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PALESTINIAN MONITORING GROUP

DAILY SITUATION REPORT

08:00 18 November 2004 – 08:00 19 November 2004

SUMMARY OF EVENTS

EVENT	WEST BANK	GAZA STRIP	TOTAL	NOTES
Attacks	1	2	3	3 from military posts
Raids	17	—	17	Incl. searches for wanted civilians
Arrests (per person)	18	3	21	Incl. 3 extricated from tunnel
Detentions	3	1	4	Incl. in residential compounds
Wall Construction	18	—	18	Jer., Jenin, Ramallah, Beth. Hebron
Curfew	1	—	1	Over the village of Burqa
Checkpoints	All	—	All	
Flying Checkpoints	(Dozens)	(Dozens)	—	Impeding civilian movement
Closure (per District)	(All)	(All)	(All)	Jenin & Nablus closed mil. zones
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
Provocation of Pal. Forces	—	1	1	Opening fire towards 1 Pal. post
Palestinian Attack	—	1	1	1 Qassam mortar towards Gadid
TOTAL	58	12	70	

DISTRICT	EVENT
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<p style="text-align: center;">ALL DISTRICTS</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Beginning on 11 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. 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 wreaths on his tomb.
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WEST BANK

<p style="text-align: center;">JERUSALEM</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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.
<p style="text-align: center;">RAMALLAH & EL BIREH</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 04:00 on 18 November 2004, an Israeli army patrol raided the town of Deir Ghassana and arrested 1 civilian. (ii) At 00:35, 5 Israeli army jeeps raided the city of Ramallah and patrolled the area. (iii) At 02:30, the Israeli army raided the town of Beituniya and arrested 1 civilian. (iv) The Israeli army raided the villages of Beit Liqya and Beit 'Ur At Tahta, opened fire, and fired tear gas grenades, injuring a number of civilians as a result of tear gas inhalation, and arrested 7 civilians.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Arrests: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (i) The Israeli army arrested Mohammed Salim Suleiman Mis'hel in the town of Deir Ghassana. (ii) The Israeli army arrested Zayed 'Uweidhah in the town of Beituniya. The Israeli army arrested 7 civilians in the villages of Beit Liqya and Beit 'Ur At Tahta: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (iii) Suhayb 'Allan; (iv) Wael 'Allan; (v) 'Ata Allah Jad Allah; (vi) Ahmed Abdul Majid Ahmed; (vii) Isama'il Mustafa; (viii) Bilal Abu 'Ilbeh; and (ix) Jihad Khamis.
JENIN	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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. The Israeli army continues to declare the city of Jenin a closed military zone. • 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. • 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. • Raids: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 02:00, 8 Israeli army jeeps raided Az Zahra' neighbourhood in the city of Jenin, Jenin refugee camp, and the area of Wadi Bruqin, patrolled the area, and withdrew at 03:30. (ii) The Israeli army raided the village of Jaba' and arrested 3 civilians. • Arrests: The Israeli army arrested 3 unidentified civilians in the village of Jaba'.
TULKAREM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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. • Flying Checkpoints: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 18:15, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the junction to the town of 'Illar and prevented civilians from crossing in both directions until 21:30.

	<p>(ii) At 24:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to the village of Qaffin, opened indiscriminate fire, and withdrew at 01:30.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Raid: At 11:45, an Israeli army patrol raided the town of ‘Attil and patrolled the area.
<p>QALQILYA</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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. • Raid: At 01:30, 7 Israeli army jeeps raided the city of Qalqiliya, searched a number of houses, arrested 2 civilians, and withdrew at 02:45. • Arrests: The Israeli army arrested 2 civilians in the city of Qalqiliya: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Mohammed Khalil As’ad Zeid; and (ii) Issa Abu Libdeh.
<p>NABLUS</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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. The Israeli army continues to declare the city of Nablus a closed military zone. • Raids/Curfew: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 17:00 on 17 November 2004, the Israeli army raided the town of ‘Asira Ash Shamaliya and searched 1 house. (ii) The Israeli army raided the town of Beit Furik, set up a checkpoint at its entrance, and arrested 2 civilians. (iii) The Israeli army raided the village of Burqa, imposed curfew, and searched 2 houses. • Arrests: The Israeli army arrested 2 unidentified civilians in the town of Beit Furik.
<p>SALFIT</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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. • Raid: At 03:50, the Israeli army raided the village of Yasuf, searched 2 houses after detaining their residents, and withdrew at 04:40.

<p style="text-align: center;">JERICHO</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure: 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. • Arrests: At dawn on 06 November 2004, Israeli troops positioned at the checkpoint set up at Al Hamra junction arrested 2 civilians: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Mohammed Talal Talib ‘Uweisah; and (ii) Salih Talib ‘Uweisah.
<p style="text-align: center;">BETHLEHEM</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (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). • Raids: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 17:30, an Israeli army patrol raided the town of Al ‘Ubeidiya and patrolled the area until it withdrew at 18:00. (ii) At 21:25, an Israeli army Special Force, driving 2 civilian vehicles, raided the city of Bethlehem and patrolled the area until it withdrew at 22:00.
<p style="text-align: center;">HEBRON</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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.

GAZA STRIP

NORTHERN GAZA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure: Beit Hanun crossing is partially open to merchants only.
GAZA CITY	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure: Nitsareem junction remains closed. • Attack: At 16:15, the Israeli army opened intensive fire towards 1 Palestinian National Security location north of Sheikh 'Ajlin coastal junction south of Gaza city.
CENTRAL GAZA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Attack: At 20:15, the Israeli army opened intensive fire from its location at Point 114 on the Green Line towards civilian houses east of Al Bureij refugee camp.
KHAN YUNIS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Abu Al 'Ajin road (Khan Yunis Al Sharqiya) is closed. (ii) Western road (Khan Yunis) remains closed. (iii) Al Mawasi/Khan Yunis road (Al Tuffah checkpoint) is partially open. (iv) Abu Holi road is partially open. At 15:15, the Israeli army closed Salah Ad Din road between Abu Holi and Al Matahin checkpoints, searched civilian vehicles, and examined civilians' IDs. • Palestinian Attack: At 06:00, 1 Qassam mortar was fired towards the settlement of Gadid.
RAFAH	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Gaza International Airport remains closed. (ii) Rafah Crossing is partially open. (iii) Sufa Crossing is partially open to construction cargo only. • Arrests: At 13:30, the Israeli army arrested 3 civilians after extricating them from the rubble of a collapsed tunnel as a result of rainfall in the area of Ash Sha'er between Points 6.5 and 7 on the Egyptian border: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Nidhal Ash Sha'er; (ii) Sufian Ash Sha'er; and (iii) Nadir Qishtah.