مجموعة الرقابة الفلسطينية



PALESTINIAN MONITORING GROUP

DAILY SITUATION REPORT

08:00 02 January 2005 – 08:00 03 January 2005

SUMMARY OF EVENTS

| EVENT | WEST BANK | GAZA STRIP | TOTAL | NOTES |
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| Attacks | _ | 3 | 3 | 1 from posts and 2 from helicopters |
| Raids | 9 | 5 | 14 | Incl. in Ramallah, Hebron, & Nablus |
| Air Patrols | _ | 2 | 2 | North of Beit Hanun and Beit Lahiya |
| Arrests (per person) | 13 | _ | 13 | Incl. 3 in Tulkarem and 8 in Hebron |
| Detentions | 1 | 1 | 2 | At 2 checkpoints |
| House Demolitions | _ | _ | | Notices to stop constructing4 houses |
| Land Levelling | _ | 2 | 2 | In Beit Lahiya and Deir Al Balah |
| Wall Construction | 20 | _ | 20 | Jer., Jenin, Ramallah, Beth., Hebron |
| Destruction of Property | _ | 2 | 2 | Crops in Beit Lahiya & Deir Al Balah |
| Confiscation of Property | 1 | _ | 1 | Equipment and machines in Tuwani |
| House Occupation | _ | 1 | 1 | In Abu 'Arif St. in Deir Al Balah |
| Flying Checkpoints | 8 | _ | 8 | Incl. in Jenin, Nablus, and Salfit |
| Closure (per District) | 5 | _ | 5 | Incl. Jerusalem and Jericho (partially) |
| Closure of Main Roads | (Unidentified) | (6) | | Incl. 3 partially |
| Closure of Wall Gates | (All) | _ | (All) | Permits required to cross |
| Closure of Crossing Points | _ | 3 | 3 | Incl. 1 partially open |
| Medical Obstruction | 1 | _ | 1 | 1 ambulance denied access |
| Provocation of Pal. Forces | 2 | _ | 2 | Position near Al Muqata'a in Nablus |
| Palestinian Attacks | 1 | 3 | 4 | Incl. open fire towards settler vehicles |
| TOTAL | 61 | 22 | 83 | |

| DISTRICT | EVENT | | |
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| ALL DISTRICTS | Beginning on 11 November 2004, the Israeli army has imposed a total closure on the West Bank and Gaza Strip, preventing civilians and workers from entering the Green Line, 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). | | |

WEST BANK

| JERUSALEM | Closure: The Israeli army intensified its measures at checkpoints set up at the entrances to the city of Jerusalem and dispatched patrols in order to prevent civilians from other districts from entering the city. Checkpoints: The Israeli army continues to intensify its measures at checkpoints set up around the city of Jerusalem, particularly at An Nabi Samwil and Qalandiya checkpoints, which control civilian movement between the districts of Jerusalem and Ramallah. Wall Gates: The Israeli army continues to close the Wall gate in the town of Abu Dis with cement blocks, completely preventing civilians from crossing. Wall Construction: Wall construction continues in Dahiyat Al Aqbat, the villages of Hizma and 'Anata, the Hizma-Jaba' road, the area of Al 'Eizariya, near Al Quds University, the area of Ash Shayyah, and in the town of As Sawahira Ash Sharqiya. |
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| RAMALLAH & EL BIREH | Closure: The Israeli army continues to close the entrance to the village of Al Mughayyir with dirt barricades. Wall Construction: Wall construction continues in Budrus, Midya, Ni'lin, Deir Qaddis, Bil'in, Beit Liqya, and Beituniya. Raid: At 00:15, the Israeli army raided Al Jalazun refugee camp, searched a number of houses, and arrested 3 civilians. Arrests: The Israeli army arrested 3 civilians in Al Jalazun refugee camp: Ali Sa'id Abu Nakhleh; Jalal 'Orabi Nakhleh; and Samed Ali Matar. |
| JENIN | 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 continues in Jalbun towards Al Mutilla, Raba, Al Mughayyir, Bardala and 'Ein al Beida, and towards the Jordan River. Flying Checkpoints: At 08:30, the Israeli army set up 1 flying checkpoint between the towns of Qabatiya and Az Zababida and another flying checkpoint on the village of Misliya junction, searched civilians and vehicles, and withdrew at 13:00. House Demolitions: The Israeli army distributed notices ordering a halt to the construction of 4 houses in the village At Tayba in order to demolish them, claiming that they are in close proximity to the Wall. |
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| TULKAREM | Closure: The Israeli army continues to close Al Kafriyyat road and 'Einav gate, between the districts of Tulkarem and Nablus. 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. Flving Checkpoint: At 15:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the town of 'Illar junction and searched civilians and vehicles. Raids: At 12:35, the Israeli army raided the town of Baqa Ash Sharqiya, patrolled the area, and withdrew at 16:30. At 20:15, the Israeli army raided the city of Tulkarem, patrolled the area, and withdrew at 20:45. At 01:00, an Israeli army patrol raided Nur Shams refugee camp and patrolled the area. Arrest: At 18:00, Israeli troops positioned at a checkpoint set up along the Nablus-Tulkarem road arrested Ghassan Lutfi Khallouf. Palestinian Attack: At 13:30, armed individuals opened fire towards an Israeli settler's vehicle travelling along the main road near the town of Baqa Ash Sharqiya. The Israeli army later combed the area. |
| QALQILYA | 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. (ii) The Israeli army closed Habla tunnel which is constructed under the Wall. |
| NABLUS | • <u>Flying Checkpoint</u> : At 17:30, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to the village of Deir Sharaf, searched civilians and vehicles, and thoroughly examined the IDs of Palestinian Police officers. |

| | Raid: At 14:50, the Israeli army raided the city of Nablus, took position near Al Muqata'a, and arrested 1 university student. At 23:30, the Israeli army raided the city again and patrolled the area. Arrest: The Israeli army arrested Ja'far Ahmed Dabanseh in the city of Nablus. Medical Obstruction: At 17:40, Israeli troops positioned at Huwwara checkpoint detained 1 ambulance transporting medicine and prevented it from entering the city of Nablus for an extended period of time. |
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| SALFIT | Wall Construction: Land levelling for Wall construction continues in the village of Deir Ballut along the Green Line and in the area southwest of the village of Kafr Ad Dik. 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 village of Az Zawiya, remains suspended due to changes in the Wall route following an Israeli Supreme Court order. Flying Checkpoint: At 08:15, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint between the city of Salfit and the village of Bruqin and searched civilians and vehicles. |
| JERICHO | • <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, including Israeli ID card holders, except those holding Jericho IDs. |
| BETHLEHEM | <u>Closure</u>: 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 continues north of the district of Bethlehem, along 'Ayda refugee camp, along the tunnel road (Gilo), and west of the village of Husan. |
| HEBRON | Wall Construction: Land levelling for Wall construction continues west of the towns of Surif, Beit Ula, Idhna, and Beit 'Awwa, in the area extending from the village of Deir Samit, Beit 'Awwa, and towards the village of Al Burj. Flying Checkpoints: At 16:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to |

- the town of Idhna, searched civilians and vehicles, and detained a number of civilians for an extended period of time.
- (ii) The Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the eastern entrance to the town of Halhul in the area of An Nabi Yunis and searched civilians and vehicles.

• Raids:

- (i) At 01:00, the Israeli army raided the town of Dura and remains positioned in the area as of 08:00 this morning.
- (ii) The Israeli army raided the town of Bani Na'im and arrested 4 civilians.
- (iii) The Israeli army raided the city of Hebron, set up a checkpoint in Bab Az Zawiya Square, and searched civilians and vehicles.
- <u>Arrests</u>: At 02:00 on 02 December 2005, the Israeli army arrested 4 civilians in the town of Dura, in addition to those reported yesterday:
- (i) Hisham Tayyem Ar Rujoub;
- (ii) Ghassan Abed Rabbu Ash Sharhah;
- (iii) Maher Dawoud; and
- (iv) Faraj Yousef Itbeish.

The Israeli army arrested 4 civilians in the town of Bani Na'im, including:

- (v) Yousef Hussein Al Khudhour; and
- (vi) Abed Salman Abu Jarur.
- <u>Confiscation of Property</u>: The Israeli army confiscated the equipment and machinery of civilians in the village of At Tuwani southeast of the town of Yatta while they were constructing a road (measuring 1.5 kilometres in length).

GAZA STRIP

Closure: Beit Hanun Crossing is partially open to merchants and for humanitarian cases only. Attack: At 16:10, Israeli army helicopters opened machinegun fire towards Palestinian territory north of the towns of Beit Lahiya and Beit Hanun. Raids/Land Levelling: **NORTHERN** At 08:20, the Israeli army, including several tanks, raided the area (i) **GAZA** surrounding the town of Beit Hanun and the area near An Nada towers northeast of the town of Beit Lahiya. The Israeli army remains positioned in the area as of 08:00 this morning. At 11:30, the Israeli army, including 12 tanks and 2 bulldozers, raided (ii) Palestinian territory near Quleibu hill east of the town of Beit Lahiya, levelled agricultural land, and withdrew at 08:00.

| | Palestinian Attacks: (i) At 10:55, 2 unidentified mortars were fired towards the settlement of Nisanit. (ii) At 14:40, 2 Qassam mortars were fired towards the Green Line. |
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| GAZA | • <u>Closure</u> : Nitsareem junction remains closed. |
| CENTRAL GAZA | • Raid/Land Levelling/House Occupation: At 12:05, the Israeli army, including 3 tanks, raided Abu 'Arif Street north of the settlement of Kfar Darom and levelled agricultural land. At 21:00, the Israeli army raided the area again, occupied 1 house, and converted it into a military post. |
| KHAN YUNIS | Closure: Abu Al 'Ajin road (Khan Yunis Al Sharqiya) is closed. Western road (Khan Yunis) remains closed. Al Mawasi/Khan Yunis road (Al Tuffah checkpoint) is partially open to elderly civilians only. Abu Holi road is partially open. At 17:00, the Israeli army closed Salah Ad Din road at Abu Holi checkpoint. At 18:25, the road was reopened. Palestinian Attack: At 12:10, 1 Qassam mortar was fired towards the settlement of Gadid. |
| RAFAH | Closure: Yasser Arafat International Airport remains closed. Rafah Crossing is closed. Al Mawasi/Rafah road is partially open. Attack: At 08:50, the Israeli army opened fire from its location on the Egyptian border towards civilian houses in Al Barazil neighbourhood in Rafah refugee camp. |

GENERAL

| POLITICAL | • <u>A</u> (i) | Israeli authorities renewed administrative detention sentences (arrest without charge or trial) for 2 political prisoners from Al Jalazun |
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| PRISONERS | (ii) | refugee camp for the 3 rd consecutive time. 9 political prisoners under administrative detention in Section # 13 in Ayalon Prison appealed to international and legal organisations to save their lives and release them from the isolation cells in which they have |

been held for several years. As the winter season begins, prisoners' conditions deteriorate, particularly due to the lack of blankets and winter clothes. Additionally, the prisoners' cells are very humid and have no windows (thus no sunlight can penetrate into the cells). In addition to preventing a number of families from visiting their relative prisoners, the prison administration prohibits those that are allowed to visit from bringing personal belongings to their relative prisoners. West Bank: (i) Israeli authorities renewed 5,169 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. Gaza Strip: (i) WORK Israeli authorities renewed 524 work permits for workers in the Industrial Zones. However, workers were not allowed access to the **PERMITS** Industrial Zones due to the imposed closure. Israeli authorities renewed 3,119 work permits for workers to cross the (ii) Green Line. However, workers were not allowed access into the Green Line due to the imposed closure. Israeli authorities invalidated all the permits, which it had issued to (iii) 2,375 construction workers to remain overnight inside the Green Line.