

## مجموعة الرقابة الفلسطينية



## PALESTINIAN MONITORING GROUP

## DAILY SITUATION REPORT

08:00 18 December 2009 – 08:00 19 December 2009

## SUMMARY OF EVENTS

EVENT	WEST BANK	GAZA STRIP	TOTAL	NOTES
Physical Assaults	9	—	9	Incl. 2 women & 1 girl beaten, Hebron
Injuries	3	—	3	2 in Jerusalem and 1 in Bethlehem
Attacks	4	2	6	Incl. 3 in raids and 1 from a mil. post
Raids	22	2	24	Incl. 5 in Tulkarem and 1 in Central Gaza
Air Patrol	—	1	1	Reconnaissance aircraft over Central Gaza
Arrests (per person)	7	—	7	Incl. 2 children and 1 elderly civilian
Detentions	14	—	14	Incl. international peace activists
Wall Construction	21	—	21	Incl. Jer., Raml'h., Salfit, & Qalqiliya
Destruction of Property	1	1	2	A vehicle's wheel tyres and crops
Closure of Checkpoints	9	—	9	Incl. 1 checkpoint closed temporarily
Flying Checkpoints	14	—	14	Incl. 3 in Jerusalem and 2 in Tulkarem
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	—	7	7	All crossing points closed completely
Settler Violence	2	—	2	Incl. civilian house attacked, Jerusalem
Demonstrations	3	—	3	Incl. against the Wall in Ramallah
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>154</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>168</b>	

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## WEST BANK

JERUSALEM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Closure:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) On 18 December 2009, the Israeli army intensified its restrictions at checkpoints located at the entrances to the city of Jerusalem, set up several 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 mosque.</li> <li>(i) 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).</li> <li>(ii) 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.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b>Closure of Main Roads:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) The Israeli army continues to close with cement blocks and dirt barricades the entrance to the village of Jaba'.</li> <li>(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.</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>Raids:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) At 21:30, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the town of Ar Ram.</li> <li>(ii) At 22:05, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the village of Beit Duqqu.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b>Settler Violence:</b> On 18 December 2009, a group of Israeli settlers attacked a house belonging to the family of 'Atiyyeh in the Ash Sheikh Jarrah neighbourhood in the city of Jerusalem, leaving 2 children as well as Nader Birbes, a press photographer, with injuries.</li> <li>• <b>Demonstration:</b> On 18 December 2009, a mass demonstration, including international peace activists, took place in the Ash Sheikh Jarrah neighbourhood in the city of Jerusalem in protest against Israeli settlement projects as well as against Israeli settlers' seizure of civilian houses under protection of the Israeli army. Israeli troops obstructed the demonstration and detained a number of protestors, including international peace activists.</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> </ul> </li> </ul>
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	<p>(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.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Wall Construction:</b> 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.</li> </ul>
<p><b>RAMALLAH &amp; EL BIREH</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Closure of Main Roads:</b> 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.</li> <li>• <b>Flying Checkpoint:</b> At 23:55, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to the town of Sinjil and searched civilians and vehicles.</li> <li>• <b>Raids/Attack:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) At 23:00, the Israeli army raided the village of Kafr Malik. While patrolling the area, confrontations took place between the Israeli army and civilians.</li> <li>(ii) At 00:05, the Israeli army raided the town of Silwad and opened indiscriminate fire while patrolling the area.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b>Demonstration/Attack/Injuries:</b> At 13:00, a mass demonstration, including international peace activists, took place in the village of Bil'in 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.</li> <li>• <b>Wall Construction:</b> Wall construction continues west of 'Abud town and in the areas of Al Midya to Ni'lin and Ni'lin to Deir Qaddis.</li> </ul>
<p><b>JENIN</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Closure of Main Road:</b> The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the road leading to the town of 'Arraba east of the settlement of Dotan.</li> <li>• <b>Flying Checkpoint:</b> At 11:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint in the area between the town of Birqin and the village of Muthallath ash Shuhada' and searched civilians and vehicles.</li> <li>• <b>Raids:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) At 20:30, the Israeli army raided the town of Qabatiya and patrolled the area until 02:20.</li> <li>(ii) At 21:00, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the village of Bir al Basha.</li> <li>(iii) At 23:30, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the village of Al 'Araqa.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b>Wall Gates:</b> 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.</li> </ul>

<p style="text-align: center;"><b>TUBAS</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Checkpoint:</b> 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. At 17:20, the Israeli army closed the checkpoint and denied civilian access in both directions after having arrested a child, ostensibly for locating an explosive device and a knife in his possession.</li> <li>• <b>Raids:</b> At 02:00, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the city of Tubas and the village of Al Far'a.</li> <li>• <b>Arrest:</b> Israeli troops positioned at the Tayasir checkpoint arrested Mubeen Jamal Rashid Salahat, 16 years old.</li> </ul>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>TULKAREM</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Closure of Main Roads:</b> 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.</li> <li>• <b>Checkpoint:</b> The Israeli army continues to intensify restrictions at 'Einav checkpoint set up on Tulkarem-Nablus main road.</li> <li>• <b>Flying Checkpoints:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) At 14:50, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on Al Kafriyat road connecting the districts of Tulkarem and Qalqiliya and searched civilians and vehicles until 16:50.</li> <li>(ii) At 22:40, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the junction to the town of Qaffin and searched civilians and vehicles.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b>Raids:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) At 11:00, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the city of Tulkarem and the town of 'Anabta.</li> <li>(ii) At 17:10, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the town of An Nazla ash Sharqiya.</li> <li>(iii) At 00:30, the Israeli army raided the city of Tulkarem and Tulkarem refugee camp, searched 1 house and 1 mechanic's workshop, and withdrew at 01:50.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b>Wall Gates:</b> Passage through the wall gates is restricted to civilians granted special Israeli permits.</li> </ul>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>QALQILYA</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Closure of Roads:</b> The Israeli army continues to close with cement blocks agricultural roads east of the town of 'Azzun.</li> <li>• <b>Flying Checkpoints:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) At 16:30, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint near the entrance to the village of 'Izbat at Tabib and searched civilians and vehicles.</li> <li>(ii) At 07:45, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint in the area between the villages of Al Funduq and Immatin and searched civilians and vehicles.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b>Attack/Destruction of Property:</b> At 08:05, Israeli troops guarding the Wall section around the city of Qalqiliya opened fire towards a civilian vehicle, damaging its wheel tyres. Israeli troops also arrested 2 civilians, who had been onboard the vehicle.</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b><u>Raids:</u></b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) At 21:00, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the village of ‘Asla.</li> <li>(ii) At 01:10, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the city of Qalqiliya.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b><u>Arrests:</u></b> Israeli troops guarding the Wall section around the city of Qalqiliya arrested 2 unidentified civilians.</li> <li>• <b><u>Wall Gate:</u></b> The Israeli army continues to intensify its restrictions at ‘Azzun ‘Atma Wall gate and to search civilians, including students, with a detector.</li> <li>• <b><u>Wall Construction:</u></b> 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.</li> </ul>
NABLUS	<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 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.</li> <li>(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.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b><u>Checkpoints:</u></b> The Israeli army continues to regulate times for crossing checkpoints set up around the city of Nablus: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(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.</li> <li>(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.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b><u>Flying Checkpoints:</u></b> At 10:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint in the area between the city of Nablus and the town of ‘Asira ash Shamaliya and searched civilians and vehicles.</li> <li>• <b><u>Physical Assault/Detention:</u></b> At 14:45, Israeli troops positioned at Huwwara checkpoint beat an unidentified civilian and released him at a later time.</li> <li>• <b><u>Raid:</u></b> At 22:00, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the town of Qabalan.</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 continues to close with dirt barricades the northern entrance to the city of Salfit.</li> <li>(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.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b><u>Checkpoint:</u></b> The Israeli army continues to intensify its restrictions and impede civilian access at the Za’tara junction checkpoint.</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b><u>Flying Checkpoints:</u></b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) At 18:05, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to the village of Iskaka and searched civilians and vehicles.</li> <li>(ii) At 20:10, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint in the area between the towns of Bruqin and Kafr ad Dik and searched civilians and vehicles until 23:30.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b><u>Wall Construction:</u></b> 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.</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 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.</li> <li>(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.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b><u>Flying Checkpoint:</u></b> At 14:40, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to the village of Fasayil and searched civilians and vehicles until 15:10.</li> </ul>
<b>BETHLEHEM</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 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>(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.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b><u>Closure of Main Roads:</u></b> 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.</li> <li>• <b><u>Raids:</u></b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) At 09:20, the Israeli army raided the evacuated military post of 'Ush Ghurab east of the city of Beit Sahur, provided protection to a group of Israeli settlers, and withdrew at a later time.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

	<p>(ii) At 16:20, the Israeli army raided the town of Tuqu' and patrolled the area until 16:50.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b><u>Demonstration/Physical Assaults/Detention:</u></b> At 12:30, a mass demonstration, including international peace activists, took place in the village of Al Ma'sara against Wall construction. Having denied participants' access to the Wall construction site, Israeli troops severely beat protestors with clubs and rifle butts, leaving Mahmoud Ala' ad Din with injuries and contusions.</li> <li>• <b><u>Wall Construction:</u></b> 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.</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. 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.</li> <li>(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.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b><u>Closure of Main Roads:</u></b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(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.</li> <li>(ii) The Israeli army continues to prohibit Palestinian vehicles from travelling along Ash Shalala Old Street in the old city of Hebron.</li> <li>(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.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b><u>Flying Checkpoint:</u></b> At 16:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint near the entrance to the town of Sa'ir and searched civilians and vehicles.</li> <li>• <b><u>Raids:</u></b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) At 11:00, and again at 20:00, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the city of Hebron.</li> <li>(ii) At 20:00, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the village of Beit ar Rush al Foqa.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b><u>Arrests/Physical Assaults:</u></b> At 15:40, the Israeli army arrested 4 civilians, including a child and an elderly civilian, as well as beat 5 others, including 2 women and 1 girl, during its raid into and search of a house in the Tal Rumeida neighbourhood in the old city of Hebron: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) Sami ‘Imad Abu Heikal, 16 years old;</li> <li>(ii) Abdul ‘Aziz Rateb Abu Heikal, 65 years old;</li> <li>(iii) ‘Imad Rateb Abu Heikal; and</li> <li>(iv) Fahed Abdul ‘Aziz Abu Heikal.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b><u>Wall Construction:</u></b> 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.</li> </ul>
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### GAZA STRIP

<b>ALL DISTRICTS</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 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.</li> <li>• <b><u>Violations of the Ceasefire:</u></b> The Israeli army raided Palestinian territory and opened intensive fire in the districts of Northern Gaza and Central Gaza.</li> </ul>
<b>NORTHERN GAZA</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b><u>Closure of Crossing Point:</u></b> Beit Hanun (Erez) Crossing is closed.</li> <li>• <b><u>Raid:</u></b> At 23:00, the Israeli army, including several armoured vehicles, raided Palestinian territory northwest of the town of Beit Lahiya. An armed confrontation took place between the Israeli army and armed Palestinian individuals.</li> </ul>
<b>GAZA</b>	<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’iya (Nahal ‘Oz) Crossing is closed.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
<b>CENTRAL GAZA</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b><u>Raid/Air Patrol/Attack/Land Levelling:</u></b> In the morning of 18 December 2009, the Israeli army, including several armoured vehicles and bulldozers covered by reconnaissance aircraft, raided Palestinian territory east of Al Bureij refugee camp. The Israeli army also levelled agricultural land and opened intensive fire.</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 (Al ‘Awdah) Crossing is closed.</li><li>(iii) Sufa Crossing is closed.</li><li>(iv) Karm Abu Salim (Karem Shalom) Crossing is closed.</li></ul></li></ul>
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