

مجموعة الرقابة الفلسطينية



PALESTINIAN MONITORING GROUP

DAILY SITUATION REPORT

08:00 17 December 2010 – 08:00 18 December 2010

SUMMARY OF EVENTS

EVENT	WEST BANK	GAZA STRIP	TOTAL	NOTES
Physical Assaults	3	—	3	Incl. child severely beaten, Bethlehem
Injuries	4	—	4	4 civilians in An Nabi Salih, Ramallah
Attacks	8	—	8	1 in a raid and 7 in confrontations
Raids	18	—	18	Incl. 4 in Ramallah and 3 in Qalqiliya
Arrest (per person)	1	—	1	In Yatta town, Hebron
Detentions	16	—	16	Incl. a civilian and his wife, Ramallah
Wall Construction	15	—	15	Incl. in Jerusalem, Qalqiliya, and Salfit
Destruction of Property	1	—	1	Vegetable seedlings uprooted
Closure of Checkpoints	8	—	8	Incl. access impeded at 5 checkpoints
Flying Checkpoints	26	—	26	Incl. 3 in Jerusalem and 7 in Hebron
Closure (per District)	7	—	7	Incl. Jerusalem & 2 areas in Bethlehem
Closure of Main Roads	42	—	42	Incl. 10 in Nablus and 14 in Hebron
Closure of Crossing Points	—	6	6	Beit Hanun Crossing partially open
School Disruption	2	—	2	A school and kindergarten raided, Jenin
Settler Violence	2	—	2	Incl. 2 children severely beaten, Jenin
Provocation of Pal. Forces	1	—	1	Taking position near a security post
Demonstrations	7	—	7	Incl. against settlements and the Wall
TOTAL	161	6	167	

DISTRICT	EVENTS
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WEST BANK

JERUSALEM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) On 17 December 2010, the Israeli army intensified restrictions at checkpoints located at the entrances to Jerusalem city, set up many flying checkpoints in the old city of Jerusalem and around Al Aqsa Mosque compound, and denied access to civilians to perform Friday prayers at the Al Aqsa Mosque. (ii) On 05 January 2009, the Israeli authorities issued Military Order # S/02/09 on the closure of the “demarcation area” along the Wall in the area surrounding Jerusalem city. Access would be restricted to residents of the area as well as to civilians holding permits through crossings and gates defined in the military order. (iii) The Israeli army continues to impose a blockade and deny civilian access to a hill between Biddu and Beit Ikksa villages. • Closure of Main Roads: <ul 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 Bareed from the town of Ar Ram. (iii) The Israeli army continues to close with an iron gate the eastern entrance to Beit Ikksa village and force civilians to access Jerusalem city through Qalandiya checkpoint. • Checkpoint: The Israeli authorities continues to consider Qalandiya checkpoint a “border crossing point” and designates a special crossing lane for holders of Jerusalem IDs and those possessing permits to access Jerusalem city. • Attack: At 17:00, and while intensifying restrictions in Silwan neighbourhood in Jerusalem city, Israeli troops fired rubber-coated steel bullets as well as tear gas and sound grenades on civilians, allegedly for throwing stones. • Physical Assault: At 17:00, Israeli troops severely beat Fares Hussein Sa’di near Biddu town, leaving him with contusions. Sa’di was admitted to hospital for medical treatment. • Demonstrations/Detention: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 11:30, civilians performed Friday prayers in sit-in tents erected in Ash Sheikh Jarrah and Silwan neighbourhoods in Jerusalem city in protest against Israel’s policy of deporting civilians for Jerusalem and seizure of civilian homes for the benefit of Jewish settlement associations. Participants also protested against the eviction of civilian home for construction of settlement projects. Following the prayers, confrontations took place between the Israeli army and protestors near the sit-in tent in Silwan neighbourhood. Israeli troops also detained 13-year-old Mustafa Jamjoum and interrogated him at the Al Muscobiya (the ‘Russian Compound’) Interrogation and Detention Centre.
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	<p>(ii) At 16:30, a mass demonstration, including international peace activists, took place in Ash Sheikh Jarrah neighbourhood in Jerusalem city in protest against Israeli settlers' seizure of homes belonging to Al Ghawi and Hannoun families. Participants also protested against Israeli settlement enterprises in Jerusalem.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wall Gates: <p>(i) The Israeli army continues to close with cement blocks the Wall gate in Abu Dis town.</p> <p>(ii) The Israeli army continues to deny civilian access through the Wall gate on Ash Shayyah road in the area between As Sawahira ash Sharqiya and As Sawahira al Gharbiya villages, only allowing civilians holding Jerusalem IDs to cross, after subjecting them to thorough searches using electronic devices.</p> • Wall Construction: Wall construction continues in the area north of Qalandiya village; in the area surrounding the checkpoint set up at the entrance to Shu'fat refugee camp; south of Az Za'ayem village; in Wadi al 'Eizariya; and east of Ma'ale Adumim settlement.
<p style="text-align: center;">RAMALLAH & EL BIREH</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure of Main Roads: The Israeli army continues to close the entrances to Sinjil town and Saffa village as well as the junction to Kafr Malik and 'Ein Samiya villages. • Flying Checkpoints: <p>(i) At 11:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the overpass to 'Atara town and searched civilians and vehicles.</p> <p>(ii) At 11:15, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to An Nabi Salih village and searched civilians and vehicles.</p> <p>(iii) At 11:35, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint in the area between Silwad town and Yabrud village and searched civilians and vehicles.</p> • Raids: <p>(i) At 23:20, the Israeli army raided Ramallah and El Bireh cities and patrolled them until 02:20.</p> <p>(ii) At 03:10, the Israeli army raided and patrolled Bir Zeit town.</p> • Demonstrations/Attacks/Injuries/Raid/Detentions: <p>(i) At 12:30, a mass demonstration, including international and Israeli peace activists, took place in An Nabi Salih village in protest against Israeli settler violence and confiscation of civilian land for expansion of Halamish settlement. Having raided the village, confrontations took place between the Israeli army and civilians, during which Israeli troops injured four civilians. In addition, two participants, including a peace activist, sustained wounds after tear gas grenades hit them. In the village, the Israeli army detained and used as human shields Abdul Ilah at Tamimi and his wife.</p> <p>(ii) At 12:30, a mass demonstration, including international peace activists, took place in Ni'lin town in protest against Wall construction. Confrontations took place between the Israeli army and protestors, during which a number of participants sustained injuries as a result of tear gas inhalation.</p>

	<p>(iii) At 12:30, a mass demonstration, including international and Israeli peace activists, took place in Bil'in village in protest against Wall construction. Confrontations took place between the Israeli army and protestors, during which a number of participants were injured as a result of tear gas inhalation.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wall Construction: Wall construction continues in the area west of 'Abud town in the area surrounding 'Ofarim settlement and north of Al Lubban al Gharbi and Rantis villages.
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 Dotan settlement. • Flying Checkpoint: At 20:50, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the road connecting Jaba' town and Yasid village and searched civilians and vehicles. • Raid/Attack/School Disruption: At 21:50, the Israeli army raided Zububa village and fired sound grenades, while searching a number of houses. The Israeli army also raided the village's girls school and kindergarten. At 23:10, the Israeli army withdrew from the area. • Settler Violence: At noon on 17 December 2010, a group of Israeli settlers from Mevo Dotan settlement severely beat two children from Kafr Ra'i village, leaving them with contusions: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Baha' Fawzi Jawabreh, 16 years old; and (ii) Isma'il Majed Milhem, 16 years old. <p>Israeli settlers also took both children to Mevo Dotan settlement and released them at a later time.</p> • 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 city of Tubas. • Raid: At 21:20, the Israeli army raided and patrolled 'Ein al Beida village.
TULKAREM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure of Main Roads: The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the road connecting Kafr al Labad town to Shufa village as well as the road connecting Shufa and 'Izbat Shufa villages. • Checkpoint: The Israeli army continues to intensify restrictions and impede civilian access at 'Einav checkpoint on the Tulkarem-Nablus main road. • Flying Checkpoint: At 21:15, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the junction to Qaffin town and searched civilians and vehicles. • 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 09:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to Jayyus town and searched civilians and vehicles.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Raids:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 14:40, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the area between ‘Azzun town and ‘Izbat at Tabib village. (ii) At 23:45, the Israeli army raided Kafr Qaddum village and patrolled the area until 01:30. (iii) At 01:00, the Israeli army raided and patrolled An Nabi Elyas village. • <u>Wall Gates:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) The Israeli army continues to intensify its restrictions at ‘Azzun ‘Atma Wall gate and to search civilians, including students, with a metal detector. (ii) The Israeli army continues close with an iron gate the entrance to the village of Wadi ar Rasha and to deny civilian access. The Israeli army allows residents to access the village through Gate #109. Having removed the iron gate at the entrance to the village of Ras ‘Atiya, the Israeli army only allows students to cross to their schools outside the village through the Habla gate. • <u>Wall Construction:</u> Wall construction continues in Kafr Laqif village north of Karnei Shomron settlement; in Immatin village northeast of Imanuel settlement; and east of Kafr Thulth town near Ma’ale Shomron settlement.
NABLUS	<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 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 road connecting the town of ‘Aqraba to the village of Osarin; and the detour road between the town of Qabalan and the village of Osarin. (ii) The Israeli army continues to close the northern entrance to the town of Qabalan; the southern entrances to the town of Jamma’in and the villages of Duma and Qaryut; and the western entrance to An Naqura village opposite the settlement of Shavei Shomron. (iii) At 21:50 on 16 December 2010, the Israeli army reopened and allowed civilian access along a detour road leading to ‘Awarta village near an Israeli military camp, installed in the vicinity of Huwwara town. It should be noted that the detour road had been closed since 2000. • <u>Checkpoints:</u> 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.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Flying Checkpoints:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 15:10, and again at 22:50, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the junction to Beit Wazan village and searched civilian vehicles. (ii) At 15:20, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the junction to Qusin village and searched civilians and vehicles. (iii) At 16:30, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint near the junction to Yitzhar village and searched civilians and vehicles. • <u>Raids:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 11:10, the Israeli army raided ‘Asira al Qibliya village and patrolled the area until 12:30. (ii) At 02:10, the Israeli army raided Qabalan town and patrolled the area until 02:45. • <u>Settler Violence:</u> At 15:40, a group of Israeli settlers from Gilead settlement outpost gained access to civilian land in Til village and uprooted vegetable seedlings on land belonging to Talal Ya’qoub Zeidan.
SALFIT	<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 northern entrance to Salfit city and with cement blocks the northern entrance to the Bruqin town. (ii) The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the entrance to two detour roads connecting Marda village to respective farmland. (iii) Beginning on 14 November 2010, the Israeli army has continued to open the northern entrance to Salfit city to civilian buses only. The entrance had been closed for seven years. • <u>Checkpoint:</u> The Israeli army continues to intensify restrictions and impede civilian access at the Za’tara junction checkpoint. • <u>Raids:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 09:50, the Israeli army raided Bidhya town and patrolled the area until 11:20. (ii) At 21:00, the Israeli army raided Kafr ad Dik town, set up a checkpoint at its southern entrance, searched civilians and vehicles, and patrolled the area. • <u>Detention:</u> At 09:40, Israeli troops positioned at the Za’tara junction checkpoint detained Yousef ‘Awadh Mohammed Saleh, a Palestinian National Security officer, took him to Ari’el settlement, and released him at 14:00 following coordination with the Israeli authorities (through the DCO). • <u>Wall Construction:</u> Wall construction continues in the area north of Deir Istiya town southeast of Imanuel settlement.
JERICHO	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Closure:</u> The Israeli army continues to close Road # 90 between Jericho city and Al ‘Auja village with cement blocks. • <u>Checkpoints:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) The Israeli army continues to intensify restrictions at Al Hamra checkpoint set up along Al Badhan road connecting Jericho and Nablus districts, only allowing access to residents of Jericho district of the Jordan Valley area.

	<p>(ii) The Israeli army continues to intensify restrictions at the checkpoint set up on the junction to Al 'Auja village along Al-Mu'arrajat road connecting Jericho and Ramallah districts, only allowing access to residents of Jericho district as well as to others holding access permits.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Flying Checkpoints: <p>(i) At 11:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the southern entrance to Jericho city and searched civilians and vehicles until 11:30.</p> <p>(ii) At 20:50, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint near the junction to Road # 90 in the centre of Al 'Auja village and searched civilians and vehicles until 21:15.</p> <p>(iii) At 06:30, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint near 'Ein ad Duyuk village (the northern entrance to Jericho city) and searched civilians and vehicles until 08:00.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Raid: At 22:50, the Israeli army raided Marj Na'ja village and searched a house.
BETHLEHEM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure: <p>(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.</p> <p>(ii) According to Military Order # S/02/07, the Israeli army has continued since 15 September 2007 to deny civilian access to an area measuring 22 <i>dunums</i> of land in the area of Mazmuriya in the cities of Beit Sahur and Bethlehem. The land was confiscated pursuant to Military Order T/31/07.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure of Main Roads: The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the road of Beit Jala-Wadi Ahmad; a road east of Beit Fajjar town; and a rural road connecting Tuqu' town to Khirbet al Baq'a village. • Flying Checkpoints: <p>(i) At 15:30, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint near Al 'Asakira village and searched civilians and vehicles until 16:00.</p> <p>(ii) At 16:55, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to Tuqu' town and searched civilians and vehicles until 17:20.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Physical Assault/Detention: In the evening of 17 December 2010, Israeli troops positioned at As Sawahira ash Sharqiya (the 'Container') checkpoint beat Khaled Yasser Abu Sakour, a 15-year-old boy from Tarqumiya town in Hebron district, leaving him with contusions. Earlier, Israeli troops had also detained the boy in a room with Police dogs. • Raids: <p>(i) At 16:00, the Israeli army raided and patrolled Husan village.</p> <p>(ii) At 16:30, the Israeli army raided and patrolled Al Khadr town.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Demonstration/Detention: At 12:15, a mass demonstration, including international peace activists, took place in Al Ma'sara village in protest against Wall construction. Confrontations took place between the Israeli army and protestors, during which the Israeli army injured a number of participants as a result of tear gas inhalation. Israeli troops also detained an international peace activist.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Wall Construction:</u> Wall construction continues in the area northwest of Beit Jala city; around Al Walaja village; and east of Efrat settlement.
<p style="text-align: center;">HEBRON</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Closure:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) The Israeli army continues to close Ash Shuhada' Street, As Sahleh and Khuzq al Far areas, and the old gold market in the old city of Hebron. In addition to closing the entrance to Al Qeisi neighbourhood, the Israeli army continues to close the entrances to the area of Al Hisba (the fruits and vegetables market) with an iron gate and Al Laban Market with iron plates. (ii) On 05 January 2009, the Israeli army issued Military Order # 09/06/S on the 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. • <u>Closure of Main Roads:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) The Israeli army continues to close the entrances to As Samoa' and Adh Dhahiriya, Al 'Arrub refugee camp, and At Tuwani village. (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 the road between Al Karmil and At Tuwani villages; all roads leading to Road # 60; and the road connecting Surif town to Al Jab'a village. (iv) The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades detour roads along the settler bypass road leading to Yatta town. • <u>Flying Checkpoints:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 09:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the junction to Zif village. At 18:35, the Israeli army set up another checkpoint and searched civilians and vehicles until 23:15. (ii) At 09:40, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the overpass to Halhul town and searched civilians and vehicles. (iii) At 15:30, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint in the area between As Sarra and Al Hadab villages and searched civilians and vehicles. (iv) At 15:30, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the junction As Samoa' town and searched civilians and vehicles. (v) At 16:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint in Az Zahid area in the old city of Hebron and searched civilians and vehicles. (vi) At 18:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on Ash Shalala Street in the old city of Hebron and searched civilians and vehicles until 18:50. • <u>Raids/Provocation of Palestinian Forces/Attack:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 20:30, the Israeli army raided Dura town and took position near offices of the Palestinian General Intelligence. The Israeli army also fired flares while it was patrolling the area. (ii) At 02:00, the Israeli army raided Yatta town, arrested a civilian, and withdrew at 03:25.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Arrest: The Israeli army arrested Jamal Abul Kamel Deifallah Abu Zahrah in Yatta town. • Wall Construction: Wall construction continues in the area surrounding Eshkolot settlement west of Adh Dhahiriya town.
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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. The ceasefire continues to hold.
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NORTHERN GAZA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure of Crossing Point: Beit Hanun (Erez) Crossing was partially open to previously-coordinated critically ill civilians, foreign journalists, international organisations staff, merchants, businesspeople, and civilians intending to travel to Jordan through Al Karama (Allenby) Bridge in the West Bank.
GAZA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure of Crossing Points: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Al Muntar (Karnei) Crossing is closed. (ii) Ash Shuja'iyah (Nahal 'Oz) Crossing is closed. Beginning on 04 January 2010, the Crossing has been closed upon an Israeli unilateral decision.
CENTRAL GAZA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Events not reported.
KHAN YUNIS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Events not reported.
RAFAH	<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 (Al 'Awdah) Crossing was closed on Friday. (iii) Sufa Crossing is closed. (iv) Karm Abu Salem (Karem Shalom) Crossing is closed.