مجموعة الرقابة الفلسطينية

PALESTINIAN MONITORING GROUP

DAILY SITUATION REPORT
08:00 15 December 2006 – 08:00 16 December 2006

SUMMARY OF EVENTS

EVENT	WEST BANK	GAZA STRIP	TOTAL	NOTES
Death	1	—	**1**	1 armed Palestinian individual, Nablus
Injury	1	—	**1**	1 civilian in the district of Ramallah
Attacks	4	2	**6**	Incl. 2 in raids & 2 from military posts
Raids	16	—	**16**	Incl. 1 in Jerusalem & 4 in Ramallah
Arrests	12	—	**12**	Incl. 1 child & 1 Pal. security officer
Detentions	16	—	**16**	At checkpoints & in residential locales
Closure of Checkpoints	14	—	**14**	Incl. access impeded at 6 checkpoints
Flying Checkpoints	13	—	**13**	Incl. 2 in Jerusalem and 3 in Hebron
Closure (per District)	6	—	**6**	Incl. Jerusalem and Tulkarem partially
Closure of Main Roads	33	—	**33**	Incl. 2 in Bethlehem & 11 in Hebron
Closure of Crossing Points	—	5	**5**	Incl. Beit Hanun (Erez) partially
Settler Violence	1	—	**1**	Fire opened towards 1 civilian, Ramallah
Provocation of Pal. Forces	1	—	**1**	1 Pal. Police station raided and searched
Palestinian Attacks	—	7	**7**	12 mortars fired towards the Green Line
TOTAL	**118**	**14**	**132**	

DISTRICT	EVENT

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.

JERUSALEM	• **Closure:** The Israeli army intensified its restrictions at checkpoints located at the entrances to the city of Jerusalem, set up several checkpoints in the old city of Jerusalem and around Al Aqsa Mosque compound, and obstructed civilians from accessing Al Aqsa Mosque to perform Friday prayers. • **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. • **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:** (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 was suspended for the weekend 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, 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. • **Raid:** The Israeli army raided the village of Hizma and arrested 7 civilians. • **Arrests:** The Israeli army arrested 7 civilians in the village of Hizma: (i) Nour Shareef al Khatib; (ii) Thaer Ibrahim al Khatib; (iii) Kan'an Suleiman al Khatib; (iv) Mohammed 'Antar Badran;

	(v) Fares Suleiman al Khatib; (vi) Abdullah 'Aqel al Khatib; and (vii) Fares Ibrahim al Khatib.
RAMALLAH & EL BIREH	• **Closure of Main Roads:** (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. • **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 was suspended for the weekend in the area west of the town of 'Abud, in the areas of Al Midya to Ni'lin, Ni'lin to Deir Qaddis, and in the town of Beituniya. • **Flying Checkpoint:** At 23:20, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the junction to the village of Surda on the Ramallah-Bir Zeit road and searched civilians and vehicles. • **Raids:** (i) At 11:50, the Israeli army, including 6 jeeps, raided and patrolled the village of Mazari' an Nubani and Qarawat Bani Zeid. (ii) At 15:30, the Israeli army raided the village of Jilijliya and arrested 1 Palestinian General Intelligence officer. (iii) At 18:50, the Israeli army raided the village of Al Mughayyir. While patrolling the area, confrontations took place between the Israeli army and civilians. • **Arrest:** The Israeli army arrested Muntasser Hassan al Atrash, a Palestinian General Intelligence officer, in the village of Jilijliya. • **Settler Violence/Injury:** Israeli settlers opened fire towards and injured Nayef Mohammed 'Arar in the area between the villages of Jaba' and Mikhmas. At 17:25, 'Arar was admitted to Ramallah Public Hospital for medical treatment.
JENIN	• **Closure of Roads:** 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 and the road connecting the town of Qabatiya to the village of Misliya. • **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. • **Wall Gates:** Passage through the Wall gates is restricted to civilians granted special Israeli permits. • **Flying Checkpoint:** At 18:30, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to the town of Tubas, searched civilians and vehicles, and arrested 3 civilians.

	• **Raids:** (i) At 20:00, the Israeli army, including 8 jeeps, raided the city of Jenin and patrolled the area until 00:45. (ii) At 20:50, the Israeli army raided the village of Ath Thaghra, set up a checkpoint at its entrance, searched civilians and vehicles, and patrolled the area. • **Arrests:** Israeli troops positioned at the flying checkpoint set up at the entrance to the town of Tubas arrested 3 civilians: (i) Fawwaz Na'im Habaybeh; (ii) Jamal Tawfeeq Habaybeh; and (iii) Ahmed Raji 'Isa.
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, the road connecting the town of Deir al Ghusun to 'Attil plain, and the road connecting the town of Kafr al Labad to the village of Shufa. • **Checkpoints:** The Israeli army continues to intensify its restrictions at 'Einav checkpoint (the eastern entrance to the city) and Jubara checkpoint (the southern entrance to the city). • **Wall Gates:** Passage through the Wall gates is restricted to civilians granted special Israeli permits. • **Flying Checkpoint:** At 19:05, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the junction to the town of Bal'a and searched civilians and vehicles until 19:30. • **Raids:** (i) At 09:30, an Israeli army patrol raided the city of Tulkarem and Tulkarem refugee camp and patrolled the area. (ii) At 18:40, an Israeli army patrol raided the town of 'Anabta and patrolled the area.
QALQILIYA	• **Closure of Roads:** (i) The Israeli army continues to close with cement blocks the agricultural roads east of the town of 'Azzun. (ii) The Israeli army continues to close the entrance to the village of 'Izbat at Tabib with dirt barricades. • **Wall Gates:** (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 levelling for Wall construction was suspended for the weekend 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, impeding civilian access.

	• **Arrest:** At 13:00, the Israeli army arrested Mu'iz ad Din Ahmed Saleem, 17 years old, near the town of 'Azzun.
NABLUS	• **Closure of Main Roads:** (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 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: (i) Huwwara and Beit Iba checkpoints (set up at the southern and western entrances to the city of Nablus respectively) are closed at 23:00. The Israeli army only allows civilian vehicles possessing access permits to cross these checkpoints. (ii) 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. (iii) Beit Furik checkpoint is open to civilian residents of the town of Beit Furik and the village of Beit Dajan until 17:30. (iv) 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 ash Shamaliya and to prevent civilians from crossing, only allowing access to humanitarian cases. • **Flying Checkpoint/Attack:** At 18:35, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the junction to the village of Zawata, searched civilians and vehicles, and fired flares over the area surrounding the settler bypass road in the vicinity of the village. At 19:30, the Israeli army withdrew from the area. • **Raids/Attack:** (i) At 21:40, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the village of Kafr Qalil. (ii) At 00:45, the Israeli army raided the city of Nablus. An armed confrontation took place between the Israeli army and armed Palestinian individuals, during which the Israeli army killed 1 armed individual. At 04:30, the Israeli army withdrew from the area. • **Killing:** The Israeli army killed Amin Marwan Makhlouf in the city of Nablus.
SALFIT	• **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 entrance to 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. • **Wall Construction:** Wall construction was suspended for the weekend 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 Ari'el. • **Flying Checkpoint:** At 05:50, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to the town of Bruqin and searched civilians and vehicles.
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 close Al Hamra checkpoint set up on the Jericho-Nablus road, denying civilian access, except for farmers holding Jericho IDs. (ii) At 19:00, the Israeli army intensified its restrictions at the DCO checkpoint set up at the southern entrance to the city of Jericho and impeded civilian access. • **Flying Checkpoint:** At 14:20, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to the village of 'Ein ad Duyuk and searched civilians and vehicles.
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. • **Wall Construction:** Wall construction was suspended for the weekend 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. • **Raids:** (i) At 19:15, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the town of Al Khadr. (ii) At 01:45, the Israeli army, including 2 jeeps, raided and patrolled the city of Bethlehem and 'Ayda refugee camp.
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.

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(ii)   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:**

(i)   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; 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 neighbourhood in the old city of Hebron as well as the main entrance to Al 'Arrub refugee camp.

(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.

- **Wall Construction:** Wall construction was suspended for the weekend 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.
- **Flying Checkpoints:**

(i)   At 13:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the road to the town of Beit Kahil and searched civilians and vehicles.

(ii)   At 15:20, the Israeli army set up 2 flying checkpoints on Al Fawwar junction as well as on the junction to the village of Kharsa and searched civilians and vehicles.

- **Raid/Provocation of Palestinian Forces:** At 02:10, the Israeli army raided the town of As Samoa' as well as raided and searched the town's Palestinian Police station.

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GAZA STRIP

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- The ceasefire agreement that entered into force at 06:00 on 26 November 2006 remains effective. However, the Israeli army opened fire and fired 1 tank shell towards Palestinian territory. In addition, armed Palestinian individuals fired 12 mortars towards the Green Line. Of those fired, 2 mortars exploded in the area from which they were launched.

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<td>NORTHERN GAZA</td>
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- **Closure of Crossing Point:** Beit Hanun (Erez) Crossing is partially open only to foreign nationals, VIPs, and humanitarian cases.
- **Palestinian Attacks:** In violation of the Israeli-Palestinian ceasefire agreement, armed Palestinian individuals fired 8 mortars as follows:

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	(i) At 17:30, 1 unidentified mortar was fired towards the Green Line. (ii) At 18:00, 3 unidentified mortars were fired towards the Green Line. (iii) At 18:30, 1 unidentified mortar was fired towards the Green Line. (iv) At 20:05, 1 unidentified mortar was fired towards the Green Line. (v) At 20:55, 2 unidentified mortars were fired towards the Green Line, but they exploded in the area from which they were launched.
GAZA	• **Palestinian Attack:** At 00:55, armed Palestinian individuals fired 2 unidentified mortars towards the Green Line, thereby violating the Israeli-Palestinian ceasefire agreement.
CENTRAL GAZA	• **Attack:** At 01:10, the Israeli army fired 1 tank shell from one of its locations on the Green Line towards the area of Wadi Gaza north of An Nuseirat refugee camp, thereby violating the Israeli-Palestinian ceasefire agreement. • **Palestinian Attack:** At 01:05, armed Palestinian individuals fired 2 unidentified mortars towards the Green Line, thereby violating the Israeli-Palestinian ceasefire agreement.
KHAN YUNIS	• **Attack:** At 10:50, the Israeli army opened fire from the area near Point 147 on the Green Line towards a number of civilians east of the area of Al Qarara, thereby violating the Israeli-Palestinian ceasefire agreement.
RAFAH	• **Closure of Crossing Points:** (i) Yasser 'Arafat International Airport remains closed. (ii) Rafah Crossing is closed. (iii) Sufa Crossing is closed. (iv) Karm Abu Salim (Karem Shalom) Crossing is closed.