

## مجموعة الرقابة الفلسطينية



## PALESTINIAN MONITORING GROUP

## DAILY SITUATION REPORT

08:00 16 December 2006 – 08:00 17 December 2006

## SUMMARY OF EVENTS

EVENT	WEST BANK	GAZA STRIP	TOTAL	NOTES
Physical Assaults	2	—	2	Incl. 1 civilian run over by an Israeli jeep
Injuries	2	—	2	2 civilians in Nablus and Hebron
Attacks	5	1	6	Incl. 2 in raids & 1 from a military post
Raids	14	—	14	Incl. 3 in Ramallah & 4 in Nablus
Arrests	2	—	2	In Nablus, incl. 1 injured civilian
Detentions	17	—	17	At checkpoints & in residential locales
Land Levelling	1	—	1	North of Zawata village in Nablus
Wall Construction	27	—	27	Incl. Jer., Raml'h., Qalq., Salfit, & Hebron
House Occupations	6	—	6	Converted into military posts in Nablus
Closure of Checkpoints	14	—	14	Incl. 1 checkpoint completely
Flying Checkpoints	12	—	12	Incl. 5 in Jenin and 3 in Tulkarem
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	—	7	7	Incl. Rafah partially to pilgrims only
School Disruption	1	—	1	1 basic school raided & searched, Hebron
Settler Violence	1	—	1	Indiscriminate fire opened in Nablus
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>143</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>151</b>	

DISTRICT	EVENT
<b>WEST BANK</b>	
<b>ALL DISTRICTS</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 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.</li> </ul>
<b>JERUSALEM</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Closure:</b> The Israeli army continues to intensify its restrictions at checkpoints located at the entrances to the city of Jerusalem, in the old city of Jerusalem, and around Al Aqsa Mosque compound.</li> <li>• <b>Closure of Main Roads:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(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.</li> <li>(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.</li> <li>(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.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b>Checkpoint:</b> 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.</li> <li>• <b>Wall Gates:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) The Israeli army continues to close the Wall gate in the town of Abu Dis with cement blocks.</li> <li>(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.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b>Wall Construction:</b> Wall construction was resumed 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.</li> </ul>
<b>RAMALLAH &amp; EL BIREH</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Closure of Main Roads:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the eastern entrance to the village of Sinjil.</li> <li>(ii) The Israeli army continues to close with cement blocks the western entrance to the village of Saffa.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b>Checkpoint:</b> 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.</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b><u>Wall Construction:</u></b> Wall construction was resumed 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.</li> <li>• <b><u>Raids/Attack:</u></b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) At 21:20, the Israeli army raided the village of Al Mughayyir. While patrolling the area, the Israeli army opened intensive fire following an explosion that took place near the settler bypass road in the vicinity of the village.</li> <li>(ii) At 01:00, the Israeli army, including 4 jeeps, raided and patrolled the cities of Ramallah and El Bireh.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
<b>JENIN</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b><u>Closure of Roads:</u></b> 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 as well as the road connecting the town of Qabatiya to the village of Misliya.</li> <li>• <b><u>Checkpoint:</u></b> 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.</li> <li>• <b><u>Wall Gates:</u></b> Passage through the Wall gates is restricted to civilians granted special Israeli permits.</li> <li>• <b><u>Flying Checkpoints/Detentions:</u></b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) At 07:00 on 16 December 2006, the Israeli army set up 2 flying checkpoints in the areas between the towns of Qabatiya and Az Zababida and between the town of Az Zababida and the village of 'Aqqaba and searched civilians and vehicles.</li> <li>(ii) At 08:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to the town of 'Arraba and searched civilians and vehicles.</li> <li>(iii) At 09:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint near the village of Sir and searched civilians and vehicles.</li> <li>(iv) The Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the junction to the town of Tammun, searched civilian vehicles, and detained a number of civilians.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b><u>Physical Assault/Detention:</u></b> At 17:45, Israeli troops positioned at Al Jalama checkpoint detained and beat Muhammad Abdullah Zeid, leaving him with contusions and a bleeding nose. After coordination with the Israeli authorities (through the DCO), Israeli troops released Zeid at 21:15.</li> <li>• <b><u>Raids/Physical Assault:</u></b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) At 21:00, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the town of Tammun.</li> <li>(ii) An Israeli army jeep raided the town of Ya'bad. While patrolling the area, the Israeli army jeep ran over 1 civilian, leaving him with contusions.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
<b>TULKAREM</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b><u>Closure:</u></b> The Israeli army continues to declare the district of Tulkarem a closed military zone and to impede civilian access to and from the district.</li> <li>• <b><u>Closure of Main Roads:</u></b> The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the Dahiyat Iktaba-Bal'a road, the entrance to the village of</li> </ul>

	<p>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.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Checkpoints:</b> 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).</li> <li>• <b>Wall Gates:</b> Passage through the Wall gates is restricted to civilians granted special Israeli permits.</li> <li>• <b>Flying Checkpoints:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) At 08:40, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to the town of Deir al Ghusun and searched civilians and vehicles.</li> <li>(ii) At 10:15, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the junction to the village of Al Jarushiya and searched civilians and vehicles.</li> <li>(iii) At 17:30, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the junction to the town of Bal’a and searched civilian vehicles until 18:15.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b>Raid:</b> At 19:00, the Israeli army, including 5 jeeps, raided the town of ‘Anabta. While patrolling the area, confrontations took place between the Israeli army and civilians. At 23:00, the Israeli army withdrew from the area.</li> </ul>
<b>QALQILIYA</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Closure of Roads:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) The Israeli army continues to close with cement blocks the agricultural roads east of the town of ‘Azzun.</li> <li>(ii) The Israeli army continues to close the entrance to the village of ‘Izbat at Tabib with dirt barricades.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b>Wall Gates:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) Passage through the Wall gates is restricted to civilians granted special Israeli permits.</li> <li>(ii) The Israeli army continues to intensify its restrictions at ‘Azzun ‘Atma Wall gate and to search civilians, including students, with a metal detector.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b>Wall Construction:</b> Land levelling for Wall construction was resumed in the villages of Immatin and Kafr Laqif as well as east of the towns of Kafr Thulth and ‘Azzun.</li> <li>• <b>Flying Checkpoints:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) At 11:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the eastern entrance to the city of Qalqiliya and searched civilians and vehicles.</li> <li>(ii) At 14:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint in the area between the villages of Hajja and Kafr Qaddum and searched civilians and vehicles.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
<b>NABLUS</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Closure of Main Roads:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(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.</li> <li>(ii) The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the southern entrance to the village of Qaryut.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b>Checkpoints/Detention:</b> The Israeli army continues to regulate times for crossing checkpoints set up around the city of Nablus:</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(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.</li> <li>(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.</li> <li>(iii) Beit Furik checkpoint is open to civilian residents of the town of Beit Furik and the village of Beit Dajan until 17:30.</li> <li>(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.</li> <li>(v) At 09:15, the Israeli army closed Beit Iba checkpoint, denied civilian access, and detained 1 female civilian, claiming that she was suspicious. At 09:25, the Israeli army reopened the checkpoint.</li> <li>(vi) The Israeli army intensified its restrictions at Huwwara checkpoint and denied access to civilians under 35 years of age.</li> <li>• <b><u>Raids/Attack/Injury/House Occupations:</u></b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) On 15 December 2006, the Israeli army raided the village of Beita, raided the central vegetables and fruits market, and opened fire, injuring 1 civilian. The Israeli army also arrested 2 civilians, including the injured civilian.</li> <li>(ii) At 09:10, the Israeli army raided the village of Zawata and provided protection to an Israeli bulldozer, while it was levelling land near the settler bypass road north of the village.</li> <li>(iii) At 23:50, the Israeli army raided the city of Nablus and Balata refugee camp. The Israeli army also occupied and converted into military posts 5 buildings in the city and 1 house in the refugee camp. In addition, the Israeli army searched a number of houses and withdrew at 05:45.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b><u>Arrests:</u></b> The Israeli army arrested 2 civilians in the village of Beita: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) Ala' Nathmi Hashash, an injured civilian; and</li> <li>(ii) Ramzi Hasan Abu Shalash.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b><u>Settler Violence/Attack:</u></b> At 16:00, a group of Israeli settlers from the settlement of Yitzhar raided the village of Madama and opened indiscriminate fire. Confrontations took place between the Israeli settlers and young civilian residents of the village.</li> </ul>
SALFIT	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b><u>Closure of Main Roads:</u></b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(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 <i>Intifada</i> (Uprising).</li> <li>(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.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b><u>Checkpoints:</u></b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(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.</li> <li>(ii) The Israeli army continues to intensify its restrictions at the Za'tara junction checkpoint and to impede civilian access.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b><u>Wall Construction:</u></b> Wall construction was resumed 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.</li> </ul>
<b>JERICHO</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b><u>Closure:</u></b> 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.</li> <li>• <b><u>Checkpoints:</u></b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(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.</li> <li>(ii) At 17:25, 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.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
<b>BETHLEHEM</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b><u>Closure:</u></b> 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.</li> <li>• <b><u>Closure of Main Roads:</u></b> 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.</li> <li>• <b><u>Wall Construction:</u></b> Wall construction was resumed 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.</li> <li>• <b><u>Raids:</u></b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) At 23:00, the Israeli army, including 4 jeeps, raided the city of Bethlehem and patrolled the area until 01:00.</li> <li>(ii) The Israeli army raided and patrolled the town of Al Khadr.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
<b>HEBRON</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b><u>Closure:</u></b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(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.</li> <li>(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.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b><u>Closure of Main Roads:</u></b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(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.</li> <li>(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.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b><u>Wall Construction:</u></b> Wall construction was resumed 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.</li> <li>• <b><u>Flying Checkpoints:</u></b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) At 14:30, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the junction to the village of Karma and searched civilians and vehicles.</li> <li>(ii) At 16:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the overpass to the town of Halhul and searched civilians and vehicles.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b><u>Attack/Injury:</u></b> At 12:35, the Israeli army opened fire towards and injured Ayman Yousef as Samamreh near the village of 'Arab ar Ramadin, while he was attempting to gain access into areas inside the Green Line to reach his workplace.</li> <li>• <b><u>Raids/School Disruption:</u></b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) At 00:40, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the town of Yatta.</li> <li>(ii) The Israeli army raided the village of Karma as well as raided and searched the village's basic school. The Israeli army also served a summons to a teacher to report to the Israeli Intelligence Agency.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
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### GAZA STRIP

<p style="text-align: center;"><b>ALL DISTRICTS</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The ceasefire agreement that entered into force at 06:00 on 26 November 2006 remains effective.</li> </ul>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>NORTHERN GAZA</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b><u>Closure of Crossing Point:</u></b> Beit Hanun (Erez) Crossing is partially open only to foreign nationals, VIPs, and humanitarian cases.</li> </ul>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>GAZA</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b><u>Closure of Crossing Points:</u></b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) Al Muntar (Karnei) Crossing is closed.</li> <li>(ii) Ash Shuja'iyah (Nahal 'Oz) Crossing is closed.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>CENTRAL GAZA</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Activities not reported.</li> </ul>

<b>KHAN YUNIS</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Activities not reported.</li> </ul>
<b>RAFAH</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b><u>Closure of Crossing Points:</u></b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) Yasser 'Arafat International Airport remains closed.</li> <li>(ii) Rafah Crossing is partially open to pilgrims departing to the Holy Shrines in the city of Mecca in Saudi Arabia via Egypt.</li> <li>(iii) Sufa Crossing is closed.</li> <li>(iv) Karm Abu Salim (Karem Shalom) Crossing is closed.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b><u>Attack:</u></b> At 19:20, Israeli navy boats opened fire towards Palestinian fishing boats at sea opposite the city of Rafah's beach.</li> </ul>