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PALESTINIAN MONITORING GROUP

DAILY SITUATION REPORT

08:00, 20 December 2007 – 08:00, 21 December 2007

SUMMARY OF EVENTS

EVENT	WEST BANK	GAZA STRIP	TOTAL	NOTES
Deaths	---	6	6	Incl. 5 armed individuals in Central Gaza
Injuries	---	14	14	14 civilians in Central Gaza
Physical Assaults	1	---	1	Child beaten in Qalqilya
Arrests	11	---	11	Incl. 4 civilians in Tulkarem
Detentions	18	1	19	At checkpoints & in residential areas
Raids	12	4	16	Incl. 3 in Jenin; 2 in Hebron
Checkpoints	21	---	21	Closure of checkpoints, stricter measures
Flying Checkpoints	9	---	9	Incl. 3 in Hebron; 2 in Jerusalem
Attacks	---	11	11	During 6 raids; 4 from military posts
Air Attacks	---	1	1	Helicopters fire missiles on Central Gaza
Air Patrols	1	3	4	Incl. 3 combat helicopters
House Occupation	---	3	3	Roofs of houses in Central Gaza
Demolition of Property	---	4	4	Plants razed; telephone lines damaged
Land leveling	---	1	1	Agricultural land in Central Gaza
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	---	8	8	Incl. 7 mortars fired towards Green Line
TOTAL	141	63	204	

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: 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: <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 al-Ram in order to complete Wall construction in the area. 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. Checkpoints: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 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. 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: <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 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.
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<p style="text-align: center;">RAMALLAH</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure of Main Roads: (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. • 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. • Raids: At 23:10, the Israeli army raided the town of Birzeit and patrolled it until 23:45. • Arrests: At 02:00, on December 12, the Israeli army arrested civilian Zaher adel Hjeiji during a raid on the village of qarawa Bani Zayd. • 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.
<p style="text-align: center;">JENIN</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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 Dotan. • Flying Checkpoints: At 15:00, the Israeli army set up a checkpoint at the junction of the village of al-Jarba, and searched civilians and vehicles until 12:30. • Raids: (i) At 23:30, the Israeli army raided the city of Jenin and its refugee camp, and patrolled them until 03:30. (ii) At 02:00, the Israeli army raided the village of Sanour and arrested 2 university students. • Arrests: The 2 university students arrested in the village of Sanour are: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) Abdel Salam Aref Habaybeh; and (b) Nasfat Abdel Raouf Walad Ali. • 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.
<p style="text-align: center;">TOUBAS</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Checkpoints: The Israeli army continues to close Tayaseer 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. • Raids: At 19:30, the Israeli army raided areas around the town of Toubas and conducted mock maneuvers.
<p style="text-align: center;">TULKAREM</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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

	<p>village of ‘Izbat Abu Khamish.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Checkpoints:</u> 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. • <u>Flying Checkpoints:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 11:20, the Israeli army set up a checkpoint at the junction of the town of Beit Lid. (ii) At 12:05, the Israeli army set up a checkpoint at the junction of the villages of Bazaria and Ramin. • <u>Raids:</u> At 14:00, the Israeli army raided the village of Zeita and arrested 3 civilian brothers. • <u>Arrests:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 22:45, the Israeli army stationed at Einav checkpoint arrested civilian Murad Fathi Rasheed Mousa, a resident of the village of Izbat Shofah. (ii) The 3 civilian brothers arrested in the village of Zeita are: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) Mohammad Fahmi Numan; (b) Muhannad Fahmi Numan; and (c) Ahmad Fahmi Numan. • <u>Wall Gates:</u> Passage through the wall gates is restricted to civilians granted special Israeli permits.
<p style="text-align: center;">QALQILYA</p>	<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 as well as the road that connects the town of ‘Azzun to the village of ‘Izbat at Tabib. (ii) 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. (iii) 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>Arrests:</u> At 17:10, the Israeli army stationed at the Gate of the apartheid Wall that leads to the village of Ras Tireh arrested child Baha’ Habes Odeh, 16. • <u>Physical Assaults:</u> At 17:10, the Israeli army stationed at the Gate of the apartheid Wall that leads to the village of Ras Tireh physically attacked child Mahmoud Nimer Darwish, 16. • <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

	<p>detector.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wall Construction: 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.
NABLUS	<p>Closure of Main Roads:</p> <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. (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. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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 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. (iv) At 09:00, the Israeli army intensified restrictions at the checkpoints set up around the city of Nablus and impeded traffic. • Arrests: On December 20, the Israeli army stationed at Huwara checkpoint arrested civilian Nawras Abdel Muhsen Hamayel, a 12th grade pupil, under the pretext of attempting to stab an Israeli soldier.
SALFIT	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure of Main Roads: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (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 Kaf 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. • 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.
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

	<p>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.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Checkpoints:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) 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. (ii) At 11:20, the Israeli army intensified restrictions at the D.C.O. checkpoint that is set up at the southern entrance to the city of Jericho. (iii) <u>Flying checkpoints:</u> At 14:20, the Israeli army set up a checkpoint on al-Mu’arrajat road connecting the districts of Jericho and Ramallah.
BETHLEHEM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Closure:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) The Israeli army continues to close the roads to the village of An Nu’mān, 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. • <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>Checkpoints:</u> At 08:00, the Israeli army intensified restrictions at al-container checkpoint and impeded traffic. At 18:45, the Israeli army closed the checkpoint completely and impeded traffic until 19:15. • <u>Wall Construction:</u> 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 village of al-Walaja.
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: 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

	<p>Kiryat Arba' to the Ibrahimi Mosque in the old city of Hebron unless they possess access permits.</p> <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 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: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 14:00, the Israeli army set up a checkpoint on the passageway of the town of Halhoul, and searched civilians and vehicles. (ii) At 14:30, the Israeli army set up a checkpoint at the entrance to the town of Beit Kahel. • Raids: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 12:10, the Israeli army raided the city of Hebron and set up a checkpoint in the area of Ras al-Jora. The raid recurred at 22:10 during which the Israeli army searched one house. The Israeli army then withdrew at 23:00. (ii) At 16:15, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the town of Edna. (iii) At 16:45, the Israeli army raided the town of al-Shoyoukh and arrested 2 civilian brothers. (iv) At 02:20, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the towns of Nouba and Kharras. • Arrests: The 2 civilian brothers arrested in the town of al-Shoyoukh are: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) Ala' Azmi Abdel Karim al-Halayqah; and (b) Issa Azmi Abdel Karim al-Halayqah. • Wall Construction: Wall construction continues in the section of Tarquimiya 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.
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GAZA STRIP

<p>NORTHERN GAZA</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure of Crossing Point: Beit Hanoun (Erez) Crossing is partially open (to allow previously coordinated humanitarian access). • Raids: At 23:35, the Israeli army raided the areas in the north of the town of Beit Lahia and engaged in armed clashes with armed individuals.
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Palestinian Attacks:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 11:00, one (unidentified) mortar was fired towards the Green Line. (ii) On December 20, one (unidentified) mortar was fired towards Beit Hanoun Erez Crossing on the Green Line. (iii) On December 20, armed individuals fired 10 mortars towards Beit Hanoun Erez Crossing on the Green Line.
GAZA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Closure of Crossing Points:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Al-Muntar (Karni) Crossing is closed. (ii) Al-Shuja'iyah (Nahal 'Oz) Crossing is partially open to let in fuel. • <u>Raids:</u> At 20:20, the Israeli army raided the area of al-Khibbah which is located near the eastern line to the east of the city of Gaza, and engaged in armed clashes with armed individuals. • <u>Palestinian Attacks:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 17:30, armed individuals fired 8 mortars towards Al-Shuja'iyah (Nahal 'Oz) Crossing on the Green Line. (ii) At 07:20, armed individuals fired one mortar Al-Shuja'iyah (Nahal 'Oz).
CENTRAL GAZA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Raids:</u> since dawn December 20, the Israeli army has been raiding east of the refugee camps of al-Breij and al-Maghazi, occupied several houses and turned them into military posts. In addition, the Israeli army searched a number of civilian houses, opened fire toward civilian houses and agricultural land, and engaged in armed clashes with armed individuals, resulting in the death of 5 armed individuals and the injury of 14 civilians, including 2 journalists. Three armed individuals were seriously injured, of whom one armed individual called Mahmoud Abu Muhawesh. Finally, the Israeli army razed agricultural land and incurred damage to a number of houses, sewage networks, electric and telephone lines. The Israeli army withdrew at 17:00. • <u>Deaths:</u> The 5 armed individuals killed east of the refugee camps of al-Breij and al-Maghazi are: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) Hamza Abu Tuyour; (b) Khalil al Issawi; (c) Walid Kilab; (d) Ibrahim Ayed Abu Midya; and (e) Samer Abu Seif. • <u>Palestinian Attacks:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) On December 20, three (unidentified mortars were fired towards the Green Line. (ii) At 06:55, armed individuals detonated two explosives near an Israeli military jeep alongside the Green Line near Kisofim Gate that is located to the north-east of the area of al-Qarara.
KHAN YOUNIS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Raids:</u> At dawn on December 21, the Israeli army raided the areas east of the village of Abassan al-Saghira and engaged in armed clashes with armed individuals, resulting in the death of one armed individual. • <u>Attacks:</u> At 11:00, Israeli combat helicopters opened machine gun fire towards Palestinian areas east of Khan Younis district. • <u>Deaths:</u> The armed individual killed in the village of Abassan al-Saghyira is Awad Naji al-Fajem.

RAFAH	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• <u>Closure of Crossing Points:</u><ul style="list-style-type: none">(i) Yasser 'Arafat International Airport remains closed.(ii) Rafah (al-Awdah) Crossing is closed.(iii) Sufa Crossing is partially open (to let in agricultural products)..(iv) Karm Abu Salim (Karem Shalom) Crossing is partially open (to let in food).
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