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PALESTINIAN MONITORING GROUP

DAILY SITUATION REPORT

08:00 19 November 2006 – 08:00 20 November 2006

SUMMARY OF EVENTS

EVENT	WEST BANK	GAZA STRIP	TOTAL	NOTES
Death	_	1	1	A 70-year-old civilian in Gaza city
Injuries	_	9	9	In Gaza city, incl. 2 civilians critically
Incursion	_	1	1	Into areas east of the city of Rafah
Air Attack	_	1	1	1 missile fired by a UAV, Gaza city
Attacks	1	8	9	Incl. 2 in raids and 3 from military posts
Raids	17	3	20	Incl. 4 in Nablus & 3 in Northern Gaza
Air Patrols	_	7	7	6 by combat helicopters & 1 by a UAV
Arrests	20	_	20	Incl. 13 civilians in Nablus & 3 in Hebron
Detentions	17	_	17	Incl. 50 school students in Hebron
Wall Construction	29	_	29	Incl. Jer., Raml'h., Qalq., Salfit, Beth.
Destruction of Property	2	1	3	Incl. a barber shop demolished, Qalqiliya
House Occupations	_	2	2	Converted into military posts in N. Gaza
Closure of Checkpoints	10	_	10	Incl. access impeded at 7 checkpoints
Flying Checkpoints	9	_	9	Incl. 3 in Jerusalem and 3 in Hebron
Closure (per District)	6	_	6	Incl. Jerusalem and Tulkarem partially
Closure of Main Roads	28	_	28	Incl. 4 in Salfit & 8 in Hebron
Closure of Crossing Points	_	6	6	Incl. Beit Hanun & Sufa partially
Attack on Religious Site	1	_	1	The Ibrahimi Mosque closed, Hebron
Settler Violence	1	_	1	Civilians assaulted & property damaged
Palestinian Attacks	_	6	6	11 unidentified mortars fired
TOTAL	141	45	186	

DISTRICT	EVENT
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WEST BANK

ALL DISTRICTS

• The Israeli army continues to intensify its restrictions at checkpoints set up on the main roads connecting the West Bank districts, thereby isolating the northern districts from the southern districts as well as the Jericho district and the Jordan Valley from the remainder of the West Bank.

• <u>Closure</u>: The Israeli army continues to intensify its restrictions at checkpoints located at the entrances to the city of Jerusalem, in the old city of Jerusalem, and around Al Aqsa Mosque compound.

• Closure of Main Roads:

- (i) The Israeli army continues to close the entrance opposite the junction to Dahiyat al Bareed in the city of Jerusalem with a barbed wire gate and to deny civilian access.
- (ii) The Israeli army continues to close the road connecting Dahiyat al Bareed to the town of Ar Ram in order to complete Wall construction in the area
- (iii) The Israeli army continues to close with cement blocks the entrance to the village of Jaba', which connects the village to the cities of Jerusalem, Ramallah, and Jericho.
- <u>Checkpoint</u>: The Israeli army continues to consider Qalandiya checkpoint a "border crossing point" and has designated a special crossing for holders of Jerusalem IDs and those possessing permits to access the city of Jerusalem.

JERUSALEM

• Wall Gates:

- (i) The Israeli army continues to close the Wall gate in the town of Abu Dis with cement blocks.
- (ii) The Israeli army continues to deny civilian access through the Wall gate on Ash Shayyah road in the area between the villages of As Sawahira ash Sharqiya and As Sawahira al Gharbiya, only allowing civilians holding Jerusalem IDs to cross, after subjecting them to thorough searches using electronic devices.
- Wall Construction: Wall construction continues in Dahiyat al Bareed, 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, west of the village of Al Jib, and in the vicinity of the village of Qatanna.

• Flying Checkpoints:

- (i) At 10:30, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to the village of Beit Iksa and searched civilians and vehicles.
- (ii) At 15:30, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint near the junction to the area of Al Khan al Ahmar and searched civilians and vehicles.

Raids: At 16:30, the Israeli army raided the town of Abu Dis, set up a (i) checkpoint in the town's centre, and searched civilians and vehicles. The Israeli army raided the town of Al 'Eizariya, searched 2 houses, (ii) and arrested 2 civilians (brothers). **Arrests:** The Israeli army arrested 2 civilians in the town of Al 'Eizariya: Sami Khalil Abu Ghalyeh; and (i) Shareef Khalil Abu Ghalyeh. (ii) **Closure of Main Roads:** The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the eastern (i) entrance to the village of Sinjil. The Israeli army continues to close with cement blocks the western (ii) entrance to the village of Saffa. **Checkpoint:** The Israeli army continues to intensify its restrictions at the checkpoint set up on the overpass to the town of 'Atara and to impede access to the city of Ramallah for civilians holding IDs issued in the northern districts of the West Bank. Wall Construction: Wall construction continues in the areas of Al Midya to RAMALLAH 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 and the village of **EL BIREH** Beit Sira. Raids: (i) At 23:00, the Israeli army raided the village of Deir Abu Mash'al. Confrontations took place between civilians and the Israeli army while it was patrolling the area. At 00:30, the Israeli army withdrew from the area. At 01:55, the Israeli army, including 9 jeeps, raided the town of (ii) Beituniya, searched 1 house, and took photographs of a Palestinian Police officer's family members. The Israeli army raided the village of Sinjil and arrested 1 civilian. (iii) Arrest: The Israeli army arrested Ala' Anees Ghafari in the village of Sinjil. Closure of Road: The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the unpaved detour road leading to the town of 'Arraba east of the settlement of Dotan. Checkpoint: The Israeli army continues to close Tayasir checkpoint east of the town of Tubas, denying civilian access to the Northern Jordan Valley, except for civilians whose IDs indicate that their place of residence is the Northern Jordan Valley. **JENIN** Wall Gates: Passage through the Wall gates is restricted to civilians granted special Israeli permits. **Raids:** At 11:00, the Israeli army raided the village of 'Anin, searched a (i) number of houses, and withdrew at 13:00. At 02:00, the Israeli army, including 7 jeeps and 1 bulldozer, raided (ii) Jenin refugee camp, searched a number of houses, and withdrew at 04:25.

TULKAREM	 Closure: The Israeli army continues to declare the district of Tulkarem a closed military zone and to impede civilian access to and from the district. Closure of Main Roads: The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the Dahiyat Iktaba-Bal'a road, the entrance to the village of Saffarin, and the road connecting the town of Deir al Ghusun to 'Attil plain. Checkpoints: The Israeli army continues to intensify its restrictions at 'Einav checkpoint on the Tulkarem-Nablus road as well as at Jubara checkpoint (the southern entrance to the city of Tulkarem). Wall Gates: Passage through the Wall gates is restricted to civilians granted special Israeli permits. Raids: At 15:35, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the town of 'Illar and the village of Far'un.
QALQILIYA	 Closure of Roads: The Israeli army continues to close with cement blocks the agricultural roads east of the town of 'Azzun. 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 villages of Immatin and Kafr Laqif as well as east of the towns of Kafr Thulth and 'Azzun. Flying Checkpoint: The Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the eastern entrance to the city of Qalqiliya and searched civilians and vehicles. Raid/Destruction of Property: At 02:15, the Israeli army, including 5 jeeps, raided the city of Qalqiliya, searched a number of houses, demolished 1 barber's shop, and arrested 1 civilian. Arrest: The Israeli army arrested Omar Yousef Mara'beh in the city of Qalqiliya.
NABLUS	 Closure of Main Roads: The Israeli army continues to close the Jenin-Nablus road between the junction to the village of Deir Sharaf and the settlement of Shavei Shomron. The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the southern entrance to the village of Qaryut. Checkpoints: The Israeli army continues to regulate times for crossing checkpoints set up around the city of Nablus: Huwwara and Beit Iba checkpoints (set up at the southern and western entrances to the city of Nablus respectively) are closed at 23:00. Nablus-'Asira ash Shamaliya checkpoint (set up at the northern entrance to city) is open from 06:30 to 20:00. At Tur neighbourhood checkpoint (set up on Jirzim Mount) is closed on Fridays and Saturdays as well as during Jewish holidays. On all other days, it is open for civilian residents of the neighbourhood only.

(iv) Beit Furik checkpoint is open to civilian residents of the town of Beit Furik and the village of Beit Dajan until 17:30.

• Flying Checkpoints:

- (i) At 08:25, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint in the area between the city of Nablus and the village of Till and searched civilians and vehicles until 09:30.
- (ii) At 12:20, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint in the area between the town of 'Asira ash Shamaliya and the village of Talluza, searched civilian vehicles, and impeded civilian access.

• Raids/Destruction of Property:

- (i) At 00:30, the Israeli army raided the city of Nablus and Balata refugee camp and searched 7 houses, damaging furniture in 1 house in the refugee camp. In addition, the Israeli army arrested 12 civilians and withdrew at 06:00.
- (ii) The Israeli army raided the village of 'Urif and arrested 1 civilian.
- (iii) The Israeli army raided the village of Sarra and searched 3 houses.
- <u>Arrests</u>: The Israeli army arrested 12 civilians in the city of Nablus and Balata refugee camp:
- (i) Jamal Nimer 'Awwad;
- (ii) Fu'ad Ahmed Abu Rajab;
- (iii) Bilal Mohammed 'Abed Zeitoun;
- (iv) Omar Abdul Wahhab Hamad;
- (v) Jasser Hussein Abu Hamadeh;
- (vi) Salah Ahmed as Sagga;
- (vii) Sa'eed Hussein al Bourini;
- (viii) 'Ata Hussein al Bourini;
- (ix) Ramez Abdul Haleem ash Shafi:
- (x) Kamel Abdullah Abu Hamdeh;
- (xi) Jamal 'Awwad Klay; and
- (xii) Omar al Miskawi.
- (xiii) The Israeli army arrested Bashar 'Awadh as Sabbah in the village of 'Urif.

• Closure of Main Roads:

- (i) The Israeli army has continued to close the main north-western entrance to the city of Salfit with dirt barricades since the beginning of the current *Intifada* (Uprising).
- (ii) The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the western entrances to the town of Bruqin and the village of Marda. The Israeli army also continues to close with cement blocks the western entrance to the town of Kafr ad Dik.

Checkpoints:

- (i) The Israeli army continues to intensify its restrictions at Deir Ballut checkpoint and to deny civilian access to the town of Kafr ad Dik.
- (ii) The Israeli army continues to intensify its restrictions at the Za'tara junction checkpoint and to impede 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

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	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: The Israeli army continues to close Road # 90 between the city of Jericho and the village of Al 'Auja with cement blocks and to prevent farmers not holding Jericho Governorate IDs from reaching their land, forcing them to apply for access permits. The Israeli army also continues to deny access to the city to holders of Israeli IDs. Checkpoint: The Israeli army continues to close Al Hamra checkpoint set up on the Jericho-Nablus road, denying civilian access, except for farmers holding Jericho IDs.
BETHLEHEM	 Closure: The Israeli army continues to close the roads to the village of An Nu'man, with the exception of the road leading to the Wall gate in the south-eastern area of the village. 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 As Sawahira ash Sharqiya (the "Container") checkpoint and to deny access to civilian vehicles, except for those possessing access permits. Wall Construction: Wall construction continues in the area northwest of the town of Al Khadr, north of 'Ayda refugee camp, northwest of the city of Beit Jala, and in the area of Wadi Rahhal. Raid: At 23:15, the Israeli army, including 4 jeeps, raided and patrolled the city of Beit Sahur.
HEBRON	 Closure: The Israeli army continues to close the following locales in the old city of Hebron: Ash Shuhada' Street and the area of As Sahleh with cement blocks and barbed wire; the old gold market with an iron gate; the area of Khuzq al Far near the settlement of Abraham Avino with a dirt barricade and an iron gate; and the entrance to the area of Al Khan with an electronic gate, isolating the area from Al Laban Market and the area of As Sahleh. Although it expired on 07 May 2006, the Israeli army continues to implement a military order stipulating the prohibition of civilian vehicles from travelling along the road connecting the settlement of Kiryat Arba' to the Ibrahimi Mosque in the old city of Hebron unless they possess access permits. Closure of Main Roads: The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the following locales: the area of Al Hawawir leading to the town of Halhul; the area of Al Fahs south of the city of Hebron; the junction to the area of Farsh al Hawa leading to Road # 35 northwest of the city of Hebron; and the entrance to the village of Beit 'Einun. The Israeli army also continues to close with cement blocks the entrance to Al Qeisi neighbourhood in the old city of Hebron.

- (ii) In accordance with Military Order # 378, the Israeli army continues to prohibit Palestinian vehicles from travelling along Shalala Old Street that leads to the old city of Hebron, only allowing Israeli vehicles as well as Israeli army vehicles to travel along this street.
- <u>Wall Construction</u>: Wall construction continues in the section of Tarqumiya checkpoint terminal, the remaining section of the Wall route that separates the settlement of Eshkolot from the village of Ar Ramadin, and near the village of Imneizil southeast of the town of Yatta.
- <u>Flying Checkpoint/Detentions</u>: At 09:40, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to Al Fawwar refugee camp, searched civilians and vehicles, and detained a number of civilians.

• Raids:

- (i) At 11:30, Israeli Special Forces raided the town of Yatta and arrested 1 civilian
- (ii) At 21:00, the Israeli army raided the city of Hebron, set up 2 checkpoints on As Salaam Street as well as in the area of Al Jaladeh, and searched civilians and vehicles. The Israeli army also arrested 2 civilians (brothers).

• Arrests:

- (i) The Israeli army arrested Ahmed Mousa an Najjar in the town of Yatta. The Israeli army arrested 2 civilians in the city of Hebron:
- (ii) Ahmed 'Arafat an Nather; and
- (iii) Naseem 'Arafat an Nather.
- <u>Detentions</u>: At 14:30, Israeli troops detained 1 bus transporting 50 students at the entrance to Al 'Arrub refugee camp and led it to the settlement of Kfar 'Etzion, claiming that a student threw a stone at the Israeli army. At 16:00, the Israeli army released the detained bus and students.
- <u>Attack on Religious Site</u>: Beginning on 17 November 2006, and for a period of 3 days, the Israeli army has continued to close the Ibrahimi Mosque in the old city of Hebron, denying access to worshippers.
- <u>Settler Violence/Physical Assaults/Destruction of Property</u>: At 13:00, a group of Israeli settlers from the settlement of Ma'on raided the village of Tuba east of the town of Yatta, attacked civilians, and beat them at gunpoint. The Israeli settlers also damaged civilian property.

GAZA STRIP

Beginning on 25 June 2006, the Israeli army has reinforced the concentration of its armed forces along the northern and eastern borders of the district of Northern Gaza. Beginning on 28 June 2006, the Israeli army has also reinforced the concentration of its armed forces along the eastern border of the district of Rafah. Closure of Crossing Point: Beit Hanun (Erez) Crossing is partially open only to foreign nationals, VIPs, and humanitarian cases. Attack: At 11:10, Israeli combat helicopters opened machinegun fire towards the area of Al 'Atatira and neighbouring land.

• Raids/House Occupations/Attack:

- (i) Beginning at 10:00 on 18 November 2006, the Israeli army has remained positioned on Palestinian territory north of Al Qarya al Badawiya north of the town of Beit Lahiya. At 18:50, the Israeli army expanded the scope of its incursion towards Al Qarya al Badawiya and the area of Al Waha north and northwest of the town of Beit Lahiya, occupied 2 houses, and converted them into military posts. The Israeli army remains positioned in the area as of 08:00 this morning.
- (ii) At 07:35, the Israeli army, including 3 armoured vehicles and 1 bulldozer, raided 600 metres into Palestinian territory near Point 64 on the Green Line east of the town of Jabalya.
- (iii) At 07:40, the Israeli army, including 3 armoured vehicles and 2 bulldozers, raided the area surrounding Beit Hanun (Erez) Industrial Zone. The Israeli army also opened intensive fire and fired 1 tank shell towards the area near the village of 'Izbat 'Abed Rabbu east of the town of Jabalya. The Israeli army remains positioned in the area as of 08:00 this morning.

• Palestinian Attacks:

- (i) At 10:55, 2 unidentified mortars were fired towards the Green Line, one of which exploded on Palestinian territory.
- (ii) At 19:00, 2 unidentified mortars were fired towards the Green Line.
- (iii) At 20:20, 1 unidentified mortar was fired towards the Green Line.
- (iv) At 07:30, 1 unidentified mortar was fired towards the Green Line.

• Closure of Crossing Point: Ash Shuja'iya (Nahal 'Oz) Crossing is closed.

- Air Attack/Injuries/Destruction of Property: At 15:45, an Israeli UAV fired 1 missile towards a civilian vehicle in Az Zaytun neighbourhood in Gaza city, killing 1 elderly civilian bystander and injuring 9 civilians, of whom 2 were in critical condition:
- (i) Nasser Mahmoud Hammoudeh; and
- (ii) Bassem 'Isa.

The Israeli air attack also resulted in the destruction of the targeted vehicle.

• <u>Killing</u>: The Israeli air attack on Az Zaytun neighbourhood in Gaza city resulted in the killing of 70-year-old Rabah Hajji.

• Attacks:

- (i) At 11:25, the Israeli army opened fire from the area surrounding Al Muntar (Karnei) Crossing towards civilian houses in Ash Shuja'iya neighbourhood east of Gaza city.
- (ii) At 17:35, Israeli combat helicopters opened machinegun fire towards Palestinian territory near Point 84 on the Green Line east of Gaza city.
- <u>Air Patrol</u>: At 16:25, Israeli combat helicopters patrolled the skies over the district of Gaza.
- <u>Palestinian Attack</u>: At 23:00, armed Palestinian individuals failed to fire 1 unidentified mortar towards the Green Line. The mortar exploded in the area from which it was launched, resulting in the injury of 2 armed individuals.

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CENTRAL GAZA	 Attack: At 10:15, the Israeli army opened fire from the area near Point 140 on the Green Line towards Palestinian territory east of the city of Deir al Balah. Air Patrol: At 17:00, Israeli combat helicopters patrolled the skies over the city of Deir al Balah. Palestinian Attack: At 10:15, 4 unidentified mortars were fired towards the Green Line. 		
KHAN YUNIS	 Attack: At 11:25, the Israeli army opened fire from one of its locations on the Green Line towards civilian houses east of the area of Khuza'a. Air Patrol: At 16:45, Israeli combat helicopters patrolled the skies over the area of Bani Suheila east of the city of Khan Yunis. 		
RAFAH	 Closure of Crossing Points: Yasser 'Arafat International Airport remains closed. Rafah Crossing is closed. Sufa Crossing is partially open to the transportation of food supplies by the United Nations Relief and Works Agency (UNRWA). At 14:35, a number of merchants protested and closed the Crossing. Karm Abu Salim (Karem Shalom) Crossing is closed. Incursion: Beginning on 07 August 2006, and as of 08:00 this morning, the Israeli army has remained positioned around Yasser 'Arafat International Airport east of the city of Rafah. 		