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PALESTINIAN MONITORING GROUP

DAILY SITUATION REPORT

08:00, 08 December 2007 – 08:00, 09 December 2007

SUMMARY OF EVENTS

EVENT	WEST BANK	GAZA STRIP	TOTAL	NOTES
Physical Assaults	3	---	3	3 civilians severely beaten in Beit Sira, Ram.
Arrests	13	---	13	Incl. 3 in Jerusalem & 4 in Ramallah
Detentions	17	1	17	Incl. a child & a security officer
Raids	32	1	33	Incl. 8 in Tulkarm & 11 in Hebron
Checkpoints	16	---	16	Closure of checkpoints, stricter measures
Flying Checkpoints	22	---	22	Incl. 6 in Jenin & 1 in Nablus
Attacks	8	8	16	During 4 raids; 7 from military posts
House Occupation	1	---	1	One house in Tulkarm
Confiscation of Property	1	---	1	1 rifle from Preventive Security officer
Wall construction	25	---	25	Continues in the West Bank, incl. Jer.
Closures	7	---	7	Partial in Jerusalem, 3 areas in Hebron
Closure of Main Roads	35	---	35	Incl. 3 in Qalqiliya, 4 in Nablus
Closure of Crossing Points	---	7	7	For fuel and pre-arranged cases only
Palestinian Attacks	---	8	8	Incl. 19 mortars fired towards Green Line
TOTAL	180	24	204	

DISTRICT	EVENT
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WEST BANK

ALL DISTRICTS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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.
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JERUSALEM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Closure: The Israeli army continues to intensify its restrictions at checkpoints located at the entrances to the city of Jerusalem. The Israeli army also continued to close the entrances to al-Aqsa Mosque compound in the old city of Jerusalem and impede civilian access to the mosque. Closure of Main Roads: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 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. The Israeli army continues to close the road connecting Dahiyat al-Bareed to the town of al-Ram in order to complete Wall construction in the area. The Israeli army continues to close with cement blocks and dirt barricades the entrance to the village of Jaba', which connects the village to the cities of Jerusalem, Ramallah, and Jericho. Checkpoints: 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. Flying Checkpoint: At 09:30, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to the village of Beit Ikhsa and searched civilians and vehicles. Arrest: The Israeli army arrested 3 civilians, from the village of Fahma in the governorate of Jenin, while working in Jerusalem. The three civilians are: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Anwar Abdul Fattah Nawasrah; Muhannad Samih Sa'abnah; and Awad Abdul Fattah Sa'abnah. Detention: At 15:00, Israeli troops positioned at Qalandiya checkpoint detained the Palestinian Security officer Marwan Othman. He was released at a later time. Wall Gates: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> The Israeli army continues to close the Wall gate in the town of Abu Dis with cement blocks. The Israeli army continues to deny civilian access through the Wall gate on al-Shayyah road in the area between the villages of al-Sawahira al-Sharqiya and al-Sawahira al-Gharbiya, only allowing civilians holding Jerusalem IDs to cross, after subjecting them to thorough searches using electronic devices.
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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 al-Shayyah, 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.
RAMALLAH	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure of Main Roads: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the eastern entrance to the village of Sinjil. (ii) The Israeli army continues to close with cement blocks the western entrance to the village of Saffa. • Checkpoints: The Israeli army continues its restrictions at the checkpoint set up on the overpass to the town of ‘Atara and impede civilian access. • Flying Checkpoints: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 15:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the junction to the village of Surda and searched civilians and vehicles until 16:00. (ii) At 16:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint between the villages of Surda and Abu Quash and searched civilians and vehicles until 16:30. • Raids: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 18:35, the Israeli army raided the village of Beit Sira, opened fire and fired sound bombs while searching a number of houses and severely beat a number of civilians and causing contusions to 3 civilians. The Israeli army arrested 4 civilians, including a child. The Israeli army withdrew at 19:30. (ii) At 22:50, the Israeli army raided the cities of Ramallah and El Bireh and Al Am’ari refugee camp in the city of El Bireh. The Israeli army opened fire indiscriminately while patrolling the city of Ramallah. Confrontations took place between Israeli troops and civilians in the city of El Bireh. The Israeli army detained a child and released him at a later time. The Israeli army withdrew at 03:00. • Arrests: The Israeli army arrested in Beit Sira: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Ahmad Salah al Haj, 13-year-old; 2. Bahjat Muhammad al Haj; 3. Islam Omar al Haj; and 4. Salah Omar al Haj. • Wall Construction: Wall construction continues in the area west of the town of ‘Abud as well as in the areas of al-Midya to Ni’lin and Ni’lin to Deir Qaddis.
JENIN	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure of Main Roads: The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the road leading to the town of ‘Arraba east of the settlement of Dotan. • Flying Checkpoints: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 15:30, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the junction to the village of Fahma and searched civilians and vehicles. (ii) At 16:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the junction to the village of Ajja and searched civilians and vehicles.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> (iii) At 17:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the junction to the town of Arraba and arrested 2 civilians alleging to discover in their possession 1000 bullets. (iv) At 18:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the junction to the village of Tanoak and searched civilians and vehicles. (v) At 19:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the junction to the village of Ya'bad and searched civilians and vehicles. (vi) At 21:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint between the town of Kafr Ra'i and the village of Fahma. • Raid: At 11:00, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the village of Az Zawiya until 12:00. • Arrests: The Israeli army arrested at the junction to the town of Arraba: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Sayel Muqbel Asrawi; and 2. Muhammad Fouzi Abdul Rahim Hamdan. • 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.
TOUBAS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Checkpoints: 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.
TULKAREM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure: The Israeli army continues to declare the district of Tulkarm 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; the road connecting the town of Deir al Ghusun to 'Attil's plain; the road to the town of Deir al-Ghusun's plain; and the entrance to the village of 'Izbat Abu Khamish. • Checkpoints: The Israeli army continues to intensify its restrictions at Jubara checkpoint (the southern entrance to the city of Tulkarm) as well as at 'Einav checkpoint (the eastern entrance to the city). At 17:00, the Israeli army denied civilians between the age of 16 and 35 access through the 'Einav checkpoint. • Flying Checkpoints: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 13:50, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to the town of Beit Lid and searched civilians and vehicles. (ii) At 16:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the junction to the village of Far'un and searched civilians and vehicles. • Raids: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 09:30, the Israeli army raided the village of Zeita. At 21:50, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the village again. (ii) At 15:30, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the city of Tulkarm and Nur Shams refugee camp. (iii) At 16:40, the Israeli army raided the village of Shofeh, occupied a house and transformed it into a military post. (iv) At 17:30, the Israeli army raided the town of Qaffin. Confrontations

	<p>took place between civilians and the Israeli army while patrolling the town.</p> <p>(v) At 21:40, the Israeli army raided the city of Tulkarm. Confrontations took place between civilians and the Israeli army while patrolling the city.</p> <p>(vi) At 23:00, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the town of Illar.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wall Gates: Passage through the wall gates is restricted to civilians granted special Israeli permits.
QALQILYA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure of Roads: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) The Israeli army continues to close with cement blocks the agricultural roads east of the town of ‘Azzun as well as the road that connects the town of ‘Azzun to the village of ‘Izbat at Tabib. (ii) The Israeli army continues to close with cement barricades the entrances to the village of Kafr Qaddum, Hajja, Immatin, Baqa al-Hatab, al-Funduq, and Izbat al-Tabib that connects them to the main Qalqiliya-Nablus road. (iii) The Israeli army continues to close the northern entrance to the town of ‘Azzun with an iron gate. • Checkpoints: The Israeli army continues its restrictions at the checkpoint set up at the eastern entrance to the city of Qalqiliya, and denied civilian access and impeded traffic. • Raids: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 11:55, the Israeli army raided the city of Qalqiliya, opened fire during house search and arrested a Palestinian Preventive Security officer after confiscating a weapon from his house. (ii) At 12:00, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the town of Jayyus. (iii) At 23:30, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the village of Habla. • Arrests: The Israeli army arrested in the city of Qalqiliya Khaled Hassan Nazzal, a Palestinian National Security officer. • Wall Gates: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (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 leveling for Wall construction continues in the villages of Immatin and Kafr Laqif as well as east of the towns of Kafr Thulth and ‘Azzun.
NABLUS	<p>Closure of Main Roads:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) 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. (ii) The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the settler bypass road connecting the village of Deir al-Hatab to the settlement of Alon Moreh as well as the southern entrance to the village of Qaryut. (iii) The Israeli army continues to close the entrance to the village of al-Lubban al-Sharqiya with dirt barricades and cement blocks.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Checkpoints:</u> The Israeli army continues to regulate times for crossing checkpoints set up around the city of Nablus: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At Tur neighborhood 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 neighborhood only. (ii) Beit Furik checkpoint is open to civilian residents of the town of Beit Furik and the nearby village of Beit Dajan. (iii) Beginning on 23 November 2006, the Israeli army continues to close the checkpoint set up in the area between the city of Nablus and the town of 'Asira al-Shamaliya and to prevent civilians from crossing, only allowing access to humanitarian cases. (iv) At 16:40, the Israeli army closed Huwwara checkpoint for civilians and vehicles in both directions, opened fire indiscriminately and arrested a child under the pretext of discovering a locally made explosive device in his possession. The Israeli army re-opened the checkpoint at 18:00. • <u>Raids:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 18:50, the Israeli army raided the town of 'Asira al-Shamaliya. Confrontations took place between civilians and the Israeli army while patrolling the town. The Israeli army withdrew at 19:15. (ii) At 00:30, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the city of Nablus until 05:30. • <u>Arrest:</u> The Israeli army arrested at Huwwara checkpoint Jihad Bishara, 17-year-old.
SALFIT	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Closure of Main Roads:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) The Israeli army continues to close the main north-western entrance to the city of Salfit with dirt barricades since the beginning of the current <i>Intifada</i> (Uprising). (ii) The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the western entrance to the village of Marda and, with cement blocks, the western entrance to the town of Kafr al-Dik. • <u>Checkpoints:</u> The Israeli army continues to intensify its restrictions at Deir Ballut and Za'tara checkpoints and to deny civilian access. At 13:10, the Israeli army closed Za'tara checkpoint and opened it at 13:40. • <u>Flying Checkpoint:</u> At 10:30, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint between the towns of Bruqin and Kafr Ad Dik and searched civilians and vehicles until 11:40. • <u>Arrest:</u> At 22:30, the Israeli army arrested at Za'tara checkpoint Rashad Basem Milhem, a civilian from the town of Anabta in the district of Tulkarm. • <u>Wall Construction:</u> Wall construction continues in the area northwest of the city of Salfit, and in the village of Marda and the town of Kafr Hares north of the settlement of Ari'el.
JERICHO	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Closure:</u> 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

	<p>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.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Checkpoints: The Israeli army continues to intensify its restrictions and impede civilian access at al-Hamra checkpoint set up along al-Badhan road connecting the districts of Jericho and Nablus as well as on the checkpoint set up on the junction to the village of al-‘Auja along al-Mu’arrajat road connecting the districts of Jericho and Ramallah. • Raids: At 22:00, the Israeli army raided the village of Fasayil and chased a civilian vehicle while patrolling the village. The Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to the village and withdrew at 23:00.
BETHLEHEM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (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) Since September 15, 2007, the Israeli army has been preventing civilian access, according to military order 07.02.S, to the 22-dunum land that has been confiscated in accordance with confiscation order number 07.31.T. The 22-dunum area has been set to construct a passage in the area of Mazmouriyyeh that is located in the cities of Beit Sahur and Bethlehem. • 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. • Flying Checkpoints: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 11:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on Wadi An Nar road in the area between the town of Al Ubeidiya and the village of As Sawahira Sharqiya and searched civilians and vehicles. (ii) At 21:50, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint in the area of An Nashash (the southern entrance of the city of Bethlehem) and searched civilians and vehicles. • Raids: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 10:20, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the city of Bethlehem. (ii) At 11:40, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the town of Al Ubeidiya. • 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 the settlement of Ephrata; and in the area surrounding the village of al-Walaja.
HEBRON	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (i) The Israeli army continues to close the following locales in the old city of Hebron: al-Shuhada' Street and the area of al-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 al-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) Although it expired on 07 May 2006, the Israeli army continues to implement a military order stipulating the prohibition of civilian vehicles from traveling 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:**
 - (i) The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the following locales: the entrance to the town of al-Samoa'; the area of al-Hawawir leading to the town of Halhoul; 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; the road connecting the town of Surif to the village of al-Jab'a; the entrance to the village of Beit 'Einun; and the eastern entrance to the village of Kharsa. The Israeli army also continues to close with cement blocks the entrance to al-Qeisi neighborhood in the old city of Hebron as well as the main entrance to al-'Arroub refugee camp.
 - (ii) In accordance with Military Order # 378, the Israeli army continues to prohibit Palestinian vehicles from traveling 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.
 - **Flying Checkpoint:** At 13:10, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to the town of Bani Na'im and searched civilians and vehicles.
 - **Raids:**
 - (i) At 09:00, the Israeli army raided the city of Hebron, set up 2 flying checkpoints in the areas of Ras Al Jora and Bi'r Al Mahjar and patrolled the area. At 16:00, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the city again.
 - (ii) At 13:00, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the town of Ad Dhahiriya.
 - (iii) At 13:15, the Israeli army raided the towns of Yatta and As Samoa' and patrolled the area. At 22:20, the Israeli army raided the two towns again, set up a flying checkpoint and patrolled the area.
 - (iv) At 15:40, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the town of Dora.
 - (v) At 21:50, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the towns of Surif and Kharas.
 - (vi) At 24:00, the Israeli army raided the refugee camp of Al Arrub, searched a house and arrested a civilian.
 - **Arrest:** The Israeli army arrested Ziyad Khalil Jawabrah, a civilian from Al Arrub refugee camp.
 - **Wall Construction:** 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 al-Ramadin, and near the village of Imneizil southeast of the town of Yatta.

GAZA STRIP

<p>NORTHERN GAZA</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure of Crossing Point: Beit Hanoun (Erez) Crossing is partially open (to allow previously coordinated humanitarian access). • Palestinian Attacks: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (i) In the morning on 8 December 2007, three (unidentified) mortars were fired towards the Green Line. (ii) At 16:40, one (unidentified) mortar was fired towards the Green Line.
<p>GAZA</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure of Crossing Points: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Al-Muntar (Karni) Crossing is closed. (ii) Ash-Shuja'iya (Nahal 'Oz) Crossing is partially open to let in fuel. • Attack: At 01:00, Israeli troops positioned inside the Green Line fired a mortar missile towards a group of Palestinian civilians, east of Ash Shuja'iya area, to the east of the city of Gaza. • Palestinian Attacks: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 16:00, one (unidentified) mortar was fired towards the Green Line. Consequently, the Israeli army fired a mortar missile and a number of tank shells from its locations inside the Green Line towards the location of firing the mortar, east of the city of Gaza. (ii) At 17:50, armed Palestinian individuals fired 5 mortars towards Israeli troops positioned on the Green Line, east of the city of Gaza. The Israeli army immediately opened intensive fire towards Palestinian areas. (iii) At 18:40, armed Palestinian individuals fired 3 mortars towards Israeli troops positioned on the Green Line, east of the city of Gaza. The Israeli army immediately opened fire towards Palestinian areas. (iv) At 23:30, one (unidentified) mortar was fired towards the Green Line.
<p>KHAN YOUNIS</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Palestinian Attack: At 17:00, armed Palestinian individuals fired anti-tank mortar towards an Israeli army jeep on the Green Line, east of Al Qarara. The Israeli army immediately opened fire towards Palestinian areas.
<p>RAFAH</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure of Crossing Points: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Yasser 'Arafat International Airport remains closed. (ii) Rafah (al-Awdah) Crossing is open partially to allow 1200 pilgrims go to the haj. (iii) Sufa Crossing is partially open. (iv) Karm Abu Salim (Karem Shalom) Crossing is closed. • Raid: At 14:00, the Israeli army, including 14 armored vehicles and 2 bulldozers, raided the area of Abu Muammar in the area surrounding Sofa Crossing, east of the city of Rafah. The Israeli army opened intensive fire towards civilian houses and agricultural areas. • Palestinian Attack: At 13:50, armed Palestinian individuals fired 4 mortars towards Israeli troops positioned in the perimeter of Sofa Crossing on the Green Line. Israeli army immediately opened fire towards Palestinian areas.