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PALESTINIAN MONITORING GROUP

DAILY SITUATION REPORT

08:00 17 December 2006 – 08:00 18 December 2006

SUMMARY OF EVENTS

EVENT	WEST BANK	GAZA STRIP	TOTAL	NOTES
Injury	1	—	1	A 15-year-old child in the Jenin district
Attacks	2	1	3	2 in raids and 1 from a military post
Raids	17	1	18	Incl. 4 in Ramallah & 4 in Hebron
Air Patrol	1	—	1	Reconnaissance aircraft over Jericho
Arrests	11	—	11	Incl. 2 Pal. security officers & 3 brothers
Detentions	11	—	11	At checkpoints & in residential locales
Land Levelling	—	1	1	East of Gaza city
Wall Construction	27	—	27	Incl. Jer., Raml'h., Qalq., Salfit, & Hebron
Destruction of Property	1	—	1	Doors of commercial shops destroyed
Closure of Checkpoints	14	—	14	Incl. access impeded at 6 checkpoints
Flying Checkpoints	16	—	16	Incl. 2 in Ramallah and 8 in Jenin
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	—	6	6	Incl. Rafah partially to pilgrims only
Palestinian Attack	—	1	1	1 mortar fired towards the Green Line
Pal. Security Measure	1	—	1	1 vehicle & 2 motorcycles handed over
TOTAL	141	10	151	

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"> • Closure: 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. • Closure of Main Roads: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (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: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (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 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. • Flying Checkpoint: At 14:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint in the town of Abu Dis and searched civilians and vehicles. • Raid: At 03:10, the Israeli army raided Qalandiya refugee camp, searched 1 house, and arrested 1 Palestinian Preventive Security officer. • Arrests: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 09:00, Israeli troops positioned at Ramot checkpoint arrested Safi Ahmed al Khmour. (ii) The Israeli army arrested Ahmed 'Ayyad, a Palestinian Preventive Security officer, in Qalandiya refugee camp.
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<p style="text-align: center;">RAMALLAH & EL BIREH</p>	<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 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. • <u>Checkpoint:</u> 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. • <u>Wall Construction:</u> Wall construction continues 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. • <u>Flying Checkpoints:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) 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. (ii) The Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to the village of Deir Abu Mash’al, searched civilian vehicles, and arrested 1 civilian. • <u>Raids:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 16:00, an Israeli army patrol raided the city of Ramallah and patrolled the area. (ii) At 01:40, the Israeli army, including 17 jeeps, raided the cities of El Bireh and Ramallah, searched 1 house, and arrested 1 civilian in the city of El Bireh. (iii) At 03:45, the Israeli army raided and patrolled Al Am’ari refugee camp in the city of El Bireh. • <u>Arrests:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Israeli troops positioned at the flying checkpoint set up at the entrance to the village of Deir Abu Mash’al arrested Yousef Fayez ‘Ata. (ii) The Israeli army arrested Ahmed Muneer Hamayel in the city of El Bireh.
<p style="text-align: center;">JENIN</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Closure of Roads:</u> 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. • <u>Checkpoint:</u> 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. • <u>Wall Gates:</u> Passage through the Wall gates is restricted to civilians granted special Israeli permits. • <u>Flying Checkpoints:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 09:25, the Israeli army set up 4 flying checkpoints: on the junction to the town of ‘Arraba; in the area between the towns of ‘Arraba and Kafr Ra’i; at the entrance to the town of Az Zababida; and in the area between the villages of ‘Aqqaba and Al Kufeir. Israeli troops positioned at these flying checkpoints searched civilians and vehicles.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> (ii) At 00:20, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the junction to the village of Ash Shuhada' and searched civilians and vehicles. (iii) At 05:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the junction to the village of 'Ajja and searched civilians and vehicles. (iv) At 06:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint in the area between the towns of Qabatiya and Az Zababida and searched civilians and vehicles. (v) The Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint in the area between the villages of Zabda and Dhahr al 'Abed and searched civilians and vehicles. • <u>Injury:</u> The Israeli army opened fire towards and injured 15-year-old Mahmoud Khamis Nasser along the settler bypass road in the area of As Suweitat east of the city of Jenin. At 16:30, Nasser was admitted to Jenin Public Hospital for medical treatment. • <u>Raids/Destruction of Property:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 15:30, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the village of Al Far'a. (ii) At 01:30, the Israeli army, including 17 jeeps, raided the city of Jenin and Jenin refugee camp and searched a number of commercial shops, after having destroyed their doors. The Israeli army also patrolled the area and withdrew at 04:30.
TULKAREM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Closure:</u> The Israeli army continues to declare the district of Tulkarem a closed military zone and to impede civilian access to and from the district. • <u>Closure of Main Roads:</u> 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. • <u>Checkpoints:</u> 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). • <u>Wall Gates:</u> Passage through the Wall gates is restricted to civilians granted special Israeli permits.
QALQILIYA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Closure of Roads:</u> <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. (ii) The Israeli army continues to close the entrance to the village of 'Izbat at Tabib with dirt barricades. • <u>Wall Gates:</u> <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. • <u>Wall Construction:</u> Land levelling for Wall construction continues in the villages of Immatin and Kafr Laqif as well as east of the towns of Kafr Thulth and 'Azzun.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Arrest: On 16 December 2006, Israeli troops positioned at Jit checkpoint arrested Hasan Mahmoud Dawoud. • Palestinian Security Measure: At 09:00, Palestinian security forces handed over 1 illegal vehicle as well as 2 motorcycles, seized in the city of Qalqiliya, to the Israeli authorities (through the DCO).
NABLUS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure of Main Roads: <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 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: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (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. (v) The Israeli army intensified its restrictions at Huwwara checkpoint. As a result of exhaustive baggage searches, Israeli troops positioned at the checkpoint impeded access to pilgrims departing to the Holy Shrines in the city of Mecca in Saudi Arabia. • Flying Checkpoint: At 15:35, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the unpaved detour road near the village of An Naqura and searched civilians and vehicles. • Raids/Attack: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 15:30, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the village of Al Badhan. (ii) The Israeli army raided the town of Jamma'in, opened fire, and fired sound grenades, while patrolling the area. • Arrest: At 16:00, Israeli troops positioned at Huwwara checkpoint arrested Ibrahim Abdul Kareem Suleiman.
SALFIT	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure of Main Roads: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (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).

	<p>(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.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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 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 Ari'el. • Flying Checkpoint: At 15:30, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to the village of Iskaka and searched civilians and vehicles.
JERICHO	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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. • Checkpoint: 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. • Flying Checkpoint: At 16:40, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the junction to the settlement of Vered Yericho and searched civilians and vehicles. • Air Patrol: At 10:45, Israeli reconnaissance aircraft patrolled the skies over the district of Jericho.
BETHLEHEM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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 continues 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 18:00, and again at 00:25, an Israeli army patrol raided the city of Beit Jala and patrolled the area. (ii) At 21:00, an Israeli army patrol raided the town of Al Khadr and patrolled the area.
HEBRON	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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

	<p>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.</p> <p>(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.</p> <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 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. • <u>Wall Construction:</u> 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 Ar Ramadin, and near the village of Imneizil southeast of the town of Yatta. • <u>Raids:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 10:15, and again at 02:30, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the city of Hebron. (ii) At 01:30, the Israeli army raided the village of Taffuh, searched 1 house, and arrested 1 university student. (iii) At 03:30, the Israeli army raided the town of Bani Na'im, searched 1 house, and arrested 1 Palestinian National Security officer. • <u>Arrests:</u> The Israeli army arrested 3 civilians (brothers) in the old city of Hebron: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Iyad Hisham al Ja'bari; (ii) Ahmed Hisham al Ja'bari; and (iii) Mohammed Hisham al Ja'ari. (iv) The Israeli army arrested Hamzeh Isma'il Izreiqat in the village of Taffuh. (v) The Israeli army arrested Khalil Mohammed al Jundi, a Palestinian National Security officer, in the town of Bani Na'im.
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GAZA STRIP

<p style="text-align: center;">ALL DISTRICTS</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The ceasefire agreement that entered into force at 06:00 on 26 November 2006 remains effective. However, the Israeli army carried out 1 raid into Palestinian territory, levelled land, and opened fire on 1 occasion. In addition, armed Palestinian individuals fired 1 unidentified mortar towards the Green Line.
<p style="text-align: center;">NORTHERN GAZA</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure of Crossing Point: Beit Hanun (Erez) Crossing is partially open only to foreign nationals, VIPs, and humanitarian cases. • Attack: At 11:00, in violation of the Israeli-Palestinian ceasefire agreement, the Israeli army opened fire from the area near Point 52 on the Green Line towards 1 civilian because he had approached the Green Line east of the town of Beit Hanun. • Palestinian Attack: At 21:45, armed Palestinian individuals fired 1 unidentified mortar towards the Green Line, thereby violating the Israeli-Palestinian ceasefire agreement.
<p style="text-align: center;">GAZA</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure of Crossing Point: Al Muntar (Karnei) Crossing is closed. • Raid/Land Levelling: At 12:00, the Israeli army, including 2 bulldozers, raided 50 metres into Palestinian territory near Point 86 on the Green Line east of Gaza city and levelled land, thereby violating the Israeli-Palestinian ceasefire agreement.
<p style="text-align: center;">CENTRAL GAZA</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Activities not reported.
<p style="text-align: center;">KHAN YUNIS</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Activities not reported.
<p style="text-align: center;">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 Crossing is partially open to pilgrims departing to the Holy Shrines in the city of Mecca in Saudi Arabia via Egypt. (iii) Sufa Crossing is partially open for transportation of construction cargo only. (iv) Karm Abu Salim (Karem Shalom) Crossing is closed.