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مجموعة الرقابة الفلسطينية

PALESTINIAN MONITORING GROUP

DAILY SITUATION REPORT
08:00 04 December 2009 – 08:00 05 December 2009

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SUMMARY OF EVENTS

EVENT	WEST BANK	GAZA STRIP	TOTAL	NOTES
Physical Assaults	8	—	8	Incl. a female civilian severely beaten
Injury	1	—	1	A civilian in the district of Ramallah
Attacks	3	5	8	Incl. 4 in raids and 2 by navy boats
Raids	22	1	23	Incl. 4 in Tulkarem and 5 in Bethlehem
Air Patrols	—	2	2	Helicopters and reconnaissance, C. Gaza
Arrests (per person)	8	—	8	Incl. 1 in Jericho and 5 in Bethlehem
Detentions	13	—	13	Incl. a Palestinian security officer
Wall Construction	21	—	21	Incl. Jer., Raml'h., Salfit, & Qalqiliya
Closure of Checkpoints	9	—	9	Incl. 1 checkpoint closed temporarily
Flying Checkpoints	12	—	12	Incl. 3 in Jerusalem and 3 in Qalqiliya
Closure (per District)	7	—	7	Incl. Jerusalem and 4 areas in Hebron
Closure of Main Roads	38	—	38	Incl. 7 in Nablus and 15 in Hebron
Closure of Crossing Points	—	6	6	Only Rafah Crossing open to pilgrims
Settler Violence	2	—	2	Incl. houses surrounded and stoned
Demonstrations	5	—	5	Incl. against settlers' seizure of a house
TOTAL	**149**	**14**	**163**	

DISTRICT	EVENTS

WEST BANK

JERUSALEM	• **Closure:** (i) On 04 December 2009, the Israeli army intensified its restrictions at checkpoints located at the entrances to the city of Jerusalem, set up several flying checkpoints in the old city of Jerusalem and around Al Aqsa Mosque compound, and denied access to civilians to perform Friday prayers at the mosque. (i) On 05 January 2009, the Israeli authorities issued Military Order # S/02/09 on the closure of and denial of civilian access to the "demarcation area" along the Wall in the area surrounding the city of Jerusalem. Accordingly, local residents and civilians holding permits can access this area through crossings and gates set up at the entrances to the city of Jerusalem. (The demarcation area is defined by a set of military orders relating to land confiscation for Wall construction). (ii) The Israeli army continues to impose a blockade and deny civilian access to a hill located in an area between the village of Biddu and Beit Iksa due it its geographical significance as it overlooks the city of Jerusalem. • **Closure of Main Roads:** (i) The Israeli army continues to close with cement blocks and dirt barricades the entrance to the village of Jaba'. (ii) The Israeli army continues to close the iron gate along the Wall section, separating the area of Dahiyat al Bareed from the town of Ar Ram. • **Checkpoint:** 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. • **Raid:** At 04:00, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the town of Al 'Eizariya. • **Demonstration:** At 12:00, civilians performed Friday prayers in sit-in tents in the neighbourhoods of Ash Sheikh Jarrah and Silwan in the city of Jerusalem in protest against evacuation of civilian houses. Participants also protested against Israeli settlers' seizure of a civilian house in Ash Sheikh Jarrah neighbourhood under protection of the Israeli army, as was reported on 02 December 2009. • **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 the area of Al 'Eizariya to Ash Shayyah, from Beit Surik village to Biddu; in the areas of Al Judeira, Bir Nabala, and Beit Hanina; west of the village of Al Jib; in the vicinity of the village of Qatanna; south of the village of Beit Hanina; and in the area surrounding the checkpoint set up at the entrance to Shu'fat refugee camp.
RAMALLAH & EL BIREH	• **Closure of Main Roads:** The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades and cement blocks the entrances to the town of Sinjil, the village of Saffa; and the junction to the villages of Kafr Malik – 'Ein Samiya. • **Raids:** (i) At 23:00, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the Deir Sudan village. (ii) At 23:50, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the cities of Ramallah and El Bireh. • **Demonstrations/Attacks/Injuries:** (i) At 13:00, a mass demonstration, including international peace activists, took place in the village of Bil'in against Wall construction. Confrontations took place between the Israeli army and protestors, during which the Israeli army injured a number of participants as a result of tear gas inhalation. (ii) At 13:00, a mass demonstration, including international peace activists, took place in the town of Ni'lin against Wall construction. Confrontations took place between the Israeli army and protestors, during which the Israeli army injured Hasan Khaled Nafe'. A number of participants also sustained wounds as a result of tear gas inhalation. • **Wall Construction:** Wall construction continues west of 'Abud town and in the areas of Al Midya to Ni'lin and Ni'lin to Deir Qaddis.
JENIN	• **Closure of Main Road:** The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the road leading to the town of 'Arraba east of the settlement of Dotan. • **Wall Gates:** Passage through the Wall gates is restricted to civilians granted special Israeli permits, which affects the educational and health conditions of civilians living behind the Wall.
TUBAS	• **Checkpoint:** Though allowing civilian access to the Northern Jordan Valley between 06:00 and 22:00, the Israeli army continues to intensify its restrictions at Tayasir checkpoint east of the town of Tubas. • **Raids:** At 01:20, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the city of Tubas and the village of Tayasir.
TULKAREM	• **Closure of Main Roads:** The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the road connecting the town of Kafr al Labad to the village of Shufa as well as the road connecting the villages of Shufa and 'Izbat Shufa. • **Checkpoint:** The Israeli army continues to intensify restrictions at 'Einav checkpoint set up on Tulkarem-Nablus main road. • **Flying Checkpoint:** At 22:20, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint near the junction to the town of Qaffin and searched civilians and vehicles.

	• **Raids:** (i) At 12:50, the Israeli army raided the town of 'Attil and arrested 1 civilian. (ii) At 00:35, the Israeli army raided the city of Tulkarem, searched 2 buildings, and withdrew at 01:35. (iii) At 06:45, the Israeli army raided the town of 'Illar and the village of Seida and patrolled these areas until 07:40. • **Arrest:** The Israeli army arrested Jihad 'Imad ad Din Yousef Saleem in the town of 'Attil. • **Wall Gates**: Passage through the wall gates is restricted to civilians granted special Israeli permits.
QALQILYA	• **Closure of Roads:** The Israeli army continues to close with cement blocks agricultural roads east of the town of 'Azzun. • **Flying Checkpoints/Physical Assault:** (i) At 14:40, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint in the area between the towns of 'Azzun and Jayyus on the Qalqiliya-Tulkarem main road and searched civilians and vehicles until 15:30. (ii) At 16:30, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to the town of 'Izbat at Tabib and searched civilians and vehicles. (iii) At 21:45, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the eastern entrance to the city of Qalqiliya and searched civilians and vehicles. Israeli troops also severely beat Maryam Ali Mahdi, a 43-year-old female civilian, leaving her with contusions. As a result, Maryam was transported to hospital for medical treatment. • **Raid:** At 20:00, the Israeli army raided the village of Jit and patrolled the area until 20:30. • **Wall Gate:** The Israeli army continues to intensify its restrictions at 'Azzun 'Atma Wall gate and to search civilians, including students, with a detector. • **Wall Construction:** Wall construction continues south of the town of Jayyus as well as near the settlement of Alfei Menashe in the villages of Ras Tira, Magharet ad Dab'a, and Wadi ar Rasha south of the city of Qalqiliya.
NABLUS	• **Closure of Main Roads:** (i) The Israeli army continues to close the roads of Till-Burin and Beit Furik-Salem; the settler bypass road connecting the village of Deir al Hatab to the settlement of Alon Moreh; the southern entrance to the village of Duma; and the northern entrance to the town of Qabalan. (ii) The Israeli army continues to close with an iron gate the western entrance to the village of An Naqura opposite the settlement of Shavei Shomron. • **Checkpoints:** The Israeli army continues to regulate times for crossing checkpoints set up around the city of Nablus: (i) At Tur neighbourhood checkpoint (set up on Jerzim 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 between 07:00 and 02:00.

	(ii) At 'Awarta commercial checkpoint, civilians are allowed to cross between 05:00 and 20:00, but between 05:00 and 15:00 on Fridays. All civilian vehicles are allowed to access the city of Nablus, but only commercial vehicles and ambulances can leave the city through the checkpoint. (iii) At 20:45, the Israeli army closed Huwwara checkpoint, denied civilian access in both directions, and reopened it at 23:00. • **Flying Checkpoint:** At 17:45, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint in the area between the city of Nablus and the town of 'Asira ash Shamaliya and searched civilians and vehicles. • **Raids:** (i) At 20:00, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the city of Nablus. (ii) At 01:35, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the town of Beit Iba. • **Settler Violence/Raid/Attack:** At 10:45, a group of Israeli settlers from the settlement of Yitzhar gained access to the village of 'Asira al Qibliya as well as surrounded and threw stones at a number of houses. Consequently, the Israeli army raided the villages, opened fire, and fired tear gas grenades at civilians, who confronted the settlers. Having evacuated settlers, the Israeli army withdrew from the area.
SALFIT	• **Closure of Main Roads:** (i) The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the northern entrance to the city of Salfit. (ii) The Israeli army continues to close with cement blocks and iron gates the northern entrance to the town of Bruqin and the western entrance to the town of Kafr Ad Dik. • **Checkpoint:** The Israeli army continues to intensify its restrictions and impede civilian access at the Za'tara junction checkpoint. • **Flying Checkpoints:** (i) At 17:15, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the western entrance to the village of Haris and searched civilians and vehicles. (ii) At 17:30, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to the town of Az Zawiya and searched civilians and vehicles. • **Wall Construction:** Wall construction continues in the area northwest of the city of Salfit, and in the village of Marda and the town of Kifl Haris north of the settlement of Ariel.
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. • **Checkpoints:** (i) The Israeli army continues to intensify its restrictions at Al Hamra checkpoint set up along Al Badhan road connecting the districts of Jericho and Nablus. However, the Israeli army allows civilian access between 06:00 and 22:00.

	(ii) The Israeli army continues to intensify its restrictions at the checkpoint set up on the junction to the village of Al 'Auja along Al-Mu'arrajat road that connects the districts of Jericho and Ramallah, only allowing access to civilians whose IDs indicate that their place of residence of the district of Jericho as well as to others holding access permits. • **Raid/Physical Assault:** At 21:40, the Israeli army raided the village of Al 'Auja, beat Ahmed Mustafa Mousa, and withdrew at 22:15. • **Arrest:** At 10:45, Israeli troops positioned on the Al Karama (Allenby) Bridge arrested Ahmed Jamil Ishtayyeh, after he had performed pilgrimage in Saudi Arabia.
BETHLEHEM	• **Closure:** (i) 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. (ii) According to Military Order # 07/02/S, the Israeli army has continued since 15 September 2007 to deny civilian access to an area measuring 22 *dunum*s (5.436 acres) of land in the area of Mazmuriya in the cities of Beit Sahur and Bethlehem. The land was confiscated pursuant to Military Order # 07/31/T. • **Closure of Main Roads:** The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the road of Beit Jala-Wadi Ahmad as well as a detour road east of the town of Beit Fajjar. • **Flying Checkpoints:** At 13:20, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the junction to the area of An Nashash (the southern entrance to the city of Bethlehem) and searched civilians and vehicles. • **Raids:** (i) At 13:20, the Israeli army raided the evacuated military post of 'Ush Ghurab east of the city of Beit Sahur and patrolled the area until 12:50. (ii) At 12:40, the Israeli army raided and patrolled Ad Duheisha refugee camp in the city of Bethlehem. • **Arrests/Physical Assaults:** At 15:20, Israeli troops positioned at As Sawahira ash Sharqiya (the 'Container') checkpoint severely beat and arrested 5 unidentified civilians. • **Detention:** At 16:15, Israeli troops positioned at As Sawahira ash Sharqiya (the 'Container') checkpoint detained Majdi 'Awadh Mustafa, a Palestinian National Security officer, and released him after coordination with the Israeli authorities (through the DCO). • **Demonstration/Physical Assaults/Detention:** At 13:00, a mass demonstration, including international peace activists, took place in the village of Al Ma'sara against Wall construction. Having denied access to the Wall construction site, Israeli troops severely beat protestors with clubs and rifle butts. Having injured him, Israeli troops detained Mohammed Bureijiyyeh and released him at a later time. • **Wall Construction:** Wall construction continues in the area northwest of the town of Al Khadr; northwest of the city of Beit Jala; in the area of Wadi Rahhal east of Ifrat settlement; and in the area surrounding Al Walaja.

HEBRON	• **Closure:** (i) 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. The Israeli army also continues to install an iron gate at the entrance to the area of Al Hisba (the fruits and vegetables market) in the old city of Hebron, thereby controlling civilian access in the area. (ii) On 05 January 2009, the Israeli army issued Military Order # 09/06/S for closure of the area located along the Green Line south of the town of Yatta, evacuation of civilian residents, and prevention of civilian access to the area. According to Military Orders # 05/03/T and 05/04/T, land in this area was confiscated for Wall construction. • **Closure of Main Roads:** (i) The Israeli army continues to close with cement blocks the entrance to the town of As Samoa'; the road connecting the town of Surif to the village of Al Jab'a; the eastern entrance to the village of Kharsa; the entrance to the Al Qeisi neighbourhood in the old city of Hebron; as well as the entrances to Al 'Arrub refugee camp, the area of Al Hawawir, the village of At Tuwani, and the town of Adh Dhahiriya. (ii) The Israeli army continues to prohibit Palestinian vehicles from travelling along Ash Shalala Old Street in the old city of Hebron. (iii) The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the road between the villages of Al Karmil and At Tuwani and all roads leading to Road # 60. • **Flying Checkpoint:** At 08:40, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on Al Fawwar junction and searched civilians and vehicles. • **Raids:** (i) At 12:00, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the village of Al Baqqar. (ii) At 12:20, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the town of Kharas. (iii) At 15:10, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the city of Hebron. (iv) At 21:30, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the town of Nuba. (v) At 02:00, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the village of Safa. • **Arrest:** At 21:30, the Israeli army arrested 15-year-old Sami Saleem Abu Markhiyyeh in the Tal Rumeida neighbourhood in the old city of Hebron. • **Settler Violence:** At 10:20, a group of Israeli settlers threw stones at civilian vehicles travelling along the road connecting the town of Dura to the village of Deir Samit. • **Wall Construction:** Wall construction continues in the section of Tarqumiya checkpoint terminal; in the area surrounding the settlement of Eshkolot near the town of Adh Dhahiriya; and in the area between the villages of 'Arab ar Ramadin and Imneizil.

GAZA STRIP

ALL DISTRICTS	• At 02:00 on 18 January 2009, the unilateral ceasefire declared by the Israeli authorities came into effect. At a later time on the same day, armed Palestinian groups announced an agreement to cease fire for a week. Later, armed Palestinian groups extended the ceasefire until 05 February 2009. Despite the fact that the extension period expired, the ceasefire continues to hold pending negotiations carried out by Egypt. • **Violation of the Ceasefire:** The Israeli army raided Palestinian territory, opened intensive fire, and fired 2 tank shells towards the district of Central Gaza. The Israeli navy also opened fire towards Palestinian fishing boats at sea off the beaches of the cities of Khan Yunis and Rafah.

NORTHERN GAZA	• **Closure of Crossing Point:** Beit Hanun (Erez) Crossing is closed.
GAZA	• **Closure of Crossing Points**: (i) Al Muntar (Karnei) Crossing is closed. (ii) Ash Shuja'iya (Nahal 'Oz) Crossing is closed.
CENTRAL GAZA	• **Raid/Air Patrol/Attack:** At 23:10, the Israeli army, including several armoured vehicles covered by combat helicopters and reconnaissance aircraft, raided Palestinian territory east of Al Bureij refugee camp. The Israeli army also opened fire and fired 2 tank shells towards civilian houses and property. An armed confrontation took place between the Israeli army and armed Palestinian individuals.
KHAN YUNIS	• **Attack:** At 24:00, the Israeli navy opened intensive fire towards Palestinian fishing boats at sea off the beach of the city of Khan Yunis.
RAFAH	• **Closure of Crossing Points:** (i) Yasser 'Arafat International Airport remains closed. (ii) Rafah (Al 'Awdah) Crossing is open on an exceptional basis to allow access a group of pilgrims, who returned from Saudi Arabia. (iii) Sufa Crossing is closed. (iv) Karm Abu Salim (Karem Shalom) Crossing is closed. • **Attack:** At 24:00, the Israeli navy opened intensive fire towards Palestinian fishing boats at sea off the beach of the city of Rafah.