مجموعة الرقابة الفلسطينية



PALESTINIAN MONITORING GROUP

DAILY SITUATION REPORT 08:00 10 December 2009 – 08:00 11 December 2009

SUMMARY OF EVENTS

EVENT	WEST BANK	GAZA STRIP	TOTAL	NOTES
Physical Assaults	2		2	Civilians beaten, Bethlehem & Hebron
Attacks	2	1	3	2 from mil. posts & 1 from checkpoint
Raids	17	_	17	Incl. 4 in Ramallah and 4 in Hebron
Arrests (per person)	3	_	3	Incl. 2 children in the district of Hebron
Detentions	12	_	12	Incl. a bus transporting students, Ramallah
Wall Construction	21	_	21	Incl. Jer., Raml'h., Salfit, & Qalqiliya
Destruction of Property	3		3	Incl. carpets and a library in a mosque
Closure of Checkpoints	8		8	Incl. access impeded at 5 checkpoints
Flying Checkpoints	18		18	Incl. 3 in Qalqiliya and 7 in Hebron
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	_	4	4	3 crossing points partially open
Settler Violence	4		4	Incl. a mosque set on fire in Salfit
Provocation of Pal. Forces	1		1	Taking position near a Police station
Palestinian Attack	_	1	1	Fired opened on an Israeli army patrol
Pal. Security Measures	2	_	2	Incl. an explosive device detonated
TOTAL	138	6	144	

DISTRICT EVENTS

WEST BANK

Closure: (i) The Israeli army continues to intensify its restrictions at checkpoints located at the entrances to the city of Jerusalem. The Israeli army also continues to close the entrances to Al Aqsa Mosque compound in the old city of Jerusalem and impede civilian access to the mosque. (ii) 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). (iii) 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. Wall Gates: 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 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 Sur
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.

EL BIREH	• Flying Checkpoint/Detentions: At 18:20, the Israeli army set up a flying
EL DIKEN	 checkpoint on the junction to the town of At Tayba on Al Mu'arrajat road connecting the districts of Ramallah and Jericho, searched civilians and vehicles, and detained a bus transporting students travelling to the city of Ramallah. Following coordination with the Israeli authorities (through the DCO), Israeli troops released all detained students. Raids: (i) At 10:15, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the town of Bir Zeit. (ii) At 00:20, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the village of Deir Ibzi'. (iii) At 00:55, the Israeli army raided the cities of Ramallah and El Bireh and patrolled these areas until 03:15.
	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	 <u>Closure of Main Road</u>: The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the road leading to the town of 'Arraba east of the settlement of Dotan. <u>Wall Gates</u>: 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	 <u>Checkpoint</u>: 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. <u>Palestinian Security Measure</u>: At 11:10, the Engineering Unit of the Palestinian Police detonated an explosive device located in the city of Tubas.
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. Raids: At 19:10, the Israeli army raided the town of Far'un and patrolled the area until 19:30. At 00:20, the Israeli army raided the city of Tulkarem and patrolled the area until 02:00.
	 Arrest: On 08 December 2009, the Israeli army arrested Ahmed Abdul Qader 'Amarneh, a resident of the town of Qaffin, inside the Green Line, ostensibly because he had not possessed an access permit. 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: At 17:30, the Israeli army set up 2 flying checkpoints at the entrances to the villages of 'Izbat at Tabib and Ras 'Atiya and searched civilians and vehicles.

Raids: At 14:40, the Israeli army raided the city of Qalqiliya, set up a (i) checkpoint near the entrance to the Al Quds Open University, and served summons to a number of students to report to the Israeli Intelligence agency. At 16:55, the Israeli army withdrew from the area. At 00:40, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the village of Immatin. (ii) At 00:45, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the town of 'Azzun. (iii) 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. **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. The Israeli army continues to close with an iron gate the western (ii) entrance to the village of An Nagura opposite the settlement of Shavei Shomron. Checkpoints: The Israeli army continues to regulate times for crossing checkpoints set up around the city of Nablus: At Tur neighbourhood checkpoint (set up on Jerzim Mount) is closed (i) **NABLUS** 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. At 'Awarta commercial checkpoint, civilians are allowed to cross (ii) 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. Flying Checkpoint: At 08:50, 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 until 14:30. **Closure of Main Roads:** The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the northern (i) entrance to the city of Salfit. The Israeli army continues to close with cement blocks and iron gates **SALFIT** (ii)the northern entrance to the town of Brugin 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.

	 <u>Settler Violence/Attack on Religious Sit/Raid</u>: At 05:00, a group of Israeli settlers gained access to the village of Yasuf as well as raided and set fire to the village's mosque, destroying carpets, library and loudspeakers set. Israeli settlers also inscribe anti-Arab slogans on walls. The Israeli army raided the village after settlers had fled. <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 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: 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. 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: At 22:00, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the village of Fasayil. Palestinian Security Measure: At 19:30, Palestinian security forces handed over to the Israeli authorities (through the DCO) an Israeli citizen after he had gained access to the city of Jericho. The Israeli citizen had been in possession of narcotic drugs.
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. 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 dunums (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 09:45, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on An Nashash junction (the southern entrance to the city of Jericho) and searched civilians and vehicles until 10:30.

- (ii) At 10:25, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint near the village of Ash Shawawra and searched civilians and vehicles until 10:45.
- (iii) At 20:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to the village of Battir and searched civilians and vehicles.

• Raids:

- (i) At 09:30, the Israeli army raided the town of Beit Fajjar and patrolled the area until 10:15.
- (ii) At 10:45, the Israeli army raided the village of Dar Salah, set up a checkpoint, and searched civilians and vehicles.
- <u>Physical Assault</u>: At 21:15, Israeli troops positioned at As Sawahira ash Sharqiya (the 'Container') checkpoint severely beat Ayman Mohammed Kamal al Bakri, leaving him with contusions.
- 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.

• <u>Closure</u>:

- (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 Checkpoints/Attack:

(i) At 14:10, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to the town of Idhna and searched civilians and vehicles.

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- (ii) At 16:30, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to the town of Sa'ir and searched civilians and vehicles.
- (iii) At 17:45, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to the area of An Nabi Yunis near the town of Halhul on the Hebron-Bethlehem road and searched civilians and vehicles.
- (iv) At 19:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on Al Fawwar junction, searched civilians and vehicles, and opened fire towards a civilian vehicle, which fled.
- Physical Assault: At 19:00, Israeli troops positioned at the checkpoint set up near the entrance to the village of Ar Ramadin severely beat Ziyad Yousef 'Awwad al Ja'afreh, leaving him with contusions. Consequently, Al Ja'afreh was transported to hospital for medical treatment.
- Attack/Injuries: At 11:45, Israeli troops positioned in Tal Rumeida neighbourhood in the old city of Hebron fired tear gas grenades, injuring 6 civilians, including a female civilian and her 5 children, as a result of tear gas inhalation. Consequently, all injured civilians were transported to hospital for medical attention.

• Raids/Provocation of Palestinian Forces:

- (i) At dawn on 10 December 2009, the Israeli army raided Al Fawwar refugee camp and arrested 2 children.
- (ii) At 11:00, the Israeli army raided the city of Hebron, set up 2 checkpoints, searched civilians and vehicles, and patrolled the area.
- (iii) At 18:20, the Israeli army raided the village of At Tabaqa and searched 1 house.
- (iv) At 22:30, the Israeli army raided the town of Halhul, set up a checkpoint near the town's Palestinian Police station, searched civilians and vehicles, and patrolled the area.
- Arrests: The Israeli army arrested 2 children in Al Fawwar refugee camp:
- (i) Khaldoun Isma'il Abu Hash'hash, 17 years old; and
- (ii) Bilal Mustafa Abu Hussein, 17 years old.

• Settler Violence:

- (i) At 14:00, a group of Israeli settlers levelled and constructed 2 rooms on a piece of land near the settlement of Negohot.
- (ii) At 16:50, a group of Israeli settlers levelled and ploughed an olive grove in Tal Rumeida neighbourhood in the old city of Hebron. The grove belonged to a female civilian from the Abu Heikal family.
- <u>Wall Construction</u>: 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. • Violations of the Ceasefire: (i) The Israeli army opened intensive fire from its location on the Green Line towards Palestinian territory in the district of Khan Yunis. (ii) Armed Palestinian individuals opened fire towards an Israeli army patrol near the Green Line.

NORTHERN GAZA	Closure of Crossing Point: Beit Hanun (Erez) Crossing is partially open to previously-coordinated humanitarian cases and foreign nationals.		
GAZA	 Closure of Crossing Points: Al Muntar (Karnei) Crossing is closed. Ash Shuja'iya (Nahal 'Oz) Crossing is closed. 		
CENTRAL GAZA	Activities not reported.		
KHAN YUNIS	• Palestinian Attack/Israeli Attack: At 15:05, armed Palestinian individuals opened fire towards an Israeli army patrol near the Green Line in the area surrounding Kissufim Gate. Consequently, the Israeli army opened intensive fire towards Palestinian territory.		
RAFAH	 Closure of Crossing Points: Yasser 'Arafat International Airport remains closed. Rafah (Al 'Awdah) Crossing is open on an exceptional basis to allow 12 ill civilians to leave for Egypt for medical treatment as well as 70 university students, most of whom study at Egyptian universities. Sufa Crossing is closed. Karm Abu Salim (Karem Shalom) Crossing is partially open for transportation of food supplies and humanitarian aid. Also, a truck transporting flowers, to be exported to Europe, was also allowed access. 		