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PALESTINIAN MONITORING GROUP

DAILY SITUATION REPORT 08:00 18 December 2005 – 08:00 19 December 2005

SUMMARY OF EVENTS

EVENT	WEST BANK	GAZA STRIP	TOTAL	NOTES
Injuries	2	2	4	Incl. 1 child bitten by a Police dog
Air Attacks		14	14	Missiles by F16 combat aircrafts
Attacks	4	5	9	Incl. 4 in raids & 4 from mil. posts
Raids	17	3	20	Incl. 5 in Ramallah & 4 in Tulkarem
Air Patrols	1	19	20	Incl. 17 by F16 combat aircrafts
Arrests	10		10	Incl. 1 child & 1 Pal. security officer
Detentions	15		15	At checkpoints & in residential areas
Land Levelling		1	1	Northwest of Beit Lahiya, N. Gaza
Wall Construction	28		28	Incl. Jer., Raml'h., Qalq., Salfit, Beth.
Destruction of Property		4	4	Incl. electricity cut off to Beit Hanun
House Occupation	1		1	Converted into a mil. post in 'Illar
Curfew	1		1	Over Ibrahimi Mosque area & Sahleh
Checkpoints	4		4	Incl. Ni'lin checkpoint closed
Flying Checkpoints	8		8	Incl. 3 in Ramallah & 3 in Hebron
Closure (per District)	10		10	Incl. the city of Hebron
Closure of Main Roads	22		22	Incl. An Nabi Yunis area in Hebron
Closure of Wall Gates	(All)		(All)	Incl. searches at 'Azzun 'Atma gate
Closure of Crossing Points		3	3	Incl. Beit Hanun Crossing partially
Medical Obstruction		1	1	Balsam Hospital shelled, N. Gaza
Settler Violence	2		2	Incl. 1 child run over in Qalqiliya
Provocation of Pal. Forces	1	2	3	Incl. open fire towards 1 Pal. location
Palestinian Attacks		2	2	3 unidentified mortars fired
Pal. Security Measures	2	1	3	Incl. a state of emergency declared
Demonstration	1		1	Against closing Bisan Crossing, Jenin
TOTAL	129	57	186	

DISTRICT

EVENT

WEST BANK

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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 AI 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. The Israeli army intensified its restrictions at Dahiyat al Bareed checkpoint and arrested 1 civilian. 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, and Beit Hanina, around the settlement of Ma'ale Adumim, and west of the village of Al Jib. Raid: The Israeli army raided the village of Al 'Isawiya, searched a number of houses, and arrested 1 child. Arrests:
RAMALLAH & EL BIREH	 <u>Closure of Main Road</u>: The Israeli army continues to close the eastern entrance to the village of Sinjil with dirt barricades. <u>Checkpoint</u>: At 17:50, the Israeli army closed the checkpoint set up in the vicinity of the village of Ni'lin, denying civilian access. <u>Wall Construction</u>: 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. <u>Flying Checkpoints</u>: (i) At 17:50, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint in the vicinity of the village of Ras Karkar and searched civilians and vehicles. (ii) The Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the overpass to the town of 'Atara, searched civilian vehicles, and impeded civilian access.

	 <u>Raids</u>: (i) At 11:30, and again at 21:25, the Israeli army raided the city of El Bireh, set up a checkpoint, searched civilians and vehicles, and patrolled the area. At 02:35, the Israeli army raided the city for the third time and arrested 2 civilians. (ii) At 01:00, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the village of Mazari' an Nubani until 01:30. (iii) At 04:15, the Israeli army raided the village of Kobar, searched 2 houses, and arrested 1 Palestinian National Security officer. <u>Arrests</u>: The Israeli army arrested 2 civilians in the city of El Bireh: (i) 'Abed at Turkman; and (ii) The Israeli army arrested Ghassan Nabhan al Barghouthi, a Palestinian National Security officer, in the village of Kobar.
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. <u>Flving Checkpoint/Detention</u>: At 14:35, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to the village of 'Anza, searched civilians and vehicles, and detained a number of civilians. <u>Raid</u>: At 23:30, the Israeli army raided the plain of the town of Al Yamun, raided the makeshift residential tents of Bedouins, and arrested 2 civilians. At 00:15, the Israeli army arrested 2 civilians in the plain of the town of Al Yamun: Yousef Khaled Sa'aydeh; and Yousef Khaled Sa'aydeh. <u>Demonstration</u>: At 14:00, a mass demonstration took place in the villages of Bardala and 'Ein al Beida and other neighbouring villages. Protestors marched towards Bisan Crossing, leading to the Green Line, in protest against the Israeli army's closure of the crossing, which has prevented Palestinian trucks from transporting agricultural products into areas inside the Green Line.
TULKAREM	 <u>Closure</u>: 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. <u>Closure of Main Roads</u>: (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 continues to close the checkpoint set up near the settlement of 'Einav on the road connecting the districts of Tulkarem and Nablus and to deny access to civilian vehicles in both directions. (ii) The Israeli army continues to close Jubara checkpoint south of the city of Tulkarem and to prevent civilian vehicles from exiting the city. Wall Gates: Passage through the Wall gates is restricted to civilians granted special Israeli permits. Raids/House Occupation/Detention: (i) At 08:30, the Israeli army, including 7 jeeps, raided the town of 'Illar and fired sound and tear gas grenades, injuring 1 civilian as a result of tear gas inhalation. The injured civilian was transported to hospital for medical treatment. The Israeli army also occupied 1 house under construction, converted it into a military post, and detained 2 civilians. At 09:30, the Israeli army raided the town of Deir al Ghusun and searched 1 house. (ii) At 20:00, the Israeli army raided the city of Tulkarem, opened fire, fired sound granades, and searched 1 house.
	fired sound grenades, and searched 1 house.(iv) At 02:00, the Israeli army raided the town of 'Anabta and searched 1 house.
QALQILIYA	 <u>Wall Gates:</u> 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. <u>Wall Construction</u>: Land levelling for Wall construction continues in the village of Immatin and east of the towns of Kafr Thulth and 'Azzun. <u>Settler Violence</u>: On 16 December 2005, an Israeli settler ploughed and planted wheat on a piece of land in the area of Wadi al Hamam east of the town of Kafr Thulth. The land belongs to a number of civilians from the town of Kafr Thulth. At 12:30, an Israeli army vehicle ran over and injured 10-year-old Hazem Nabeeh Yamin near the village of Jit on the Qalqiliya-Nablus main road. Yamin was transported to an Israeli hospital for medical treatment. <u>Palestinian Security Measure</u>: At 23:00, Palestinian security forces handed over 4 Israeli citizens in possession of 3 illegal vehicles, located in the city of Qalqiliya, to the Israeli authorities (through the DCO).

 <u>Closure of Main Roads</u>: (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. <u>Checkpoints</u>: (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 south of the city of Nablus and to deny access to civilians between 16 and 30 years old. (ii) The Israeli army continues to intensify its restrictions at Huwwara checkpoint south of the city of Nablus and to deny access to civilians between 16 and 30 years old. <u>Plving Checkpoint/Provocation of Palestinian Forces</u>: At 12:30, 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 positioned at the checkpoint also prevented Palestinian Police officers, holding IDs issued in Jenin and Tulkarem, from entering the city of Nablus. <u>Raid</u>: At 01:20, the Israeli army raided the city of Nablus and Balata and 'Askar refugee camps. An armed confrontation took place between the Israeli army also searched a number of houses with Police dogs. 1 of these dogs bit and injured 1 child. Additionally, the Israeli army arrested 2 civilians in Balata refugee camp. (i) On 17 December 2005, Israeli troops positioned at Huwwara checkpoint arrested Nafeth Ahmed Hamayel. The Israeli army arrested 2 civilians in Balata refugee camp: (ii) Ala' Suleiman Faraj; and (iii) 'Amer al Khatib.

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SALFIT	 <u>Closure of Main Roads</u>: 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. <u>Checkpoints</u>: 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. <u>Wall Construction</u>: Wall construction continues near the Green Line in the town of Deir Ballut and the village of Marda and the town of Kifl Haris north of the settlement of Ari'el. <u>Raid</u>: At 22:40, the Israeli army raided the town of Kafr ad Dik, opened indiscriminate fire while patrolling the area, and withdrew at 02:00.
JERICHO	 <u>Closure</u>: 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. <u>Checkpoints</u>: (i) The Israeli army intensified its restrictions at Al Hamra checkpoint on the road connecting the districts of Jericho and Nablus and impeded civilian access. (ii) At 13:45, the Israeli army intensified its restrictions at the DCO checkpoint set up at the southern entrance to the city of Jericho, impeding civilian access in both directions.
BETHLEHEM	 <u>Closure</u>: 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. <u>Wall Construction</u>: Wall construction continues north of 'Ayda refugee camp towards the area north of the city of Beit Jala and in the Everest area, northwest of the city of Beit Jala.

	• <u>Air Patrol</u> : At 20:30, Israeli army helicopters patrolled the skies over the town of Al Khadr.
HEBRON	 town of Al Khadr. 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 and to prevent civilians from entering or exiting the city, allowing access to humanitarian cases only. Closure of Main Roads: The Israeli army continues 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. Beginning at 19:00 on 16 December 2005, the Israeli army has continued to close the overpass to the town of Halhul with cement blocks. Beginning at 07:50 on 17 December 2005, the Israeli army has continued to close the entrances to the town of Idhna and the area of An Nabi Yunis, denying civilian access in both directions. Wall Construction: Wall construction continues west of the town of Suri to Beit 'Awwa to the village of Deir Samit to the village of Beit 'Awwa to the village of Al Burj, and south of the towns of Adh Dhahiriya and As Samoa'. Fiving Checkpoints: At 14:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to the village of Beit 'Einun and searched civilians and vehicles.
	 town of Beit Kahil and searched civilians and vehicles. <u>Raids</u>: (i) At 16:00, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the village of Beit 'Einun. (ii) At 00:30, the Israeli army raided the town of Beit Kahil and searched 1 house.

•	Curfew: At 09:50, the Israeli army imposed curfew over the area
	surrounding the Ibrahimi Mosque and the area of As Sahleh in the old city
	of Hebron, under the pretext of burying 1 Israeli settler, who was killed by
	armed Palestinian individuals on 16 December 2005 near the settlement of
	Hagai south of the city of Hebron. At 17:00, the Israeli army lifted the
	curfew.

GAZA STRIP

ALL DISTRICTS	• Beginning on 16 December 2005, the Israeli army has continued to impose a complete closure on the Gaza Strip, ostensibly due to Palestinian individuals' firing of mortars towards the Green Line. The Israeli army has also prevented civilians and workers from crossing the Green Line.
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	• <u>Closure of Crossing Point</u> : Beit Hanun (Erez) Crossing is partially open to		
	foreign nationals, VIPs, and humanitarian cases only.		
	<u>Air Attacks/Destruction of Property/Medical Obstruction</u> :		
	(i)	At 23:30, an Israeli army F16 combat aircraft fired 1 missile towards an	
		uninhabited area north of the town of Beit Lahiya.	
	(ii)	At 23:35, an Israeli army F16 combat aircraft fired 1 missile towards	
		Palestinian territory near An Nada towers north of the town of Beit	
		Lahiya. At 01:20, Israeli army F16 combat aircrafts fired 1 more	
		missile towards the area.	
	(iii)	At 23:45, an Israeli army F16 combat aircraft fired 1 missile towards	
		Palestinian territory near the offices of the Palestinian Directorate of	
		Education in the town of Beit Lahiya.	
	(iv)	At 23:45, an Israeli army F16 combat aircraft fired 1 missile towards	
		the road leading to Al Qarya al Badawiya north of the town of Beit	
NORTHERN		Lahiya, breaking the window glass of a number of houses.	
GAZA	(v)	At 00:25, an Israeli army F16 combat aircraft fired 1 missile towards	
		Palestinian territory near Ash Sheikh Zayed city near the town of Beit	
		Hanun. At 01:30, Israeli army F16 combat aircrafts fired 1 more missile	
		towards the area, cutting off electricity to the town of Beit Hanun.	
	(vi)	At 00:45, an Israeli army F16 combat aircraft fired 3 missiles towards	
		several areas in the vicinity of the town of Beit Lahiya.	
	(vii)	At 00:50, an Israeli army F16 combat aircraft fired 1 missile towards	
		Palestinian territory near Balsam Hospital in the town of Beit Lahiya,	
		injuring Thiyab Taher, a physician. At 01:20, Israeli army F16 combat	
		aircrafts fired 1 more missile towards the area.	
	(viii)	At 01:05, an Israeli army F16 combat aircraft fired 1 missile towards	
		Palestinian territory near Al Qarya al Badawiya north of the town of	
		Beit Lahiya.	
	(ix)	At 01:10, an Israeli army F16 combat aircraft fired 1 missile towards	
		vacant land north of the town of Beit Lahiya.	

	 (x) At 01:55, an Israeli army F16 combat aircraft fired 3 missiles towards several areas in the vicinity of the town of Beit Hanun, isolating it as the missiles' impact created craters measuring 15 meters in diameter at the eastern and western entrances to the town. (xi) At 06:40, an Israeli army F16 combat aircraft fired 1 missile towards Palestinian territory 100 metres away from 1 Palestinian National Security location north of the town of Beit Lahiya. <u>Attack:</u> At 16:20, the Israeli army opened fire from its location inside the Green Line towards and injured 1 civilian north of the town of Beit Lahiya. <u>Raid/Land Levelling</u>: At 13:05, the Israeli army, including 2 armoured vehicles and 2 bulldozers, raided Palestinian territory northwest of the town of Beit Lahiya and levelled land. <u>Air Patrols</u>: At 23:00, and again at 01:00, Israeli army F16 combat aircrafts patrolled the skies over the district of Northern Gaza and carried out diversionary air raids. <u>Palestinian Attack</u>: At 14:30, 1 unidentified mortar was fired towards the Green Line. <u>Palestinian Security Measure</u>: At 20:00, a state of emergency was declared among the Palestinian National Security forces in order to block attempts by armed Palestinian individuals to fire mortars towards the Green Line.
GAZA	 <u>Air Patrol</u>: At 23:00, Israeli army F16 combat aircrafts patrolled the skies over Gaza city. <u>Palestinian Attack</u>: At 20:20, 2 unidentified mortars were fired towards Al Muntar (Karnei) Crossing.
CENTRAL GAZA	• <u>Attack</u> : At 22:50, the Israeli army fired 2 tank shells from its location inside the Green Line towards Palestinian territory east of Al Bureij refugee camp.
KHAN YUNIS	 <u>Attacks</u> (i) At 21:35, Israeli naval boats fired a number of sound bombs towards the beach of the city of Khan Yunis. (ii) At 01:00, the Israeli army opened fire from Point 160 on the Green Line towards Palestinian territory east of the area of Al Qarara. <u>Raids:</u> (i) At 10:10, an Israeli army armoured vehicle, setting out from Point 164 on the Green Line, raided Palestinian territory east of the village of 'Abasan as Saghira. (ii) At 12:50, the Israeli army, including 3 armoured vehicles setting out from Point 174 on the Green Line, raided 30 metres into Palestinian territory east of the village of 'Abasan as Saghira. <u>Air Patrols:</u> At 10:55, and again at 14:35, and at 01:20, Israeli army helicopters patrolled the skies over the district of Khan Yunis.
RAFAH	 <u>Closure of Crossing Points</u>: 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.

•	Attack/Provocation of Palestinian Forces: At 17:35, the Israeli army opened
	fire from Point 214 on the Green Line towards 1 Palestinian National
	Security location south of Sufa Crossing.

GENERAL

POLITICAL PRISONERS	 <u>Administrative Detention</u>: Israeli authorities renewed orders of administrative detention (arrest without charge or trial) against 11 political prisoners held in Ketziot ("An Naqab") Military Detention Camp. <u>Protest Measures by Political Prisoners</u>: 130 political prisoners held in Nitzan Prison in the Israeli city of Ar Ramla began protest measures against the Israeli Prison Administration's strip search policy and refusal to immediately improve their conditions of incarceration. Political prisoners will refrain from going to the prison yard and will return their meals.
WORK PERMITS	 West Bank: The Israeli authorities renewed 6,809 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. <u>Gaza Strip</u>: The Israeli authorities renewed 5,367 work permits for crossing the Green Line. However, none of the workers possessing work permits were allowed access to areas inside the Green Line.