مجموعة الرقابة الفلسطينية



PALESTINIAN MONITORING GROUP

DAILY SITUATION REPORT

08:00 17 November 2004 – 08:00 18 November 2004

SUMMARY OF EVENTS

EVENT	WEST BANK	GAZA STRIP	TOTAL	NOTES
Death	_	1	1	Incl. 1 female civilian
Physical Assault	1	_	1	Severely beating 1 civilian
Injury	_	1	1	In Tall Zu'rub in Rafah RC
Attacks	3	3	6	Incl. 2 during raids, 4 from posts
Raids	16	1	17	Incl. searches for wanted civilians
Arrests (per person)	7	_	7	Incl. 1 child, 1 female, & 3 officers
Detentions	3	1	4	Incl. in residential compounds
Land Levelling	1	1	2	In Shufa and east of Al Bureij RC
Wall Construction	18	_	18	Jer., Jenin, Ramallah, Beth. Hebron
Destruction of Property	1	1	2	Olive trees and crops
Checkpoints	All	_	All	
Flying Checkpoints	(Dozens)	(Dozens)	_	Impeding civilian movement
Closure (per District)	(All)	(All)	(All)	All closed by checkpoints
Closure of Main Roads	(Most)	(5)	(Most)	Esp. connecting cities
Closure of Wall Gates	(All)	_	(All)	Permits required to cross
Closure of Crossing Points	_	4	4	Incl. 3 partially open
Settlement Activity	1	_	1	Constructing 1 settler bypass road
Settler Violence	2	_	2	Incl. throwing stones at houses
Provocation of Pal. Forces	1	1	2	Incl. raiding 1 Pal. Police station
TOTAL	54	14	68	

DISTRICT	EVENT		
ALL DISTRICTS	 Beginning on11 November 2004, the Israeli army has imposed a total closure on the West Bank and Gaza Strip districts following the official announcement of the death of President Yasser Arafat, Chairman of the Executive Committee of the Palestine Liberation Organisation, President of the Palestinian National Authority, and President of the State of Palestine (may he rest in peace). National mourning for President Yasser Arafat continues to take place in all districts of the West Bank and the Gaza Strip and Palestinian flags continue to be flown at half mast. From 11 November 2004 until 18 November 2004, all ministries, governmental departments, universities, and schools will be shut. Private enterprises and corporations, except hospitals, pharmacies, and bakeries, will be shut for 3 days. Official and national delegations continue to visit Al Muqata'a in the city of Ramallah to offer their condolences for the death of President Yasser Arafat and to place wreathes on his tomb. 		

WEST BANK

JERUSALEM	 Closure: The Israeli army set up flying checkpoints throughout the district, closing all entrances to the city and roads connecting towns and villages, and preventing pedestrians and vehicles from crossing. Wall Construction: Wall construction continues along the main road between Qalandiya checkpoint and Ar Ram, the area of Al Aqbat, north of the village of 'Anata, in the area between the villages of Jaba' and Hizma, the area of Al 'Eizariya, the area of Ash Shayyah, and in the town of As Sawahira Ash Sharqiya. Detentions: Israeli troops positioned at a checkpoint set up near the Industrial Zone of Atarot north of the city of Jerusalem detained dozens of civilians from villages northwest of the city of Jerusalem.
RAMALLAH & EL BIREH	 Closure: The Israeli army set up dozens of flying checkpoints throughout the district, closing all roads connecting towns and villages, and preventing pedestrians and vehicles from crossing. Wall Construction: Wall construction continues in Budrus, Midya, Ni'lin, Deir Qaddis, Beit Liqya, and Beituniya. Raids: At 11:30, an Israeli army patrol raided the town of 'Atara and arrested 1 female civilian. At 12:25, the Israeli army raided the city of Ramallah. At 19:15, an

	Israeli army Special Force raided the city again, raided 1 commercial shop, and arrested 1 civilian. At 00:30, the Israeli army raided the city again, searched 1 civilian building after forcing its residents to evacuate it, and detained them. At 01:10, the Israeli army withdrew from the area. (iii) At 21:45, an Israeli army patrol raided the village of Kafr 'Ein, opened indiscriminate fire, and patrolled the area until it withdrew at 22:30. (iv) At 02:10, the Israeli army raided the village of Qarawat Bani Zeid, searched 2 houses, and arrested 2 civilians, including 1 child. At 04:50, the Israeli army withdrew from the area. (v) The Israeli army raided the village of Beit Liqya, opened fire, and fired sound and tear gas grenades, injuring a number of civilians as a result of tear gas inhalation. • Arrests: (i) The Israeli army arrested Rasha Nasr Qadadhah, a female civilian, in the town of 'Atara. (ii) The Israeli army arrested Wisam Subhi Al Azzah in the city of Ramallah. The Israeli army arrested 2 civilians in the village of Qarawat Bani Zeid: (iii) Basil Jasser 'Arrar, 17 years old; and (iv) Wisam Yousef Abdul Latif.
JENIN	 Closure: The Israeli army set up flying checkpoints throughout the district, closing all entrances to the city and roads connecting towns and villages, and preventing pedestrians and vehicles from crossing. Wall Gates: Passage through the Wall gates is restricted to civilians granted special Israeli permits. The closure continues to negatively impact education, economic and livelihood activities and impedes access to health facilities. The Israeli army closed Al Jalama commercial Wall crossing north of the city of Jenin. Wall Construction: Land levelling for Wall construction continues in Jalbun towards Al Mutilla, Raba, Al Mughayyir, Bardala and 'Ein al Beida, and towards the Jordan River. Raid: At 02:00, the Israeli army, including 8 jeeps and 1 bulldozer, raided Jenin refugee camp and the area of Al Jabiriyyat, fired sound grenades, and withdrew at 04:30.
TULKAREM	 <u>Closure</u>: The Israeli army set up flying checkpoints throughout the district, closing all entrances to the city and roads connecting towns and villages, and preventing pedestrians and vehicles from crossing. <u>Wall Gates</u>: Passage through the Wall gates is restricted to civilians

	granted special Israeli permits. The closure continues to negatively impact education, economic and livelihood activities and impedes access to health facilities. • Attack: At 16:00, the Israeli army opened indiscriminate fire from its location in the DCO towards civilian houses in the city of Tulkarem. • Flving Checkpoints: (i) At 10:45, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the junction to the town of 'Illar, searched civilians and vehicles, and withdrew at 11:10. (ii) At 11:35, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on Al Jarushiyya junction, searched civilian vehicles, examined civilians' IDs, and withdrew at 12:00. • Raids/Provocation of Palestinian Forces: (i) At 12:15, the Israeli army raided Dahiyat Shuweika in the city of Tulkarem, raided the Police station, and searched it. At 16:10, the Israeli army raided the city again and patrolled the area. (ii) At 12:20, an Israeli army patrol raided the town of Zeita and patrolled the area until 13:00. • Land Levelling: The Israeli army levelled land cultivated with olive trees near the village of Shufa and constructed a road in the area between the land levelling site and the settler bypass road crossing south of the city of Tulkarem.
QALQILYA	 Closure: The Israeli army set up flying checkpoints throughout the district, closing all entrances to the city and roads connecting towns and villages, and preventing pedestrians and vehicles from crossing. Wall Gates: Passage through the Wall gates is restricted to civilians granted special Israeli permits. The closure continues to negatively impact education, economic and livelihood activities and impedes access to health facilities. Settler Violence: At 18:00, a group of Israeli settlers from the settlement of Genat Shomron surrounded and assaulted Civil Defence individuals near the village of Jinsafut on their way back from the village of Funduq, where they had extinguished fire. The settlers prevented the Civil Defence individuals from crossing and forced them to take an alternative road.
NABLUS	Closure: The Israeli army set up dozens of flying checkpoints throughout the district, closing all entrances to the city and roads connecting towns and villages, and preventing pedestrians and vehicles from crossing.
SALFIT	Closure: The Israeli army set up flying checkpoints throughout the district, closing all entrances to the city and roads connecting towns and villages, and preventing pedestrians and vehicles from crossing.

	 Wall Construction: Land levelling for Wall construction west of the village of Iskaka, north of the city of Salfit (around the settlement of Ariel) and in the villages of Al Zawiya and Deir Ballut, remains suspended due to changes in the Wall route following an Israeli Supreme Court order. Flying Checkpoints: At 14:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the Tans-Samaria Highway near the village of Jamma'in, searched civilian vehicles, and examined civilians' IDs. At 15:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint near the overpass to the village of Iskaka, searched civilian vehicles, and examined civilians' IDs.
JERICHO	• <u>Closure</u> : The Israeli army set up dozens of checkpoints throughout the city, closing all entrances to the city and roads connecting towns and villages, and prevented civilians from crossing. The Israeli army prevented civilians from entering the city, except those holding Jericho IDs. The Israeli army also continues to prevent Israeli ID card holders from entering the city.
BETHLEHEM	 Closure: (i) The Israeli army set up flying checkpoints throughout the district, closing all entrances to the city and roads connecting towns and villages, and preventing civilians from crossing. (ii) The Israeli army continues to close the only road leading to the village of Al Nu'man, northeast of the Bethlehem district, isolating the village and placing it, together with the adjacent village of Al Khas, under the jurisdiction of the Jerusalem municipality. The Israeli army considers the civilian presence in the villages illegal. Wall Construction: Construction of the Wall continues north of the district of Bethlehem, along 'Ayda refugee camp, and along the tunnel road (Gilo). Physical Assault: At 09:55, the Israeli army severely beat Mohammed Yousef Isteitiyyeh in Abu Ghuneim Mount, after which he was hospitalised. Raid: At 03:00, 4 Israeli army jeeps raided the city of Bethlehem and Ad Duheisha refugee camp and arrested 1 Palestinian National Security officer and 1 Civil Defence individual. At 04:00, the Israeli army withdrew from the area. Arrests: (i) At 09:30, Israeli troops positioned at the checkpoint set up on the junction to the settlement of Kfar Etzion arrested Mohammed Mahmoud Hussein Kadnawi, a Palestinian National Security officer. The Israeli army arrested 2 individuals in Ad Duheisha refugee camp: (ii) Wala' Subhi Al 'Azzah; (iii) Wael Subhi Al 'Azzah.

HEBRON	 Closure: The Israeli army set up flying checkpoints throughout the district, closing all entrances to the city and roads connecting towns and villages, and preventing pedestrians and vehicles from crossing. Wall Construction: Land levelling for wall construction continues west of the towns of Idhna, Beit 'Awwa, and Surif, and near the villages of Deir Al 'Asal and Beit Ar Rush. Raids/Detentions: At 09:00, the Israeli army raided the city of Hebron, searched 1 house in the neighbourhood of Wadi Abu Kteilah, detained 2 civilians, and released them at 09:30. At 22:00, 10 Israeli army jeeps raided the town of Dura and patrolled the area. Settler Violence: A group of Israeli settlers from the settlement outpost of Abraham Avino threw stones at civilian houses in the old city of Hebron.

GAZA STRIP

NORTHERN GAZA	Closure: Beit Hanun crossing is closed.	
GAZA CITY	 <u>Closure</u>: Nitsareem junction remains closed. <u>Attack</u>: At 14:45, the Israeli army opened intensive fire towards 1 Palestinian National Security location north of Sheikh 'Ajlin coastal junction. <u>Killing</u>: At 09:30, Intissar Jabr Darwish, a female civilian, died of injuries sustained earlier during an Israeli army raid on Az Zaytoun neighbourhood in Gaza city. 	
CENTRAL GAZA	• Raid/Land Levelling: Beginning at 16:15 on 17 November 2004, the Israeli army remains positioned in Palestinian territory 800 meters into the area of Tall Rashid, east of Al Bureij refugee camp. The Israeli army levelled vast areas of agricultural land and withdrew at 16:45.	
KHAN YUNIS	 Closure: Abu Al 'Ajin road (Khan Yunis Al Sharqiya) is closed. Western road (Khan Yunis) remains closed. Al Mawasi/Khan Yunis road (Al Tuffah checkpoint) is partially open. Abu Holi road is partially open. At 15:50, the Israeli army closed Salah Ad Din road between Abu Holi and Al Matahin checkpoints. At 18:30, the road was reopened. 	

Closure: (i) Gaza International Airport remains closed. Rafah Crossing is partially open. (ii) Sufa Crossing is partially open to construction cargo only. (iii) Attacks: **RAFAH** At 16:45, the Israeli army opened intensive fire from Tall Zu'rub (i) military post towards civilian houses in Tall Zu'rub neighbourhood in Rafah refugee camp, injuring 1 civilian. At 23:20, the Israeli army fired 1 tank shell from Tall Zu'rub military (ii) post towards Egyptian territory, killing 3 Egyptian soldiers.