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PALESTINIAN MONITORING GROUP

DAILY SITUATION REPORT

08:00 20 December 2006 – 08:00 21 December 2006

SUMMARY OF EVENTS

EVENT	WEST BANK	GAZA STRIP	TOTAL	NOTES
Deaths	2	1	3	Incl. 1 civilian of injuries sustained, Rafah
Injury	1	—	1	1 child in Silat al Harithiya town, Jenin
Attacks	5	2	7	3 in raids and 4 from military posts
Raids	18	4	22	Incl. 5 in Ramallah & 2 in Central Gaza
Air Patrol	1	—	1	Troops dispatched by a combat helicopter
Arrests	6	—	6	Incl. 1 child and 1 university student
Detentions	13	—	13	At checkpoints & in residential locales
Land Levelling	—	1	1	East of the area of Al Qarara, Khan Yunis
Wall Construction	27	—	27	Incl. Jer., Raml'h., Qalq., Salfit, & Hebron
Destruction of Property	2	—	2	Incl. a number of houses damaged, Jenin
Curfew	1	—	1	Over the town of Taffuh in Hebron
Closure of Checkpoints	13	—	13	Incl. access impeded at 5 checkpoints
Flying Checkpoints	7	—	7	Incl. 2 in Jenin & 2 in Qalqiliya
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. Beit Hanun (Erez) partially
Palestinian Attacks	—	8	8	15 mortars fired towards the Green Line
Pal. Security Measure	1	—	1	1 Israeli female citizen handed over
TOTAL	136	22	158	

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: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 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. 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. 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: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> The Israeli army continues to close the Wall gate in the town of Abu Dis with cement blocks. 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. Raid: At dawn on 20 December 2006, the Israeli army raided the town of Abu Dis, searched a dormitory belonging to university students, and arrested 1 student. Arrest: The Israeli army arrested Mohammed Hasan Ibrahim 'Adas in the town of Abu Dis.
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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 Checkpoint:</u> At 02:10, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the junction to the village of Surda, along the Ramallah-Bir Zeit road, and searched civilians and vehicles. • <u>Raids/Air Patrol:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 20:50, Israeli troops, dispatched by a combat helicopter, raided and combed an area located at the entrance to the village of Surda. (ii) At 23:30, the Israeli army, including 3 jeeps, raided the city of El Bireh, raided a coffee shop, and withdrew at 01:30. (iii) At 02:35, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the towns of Beit Rima and Deir Ghassana. (iv) The Israeli army raided the village of Kafr Malik and arrested 2 civilians. • <u>Arrests:</u> The Israeli army arrested 2 civilians in the village of Kafr Malik: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Nash'at 'Imran B'eirat; and (ii) 'Amer Sa'eed Hamdi.
<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 08:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the northern entrance to the town of Tubas and searched civilians and vehicles. (ii) At 14:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint along the road to the area of Al Buqei'a and searched civilians and vehicles. • <u>Raids/Attack/Injury/Destruction of Property:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Beginning at 02:00 on 20 December 2006, the Israeli army remained positioned in the town of Silat al Harithiya. While surrounding a number of houses, the Israeli army opened intensive fire and fired Energa grenades, killing 2 civilians (described by the Israeli authorities

	<p>as “wanted individuals”) and injuring 1 child. The Israeli attack also resulted in the destruction of several houses.</p> <p>(ii) At 22:40, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the village of Kashda.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Killings:</u> The Israeli army killed 2 civilians in the town of Silat al Harithiya: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Husam Mahmoud al ‘Isa; and (ii) Salah Hafeth Sawaftah. • <u>Arrest:</u> On 19 December 2006, Israeli troops positioned at Tayasir checkpoint arrested Hamdi Ahmed Dabak, 16 years old.
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. • <u>Raid/Destruction of Property:</u> At 19:20, the Israeli army raided the town of Baqa ash Sharqiya and thoroughly searched 1 house, damaging furniture. The Israeli army also served a summons to the family of a civilian stating that he should report to the Israeli Intelligence Agency.
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. • <u>Flying Checkpoints:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 09:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the eastern entrance to the city of Qalqiliya and searched civilians and vehicles. (ii) At 11:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the northern entrance to the town of ‘Azzun and searched civilians and vehicles.
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 Jenin-Nablus road between the junction to the village of Deir Sharaf and the settlement of Shavei Shomron.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> (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. • Raids/Attack: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 10:45, the Israeli army raided the city of Nablus and opened indiscriminate fire, while patrolling the area. At 01:00, the Israeli army, including 2 jeeps, raided the city again and accompanied a number of Israeli settlers who visited Prophet Joseph Shrine. Armed Palestinian individuals also opened fire towards the Israeli settlers. At 02:30, the Israeli army withdrew from the area. (ii) At 21:45, an Israeli army patrol raided the village of 'Ammuriya and patrolled the area.
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). (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 ad Dik. • Checkpoints: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (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.
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"> • <u>Checkpoint:</u> 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. • <u>Flying Checkpoint:</u> At 14:50, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to the village of 'Ein ad Duyuk and searched civilians and vehicles. • <u>Palestinian Security Measure:</u> At 11:30, Palestinian security forces handed over Ben Liden 'Ezra, an Israeli female citizen captured in the city of Jericho, to the Israeli authorities (through the DCO).
BETHLEHEM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Closure:</u> 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. • <u>Closure of Main Roads:</u> 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. • <u>Wall Construction:</u> 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. • <u>Attack:</u> At 18:25, Israeli troops positioned in the area surrounding Bilal Bin Rabah Mosque (Rachel's Tomb) opened fire towards Al 'Aza refugee camp as well as fired flares over the area. • <u>Raids:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 00:25, the Israeli army raided the city of Beit Sahur and raided the offices of a charitable association. (ii) At 01:20, the Israeli army raided Ad Duheisha refugee camp, searched 4 houses, arrested 1 civilian, and withdrew at 04:50. • <u>Arrest:</u> The Israeli army arrested Mohammed Ibrahim Salameh in Ad Duheisha refugee camp.
HEBRON	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Closure:</u> <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. (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. • <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

	<p>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.</p> <p>(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.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wall Construction: 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. • Flying Checkpoint: At 11:50, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the junction to the town of Yatta and searched civilians and vehicles. • Raids/Curfew: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At dawn on 20 December 2006, the Israeli army raided the town of Surif and arrested 1 civilian. (ii) At 15:50, and again at 19:15, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the city of Hebron. (iii) At 16:15, the Israeli army, including 5 jeeps, raided the town of Taffuh and imposed curfew. • Arrest: The Israeli army arrested Mazen Mohammed Ghneimat in the town of Surif.
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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 4 raids into Palestinian territory, during one of which it levelled land. Israeli troops positioned at military posts also opened fire towards Palestinian territory on 2 occasions. In addition, armed Palestinian individuals fired 15 mortars towards the Green Line, of which 6 mortars landed on Palestinian territory.
<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. • Palestinian Attacks: In violation of the Israeli-Palestinian ceasefire agreement, armed Palestinian individuals fired 8 mortars towards the Green Line as follows: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 11:55, 2 unidentified mortars were fired towards the Green Line, of which 1 mortar landed on Palestinian territory. (ii) At 13:15, 2 unidentified mortars were fired towards the Green Line. (iii) At 15:30, 1 unidentified mortar was fired towards the Green Line. (iv) At 17:50, 1 unidentified mortar was fired towards the Green Line. (v) At 06:45, 2 unidentified mortars were fired towards the Green Line. Of these, 1 mortar landed on a civilian house on Palestinian territory, resulting in the injury of a number of residents, including children.

<p style="text-align: center;">GAZA</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure of Crossing Points: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Al Muntar (Karnei) Crossing is closed. (ii) Ash Shuja'iyah (Nahal 'Oz) Crossing is closed. • Raid: At 12:40, in violation of the Israeli-Palestinian ceasefire agreement, the Israeli army, including 3 bulldozers, raided 50 metres into Palestinian territory near Point 75 on the Green Line east of Gaza city. At 14:05, the Israeli army withdrew from the area. • Palestinian Attacks: In violation of the Israeli-Palestinian ceasefire agreement, armed Palestinian individuals fired 3 mortars towards the Green Line as follows: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 21:50, 1 unidentified mortar was fired towards the Green Line. (ii) At 01:20, 2 unidentified mortars were fired towards the Green Line.
<p style="text-align: center;">CENTRAL GAZA</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Attacks: In violation of the Israeli-Palestinian ceasefire agreement, the Israeli army opened fire towards Palestinian territory as follows: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 08:45, the Israeli army opened fire from the area near Point 126 on the Green Line towards civilians, while they were tending sheep at a distance of 200 metres from the border fence east of Al Maghazi refugee camp. (ii) At 16:25, the Israeli army opened fire from the area near Point 124 on the Green Line towards civilians, while they were tending sheep at a distance of 100 metres from the border fence east of Al Maghazi refugee camp. • Raids: In violation of the Israeli-Palestinian ceasefire agreement, the Israeli army carried out 2 raids into Palestinian territory as follows: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 08:55, the Israeli army, including 1 armoured vehicle and 1 bulldozer, raided 50 metres into Palestinian territory near Point 129 on the Green Line east of Al Maghazi refugee camp. (ii) At 09:10, the Israeli army, including 1 tank and 1 jeep, raided Palestinian territory near Point 135 on the Green Line east of the city of Deir al Balah, combed the area, and located 3 explosive devices.
<p style="text-align: center;">KHAN YUNIS</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Raid/Land Levelling: At 08:15, the Israeli army, including 1 armoured vehicle and 1 bulldozer, raided 100 metres into Palestinian territory near Point 147 on the Green Line east of the area of Al Qarara and levelled land, thereby violating the Israeli-Palestinian ceasefire agreement. • Palestinian Attack: At 16:40, armed Palestinian individuals fired 4 mortars towards the Green Line, thereby violating the Israeli-Palestinian ceasefire agreement. However, all mortars landed on Palestinian territory.
<p style="text-align: center;">RAFAH</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure of Crossing Points: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Yasser 'Arafat International Airport remains closed. (ii) Rafah Crossing is closed. (iii) Karm Abu Salim (Karem Shalom) Crossing is closed. • Death: At 07:00, Hamdan Hamad Barhoum died of injuries sustained due to fire opened by Israeli navy boats towards the city of Rafah's beach at an earlier time.