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PALESTINIAN MONITORING GROUP

DAILY SITUATION REPORT

08:00 16 November 2005 – 08:00 17 November 2005

SUMMARY OF EVENTS

EVENT	WEST BANK	GAZA STRIP	TOTAL	NOTES
Attacks	2	2	4	Incl. 1 from a post & 1 by naval boats
Raids	23	1	24	Incl. 3 in Ramallah & 3 in Tulkarem
Air Patrol	_	1	1	Diversionary air raids over N. Gaza
Arrests	10	_	10	Incl. 2 children (brothers) & 1 officer
Detentions	10		10	Incl. families of political prisoners
House Demolition	*			* 1 house demolition notice delivered
Land Levelling		1	1	East of Al Bureij RC in Central Gaza
Wall Construction	25		25	Incl. Jer., Raml'h., Qalq., Salfit, Beth.
House Occupation	1		1	A number of houses in Qabatiya
Curfews	4	_	4	Incl. over Burin, Madama, & Duma
Flying Checkpoints	13	_	13	Incl. 4 in Jenin & 2 in Hebron
Closure (per District)	8	_	8	Incl. Jerusalem & Jericho partially
Closure of Main Roads	22	_	22	Incl. Ash Shuhada' Street in Hebron
Closure of Wall Gates	(All)	_	(All)	Incl. searches at 'Azzun 'Atma gate
Closure of Crossing Points	_	3	3	Incl. Rafah Crossing closed
Construction of Mil. Post	1	_	1	1 watchtower erected in Hebron
School Disruption	1	_	1	Classes disrupted in 2 schools
Settlement Activity	1	_	1	Incl. 1 pedestrian lane constructed
Settler Violence	1	_	1	1 civilian run over in Nablus
Palestinian Attacks	_	2	2	2 unidentified mortars fired
Pal. Security Measures	3	_	3	Incl. Jewish worshippers protected
TOTAL	125	10	135	

DISTRICT	EVENT
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WEST BANK

JERUSALEM	 Closure: The Israeli army continues to intensify its restrictions at checkpoints located at the entrances to the city of Jerusalem and has set up checkpoints in the old city of Jerusalem and around Al Aqsa Mosque compound. Checkpoints: The Israeli army continues to intensify its restrictions at Qalandiya and Beit Iksa checkpoints and to impede civilian access. Wall Gates: The Israeli army continues to close the Wall gate in the town of Abu Dis with cement blocks. Wall Construction: 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, Beit Hanina, and around the settlement of Ma'ale Adumim. Flying Checkpoint: The Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint near the settlement of Ma'ale Adumim and searched civilians and vehicles. Arrests: At 09:40, the Israeli army arrested Mohammed 'Izzat Jaber from the city of Bethlehem in the city of Jerusalem, claiming that he entered the city without possessing the required access permit. At 10:30, Israeli troops positioned at Qalandiya checkpoint arrested Issa Khalil Jibreel, a Palestinian National Security officer.
RAMALLAH & EL BIREH	 Wall Construction: 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, and in the town of Beituniya. Flying Checkpoint: The Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the overpass to the town of 'Atara, searched civilian vehicles, and impeded civilian access. Raids: At 24:00, an Israeli army patrol raided the city of El Bireh and patrolled the area. From 02:00 to 04:00, the Israeli army, including 3 jeeps, raided and patrolled the villages of Kafr 'Ein and Qarawat Bani Zeid.
JENIN	 <u>Closure of Main Road</u>: The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades As Suweitat road southeast of the city of Jenin. <u>Checkpoint</u>: The Israeli army continues to intensify its restrictions at Tayasir checkpoint east of the town of Tubas and to impede civilian access.

- <u>Wall Gates</u>: Passage through the Wall gates is restricted to civilians granted special Israeli permits.
- **Flying Checkpoints:** At 16:30, the Israeli army set up 3 flying checkpoints at the eastern, western, and southern entrances to the town of Qabatiya.

• Raids/House Occupation:

- (i) Beginning at 16:30 on 15 November 2005, the Israeli army has remained positioned in the town of Qabatiya and continued to occupy a number of houses, which it converted into military posts.
- (ii) At 01:00, the Israeli army, including 10 jeeps, raided the southern entrance to the city of Jenin, set up a checkpoint between the city and the village of Ash Shuhada' and searched civilians and vehicles. The Israeli army remains positioned in the area as of 08:00 this morning.

• Closure of Main Roads:

- (i) The Israeli army continues to close the iron gate set up on the junction to the settlement of 'Einav along the Tulkarem-Nablus road, denying access to civilian vehicles in both directions.
- (ii) The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the roads from the town of Bal'a to Dahiyat Iktaba, the town of Deir al Ghusun, and the village of Al 'Atara, as well as the road between the town of Kafr al Labad and the village of Al Hafasa.
- (iii) The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the entrance to the village of 'Izbat Abu Khamish.
- <u>Wall Gates</u>: Passage through the Wall gates is restricted to civilians granted special Israeli permits.

• Flying Checkpoints:

- (i) At 08:35, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint in the area between the towns of Bal'a and Deir al Ghusun and searched civilians and vehicles.
- (ii) At 13:10, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to the village of Far'un and searched civilians and vehicles.
- (iii) At 07:30, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint in the area between the town of Bal'a and Dahiyat Iktaba in the city of Tulkarem and searched civilians and vehicles.

Raids:

- (i) At 12:15, an Israeli army patrol raided the town of 'Anabta. Confrontations took place between the Israeli army and civilians.
- (ii) At 17:10, an Israeli army patrol raided Dahiyat Shuweika in the city of Tulkarem and patrolled the area.
- (iii) At 01:20, the Israeli army raided the city of Tulkarem, arrested 2 children (brothers), and withdrew at 02:30.
- Arrests: The Israeli army arrested 2 children in the city of Tulkarem:
- (i) Mohammed Kamel 'Ityani, 14 years old; and
- (ii) Ahmed Kamel 'Ityani, 16 years old.

TULKAREM

	 <u>Detention</u>: At 01:10, Israeli troops positioned at At Tayba checkpoint on the Green Line southwest of the city of Tulkarem detained 3 buses transporting families of political prisoners, after visiting their relatives held in Israeli prisons. After the DCO intervened, Israeli troops allowed the buses to cross. <u>Palestinian Security Measure</u>: At 17:45, Palestinian security forces handed over 1 illegal vehicle, seized in the city of Tulkarem, to the Israeli authorities (through the DCO).
QALQILIYA	 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 village of Immatin and east of the towns of Kafr Thulth and 'Azzun. Settlement Activity: The Israeli army began constructing a pedestrian lane and a new room equipped with electronic search devices at the entrance to the village of 'Azzun 'Atma, located behind the Wall.
NABLUS	 Closure of Main Roads: 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. The Israeli army continues to close the road connecting the city of Nablus and the town of 'Asira ash Shamaliya. Checkpoints: 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, with the exception of Huwwara checkpoint where civilians may exit the city of Nablus from 05:00 to 23:00 only, but entry is allowed around the clock. At 15:25, the Israeli army closed Huwwara checkpoint after arresting 1 civilian, claiming that he was in possession of an explosive belt. The Israeli army held a press conference, after which it defused the explosive belt in the vicinity of the checkpoint. At 17:55, the Israeli army reopened the checkpoint. Raid/Curfew: At 23:45, the Israeli army raided the villages of Burin, Madama, and Duma and imposed curfew until 06:30. Arrest: Israeli troops positioned at Huwwara checkpoint arrested an unidentified civilian.

	• <u>Settler Violence</u> : At 09:15, an Israeli settler vehicle ran over 1 civilian on the junction to the settlement of Yitzhar, after which he was transported to hospital for treatment of injuries sustained. The Israeli army arrested the settler.
SALFIT	 Closure of Main Roads: The Israeli army continues to close the main north-western entrance to the city of Salfit with dirt barricades. The road has been closed since the beginning of the current <i>Intifada</i> (Uprising). The Israeli army continues to close the entrance to the village of Qarawat Bani Hassan with an iron gate. The Israeli army continues to close the entrances to the towns of Jamma'in and Kafr ad Dik with cement blocks. The Israeli army continues to close the western entrance to the village of Bruqin with dirt barricades. The Israeli army continues to close with cement blocks the road connecting the town of Deir Ballut and the village of Rafat. Checkpoint: The Israeli army continues to close Deir Ballut checkpoint overnight and open it at various morning hours, impeding civilian access. Wall Construction: 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. Flying Checkpoint: At 10:30, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the northern entrance to the village of Yasuf and searched civilian vehicles. Raids: At 10:35, an Israeli army patrol raided the city of Salfit and patrolled the area. At 22:15, the Israeli army raided the town of Deir Istiya and searched 2 houses.
JERICHO	 Closure: Road # 90 between the city of Jericho and the village of Al 'Auja is closed with cement blocks. The Israeli army prevents farmers not holding Jericho ID cards from reaching their land, forcing them to apply for access permits. The Israeli army also sporadically impedes civilian movement into the city of Jericho, except for Jerusalem and Jericho ID holders. Checkpoint: The Israeli army continues to intensify its restrictions at Al Hamra checkpoint on the road connecting the districts of Jericho and Nablus. Flying Checkpoint: At 09:20, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on Al Mu'arrajat road connecting the districts of Jericho and Ramallah and searched civilians and vehicles. Raids/Curfew/Palestinian Security Measure/School Disruption: Beginning at 23:10 on 15 November 2005, the Israeli army remained positioned in the village of Al 'Auja and continued to impose curfew, claiming that a

	Palestinian individual burned car tyres on the main road in the centre of the village. Consequently, Palestinian security forces arrested the individual who burned the tyres. At 19:00, the Israeli army withdrew from the area. At 05:20, however, the Israeli army raided the village again and imposed curfew, thereby disrupting classes in the village's boys and girls schools for the second consecutive day. The Israeli army remains positioned in the area as of 08:00 this morning. • Palestinian Security Measure: At 20:00, Palestinian security forces accompanied and provided protection to a number of Jewish worshippers while they were visiting a synagogue in the city of Jericho.
BETHLEHEM	 Closure: (i) The Israeli army continues to close the road to the village of An Nu'man in the north-eastern Bethlehem district, isolating 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. (ii) The Israeli army continues to close the entrances to the villages of Husan and Nahhalin with cement blocks. 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. Checkpoint: The Israeli army continues to intensify its restrictions at the checkpoint set up near the settlement of Kfar 'Etzion on Road # 60 connecting the districts of Bethlehem and Hebron and to impede civilian access. Wall Construction: Wall construction continues north of 'Ayda refugee camp towards the area north of the city of Beit Jala. Raids: (i) At 10:00, an Israeli army patrol raided the town of Tuqu' and distributed notices to demolish 1 house under construction, barracks, and 1 support wall, claiming that were built without the required licences. (ii) At 01:30, the Israeli army, including 4 jeeps, raided the town of Al Khadr, searched 2 houses, and withdrew at 04:00.
HEBRON	 Closure: The Israeli army continues to close with cement blocks and barbed wire Ash Shuhada' Street and the area of As Sahleh, and with an iron gate the old gold market, all in the H2 section of the city of Hebron, denying access to civilians and vehicles. Closure of Main Roads: The Israeli army continues to close Road # 60 that passes through the Gush 'Etzion settlement block on the road to the city of Hebron. The Israeli army also continues to force civilian vehicles travelling between the districts of Hebron and Bethlehem to take the eastern road that

- connects the town of Za'tara junction, located east of the city of Bethlehem, to the city of Hebron.
- (ii) The Israeli army continues to close Road # 35 between the towns of Tarqumiya and Idhna, denying access to civilian vehicles.
- (iii) The Israeli army continues to close with cement blocks the entrance to An Nabi Yunis area leading to the town of Halhul.
- Wall Construction: Wall construction continues west of the town of Surif to Beit Ula, in the town of Idhna, from the village of Deir Samit to the village of Beit 'Awwa, from Beit 'Awwa to the village of Al Burj, and south of the towns of Adh Dhahiriya and As Samoa'.
- <u>Flying Checkpoint</u>: The Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to Al 'Arrub refugee camp, searched civilian vehicles, and impeded civilian access.

• Raids:

- (i) At dawn on 16 November 2005, the Israeli army raided the village of Karma south of the town of Dura and arrested 3 civilians. At 02:00, the Israeli army raided the village again and arrested 1 civilian.
- (ii) At 15:20, the Israeli army raided the city of Hebron, set up a number of checkpoints in several neighbourhoods, and searched civilians and vehicles. At 20:00, the Israeli army raided the city again and patrolled the area.
- (iii) At 20:10, an Israeli army patrol raided the town of Beit Ummar. Confrontations took place between the Israeli army and civilians. The Israeli army also arrested 1 child.
- (iv) The Israeli army raided and patrolled the town of Yatta.
- Arrests: The Israeli army arrested 4 civilians in the village of Karma:
- (i) Taleb Mahmoud al 'Awawdeh;
- (ii) Ahmed Taleb al 'Awawdeh;
- (iii) Hatem Mahmoud al 'Awawdeh; and
- (iv) Mazen Ahmed al 'Awawdeh.
- (v) The Israeli army arrested Waheeb Nimer 'Alqam, 16 years old, in the town of Beit Ummar.
- Construction of Military Post: At 16:00, the Israeli army erected a military watchtower near the junction to the settlement of Kiryat Arba' between the town of Sa'ir and the village of Beit 'Einun.

GAZA STRIP

NORTHERN GAZA

- <u>Closure of Crossing Point</u>: Beit Hanun (Erez) Crossing is partially open to humanitarian cases and VIPs only.
- Attacks:
- (i) At 22:10, Israeli naval boats fired flares towards Palestinian territory northwest of the town of Beit Lahiya.

	 (ii) At 08:00, the Israeli army opened fire from Points 57 and 58 on the Green Line towards Palestinian territory east of the town of Jabalya. Air Patrol: At 10:45, Israeli army combat aircrafts patrolled the skies over the district of Northern Gaza and carried out diversionary air raids. Palestinian Attack: At 20:50, 1 unidentified mortar was fired towards the Green Line but exploded in the air.
GAZA	Palestinian Attack: At 22:55, 1 unidentified mortar was fired towards the Green Line.
CENTRAL GAZA	• Raid/Land Levelling: At 09:30, the Israeli army, including 3 bulldozers, raided 70 meters into Palestinian territory opposite Point 112 on the Green Line east of Al Bureij refugee camp and levelled land.
KHAN YUNIS	Activities not reported.
RAFAH	 Closure of Crossing Points: Yasser Arafat International Airport remains closed. Rafah Crossing is closed.