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PALESTINIAN MONITORING GROUP

DAILY SITUATION REPORT
08:00 20 November 2005 – 08:00 21 November 2005

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SUMMARY OF EVENTS

EVENT	WEST BANK	GAZA STRIP	TOTAL	NOTES
Attacks	4	3	**7**	Incl. 3 in raids & 2 by naval boats
Raids	19	—	**19**	Incl. 3 in Ramallah & 6 in Jenin
Arrests	13	—	**13**	Incl. 1 elderly civilian & 2 children
Detentions	11	—	**11**	At checkpoints & in residential areas
Land Levelling	1	—	**1**	In Beit Liqya & Beit Anan, Ramallah
Wall Construction	26	—	**26**	Incl. Jer., Raml'h., Qalq., Salfit, Beth.
Destruction of Property	2*	—	**2**	Incl. 300 olive trees uprooted, Raml'h
Land Confiscation	1	—	**1**	115 dunums to be confiscated, Beth.
Attack on Property	1	—	**1**	Incl. construction of a well denied
Curfew	1	—	**1**	Over Beit Liqya in Ramallah
Flying Checkpoints	17	—	**17**	Incl. 4 in Ramallah & 4 in Hebron
Closure (per District)	8	—	**8**	Incl. Jerusalem & Jericho partially
Closure of Main Roads	20	—	**20**	Incl. entrance to the village of Sinjil
Closure of Wall Gates	(All)	—	**(All)**	Incl. agricultural gates closed, Jenin
Closure of Crossing Points	—	4	**4**	Incl. Rafah Crossing closed
Medical Obstruction	1	—	**1**	1 hospital yard raided, Hebron
School Disruption	1	—	**1**	1 vehicle detained, Bethlehem
Settler Violence	1	—	**1**	Fruit bearing trees set on fire, Hebron
Pal Security Measures	2	—	**2**	Incl. 1 illegal vehicle handed over
TOTAL	**129**	**7**	**136**	

DISTRICT	EVENT

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. • **Raid:** The Israeli army raided the town of Abu Dis and opened indiscriminate fire while patrolling the area. • **Attack on Property:** The Israeli army served summons to a number of civilians from the village of Beit Anan to stop ploughing their land, prohibiting their presence on it. • **Arrests:** At 04:30 on November 18th 2005, the Israeli army arrested 5 civilians during its raid on Qalandiya refugee camp: (i) Rabi' Mohammed Hamad; (ii) Nazeeh Mohammed Hamad; (iii) Mohammed Nayef Abu Latifa; (iv) Mujahid Issa Tayeh; and (v) Shadi Mahmoud 'Awad.
RAMALLAH & EL BIREH	• **Closure of Main Road:** The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the eastern entrance to the village of Sinjil. • **Wall Construction:** (i) 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. (ii) The Israeli army began constructing a segment of the Wall west of the town of 'Abud. • **Flying Checkpoints:** (i) At 10:30, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint near the village of 'Ein Siniya, searched civilians and vehicles, and impeded civilian access.

	(ii) At 14:30, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the Ramallah-Birzeit main road, searched civilian vehicles, and impeded civilian access. (iii) At 19:30, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the junction of the village of 'Ein 'Arik and searched civilians and vehicles. (iv) At 19:30, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint between the villages of Kafr 'Ein and An Nabi Salih, searched civilians and vehicles, and withdrew at 20:30. • **Raids:** (i) At 14:00, the Israeli army raided the village of Beit Liqya and imposed curfew. Confrontations took place between the Israeli army and civilians, during which the Israeli army injured a number of civilians. The Israeli army withdrew at 07:00. (ii) At 00:30, the Israeli army, including 4 jeeps, raided the cities of Ramallah and El Bireh. At 01:40, the Israeli army withdrew from the area. • **Attack on Property:** Israeli army forces served a summons to Abdullah Abed el Wahed from the village of Shuqba to stop ploughing his land, halt digging a well therein, and restore the land to the way it was previously; otherwise, the Israeli army would level the land and charge el Wahed for all the expenses. • **Land Levelling/Destruction of Property:** The Israeli army levelled land in the villages of Beit Liqya and Beit 'Anan for construction of a settler by-pass road, thereby uprooting more than 300 olive trees
JENIN	• **Checkpoint:** The Israeli army continues to intensify its restrictions at Tayasir checkpoint east of the town of Tubas and to impede civilian access. • **Wall Gates:** (i) Passage through the Wall gates is restricted to civilians granted special Israeli permits. (ii) The Israeli army closed the agricultural gates leading to civilian land behind the Wall. • **Raids:** (i) At 14:00, the Israeli army, including 5 jeeps, raided the north-western entrance to the city of Jenin, set up a checkpoint on the road leading to Haifa, and searched civilians and vehicles. (ii) At 00:30, the Israeli army, including 30 jeeps, raided the city of Jenin and Jenin refugee camp, searched a number of houses, and withdrew at 03:00. (iii) The Israeli army raided the villages of Bardala, Kardala, and 'Ein el Beida, searched a number of civilian houses, and forced civilians not holding Jordan-Valley IDs to leave the area. • **Flying Checkpoints:** (i) At 14:10, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint near the town of Silat adh Dhahr, searched civilian vehicles, and arrested 1 Palestinian Civil Defence officer.

	(ii) At 08:30, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to the village of Tura, searched civilians and vehicles, and arrested 2 children (brothers). • **Destruction of Property:** The Israeli army served summons to civilians in the village of Khirbet 'Atuf to notify them of the demolition of 3 barracks, claiming that they were built without the required licences. • **Arrests:** (i) The Israeli army arrested Mohammed Nasir Barahmeh, a Palestinian Civil Defence officer, at the flying checkpoint set up near the town of Silat adh Dhahr. Israeli troops positioned at the flying checkpoint set up at the entrance of the village of Tura arrested: (ii) Ramzi Riyadh, 17 years old; and (iii) Fadil Riyadh, 16 years old.
TULKAREM	• **Closure of Main Roads:** (i) The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the roads between the town of Bal'a and the village of Al 'Atara and between the town of Kafr al Labad and the village of Al Hafasa. (ii) The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the entrance to the village of 'Izbat Abu Khamish. (iii) The Israeli army continues to close with cement blocks the road connecting the towns of Bal'a and Deir al Ghusun. (iv) The Israeli army closed the iron gate set up on the Tulkarem-Nablus main road near the junction to the settlement of 'Einav, denying civil access in both directions. • **Wall Gates:** Passage through the Wall gates is restricted to civilians granted special Israeli permits. • **Flying Checkpoints:** (i) At 18:10, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the junction to the town of Bal'a and searched vehicles and civilians. (ii) At 18:25, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to the village of Izbat Abu Khamis and examined civilians' IDs. • **Raids:** (i) At 13:00, an Israeli army patrol raided the village of Ramin and patrolled the area. (ii) The Israeli army raided and patrolled the village of Deir Al Ghusun.
QALQILIYA	• **Wall Gates:** (i) Passage through the Wall gates is restricted to civilians granted special Israeli permits. (ii) 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.

	• **Palestinian Security Measure:** At 21:00, Palestinian Security Forces handed over 1 illegal vehicle and 1 motorcycle, seized in the city of Qalqiliya, to the Israeli authorities (through the DCO).
NABLUS	• **Closure of Main Roads:** (i) 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. (ii) 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 are allowed to enter the city around the clock. • **Flying Checkpoint:** The Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the junction to the settlement of Yizhar and searched civilians and vehicles. • **Raid:** At 02:15, the Israeli army, including 35 jeeps, raided the old city of Nablus, opened fire, fired sound grenades, and forced civilians between the ages of 15 and 50 to leave their homes. The Israeli army also arrested 3 civilians, including 1 elderly civilian. At 05:40, the Israeli army withdrew from the area. • **Arrests:** The Israeli army arrested 3 civilians during its raid on the old city of Nablus: (i) Maher Al Kharraz, 60 years old; (ii) As'ad Mahir Al Kharraz; and (iii) Khaled Al Salti.
SALFIT	• **Closure of Main Roads:** (i) 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 *Intifada* (Uprising). (ii) The Israeli army continues to close the entrance to the village of Qarawat Bani Hassan with cement blocks. (iii) The Israeli army continues to close the entrances to the towns of Jamma'in and Kafr ad Dik with cement blocks. (iv) The Israeli army continues to close the western entrance to the village of Bruqin with dirt barricades. (v) 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.
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, impeding civilian access. • **Palestinian Security Measure:** At 22:20, a Palestinian National Security patrol arrested 2 individuals in the village of Al 'Auja for throwing stones at Israeli vehicles passing through the village.
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, impeding 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 21:00, the Israeli army raided the city of Beit Jala, set up a checkpoint in the centre of the city, searched civilians and vehicles, and forced a civilian to strip publicly. (ii) At 21:20, an Israeli army patrol raided the town of Al Khadr and patrolled the area until 21:45. (iii) At 21:20, an Israeli army patrol raided the village of Dar Salah, set up a checkpoint, and searched civilians and vehicles until 21:45.

	• **School Disruption:** Israeli troops positioned at As Sawahira ash Sharqiya (the "Container") checkpoint detained a vehicle belonging to the southern branch of the Ministry of Education while it was travelling to the city of Ramallah, despite the fact that it does have an access permit. • **Land Confiscation:** the Israeli army issued a modification of military order # T/136/05 to confiscate 115 dunums (28.75 acres) of land, as opposed to 155 dunums (38.75 acres), belonging to the village of Wadi Rahal in Bethlehem district for Wall construction.
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:** (i) The Israeli army continues to close Road # 60 that passes through the Gush 'Etzion settlement block on the road to the city of Hebron, forcing 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 that passes between the towns of Tarqumiya and Idhna, denying access to civilian vehicles. • **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'. • **Flying Checkpoints:** (i) At 08:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint near Al Ibrahimiya school in the old city of Hebron and searched civilians and vehicles. (ii) At 08:30, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the overpass to the town of Halhul and searched civilians and vehicles. (iii) The Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to the town of Sa'ir on road # 60 and searched civilians and vehicles. • **Raids:** (ii) At 12:00, the Israeli army raided the town of Halhul, searched 1 commercial shop, and pursued and open fire towards a civilian vehicle. The vehicle fled. (iii) At 20:00, the Israeli army raided the city of Hebron, set up a checkpoint in the area of Nimra, and searched civilians and vehicles. The Israeli army also raided Al Ahli Hospital's yard and another building under construction near the hospital and patrolled the area until 01:00. (iv) At 01:30, the Israeli army raided the town of Yatta and patrolled the area. • **Arrests:** (i) At 09:20, the Israeli authorities announced, upon conducting inquiries through the DCO, that Mohammed 'Azzam al 'Assafra from the town of Beit Kahil, who had disappeared 5 days ago, is under arrest in Kfar

	'Etzion Detention and Interrogation Centre. The place from which al 'Assafra was arrested was not specified. (ii) At 11:00, the Israeli army arrested Ihsan Mohammed Al Qa'oud, a resident of the city of Hebron, while he was travelling to the city of Bethlehem. • **Settler Violence:** A group of Israeli settlers from the settlement of Telem set fire to a number of fruit bearing trees and attacked farmers who were present on their land adjacent to the settlement.

GAZA STRIP

NORTHERN GAZA	• **Closure of Crossing Point:** Beit Hanun (Erez) Crossing is partially open. • **Attack:** At 14:25, the Israeli army opened indiscriminate fire from Point 0, located on the intersection between the Green Line and the coast, towards Palestinian territory north west of the town of Beit Lahiya.
RAFAH	• **Attack**: At 21:30, Israeli naval boats opened fire and fired flares towards the area opposite the beach of the city of Rafah. • **Closure of Crossing Points:** (i) Yasser Arafat International Airport remains closed. (ii) Rafah Crossing is closed. (iii) Sufa Crossing is open to construction cargo only.

GENERAL

WORK PERMITS	• **West Bank:** Israeli authorities renewed 4,365 work permits for crossing the Green Line. However, the number of permit-holding workers who were allowed to access areas inside the Green Line is unknown. • **Gaza Strip:** (i) Israeli authorities renewed 2,490 work permits for crossing the Green Line. However, the Israeli authorities allowed 1,555 workers, approximately 63% of those possessing work permits, to access areas inside the Green Line.