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PALESTINIAN MONITORING GROUP

DAILY SITUATION REPORT

08:00 17 December 2005 – 08:00 18 December 2005

SUMMARY OF EVENTS

EVENT	WEST BANK	GAZA STRIP	TOTAL	NOTES
Death	_	1	1	1 armed Pal. individual, Beit Lahiya
Injuries	3	3	6	Incl. 3 Palestinian security officers
Air Attacks	_	10	10	Missiles by F16 combat aircrafts
Attacks	6	7	13	Incl. 5 in raids & 7 from mil. posts
Raids	26	_	26	Incl. 5 in Bethlehem & 7 in Hebron
Air Patrols	_	10	10	Incl. F16 aircrafts over N. Gaza
Arrests	24	_	24	Incl. 2 children & 3 univ. students
Detentions	10	_	10	At checkpoints & in residential areas
House Demolition	*	_		1 house demolition notice delivered
Wall Construction	28	_	28	Incl. Jer., Raml'h., Qalq., Salfit, Beth.
Destruction of Property	1	_	1	
Attack on Property	1	_	1	Construction of 7 houses halted
Land Confiscation	1	_	1	1,355 dunums in 'Arab al Hathalin
House Occupations	4	_	4	Converted into mil. posts in Qabatiya
Checkpoints	3	_	3	Incl. Jubara checkpoint closed
Flying Checkpoints	21	_	21	Incl. 4 in Tulkarem & 4 in Hebron
Closure (per District)	10	_	10	Incl. the city of Hebron
Closure of Main Roads	22	_	22	Incl. entrance to the town of Halhul
Closure of Wall Gates	(All)	_	(All)	Incl. searches at 'Azzun 'Atma gate
Closure of Crossing Points	_	3	3	Incl. Beit Hanun Crossing partially
Settler Violence	1	_	1	100 olive trees cut down in Burin
Provocation of Pal. Forces	_	2	2	Incl. 1 Pal. security location shelled
Palestinian Attacks		3	3	Incl. 3 unidentified mortars fired
Pal. Security Measures	2		2	Incl. location of 1 mortar relayed
TOTAL	163	39	202	

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: Beginning at 17:30 on 08 December 2005, the Israeli army has continued to close Qalandiya checkpoint and deny civilian access, except for those holding Jerusalem-issued IDs, after a Palestinian individual stabbed and killed an Israeli soldier at the checkpoint. The Israeli army continues to intensify its restrictions at Beit Iksa checkpoint, impeding 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 was resumed 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, and Beit Hanina, around the settlement of Ma'ale Adumim, and west of the village of Al Jib. Raids:
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 was resumed 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. Flying Checkpoints: At 07:55, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the Ramallah-Bir Zeit main road and searched civilians and vehicles. The Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint in the area between the towns of Deir Ghassana and Kafr ad Dik and searched civilians and vehicles.

	Raids: (i) At 09:00, and again at 06:00, an Israeli army patrol raided the city of El Bireh and patrolled the area.
	(ii) The Israeli army raided the village of Beit Liqya and arrested 2 civilians.
	 Arrests: The Israeli army arrested 2 civilians in the village of Beit Liqya: (i) 'Arafat Isma'il Faraj; and
	(i) 'Arafat Isma'il Faraj; and (ii) 'Odeh Sabri 'Assi.
	 <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. <u>Flying Checkpoints</u>:
	(i) At 14:30, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the junction to the village of Rummana, searched civilian vehicles, and arrested 1 civilian.
	(ii) At 14:30, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the southern entrance to the city of Jenin and searched civilians and vehicles.
	(iii) The Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint in the area between the town of 'Arraba and the village of Fahma and searched civilians and vehicles.
JENIN	• Raids/House Occupations:
	(i) At 11:00, the Israeli army, including 10 jeeps, raided the town of Qabatiya, occupied 4 houses, and converted them into military posts. The Israeli army also searched a number of houses.
	(ii) At 12:00, the Israeli army, including 12 jeeps, raided the town of Tammun, opened fire while searching a number of houses, and arrested 3 civilians. At 04:00, the Israeli army withdrew from the area.
	Arrests: (i) Israeli troops positioned at the flying checkpoint set up on the junction to the village of Rummana arrested Shadi Mohammed Abu Hammad. The Israeli army arrested 3 civilians in the town of Tammun:
	(ii) Omar Mohammed Bani 'Odeh;
	(iii) Mahmoud Mohammed Bani 'Odeh; and (iv) Mansour Mustafa Bani 'Odeh.
	Closure: The Israeli army continues to impose a complete closure over the district of Tulkarem. The Israeli army prevents civilians from the district of Tulkarem from leaving the district and denies those from other areas access into it.
TULKAREM	• Closure of Main Roads: (i) 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 Khmeish.
	(ii) The Israeli army continues to close the road connecting the towns of Bal'a and Deir al Ghusun with cement blocks.

(iii) The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the roads connecting the town of Bal'a to the village of Al 'Attara, to the town of 'Illar, and to Dahiyat Iktaba in the city of Tulkarem.

• Checkpoints:

- (i) The Israeli army closed the checkpoint set up near the settlement of 'Einav on the road connecting the districts of Tulkarem and Nablus and denied access to civilian vehicles in both directions.
- (ii) At 08:00, the Israeli army closed Jubara checkpoint south of the city of Tulkarem and denied access to civilian vehicles.
- Wall Gates: Passage through the Wall gates is restricted to civilians granted special Israeli permits.

• Flying Checkpoints:

- (i) At 09:55, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the junction to the village of Al Jarushiya, searched civilian vehicles, and impeded civilian access.
- (ii) At 09:55, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the junction to the towns of Bal'a and 'Illar and examined civilians' IDs.
- (iii) At 18:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to the town of Qaffin. Israeli troops positioned at the checkpoint also arrested 2 children, claiming that were in possession of an explosive device and a Molotov cocktail.
- (iv) The Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the junction to the town of Bal'a and searched civilians and vehicles.

• Raids:

- (i) At 14:00, the Israeli army raided the town of Bal'a and searched 1 house belonging to the family of Tareq Abu 'Adas, an individual wanted by the Israeli army. Israeli troops notified Abu 'Adas's family that it will extra-judicially kill him unless he surrenders himself to the Israeli army within 48 hours.
- (ii) At 14:40, the Israeli army raided the town of Kafr al Labad, and opened fire towards and injured 1 Palestinian Preventive Security officer, while he was in front of his house. The Israeli army subsequently arrested the Palestinian Preventive Security officer.
- (iii) At 18:00, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the towns of 'Illar and Kafr Ra'i.
- <u>Arrests</u>: Israeli troops positioned at the flying checkpoint set up at the entrance to the town of Qaffin arrested 2 children.
- (i) Ashraf Ibrahim Sabbah, 16 years old; and
- (ii) Ahmed Ibrahim 'Aabed, 17 years old.
- (iii) The Israeli army arrested Zuheir Ahmed al Aswad, a Palestinian Preventive Security officer, in the town of Kafr al Labad.

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 was resumed in the
	village of Immatin and east of the towns of Kafr Thulth and 'Azzun.

• Flying Checkpoints:

- (i) At 12:55, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the eastern entrance to the city of Qalqiliya and searched civilian vehicles.
- (ii) The Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to the village of Jinsafut and searched civilians and vehicles.
- <u>Palestinian Security Measure</u>: At 14:45, Palestinian security forces requested (through the DCO) that the Israeli authorities examine a suspicious object, located north of the village of Jit.

• 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.
- (iii) The Israeli army continues to close the entrance to the village of Majdal Bani Fadil with dirt barricades.

• Checkpoints:

- (i) 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 are allowed only entry into the city around the clock.
- (ii) At 11:35, the Israeli army intensified its restrictions at Huwwara checkpoint south of the city of Nablus and denied access to civilians between 16 and 30 years old.

• Flying Checkpoints:

- (i) At 12:45, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on Al Badhan road east of the city of Nablus, searched civilians and vehicles, and arrested 1 university student.
- (ii) The Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the junction to the villages of 'Azmut, Deir al Hatab, and Salim east of the city of Nablus and searched civilians and vehicles.

Raids:

- (i) At 02:55, the Israeli army, including 10 jeeps, raided Balata refugee camp. An armed confrontation took place between the Israeli army and armed Palestinian individuals. At 05:30, the Israeli army withdrew from the area.
- (ii) The Israeli army raided the village of Osarin. Confrontations took place between the Israeli army and civilians, during which the Israeli army injured 2 civilians.

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	 Arrest: Israeli troops positioned at the flying checkpoint set up on Al Badhan road arrested Ahmed Abdullah Hamadneh. Attack on Property: The Israeli army distributed notices to halt construction of 7 houses in the village of Duma. The Israeli army also served summons to the houses' owners to report to the Israeli Intelligence Service on 29 December 2005. Settler Violence/Destruction of Property: A group of Israeli settlers from the settlement of Bracha cut down approximately 100 olive trees on land belonging to the village of Burin. Palestinian Security Measure: At 13:30, Palestinian security forces requested (through the DCO) that the Israeli army help to remove 1 mortar, located near the village of Al 'Aqrabaniya School. At 15:30, the Israeli army detonated the mortar.
SALFIT	 Closure of Main Roads: 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 <i>Intifada</i> (Uprising). The Israeli army continues to close the entrance to the town of Kafr ad Dik with cement blocks. The Israeli army continues to close the western entrance to the village of Bruqin with dirt barricades. Checkpoints: The Israeli army continues to close Deir Ballut checkpoint overnight and open it at various morning hours, impeding civilian access. The Israeli army continues to intensify its restrictions at Za'tara checkpoint, impeding civilian access. Wall Construction: Wall construction was resumed 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. Raid: At 21:45, Israeli army infantry forces raided the town of Deir Istiya and opened fire towards the entrance to the town, while patrolling the area.
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 intensified its restrictions at Al Hamra checkpoint on the road connecting the districts of Jericho and Nablus and impeded civilian access. Flying Checkpoints: At 09:10, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the junction to the village of Al 'Auja on Al Mu'arrajat road connecting the districts of Jericho and Ramallah and searched civilians and vehicles until 11:15. At 20:45, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint near the junction to the settlement of Vered Yericho and searched civilians and vehicles.

	 <u>Arrest</u>: At 14:00, Israeli troops positioned at the DCO checkpoint set up at the southern entrance to the city of Jericho arrested Maher Jbarah Kaware', a Palestinian National Security officer.
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. Wall Construction: (i) Wall construction was resumed north of 'Ayda refugee camp towards the area north of the city of Beit Jala. (ii) The Israeli army began land levelling for Wall construction in the Everest area, northwest of the city of Beit Jala. Raids: (i) At 10:30, Israeli army patrols raided the towns of Al Khadr and Al 'Ubeidiya and the village of Dar Salah, set up a checkpoint in the village of Dar Salah, searched civilians and vehicles, and patrolled the area. (ii) At 15:30, an Israeli army patrol raided the town of Al 'Ubeidiya, set up a checkpoint, and searched civilians and vehicles. (iii) At 21:50, an Israeli army patrol raided the town of Al Khadr and patrolled the area.
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. The Israeli army continues to implement 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 are prohibited from travelling along the road unless they possess access permits. Only Israeli settler vehicles are allowed unrestricted access on the road. The Israeli army continues to close with a dirt barricade the area of Khuzq al Far near the settlement of Abraham Avino in the old city of Hebron, in addition to the iron gate that has been set up in the area. Beginning at 16:30 on 16 December 2005, the Israeli army has continued to impose a complete closure over the city of Hebron and to

- prevent civilians from entering or exiting the city, allowing access to humanitarian cases only.
- Closure of Main Road: Beginning at 14:00 on 16 December 2005, the Israeli army has continued to close the iron gate set up on Al Fawwar junction south of the city of Hebron and to deny civilian access in both directions.
- Wall Construction: Wall construction was resumed 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 Checkpoint:** At 09:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to Al Fawwar refugee camp and opened fire towards civilians, preventing them from leaving the refugee camp.

• Raids:

- (i) At 03:00 on 17 December 2005, the Israeli army raided the town of Adh Dhahiriya, searched a number of houses, and arrested 3 individuals, including 1 Palestinian General Intelligence officer.
- (ii) At 03:00 on 17 December 2005, the Israeli army raided the town of Surif and arrested 1 university student.
- (iii) At 10:00, the Israeli army raided the city of Hebron, set up a checkpoint near Al Ahli Hospital, and searched civilians and vehicles. At 16:00, the Israeli army raided the city again, set up 2 checkpoints in the areas of Nimra and Wadi al Hariya, searched civilians and vehicles, and patrolled the area.
- (iv) At 02:00, the Israeli army raided the town of Yatta, searched 1 house, and arrested 1 civilian.
- (v) At 03:30, the Israeli army raided the town of Dura and arrested 1 civilian
- (vi) The Israeli army raided the village of Karma and arrested 1 civilian.
- Arrests: The Israeli army arrested 3 individuals in the town of Adh Dhahiriya:
- (i) Iyad Nayef al Battat, a Palestinian General Intelligence officer;
- (ii) Wael Abdul Majeed al Qeisiyyeh; and
- (iii) Shihadeh Mohammed Shihadeh.
- (iv) The Israeli army arrested Mohammed Ahmed Nofal in the town of Surif.
- (v) The Israeli army arrested Ghaleb Mahmoud 'Awadh in the town of Yatta.
- (vi) The Israeli army arrested Waleed Isma'il Amr in the town of Dura.
- (vii) The Israeli army arrested Ghazi Ibrahim al 'Awawdeh in the village of Karma.
- <u>Land Confiscation</u>: The Israeli army issued Military Order # T/196/05 to confiscate 1,355 *dunums* of land belonging to the area of 'Arab al Hathalin southeast of the town of Yatta for Wall construction.

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	• Closure of Crossing Point: Beit Hanun (Erez) Crossing is partially open to foreign nationals, VIPs, and humanitarian cases only.		
	Air Attacks/Provocation of Palestinian Forces: (i) At 01,50 on Lynchic army F16 combat singuals fined 1 missile towards on		
	(i) At 01:50, an Israeli army F16 combat aircraft fired 1 missile towards an		
	uninhabited area north of the town of Beit Lahiya.		
	(ii) At 02:20, an Israeli army F16 combat aircraft fired 1 missile towards		
	Palestinian territory east of Ash Sheikh Zayed city in the town of Beit		
	Lahiya.		
	(iii) At 02:25, an Israeli army F16 combat aircraft fired 1 missile towards an		
	uninhabited area near Hammuda gas station east of the town of Jabalya.		
	(iv) At 02:45, an Israeli army F16 combat aircraft fired 1 missile towards		
	Palestinian territory near the Agriculture School in the town of Beit Hanun. At 02:50, and again at 03:10, Israeli army F16 combat aircrafts		
	fired 2 more missiles towards the area.		
	(v) At 03:20, an Israeli army F16 combat aircraft fired 1 missile towards		
	vacant land in the area of Al 'Atatira north of the town of Beit Lahiya.		
	(vi) At 03:45, an Israeli army F16 combat aircraft fired 1 missile towards		
	Palestinian territory near 1 Palestinian National Security location north		
NORTHERN	of the town of Beit Lahiya, injuring 2 Palestinian National Security		
GAZA	officers.		
	Attacks/Provocation of Palestinian Forces:		
	(i) At 17:10, the Israeli army fired 2 tank shells from Point 64 on the		
	Green Line towards Palestinian territory east of the town of Jabalya.		
	(ii) At 17:40, the Israeli army fired 2 tank shells from its location inside the		
	Green Line towards an uninhabited area north of the town of Beit		
	Lahiya.		
	(iii) At 22:00, the Israeli army opened fire and fired 2 tank shells from its		
	location inside the Green Line towards 1 Palestinian National Security		
	location north of the town of Beit Lahiya.		
	• Palestinian Attacks:		
	(i) At 16:15, 2 unidentified mortars were fired towards the Green Line.		
	(ii) At 21:00, an armed confrontation took place between armed Palestinian		
	individuals and the Israeli army on the Green Line north of the town of		
	Beit Lahiya, during which the Israeli army killed 1 Palestinian		
	individual.		
	<u>Killing</u> : The Israeli army killed Luqman Mohammed Zakari north of the town of Poit Lebius.		
	town of Beit Lahiya.		
	• Attacks:		
	(i) At 13:05, the Israeli army opened fire from Point 85 on the Green Line		
GAZA	towards 1 Palestinian shepherd 350 metres far from the Green Line east		
UALA	of Gaza city.		
	(ii) At 22:25, the Israeli army opened fire from Point 66 on the Green Line		
	towards Palestinian territory east of Gaza city, injuring 1 civilian.		

CENTRAL GAZA	<u>Attack</u> : At 14:15, the Israeli army opened fire from Point 112 on the Green Line towards Palestinian territory east of Al Bureij refugee camp.		
KHAN YUNIS	 Air Attacks (i) At 00:15, an Israeli army F16 combat aircraft fired 3 missiles towards vacant land east of the village of 'Abasan al Kabira. (ii) At 01:15, an Israeli army F16 combat aircraft fired 2 missiles towards vacant land near the village of Ma'in. Palestinian Attack: At 20:30, 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. 		