

مجموعة الرقابة الفلسطينية



PALESTINIAN MONITORING GROUP

DAILY SITUATION REPORT

08:00 19 November 2004 – 08:00 20 November 2004

SUMMARY OF EVENTS

EVENT	WEST BANK	GAZA STRIP	TOTAL	NOTES
Assassination Attempt	—	1	1	1 civilian injured in 'Ureibeh
Death	—	1	1	1 Pal. National Security officer
Physical Assault	1	—	1	Severely beating 1 civilian
Injuries	—	5	5	Incl. 1 child and 1 officer
Attacks	3	8	11	Incl. 2 during raids, 8 from posts
Raids	17	—	17	Incl. searches for wanted civilians
Arrests (per person)	17	—	17	Incl. 1 female & 4 univ. students
Detentions	3	1	4	Incl. at checkpoints
Destruction of Property	2	—	2	Incl. contents of PRCS offices
Confiscation of Property	1	—	1	PRCS computers and files
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	—	5	5	Incl. 3 partially open
Provocation of Pal. Forces	—	1	1	Opening fire towards 1 Pal. post
TOTAL	44	22	66	

DISTRICT	EVENT
<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 wreathes on his tomb.

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. The Israeli army prohibited worshippers from other districts from accessing Jerusalem to perform Friday prayers in Al Aqsa Mosque and detained a number of civilians' IDs at the gates to Al Aqsa Mosque compound. • Wall Construction: Wall construction was suspended for the weekend 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 was suspended for the weekend in Budrus, Midya, Ni'lin, Deir Qaddis, Beit Liqya, and Beituniya. • Raids/Physical Assault: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 03:30 on 17 November 2004, the Israeli army raided the town of Bir Zeit, searched student halls of residence for Bir Zeit University, and arrested 4 university students. (ii) At 19:00, the Israeli army raided the town of Turmus'ayya. Confrontations took place between the Israeli army and civilians. The Israeli army detained 1 civilian and severely beat and injured him, after which he was hospitalized.

	<p>(iii) At 00:35, the Israeli army raided the village Kobar and searched a number of houses.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Arrests: The Israeli army arrested 4 university students in the town of Bir Zeit: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Bashar Abdul Qadir Abu Saleem; (ii) Bashar Mohammed Abu Shibleh; (iii) Walid Khalid Muhanna; and (iv) Mahmoud Jawad Matar.
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 was suspended for the weekend 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 2 tanks and 5 jeeps, raided the town of Qabatiya, searched a number of houses, arrested 1 civilian, and withdrew at 05:00. • Arrest: The Israeli army arrested Sa'id Khalid Hanayshed in the town of Qabatiya.
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: The Israeli army continues to set up flying checkpoints, and placed dirt barricades, at the entrances to the city of Tulkarem, thereby preventing civilians from entering or exiting the city and forcing them to take rough detours, except along Ash Sha'rawiya road. • Raids: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 13:55, an Israeli army patrol raided the city of Tulkarem and its suburbs. At 03:20, the Israeli army, including 2 tanks and 12 jeeps, raided the city again as well as Tulkarem refugee camp, searched a number of houses, arrested 10 civilians, and withdrew at 05:25.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> (ii) At 23:35, an Israeli army patrol raided the town of An Nazla Ash Sharqiya and fired sound grenades towards civilians. • Arrests: The Israeli army arrested 10 civilians in the city of Tulkarem and Tulkarem refugee camp: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Mahir Al Lubbad; (ii) Ghazi Abdul Karim Salameh; (iii) Yasser Salameh; (iv) Kheiri Salameh; (v) Bassem Salameh; (vi) Faisal Salameh; (vii) Shadi Salameh; (viii) Ashraf Sami Salameh; (ix) Raed Balbissi; and (x) Mahmoud Salih Nassar.
<p style="text-align: center;">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.
<p style="text-align: center;">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.
<p style="text-align: center;">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. • Raids/Flying Checkpoint: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 16:00, an Israeli army infantry force raided the village of Marda, patrolled the area, and withdrew at 16:50. (ii) At 16:35, an Israeli army patrol raided the village of Khirbet Qeis, set up a checkpoint along the road to the city of Salfit, and withdrew at 17:30.

<p style="text-align: center;">JERICHO</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <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.
<p style="text-align: center;">BETHLEHEM</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Closure:</u> <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. • <u>Wall Construction:</u> Construction of the Wall was suspended for the weekend north of the district of Bethlehem, along 'Ayda refugee camp, and along the tunnel road (Gilo). • <u>Raids:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 22:30, an Israeli army patrol raided the city of Bethlehem. At 00:30, the Israeli army, including 10 jeeps, raided the city again, set up a checkpoint in the centre of the city, and searched a number of houses. (ii) At 22:50, an Israeli army patrol raided 'Ayda refugee camp, patrolled the area, and withdrew at 23:30. (iii) The Israeli army raided the village of Husan, opened fire, and fired tear gas grenades towards civilians, injuring a number of civilians as a result of tear gas inhalation.
<p style="text-align: center;">HEBRON</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <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 Construction:</u> Land levelling for wall construction was suspended for the weekend west of the towns of Idhna, Beit 'Awwa, and Surif, and near the villages of Deir Al 'Asal and Beit Ar Rush. • <u>Raids/Destruction and Confiscation of Property:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 20:00, the Israeli army raided the city of Hebron, set up a number of checkpoints in several neighbourhoods, searched civilian vehicles, and examined civilians' IDs. (ii) The Israeli army raided the town of Tarqumiya, raided the Palestinian Red Crescent Society's office, damaged its contents, confiscated the office's computers and files, and smashed street lights in the town.

	<p>(iii) The Israeli army raided the town of Dura, searched a number of houses, detained a number of civilians, and arrested 2 civilians.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Arrests: The Israeli army arrested 2 civilians in the town of Dura: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Shamiyyeh Hamad Al Haddar, a female civilian; and (ii) Mohammed Hamad Al Haddar.
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GAZA STRIP

NORTHERN GAZA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure: Beit Hanun crossing is open to merchants only. • Attack: At 17:40, the Israeli army fired 1 tank shell towards 1 Palestinian National Security location in the area surrounding Ash Shuhada' cemetery east of the town of Jabalya, killing 1 officer and injuring another. • Killing: The Israeli army killed Jihad Na'im Abu Leileh, a Palestinian National Security officer, east of the town of Jabalya.
GAZA CITY	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Nitsareem junction remains closed. (ii) Al Muntar (Karni) crossing is closed.
CENTRAL GAZA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Attack: At 21:10, the Israeli army opened intensive fire from its location in the area surrounding the settlement of Kfar Darom towards Palestinian territory.
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 closed. (iv) Abu Holi road is partially open. At 10:45, the Israeli army closed Salah Ad Din road between Abu Holi and Al Matahin checkpoints, searched civilian vehicles, and examined civilians' IDs. • Attacks: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 09:00, the Israeli army opened intensive fire from its location at Point 12 towards civilian houses in An Namsawi neighbourhood, injuring 1 civilian. (ii) At 16:10, the Israeli army opened intensive fire from its location in the settlement of Gadid towards civilian houses in West Khan Yunis refugee camp. (iii) At 19:30, the Israeli army opened intensive fire and fired a number of tank shells from its location at Point 12 towards the area of Al Maqabir in An Namsawi neighbourhood.

RAFAH	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Closure:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Gaza International Airport remains closed. (ii) Rafah Crossing is partially open. (iii) Sufa Crossing is closed. • <u>Attacks:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 09:00, an Israeli army sniper positioned in the area surrounding the settlement of Morag opened fire towards Ghanim Al Hashash, in an attempt to extra-judicially kill him, as he was present in the area of 'Ureibeh, injuring him with several bullet wounds in the face and chest. (ii) At 20:10, the Israeli army opened intensive fire from its location at Point 8.5 on the Egyptian border towards civilian houses in Rafah refugee camp, injuring 2 civilians, including 1 child.
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GENERAL

WORK PERMITS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>West Bank:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Israeli authorities renewed 9,934 work permits to cross the Green Line. The total number of those allowed to cross is unknown. (ii) Israeli authorities restricted the issuing of work permits only to civilians who are married with children and over the age of 30. • <u>Gaza Strip:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Israeli authorities renewed 1,267 work permits for workers in the Industrial Zones. However, beginning on 31 August 2004, workers have not been allowed access to the Industrial Zones. (ii) Israeli authorities renewed 5,083 work permits for workers to cross the Green Line. However, beginning on 1 September 2004, workers have not been allowed access into the Green Line. (iii) Israeli authorities permitted 2,687 construction workers to remain overnight inside the Green Line.
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