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PALESTINIAN MONITORING GROUP

DAILY SITUATION REPORT

08:00 04 December 2005 – 08:00 05 December 2005

SUMMARY OF EVENTS

EVENT	WEST BANK	GAZA STRIP	TOTAL	NOTES
Physical Assaults	2	_	2	Incl. 2 workers severely beaten
Injuries	6	_	6	Incl. 5 detainees in Kedumim Centre
Attacks	1	3	4	Incl. a number of tank shells fired
Raids	10	2	12	Incl. 3 in Bethlehem & 2 in Gaza
Air Patrol	_	1	1	F16 combat aircrafts over Gaza
Arrests	9		9	Incl. 3 in Jenin & 4 in Bethlehem
Detentions	12	_	12	Incl. 4 Pal. National Security officers
Land Levelling	1	1	2	Incl. land near Nahal 'Oz gate, Gaza
Wall Construction	26		26	Incl. Jer., Raml'h., Qalq., Salfit, Beth.
Land Confiscation	3		3	Incl. 6.8 dunums in Deir Istiya, Salfit
Confiscation of Property	1		1	Computers & documents in Ramallah
Flying Checkpoints	10		10	Incl. 3 in Nablus & 2 in Hebron
Closure (per District)	8	_	8	Incl. Jerusalem & Jericho partially
Closure of Main Roads	15	_	15	Incl. the road to An Nu'man village
Closure of Wall Gates	(All)	_	(All)	Incl. searches at 'Azzun 'Atma gate
Closure of Crossing Points		3	3	Incl. Beit Hanun Crossing partially
Attack on Religious Site	1	_	1	Call to prayers prohibited in Hebron
Settler Violence	1	_	1	Land levelled in 'Asira al Qibliya
Palestinian Attacks		4	4	8 unidentified mortars fired
Pal. Security Measures	3		3	Incl. 5 illegal vehicles handed over
Demonstration	1		1	Public rally in support prisoners
TOTAL	110	14	124	

DISTRICT	EVENT
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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.
RAMALLAH & EL BIREH	 Closure of Main Road: The Israeli army continues to close the eastern entrance to the village of Sinjil with dirt barricades. Wall Construction: 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, in the town of Beituniya, and west of the town of 'Abud. Flving Checkpoints: (i) At 08:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the junction to the settlement of Halamish and searched civilians and vehicles until 11:00. (ii) The Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the overpass to the town of 'Atara and searched civilians and vehicles. Raid/Confiscation of Property: At 23:40, the Israeli army raided the cities of Ramallah and El Bireh, raided the offices of 1 charitable association in the city of Ramallah, and confiscated computers and documents from the association. At 03:00, the Israeli army withdrew from the area. Palestinian Security Measure: At 14:00, Palestinian security forces handed over 4 illegal vehicles, seized in the city of Ramallah, to the Israeli authorities (through the DCO).
JENIN	 <u>Checkpoint</u>: The Israeli army continues to intensify its restrictions at Tayasir checkpoint east of the town of Tubas and to impede civilian access. <u>Wall Gates</u>: Passage through the Wall gates is restricted to civilians granted special Israeli permits.

	 Raid: At 02:30, the Israeli army, including 30 jeeps, raided the city of Jenin, searched a number of houses, arrested 3 civilians, and withdrew at 05:00. Arrests: The Israeli army arrested 3 civilians in the city of Jenin: Rami Mohammed 'Awwad; Mohammed Ahmed Souqiyyeh; and Isma'il Ahmed Abu Taye'.
TULKAREM	 Closure of Main Roads: The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the road between the town of Kafr al Labad and the village of Al Hafasa and the entrance to the village of 'Izbat Abu Khamish. The Israeli army continues to close the road connecting the towns of Bal'a and Deir al Ghusun with cement blocks. At 07:30, the Israeli army closed the iron gate set up on the Tulkarem-Nablus main road near the junction to the settlement of 'Einav, denying access to civilian vehicles in both directions. Wall Gates: Passage through the Wall gates is restricted to civilians granted special Israeli permits.
QALQILIYA	 Wall Gates: Passage through the Wall gates is restricted to civilians granted special Israeli permits. 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. Flying Checkpoint: At 14:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the eastern entrance to the city of Qalqiliya and searched civilian vehicles. Raid: At 08:30, an Israeli army patrol raided the city of Qalqiliya and patrolled the area. Arrest: On 04 December 2005, Israeli troops positioned at At Tayba checkpoint set up on the Green Line north of the city of Qalqiliya arrested Yousef Mohammed Shreim. Palestinian Security Measure: At 14:00, Palestinian security forces handed over 1 illegal vehicle, 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.
- <u>Checkpoints</u>: 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 Checkpoints/Physical Assault:

- (i) At 08:25, the Israeli army set up 2 flying checkpoints, one between the villages of Talluza and Al Badhan and the other between the town of 'Asira ash Shamaliya and the village of Talluza, searched civilian vehicles, and impeded civilian access.
- (ii) At 08:45, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on Al Badhan road east of the city of Nablus and searched civilians and vehicles. Israeli troops also severely beat and injured Mu'men Ziyad, a university student.
- Raid: At 03:15, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the city of Nablus.
- <u>Arrest</u>: At 10:00, Israeli troops positioned at Beit Iba checkpoint arrested Mohammed Mustafa Jitawi.
- <u>Land Confiscation</u>: The Israeli army issued Military Order # T/204/05 to confiscate 2.6 *dunums* (0.65 acre) of land belonging to the village of Burin for military purposes.
- <u>Settler Violence/Land Levelling</u>: At 13:00, a group of Israeli settlers from the settlement of Yitzhar levelled land belonging to the village of 'Asira al Qibliya near the settlement.

• 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 town of Kafr ad Dik with cement blocks.
- (iii) The Israeli army continues to close the western entrance to the village of Bruqin with dirt barricades.
- <u>Checkpoint</u>: The Israeli army continues to close Deir Ballut checkpoint overnight and open it at various morning hours, impeding civilian access.
- <u>Wall Construction</u>: 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.
- **Flying Checkpoint:** At 08:30, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to the village of Yasuf and searched civilians and vehicles until 10:30.

SALFIT

	 Raid: At 19:10, the Israeli army, including 3 jeeps, raided and patrolled the town of Kafr ad Dik until 20:30. Land Confiscation: The Israeli army issued Military Order # T/205/05 to confiscate 1.67 dunums (0.4175 acre) of land belonging to the town of Deir Ballut to expand the military post constructed at the entrance to the town. The Israeli army issued Military Order # T/209/05 to confiscate 6.8 dunums (1.7 acres) of land belonging to the town of Deir Istiya for Wall construction east of the settlement of 'Imanuel.
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. Checkpoints/Detentions: 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. At 08:35, the Israeli army intensified its restrictions at the checkpoint set up near the settlement of Yitav at the western entrance to the village of Al 'Auja, detained a number of civilians, and forced them to lie on the ground and crawl on their backs and stomachs. At 07:30, the Israeli army intensified its restrictions again and forced civilians to strip. At 08:45, the Israeli army intensified its restrictions at the DCO checkpoint set up at the southern entrance to the city of Jericho and detained 4 Palestinian National Security officers for an extended period of time. At 06:45, the Israeli army intensified its restrictions again, impeding civilian access. Demonstration: At 10:00, a public rally was held in front of the offices of the International Committee of the Red Cross in the city of Jericho in solidarity with political prisoners in Israeli prisons.
ВЕТНІЕНЕМ	 Closure: 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. 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. Wall Construction: Wall construction continues north of 'Ayda refugee camp towards the area north of the city of Beit Jala.

- <u>Physical Assault</u>: At 10:30, Israeli troops severely beat 2 Palestinian workers in the settlement of Har Homa, after which they were transported to hospital for treatment of injuries sustained:
- (i) Ahmed Hasan Ghneimat; and
- (ii) Salam Hasan az Zir.

• Raids:

- (i) At 16:40, the Israeli army, including 4 jeeps, raided 'Ayda refugee camp. Confrontations took place between the Israeli army and civilians.
- (ii) At 18:30, the Israeli army raided the town of Al Khadr and arrested 2 civilians. At 01:40, the Israeli army raided the town again and arrested another civilian.

• Arrests:

(i) At 03:45 on 04 December 2005, Israeli troops arrested Mousa al 'Atiyyat in the town of Al Khadr in an attempt to place pressure on his brother, 'Adnan, to surrender himself to the Israeli army.

The Israeli army arrested 3 civilians in the town of Al Khadr:

- (ii) Ahmed Khalil Salah;
- (iii) Maher Mohammed Abu Ghalyoun; and
- (iv) Rizq Shihadeh Salah.

• Closure:

- (i) 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.
- (ii) The Israeli army issued a military order to close civilian commercial shops on both sides of the road connecting the settlement of Kiryat Arba' to the Ibrahimi Mosque in the old city of Hebron from 06 November 2005 until 07 May 2006. Civilian vehicles will also be prohibited from travelling along this road unless they possess access permits. Only Israeli settler vehicles will be allowed unrestricted access on the road.

HEBRON

• <u>Wall Construction</u>: 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 08:40, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the overpass to the town of Halhul and searched civilians and vehicles.
- (ii) The Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on Al Fawwar junction and searched civilians and vehicles.
- <u>Raid/Detention</u>: The Israeli army raided the town of Adh Dhahiriya and searched 2 houses after detaining residents.
- <u>Attack on Religious Site</u>: The Israeli army prohibited the call to prayers from being broadcast in the Ibrahimi Mosque in the old city of Hebron.

• <u>Palestinian Security Measure</u>: Palestinian security forces handed over 2 Israeli citizens, including 1 citizen called Cohen Nisim, to the Israeli authorities (through the DCO). The citizens were located in the town of Adh Dhahiriya.

GAZA STRIP

NORTHERN GAZA	 Closure of Crossing Point: Beit Hanun (Erez) Crossing is partially open. Attack: At 23:45, the Israeli army fired 3 tank shells from its location inside the Green Line towards the area of Abu Safiya southeast of the town of Beit Hanun. Palestinian Attacks: At 17:05, 3 unidentified mortars were fired towards the Green Line. At 22:20, 2 unidentified mortars were fired towards the Green Line. At 23:25, 2 unidentified mortars were fired towards the Green Line, 1 of which landed on 1 civilian house in Palestinian territory.
GAZA	 Raids/Land Levelling: At 11:30, the Israeli army, including 1 armoured vehicle and 1 bulldozer, raided Palestinian territory near Nahal 'Oz Crossing gate east of Gaza city and levelled land. At 11:30, the Israeli army, including 1 truck and 1 bulldozer, raided Palestinian territory near Point 70 on the Green Line east of Gaza city, claiming that works are being carried out near the Green Line. Air Patrol: At 04:30, Israeli army F16 combat aircrafts patrolled the skies over the district of Gaza and broke the sound barrier.
CENTRAL GAZA	Activities not reported.
KHAN YUNIS	 Attacks: At 20:30, the Israeli army fired 1 tank shell from its location inside the Green Line towards Palestinian territory east of the area of Khuza'a. At 21:10, the Israeli army fired several tank shells from its location inside the Green Line towards Palestinian territory east of the village of 'Abasan as Saghira. Palestinian Attack: At 18:20, 1 unidentified mortar was fired towards the Green Line.
RAFAH	Closure of Crossing Points: Yasser Arafat International Airport remains closed. Rafah Crossing is partially open in both directions from 10:30 to 16:00 to passengers holding Palestinian IDs, humanitarian cases, and Arab and foreign diplomatic missions.

GENERAL

POLITICAL PRISONERS	• <u>Injuries</u> : Israeli troops severely beat and injured 5 detainees after expelling them from their cell in Kedumim Military Detention Centre. Israeli troops claimed that the detainees were in possession of a cellular telephone.
WORK PERMITS	 West Bank: The Israeli authorities renewed 7,231 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: The Israeli authorities renewed 5,331 work permits for crossing the Green Line. However, the Israeli authorities only allowed 4,400 workers, approximately 83% of those possessing work permits, to access areas inside the Green Line. Israeli authorities issued permits for 1,447 workers from the Gaza Strip to stay overnight inside the Green Line.