</li> </ul>
<p><b>RAFAH</b></p>	<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> <li>(iii) Karm Abu Salim (Karem Shalom) Crossing is closed.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

**GENERAL**

<p><b>WORK PERMITS</b></p>	<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, the number of issued permits is unknown because the Israeli authorities have suspended contacts with the Palestinian employment offices. Additionally, the number of permit-holding workers who were allowed to access areas inside the Green Line is unknown.</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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