

مجموعة الرقابة الفلسطينية



PALESTINIAN MONITORING GROUP

DAILY SITUATION REPORT

08:00 17 December 2009 – 08:00 18 December 2009

SUMMARY OF EVENTS

EVENT	WEST BANK	GAZA STRIP	TOTAL	NOTES
Physical Assaults	3	—	3	Participants in a ceremony beaten
Raids	12	—	12	Incl. 3 in Tulkarem and 5 in Hebron
Arrests (per person)	4	—	4	1 in Nablus and 3 in Hebron, incl. brothers
Detentions	13	—	13	Incl. int'l peace activists in Jerusalem
House Demolitions	*	—	—	Notices distributed to demolish 7 houses
Wall Construction	21	—	21	Incl. Jer., Raml'h., Salfit, & Qalqiliya
Attack on Property	1	—	1	Civilians forced to close com. premises
Closure of Checkpoints	9	—	9	Incl. 1 checkpoint closed temporarily
Flying Checkpoints	10	—	10	Incl. 2 in Jerusalem and 3 in Jericho
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	—	3	3	4 crossing points open partially
Attack on Religious Site	*	—	—	Notice delivered to demolish a mosque
Settler Violence	1	—	1	Access gained to a Palestinian area
TOTAL	118	3	121	

DISTRICT	EVENTS
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WEST BANK

JERUSALEM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Closure:</u> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (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 to its geographical significance as it overlooks the city of Jerusalem. • <u>Closure of Main Roads:</u> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (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 Bared from the town of Ar Ram. • <u>Checkpoint:</u> 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. • <u>Physical Assaults/Detentions:</u> On 17 December 2009, Israeli troops severely beat with clubs participants in the conclusive ceremony of Jerusalem the Capital of Arab Culture of 2009, which was organised near the Damascus Gate in the city of Jerusalem. Israeli troops also detained a number of civilians and international peace activists. • <u>House Demolitions/Attack on Religious Site:</u> On 17 December 2009, the Israeli army distributed notices for the demolition of 7 civilian houses as well as a mosque in the Al Mukabbir Mount neighbourhood in the city of Jerusalem. The Israeli authorities claimed that the houses and mosque were built without the required construction licences. • <u>Wall Gates:</u> <ol 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.
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wall Construction: Wall construction continues in the area of Al 'Eizariya to Ash Shayyah, from Beit Surik village to Biddu; in the areas of Al Judeira, Bir Nabala, and Beit Hanina; west of the village of Al Jib; in the vicinity of the village of Qatanna; south of the village of Beit Hanina; and in the area surrounding the checkpoint set up at the entrance to Shu'fat refugee camp.
RAMALLAH & EL BIREH	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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. • Raid: At 10:35, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the city of El Bireh. • 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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure of Main Road: The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the road leading to the town of 'Arraba east of the settlement of Dotan. • 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.
TUBAS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Checkpoint: 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. • Raid: At 08:00, the Israeli army raided the city of Tubas and patrolled the area until 09:00.
TULKAREM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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. At 13:35, the Israeli army closed the checkpoint, denied civilian access in both directions, and reopened it at a later time. • Raids: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 13:20, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the city of Tulkarem. (ii) At 13:35, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the town of 'Anabta. (iii) At 23:40, the Israeli army raided and patrolled Dahiyat Shuweika in the city of Tulkarem. • Wall Gates: Passage through the wall gates is restricted to civilians granted special Israeli permits.
QALQILYA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure of Roads: The Israeli army continues to close with cement blocks agricultural roads east of the town of 'Azzun. • Flying Checkpoint: At 10:40, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the eastern entrance to the city of Qalqiliya and searched civilians and vehicles.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Raid: At 09:25, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the city of Qalqiliya. • 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.
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 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. (ii) The Israeli army continues to close with an iron gate the western entrance to the village of An Naqura opposite the settlement of Shavei Shomron. • 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) At Tur neighbourhood 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 neighbourhood only between 07:00 and 02:00. (ii) At 'Awarta commercial checkpoint, civilians are allowed to cross 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. • Arrest: At 20:15, Israeli troops positioned at Huwwara checkpoint arrested 'Izzat Khaled Jum'ah Suleiman.
SALFIT	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure of Main Roads: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the northern entrance to the city of Salfit. (ii) The Israeli army continues to close with cement blocks and iron gates the northern entrance to the town of Bruqin 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. • 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 Ariel.
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.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Checkpoints: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) 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. (ii) 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. • Flying Checkpoints: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 17:30, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the junction to the Dead Sea and searched civilians and vehicles. (ii) At 20:30, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the southern entrance to the city of Jericho and searched civilians and vehicles. (iii) At 23:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on Road # 90 near the village of Al 'Auja and searched civilians and vehicles. • Raid: At 20:10, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the village of An Nuwei'ma.
BETHLEHEM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (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) 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 <i>dunums</i> (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 Checkpoint: At 09:50, 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. • Settler Violence: At 12:30, a group of Israeli settlers gained access to the evacuated military post of 'Ush Ghurab east of the city of Beit Sahur. • 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.
HEBRON	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (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:**
 - (i) At 10:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the junction to the area of Al Fahs south of the city of Hebron and searched civilians and vehicles.
 - (ii) At 10:45, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint in the area between the towns of Tarqumiya and Idhna and searched civilians and vehicles.
 - **Raids/Attack on Property:**
 - (i) At 15:15, the Israeli army raided the city of Hebron and forced civilians to close their commercial premises along the Bir as Sabe' Street, allegedly for providing protection to a group of Israeli settlers who visited 'Otniel Shrine. At 23:00, the Israeli army raided the city again and patrolled the area.
 - (ii) At 22:45, the Israeli army raided the town of Idhna and arrested 1 civilian. at 01:50, the Israeli army raided the town again and patrolled the area.
 - (iii) At 02:00, the Israeli army raided the town of Sa'ir and arrested 2 civilians (brothers).
 - **Arrests:**
 - (i) The Israeli army arrested Ziyad Ahmed al Masri in the town of Idhna. The Israeli army arrested 2 civilians in the town of Sa'ir:
 - (ii) Mohammed Rif'at Abdul Qader Jaradat; and
 - (iii) Zeidan Rif'at Abdul Qader Jaradat.
 - **Wall Construction:** 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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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.
NORTHERN GAZA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Closure of Crossing Point: Beit Hanun (Erez) Crossing is partially open for previously-coordinated humanitarian cases and foreign nationals.
GAZA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Closure of Crossing Points: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Al Muntar (Karnei) Crossing is partially open for transportation of wheat and animal feed. Ash Shuja'iyah (Nahal 'Oz) Crossing is closed.
CENTRAL GAZA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Activities not reported.
KHAN YUNIS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Activities not reported.
RAFAH	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Closure of Crossing Points: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Yasser 'Arafat International Airport remains closed. Rafah (Al 'Awdah) Crossing is open on an exceptional basis to allow access to a number of ill civilians to leave for Egypt and receive medical treatment. Other ill civilians, who had received medical attention at Egyptian hospitals, were also allowed to enter the Gaza Strip. Sufa Crossing is closed. Karm Abu Salim (Karem Shalom) Crossing is partially open for transportation of food supplies and humanitarian aid.