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PALESTINIAN MONITORING GROUP

DAILY SITUATION REPORT

08:00, 17 December 2007 – 08:00, 18 December 2007

SUMMARY OF EVENTS

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EVENT	WEST BANK	GAZA STRIP	TOTAL	NOTES
Assassinations		1	1	1 armed individual in Gaza city
Deaths		9	9	9 armed individuals in the Gaza Strip
Injuries		10	10	10 civilians in the Gaza Strip
Arrests	11		11	Incl. 3 in Ramallah; 3 in Tulkarem
Detentions	19		19	At checkpoints & in residential areas
Raids	24		24	Incl. 5 in Ramallah; 5 in Jernin
Checkpoints	18		18	Closure of checkpoints, stricter measures
Flying Checkpoints	13		13	Incl. 3 in Tulkarem; 2 in Jenin
Attacks	4	5	9	During 3 raids; 1 confrontation
Air Attacks		3	3	Helicopters fired missiles on Gaza
Air Patrols		6	6	Incl. 2 combat helicopters
Provocation of Pal. Forces	1		1	Israeli patrol provoke security forces
Confiscation of Property	1		1	A revolver from civilian in al-Bireh city
Demolition of Property		2	2	2 civilian vehicles damaged in air strike
Land Leveling	2		2	Agricultural land in Nablus
Wall construction	25		25	Continues in the West Bank
Closures	7		7	Partial in Jerusalem, 3 areas in Jenin
Closure of Main Roads	36		36	Incl. 12 in Hebron
Closure of Crossing Points		7	7	Partial opening of 4 crossing points
Palestinian Attacks		9	9	Incl. 24 mortars fired towards Green Line
TOTAL	161	52	213	

DISTRICT	EVENT
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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.

• <u>Closure</u>: At 11:00, the Israeli army closed the city of Jerusalem completely for a number of hours. The Israeli army intensified 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. Additionally, the Israeli army combed the area alongside the apartheid Wall as a result of heated alarms of a suicide attack in the city.

• Closure of Main Roads:

- (a) 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.
- (b) 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.
- (c) 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.

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Checkpoints:

- (a) The Israeli army continues to consider Qalandya 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.
- (b) At 17:20, the Israeli army intensified restrictions at the checkpoint that is set up near the village of Jaba' and impeded traffic.

• Wall Gates:

- (a) The Israeli army continues to close the Wall gate in the town of Abu Dis with cement blocks.
- (b) 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.
- 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.

• Closure of Main Roads: The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the eastern (i) entrance to the village of Sinjil. The Israeli army continues to close with cement blocks the western (ii) entrance to the village of Saffa. Checkpoints: The Israeli army continues to intensify restrictions at the checkpoint set up on the overpass to the town of 'Atara and impeded civilian access. At 18:20, the Israeli army closed the checkpoint completely and denied access until 18:50. **Flying Checkpoints:** At 18:20, the Israeli army set up a checkpoint at the entrance to the (a) village of Deir Dibwan. At 00:20, the Israeli army set up a checkpoint at the junction of Birzeit (b) University. Raids: (a) At 18:20, the Israeli army raided the city of al-Bireh, arrested one **RAMALLAH** civilian and co9nfiscated a revolver from him. In addition, the Israeli army detained one civilian but released him at 19:20 after the intervention of the military liaison. At 00:35, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the village of Burham. (b) At 02:40, the Israeli army raided the city of Ramallah and the town of (c) Beitunia, arrested one civilian in Beitunia and withdrew at 04:45. The Israeli army raided the village of al-Mugheer, searched a number (d) of houses, and handed a number of civilians notices to report to the Israeli intelligence. **Arrests**: At 10:00, the Israeli army arrested inside the Green Line civilian Ibrahim Jamal Dhiab under the pretext of illegal entrance into Israel. The civilian arrested in the city of al-Bireh is Nader Odeh Qar'an. (b) The civilian arrested in the town of Beitunia is Sa'ed Mohammad (c) Khaled. 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. 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 Flying Checkpoints: At 14:00, the Israeli army set up a checkpoint at the entrance to the village of Anza, and searched civilians and vehicles. **JENIN** (a) At 11:00, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the villages of Rumanna and al-Taybeh. (b) At 13:25, the Israeli army raided the village of Faquoah, searched a number of barracks, detained 2 civilians and released them at 15:30 after the intervention of the military liaison.

	 (c) At 24:00, the Israeli army raided the town of Qabatia and opened fire towards a vehicle carrying armed individuals. The raid recurred at 02:00 during which the Israeli army opened fire intensively. 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. Checkpoints: The Israeli army continues to close Tayaseer checkpoint east
TOUBAS	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	 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'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 Tulkarem) 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. Flving Checkpoints: (a) At 10:00, the Israeli army set up a checkpoint at the junction of the towns of 'Attil and Deir al-Ghusun. (b) At 10:15, the Israeli army set up a checkpoint at the entrance to the village of al-Jaroushiyyeh. (c) At 19:15, the Israeli army set up a checkpoint between the town if Anabta and the village of Bazaria. Raids: (a) At 09:10, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the town if Qafin. (b) At 21:20, the Israeli army raided the city of Tulkarem and patrolled it until and patrolled it until 05:30. (c) At 22:00, the Israeli army raided the town of Anabta and patrolled it until 22:55. Arrests: On December 16, the Israeli army arrested 3 civilians, including 2 children, at Einav checkpoint. The arrested civilians are: (a) Ashraf Abdell Hafez Khaled, 17; (b) Abdel Jawad Abu al-Elleh, 14; and (c) Wall Gates: Passage through the wall gates is restricted to civilians granted special
QALQILYA	Israeli permits. • Closure of Roads: (a) 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.

- (b) The Israeli army continues to close with cement barricades the entrances to the village of Kfar Qaddoum, Hijjeh, Imatin, Baqa al-Hatab, al-Fundoq, and Izbat al-Tabib that connects them to the main Qalqilya-Nablus road.
- (c) The Israeli army continues to close the northern entrance to the town of 'Azzun with an iron gate.
- <u>Checkpoints</u>: The Israeli army continues to intensify restrictions at the checkpoint that is set up at the eastern entrance to the city of Qalqilya and impede civilian access.

• <u>Raids</u>:

- (i) At 13:30, the Israeli army raided the town of al-Jayyous where clashes with civilians broke out during patrol.
- (ii) At 01:40, the Israeli army raided the city of Qalqilya, searched one building, and withdrew at 02:15.

• 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.
- <u>Wall Construction</u>: 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.

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 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.
- <u>Checkpoints</u>: The Israeli army continues to regulate times for crossing checkpoints set up around the city of Nablus:

(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.
- **Flying Checkpoints**: At 16:10, the Israeli army set up a checkpoint at the entrance to the village of al-Sawiyyeh, and searched civilians and vehicles.

• Raids:

(a) At 23:30, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the village of Burqa.

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	 (b) At 02:30, the Israeli army raided the city of Nablus, opened fire intensively during patrol, and withdrew at 04:10. Arrests: The Israeli army arrested civilian Ayesh Samir Ayesh Amawi at Beit Iba checkpoint. Land Leveling: At 10:00, Israeli bulldozers razed agricultural land near the junction of Yitzhar settlement.
	 (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.
	(iii) At 21:50, the Israeli army closed the road connecting the town of Kafl
	 Hares and the village of Hares with dirt barricades. Checkpoints: The Israeli army continues to intensify its restrictions at Deir Ballut and Za'tarah checkpoints and to deny civilian access.
SALFIT	• Flying Checkpoints : At 11:30, the Israeli army set up a checkpoint at the entrance to the village of Yassouf, and searched civilians and vehicles until 12:40.
	• Raids: At 02:00, the Israeli army raided the town of al-Zawiyyeh, searched on house, arrested one military officer, and withdrew at 02:30.
	 <u>Arrests</u>: The civilian arrested in the town of al-Zawiyyeh is military officer Nidal Othman Musleh.
	• <u>Land Leveling</u> : At 15:00, Israeli bulldozers razed land alongside the trans- Samaria road north of the village of Marda.
	 Wall Construction: 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.
	• <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 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.
JERICHO	• Checkpoints: (a) 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.
	(b) At 13:30, the Israeli army intensified restrictions at the D.C.O. checkpoint set up at the southern entrance to the city of Jericho, and searched civilians and vehicles.
	 Flying Checkpoints: At 15:30, the Israeli army set up a checkpoint at the entrance to the village of Ein al-Dyouk, and searched civilians and vehicles. Raids: At 00:10, the Israeli army raided the city of Jericho and patrolled it

	 until 01:00. Arrests: At 15:00, the Israeli army arrested near the village of Marj Naja civilian Fawaz Hamadallah Daraghmeh after he ran into a settler vehicle on Rod #90, resulting in the death of the settler.
BETHLEHEM	 Closure: (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 Sahour 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 Checkpoint: At 11:45, the Israeli army set up a checkpoint at the entrance to the town of Teqoa, and searched civilians and vehicles until 16:20. Raids: At 19:10, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the city of Bethlehem. Wall Construction: Wall construction continues in the area northwest of the town of al-Khader; 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
HEBRON	 Closure: (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 Checkpoints**: At 15:00, the Israeli army set up a checkpoint on the passageway of the town of Halhoul, and searched civilians and vehicles.
- Raids:
- (a) At 19:00, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the city of Hebron. The raid recurred at 01:35.
- (b) At 23:30, the Israeli army raided the town of Dura and searched a number of houses.
- (c) At 01:10, the Israeli army raided the town of Beit Ula and arrested 2 civilians.
- Arrests: The 2 civilians arrested in the town of Beit Ula are:
- (a) Khaled Ali Murshed al-Aqel; and
- (b) Mohammad Ibrahim Mohammad al-Saraheen.
- <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 al-Ramadin, and near the village of Imneizil southeast of the town of Yatta.

GAZA STRIP

	• <u>Closure of Crossing Point</u> : Beit Hanoun (Erez) Crossing is partially open (to	
	allow previously coordinated humanitarian access).	
	• Air Attacks: At 05:30, an Israeli unmanned drone fired a missile targeting a	
	civilian vehicle carrying armed individuals in the refugee camp of Jabalia,	
	resulting in the death of 4 armed individuals and the injury of 5 others.	
	• <u>Deaths</u> : The 4 armed individuals killed in the refugee camp of Jabalia are:	
	(a) Mohammad al-Taramsi;	
	(b) Samir Baker;	
NORTHERN	(c) Usama Yassin; and	
GAZA	(d) Hussam Abu Habel.	
	• Air Patrols: At 10:00, Israeli surveillance aircrafts flew over Northern Gaza.	
	• Palestinian Attacks:	
	(a) At 10:00, one (unidentified) mortar was fired towards the Green Line.	
	(b) At 23:40, one (unidentified) mortar was fired towards the Green Line.	
	(c) In the evening of December 17, two (unidentified) mortars were fired	
	towards the Green Line.	
GAZA	Closure of Crossing Points:	

	(i) Al-Muntar (Karni) Crossing is closed.
	(ii) Al-Shuja'iya (Nahal 'Oz) Crossing is partially open to let in fuel.
	• Attacks: At 01:00, the Israeli army fired 3 tank missiles towards east of al-
	Shuja'iya neighborhood that is located east of the city of Gaza.
	• Air Attacks:
	(i) At 20:20, Israeli unmanned drone fired a missile towards a civilian
	vehicle in an attempt to assassinate armed individuals in the city of
	Gaza, resulting in the death of 2 armed individuals and the serious
	injury of 5 civilians, including one armed individuals who was
	seriously injured.
	(ii) At 23:30, an Israeli unmanned drone fired 3 missiles targeting armed
	individuals in al-Zaytounah neighborhood in the city of Gaza,
	resulting in the death of 4 armed individuals.
	• Deaths:
	(i) The 2 armed individuals killed in the city of Gaza are:
	(a) Majed Youssef al-Harazeen; and
	(b) Jihad Mustafa Thaher.
	(iii) The 4 armed individuals killed in al-Zaytouinah neighborhood are:
	(a) Kareem Marwan Dahdouh;
	(b) Ammar Abu al-Sa'eed;
	(c) Nael Tafesh; and
	(d) Ayman Lutfi al-Eileh.
	Palestinian Attacks: At 15:00, armed individuals opened fire towards the Israeli
	army at Al-Shuja'iya – Nahal Oz area east of the city of Gaza.
	Air Patrols: At 09:00, Israeli helicopters flew over Khan Younis district.
KHAN	Palestinian Attacks: At 17:15, armed individuals fired an anti-tank missile
YOUNIS	towards the Israeli army at the Green Line east of the town of al-Qarara.
	towards the Islach army at the Orech Elife east of the town of all Quratu.
	• Closure of Crossing Points:
	(i) Yasser 'Arafat International Airport remains closed.
	(ii) Rafah (al-Awdah) Crossing is closed.
	(iii) Sufa Crossing is partially open.
	(iv) Karm Abu Salim (Karem Shalom) Crossing is closed.
RAFAH	Palestinian Attacks:
	(i) In the morning of December 18, armed individuals fired 7 mortars
	towards Karem Abu Salim (Karem Shalom) Crossing on Green Line.
	(ii) In the morning of December 18, six (unidentified) mortars were fired
	towards Karem Abu Salim (Karem Shalom) Crossing on Green Line.
	(iii) In the morning of December 18, six (unidentified) mortars were fired
	towards Sufa Crossing on the Green Line
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