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PALESTINIAN MONITORING GROUP

DAILY SITUATION REPORT

08:00 20 November 2004 – 08:00 21 November 2004

SUMMARY OF EVENTS

EVENT	WEST BANK	GAZA STRIP	TOTAL	NOTES
Deaths	3	—	3	2 children & 1 civilian in Nablus
Physical Assault	1	—	1	Severely beating 1 civilian
Injuries	1	4	5	Incl. 1 child and 2 female civilians
Attacks	4	4	8	Incl. 3 during raids, 3 from posts
Raids	14	3	17	Incl. cont. presence in Al Qarara
Air Patrol	—	1	1	Helicopters over Al Qarara
Arrests (per person)	4	1	5	Incl. 1 officer and 1 journalist
Detentions	10	3	13	Incl. at checkpoints
Land Levelling	—	1	1	In the area of Wadi As Salqa
Wall Construction	18	—	18	Jer., Jenin, Ramallah, Beth. Hebron
Confiscation of Property	2	—	2	Incl. stealing personal belongings
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
School Disruptions	2	—	2	Incl. delaying students and teachers
Settler Violence	1	—	1	Stealing 2 cows near Bruqin
TOTAL	60	21	81	

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 wreathes 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 was resumed 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 the village of An Nabi Samwil checkpoint detained dozens of civilians due to thorough searches, delaying them from reaching their workplaces and homes.
<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 resumed in Budrus, Midya, Ni'lin, Deir Qaddis, Beit Liqya, and Beituniya. • Flying Checkpoints: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 08:00 on 20 November 2004, the Israeli army set up 1 flying checkpoint in the area between the town of Bir Zeit and Bir Zeit University, and another flying checkpoint in the area between the village of Abu Qash and Bir Zeit University and detained thousands of civilians, school and university students due to thorough searches. The Israeli army delayed civilians from reaching their workplaces and

	<p>students for reaching their schools and universities until it withdrew at 09:00.</p> <p>(ii) The Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to the village of An Nabi Salih and prevented civilians from crossing in both directions.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Raids: <p>(i) At 13:30, an Israeli army patrol raided the town of Beituniya and patrolled the area until it withdrew at 16:50.</p> <p>(ii) At 20:50, the Israeli army, including 12 jeeps, raided the village of Deir Abu Mash'al and patrolled the area until it withdrew at 22:00.</p> <p>(iii) At 23:00, the Israeli army raided the city of Ramallah, set up 2 flying checkpoints, searched civilians and vehicles, and withdrew at 01:00.</p>
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 resumed in Jalbun towards Al Mutilla, Raba, Al Mughayyir, Bardala and 'Ein al Beida, and towards the Jordan River. • Raid: At 12:00, the Israeli army raided the village of Jaba', opened indiscriminate fire, and prevented civilians from entering or exiting the village. At 14:00, the Israeli army withdrew from the area. • Arrests: The 3 civilians whom the Israeli army arrested in the village of Jaba', reported on 19 November 2004, are: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Rabah Husni Abu 'Of; (ii) As'ad Salih Khaliliyyeh; and (iii) As'ad Hussein Khaliliyyeh.
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

	<p>and forcing them to take rough detours, except along Ash Sha'rawiya road.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Raid: At 16:00, the Israeli army raided the city of Tulkarem and Tulkarem refugee camp. Confrontations took place between the Israeli army and civilians. At 01:00, the Israeli army raided the city and refugee camp again and patrolled the area until it withdrew at 01:40.
<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: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (i) 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. (ii) Israeli troops positioned at the Wall gate to the village of 'Azzun 'Atma detained a number of students and teachers for several hours, delaying them from reaching their schools. • Raid: At 00:25, the Israeli army raided the city of Qalqiliya and patrolled the area until it withdrew at 01:20.
<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. • Flying Checkpoint: The Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the junction to the settlement of Yitzhar and detained dozens of civilians due to thorough searches, delaying them from reaching their workplace. • Raid: At 19:45, the Israeli army raided the old city of Nablus. Confrontations took place between the Israeli army and civilians, during which the Israeli army killed 2 children and critically injured 1 civilian. At 21:00, the Israeli army withdrew from the area. • Detentions/Physical Assault: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Israeli troops positioned at the checkpoint set up between the city of Nablus and the village of Till detained dozens of civilians due to thorough searches. The Israeli troops severely beat and injured 1 civilian with rifle butts. (ii) Israeli troops positioned at Huwwara checkpoint detained dozens of civilians, including civilians returning from Mecca where they had performed <i>Al 'Umrah</i> (minor pilgrimage). Several civilians complained that the Israeli troops stole their personal belongings during searches and caused them to wait for an extended period of time at the checkpoint. As a result, the health condition of 1 civilian deteriorated, resulting in his death after he was transported to hospital.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Killings:</u> The Israeli army killed 2 children in the city of Nablus: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) 14-year-old Muntasser Haddad; and (ii) 15-year-old ‘Amer Banat. (iii) The Israeli army caused the death of Mahmoud Thouqan due to prolonged waiting at Huwwara checkpoint after his return from Mecca where he had performed <i>Al ‘Umrah</i> (minor pilgrimage).
SALFIT	<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 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. • <u>Flying Checkpoint:</u> At 17:40, the Israeli army set up 1 flying checkpoint at the entrance to the town of Haris, searched civilians and vehicles, and arrested 1 civilian. • <u>Raid:</u> At 18:00, the Israeli army raided the village of Jamma’in and arrested 2 civilians. • <u>Arrests:</u> The Israeli army arrested 2 civilians in the village of Jamma’in: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Bakr Mohammed Hamdan; and (ii) Salam Imad Bakr. (iii) The Israeli army arrested Ihab Ya’qoub ‘Odeh in the town of Haris. • <u>Settler Violence:</u> A group of Israeli settlers from the settlement of Barkan, constructed on civilian land in the village of Bruqin, stole 2 cows and detained their owners as they were tending cows near the settlement.
JERICHO	<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. • <u>Detentions:</u> Israeli troops dispatched along settler bypass roads detained civilians and their IDs as they were travelling along these roads.
BETHLEHEM	<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’mān, 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.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wall Construction: Construction of the Wall was resumed north of the district of Bethlehem, along 'Ayda refugee camp, and along the tunnel road (Gilo). • Raid: At 19:00, Israeli army patrols raided the city of Bethlehem and the town of Al Khadr and patrolled the area until they withdrew at 19:30. • Arrest: Israeli troops positioned at the checkpoint set up on the junction to the settlement of Kfar Etzion arrested Nader Mahmoud Amr, a journalist.
HEBRON	<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 was resumed west of the towns of Idhna, Beit 'Awwa, and Surif, and near the villages of Deir Al 'Asal and Beit Ar Rush. • Raid: At 14:00, an Israeli army patrol raided the city of Hebron and patrolled several neighbourhoods. At 21:00, the Israeli army raided the city again, set up a checkpoint, searched civilian vehicles, detained a number of civilians, and opened indiscriminate fire. At 22:00, the Israeli army withdrew from the area.

GAZA STRIP

NORTHERN GAZA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure: Beit Hanun Crossing is open to merchants and ill civilians only. • Raid: At 02:30, an Israeli army infantry force raided 50 meters into Palestinian territory east of Al Bureij refugee camp, searched a number of houses, arrested 1 Palestinian National Security officer, and withdrew at a later time. • Arrest: The Israeli army arrested Mohammed Rizq 'Awwad Abu Mandil, a Palestinian National Security officer, east of Al Bureij refugee camp.
GAZA CITY	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure: Nitsareem junction remains closed.
CENTRAL GAZA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Attack: At 19:10, the Israeli army opened intensive fire from its location in the area surrounding the settlement of Kfar Darom towards Palestinian territory near Abu 'Arif Street. • Raid/Land Levelling: At 18:30, the Israeli army, including several tanks, raided the area of Wadi As Salqa east of the area of Abu Al 'Ajin and levelled agricultural land.

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 10:00, at 21:30, and again at 06:45, the Israeli army closed Salah Ad Din road between Abu Holi and Al Matahin checkpoints. • Raid: At 06:00, the Israeli army, including 3 tanks and 1 bulldozer supported by helicopters, raided north of the area of Al Qarara and opened intensive fire. The Israeli army remains positioned in the area as of 08:00 this morning.
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. • Attacks: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 18:00, the Israeli army opened intensive fire from the area surrounding the settlement of Morag towards the area of 'Ureibeh north of the city of Rafah, injuring 1 child. (ii) At 18:25, the Israeli army opened intensive fire from Tall As Sultan military outpost towards civilian houses in Tall As Sultan neighbourhood, injuring 3 civilians, including 2 female civilians.

GENERAL

POLITICAL PRISONERS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Physical Assaults: Israeli forces at Al Muscobiyyeh (Russian Compound) Interrogation Centre assaulted political prisoners as they were performing prayers. The Israeli army dragged prisoners from their backs, forcibly expelled them out of their cells, and severely beat and injured a number of them. • Israeli Army Measures Against Political Prisoners: Political prisoners in Bir As Sabe' Prison, particularly those held in Ohal Kidar and Eishel Sections, suffer from detrimental livelihood and human conditions. The Israeli prison administration postpones the delivery of money to prisoners, prohibiting them from buying food (as the food offered by the prison administration is inadequate). The prison administration does not provide prisoners with the necessary detergents to wash their clothes and prevents them from visiting each other in the prison sections and cells.
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<p>WORK PERMITS</p>	<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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