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PALESTINIAN MONITORING GROUP

DAILY SITUATION REPORT

08:00, 23 December 2010 – 08:00, 24 December 2010

SUMMARY OF EVENTS

EVENT	WEST BANK	GAZA STRIP	TOTAL	NOTES
Killing	—	1	1	Civilian grazing sheep north of Beit Lahiya
Injuries	—	3	3	3 civilians in Northern Gaza district
Arrests (per person)	3	—	3	Incl. a civilian woman at Allenby Crossing
Detentions	12	—	12	At checkpoints & in residential locales
Raids	23	—	23	Incl. 1 in Jenin & 1 in Tubas
Checkpoints	8	—	8	Access impeded at 5 checkpoints
Flying Checkpoints	26	—	26	Incl. 1 in Jenin & 1 in Tubas
Attacks	3	8	11	Incl. the firing of tank shells
Air Patrol	—	1	1	Reconnaissance above Khan Yunis dis.
Attack on Property	1	—	1	Force shops to close in Al Arrub camp
Wall Construction	15	—	15	Jer., Raml'h., Qalq., Salfit, Heb., Beth.
Closure (per District)	7	—	7	Incl. Jerusalem city & 4 areas in Hebron
Closure of Main Roads	42	—	42	Incl. 2 in Tulkarm & 1 in Jenin
Closure of Crossing Points	—	4	4	Partial opening of 3 crossings
Settler Violence	3	—	3	Incl. expansion of a settlement outpost
Palestinian Attacks	—	2	2	Incl. fire 3 mortars towards the Green Line
TOTAL	143	19	162	

DISTRICT	EVENTS
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WEST BANK

JERUSALEM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) The Israeli army continues to intensify restrictions at checkpoints set up at entrances to the occupied city of Jerusalem and Al Aqsa Mosque, and prevent civilians from other districts from entering the city, except those possessing Israeli permits. (ii) On 05 January 2009, the Israeli army issued military order # S/02/09 closing the seam line area, an extension of the Wall. (iii) The Israeli army continues to impose a blockade and deny civilian access to a hill located between the villages of Biddu and Beit Ikksa. • 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 in Jerusalem city from the town of Ar Ram. (iii) The Israeli army continues to close the eastern entrance to the village of Beit Ikksa, which leads to the city of Jerusalem, by an iron gate, and allows civilians access to occupied Jerusalem city through Qalandiya checkpoint only. • Checkpoint: The Israeli army continues to consider Qalandiya checkpoint a "border crossing point" and only allows holders of Jerusalem IDs to access the city of Jerusalem. • Wall Gates: <ul 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 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 the area of al-'Eizariya to al-Shayyah, from Beit Surik village to Biddu, in the areas of al-Judeira, Bir Nabala, and Beit Hanina, west of al-Jib village, in the vicinity of the village of Qatanna, south of Beit Hanina village, 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 the entrances to Sinjil village, Safa village and the junction to the villages of Kafr Malik – Ein Samiya. • Flying Checkpoint: At 02:15, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the junction leading to the village of Surda and searched civilians and vehicles until 03:45.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Raid: At 22:05, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the town of Silwad. • Wall Construction: Wall construction continues west of the town of 'Abud, in the periphery of the settlement of Ofarim and north of the villages of Al Lubban Al Gharbi and Rantis.
JENIN	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure of Main Roads: The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the road leading to 'Arraba town, east of the settlement of Dotan. • Flying Checkpoint: At 14:55, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the road leading to the Arab-American University and searched civilians and vehicles. • Raids: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 10:20, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the town of Ya'bad. (ii) At 12:15, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the village of Misliya. (iii) At 17:35, the Israeli army raided the town of Zububa. Again at 20:50, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the town until 21:00. • Arrests: At 01:20 on 23 December 2010, the Israeli army arrested during a raid on the town of Qabatiya, as mentioned in the previous report, the civilian Ahmad Muhammad Ash-Sheikh Zakarneh. • 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.
TOUBAS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Checkpoint: The Israeli army continues to intensify restrictions at Tayasir checkpoint, allowing civilian access from 06:00 to 22:00. • Flying Checkpoint: At 19:15, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint near the junction leading to the village of Bardala and searched civilians and vehicles until 20:00. • Settler Violence: At 09:00, a group of Israeli settlers gathered in the area between the villages of Al Malih and Al Farisiya and stopped and searched civilian vehicles. Consequently, the Israeli army intervened and evacuated the settlers from the area.
TULKAREM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure of Main Roads: The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the road between the town of Kafr Al Labad and the village of Shofeh and the road between the villages of Shofeh and Izbat Shofeh. • Checkpoints: The Israeli army continues to intensify restrictions at Einav checkpoint that is set up on Tulkarm-Nablus main road. • Flying Checkpoint: At 08:25, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the junction leading to the town of Beit Lid and searched civilians and vehicles. • Raids: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 10:00, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the town of Zeita until 10:55. (ii) At 23:15, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the neighborhood of Shuweika in Tulkarm city.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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.
QALQILYA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure of Roads: The Israeli army continues to close with cement blocks the agricultural roads east of the town of ‘Azzun. • Flying Checkpoints: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 19:10, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint near the village of Al Funduq and searched civilians and vehicles. (ii) At 19:10, the Israeli army set up a checkpoint in the area between the towns of Jayyus and Azzun and searched civilians and vehicles. (iii) At 21:15, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the junction leading to the village of Jit and searched civilians and vehicles. (iv) At 21:45, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint near the village of Kafr Laqif and searched civilians and vehicles. • Raids: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 09:30, the Israeli army raided the town of Habla, set up a flying checkpoint and patrolled the area until 13:40. (ii) At 10:00, the Israeli army raided the village of Ras Atiya and searched a house. (iii) At 10:00, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the village of Kafr Qaddum until 13:40. (iv) At 16:00, the Israeli army raided the village of Izbat At Tabib and patrolled and combed the agricultural land around the village. (v) At 18:40, the Israeli army raided the town of Azzun and searched a number of commercial shops. (vi) At 21:40, the Israeli army raided the area of Jabal Al Aqra’ that is located east of the village of Kafr Qaddum and fired stun grenades while combing the area. • Wall Gates: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (i) The Israeli army continues to intensify its restrictions at ‘Azzun ‘Atma Wall gate and search civilians, including students, with a detector. (ii) The Israeli army continues to close with an iron gate the entrance to the village of Wadi Ar-Rasha and prevent the access of its inhabitants. The Israeli army only allows the passage of students to their schools outside the village through Habla town gate, while allowing the passage of civilians through gate # 109. • Wall Construction: Wall construction continues on land belonging to the village of Kafr Laqif, north of the settlement of Karni Shomron, on land belonging to the village of Immatin, northeast of the settlement of ‘Amano’el, and east of the town of Kafr Thulth near the settlement of Ma’aleh Shomron.
NABLUS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure of Main Roads: <ol 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

	<p>town of ‘Aqraba to the village of Osarin; and the detour road between the town of Qabalan and the village of Osarin.</p> <p>(ii) The Israeli army continues to close the northern entrance to the town of Qabalan; the southern entrances to the villages of Duma and Qaryut; and the western entrance to An Naqura village opposite Shavei Shomron settlement.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Checkpoints:</u> <p>(i) At Tur neighborhood checkpoint (set up on Jerzim Mount) is closed on Fridays and Saturdays as well as during Jewish holidays. On other days, it is open for civilian residents of the neighborhood only from 07:00 until 02:00.</p> <p>(ii) Awarta commercial checkpoint is open for civilians from 05:00 until 20:00 and on Friday from 05:00 until 15:00.</p> • <u>Flying Checkpoints:</u> <p>(i) At 15:50, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance leading to the village of Burin and searched civilians and vehicles.</p> <p>(ii) At 20:20, the Israeli army set up a checkpoint near the village of Furush Beit Dajan, detained 3 civilians, including the Palestinian National Security officer Muhammad Masa’id, and released them at 21:00.</p> <p>(iii) At 22:20, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint in the area between the city of Nablus and the town of Asira Ash Shamaliya.</p> <p>(iv) At 03:10, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the junction leading to the village of Sarra (on Nablus – Qalqiliya main road) and searched civilians and vehicles until 04:00.</p> • <u>Raid:</u> At 21:35, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the town of Asira Ash Shamaliya. • <u>Settler Violence:</u> At 14:40, the Israeli settlers of Rahil settlement outpost built on land belonging to the villages of Jalud and Qaryut erected 20 caravans in order to expand the settlement outpost.
SALFIT	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Closure of Main Roads:</u> <p>(i) The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the northern entrance to the city of Salfit, and continues to close with cement blocks and iron gates the northern entrance to the town of Bruqin.</p> <p>(ii) The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the entrances of 2 side roads between the village of Marda and its agricultural land.</p> <p>(iii) On 14 November 2010, the Israeli army allowed the opening of the northern entrance to the city of Salfit (that has been closed for 7 years) and allowed the access of passenger buses only.</p> • <u>Checkpoint:</u> The Israeli army continues to intensify its restrictions at Za’tara checkpoint and impede civilian access. • <u>Flying Checkpoint:</u> At 23:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the northern entrance to the city of Salfit. • <u>Raid:</u> At 00:05, the Israeli army raided the village of Hares and served summons to the civilians Muhammad Hani Dawoud and Amin Mu’men Dawoud to report to the Israeli Intelligence agency.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Wall Construction:</u> Wall construction continues in the area north of the town of Deir Istiya (southeast of the settlement of ‘Amanu’el).
JERICHO	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Closure of Main Roads:</u> The Israeli army continues to close Road # 90 between the city of Jericho and the village of al-‘Auja with cement blocks. • <u>Checkpoints:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) The Israeli army continues to intensify its restrictions at al-Hamra checkpoint and allow civilian access from 06:00 until 22:00. (ii) The Israeli army continues to intensify its restrictions on the checkpoint set up on the junction to the village of al-‘Auja and allow access only to civilians holding Jericho and Jordan Valley IDs and those with permits. • <u>Flying Checkpoints:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 20:10, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the southern entrance to the city of Jericho. (ii) At 23:30, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint near the junction leading to road # 90 in the middle of Al Auja village. (iii) At 05:25, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint near the village of Ein Ad Duyuk (on the northern entrance to Jericho city) and searched civilians and vehicles. • <u>Raids:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 02:00 on 23 December 2010, the Israeli army raided the village of Marj Na’ja, searched a house and arrested a civilian. (ii) At 02:00, the Israeli army raided Al Jiftlik village and searched a house. • <u>Arrests:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) On 23 December 2010, the Israeli army arrested at Al Karama (Allenby) checkpoint the civilian woman Fouziyeh Ahmad Suwaiti from the city of Hebron upon returning from Jordan. (ii) The Israeli army arrested in the village of Marj Na’ja the civilian Ibrahim Feisal Mar’i.
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’man, with the exception of the road leading to the Wall gate in the south-eastern area of the village. (ii) As of 15 September 2007, the Israeli army continues to prevent civilian access, pursuant to military order # 07/02, to 22 <i>dunum</i> area confiscated according to military order # 07/31 to establish a crossing point in the area of Al Mazmuriya between the cities of Beit Sahur and Bethlehem. • <u>Closure of Main Roads:</u> The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the roads of Beit Jala-Wadi Ahmad, the sideway east of Beit Fajjar town and the agricultural road that is located between the town of Taqu’a and the village of Khirbet Al Baq’a. • <u>Raids:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 15:50, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the town of Al Khadr.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> (ii) At 20:10, the Israeli army raided the area of Um Rukba in Al Khadr town and searched a number of houses. (iii) At 22:05, the Israeli army raided the village of Husan and opened fire indiscriminately while patrolling the area. • Wall Construction: Wall construction continues in the area northwest of the town of al-Khadr and Beit Jala city; in the area of Wadi Rahhal east of Ephrata settlement; and in the area surrounding al-Walaja village.
<p style="text-align: center;">HEBRON</p>	<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: 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 continues to close the entrance to al Laban Market by iron boards. The Israeli army also continues to install an iron gate at the entrance to the area of al-Hisba (the fruit and vegetable 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 closing the area located along the Green Line south of the town of Yatta, evacuating those inside it and preventing civilians from accessing it. This is the land seized for military purposes for the construction of the Wall. • Closure of Main Roads: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) The Israeli army continues to close with cement blocks the following locales: the entrance to the town of al-Samoa'; the area of al-Hawawir leading to the town of Halhoul; the road connecting the town of Surif to the village of al-Jab'a; and the eastern entrance to the village of Kharsa; the entrance to al-Qeisi neighborhood in the old city of Hebron; the main entrance to al-'Arrub refugee camp; the village of At Tuwani as well as the entrance to 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 bypass Road # 60. (iv) The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the side roads off the bypass road leading to the town of Yatta. • Flying Checkpoints: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 08:00, the Israeli army set up a checkpoint at the northern entrance to the city of Hebron, off bypass road # 35. Again at 14:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint and searched civilians and vehicles. (ii) At 08:20, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the junction leading to the village of 'Abda and searched civilians and vehicles.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> (iii) At 14:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to the area of Farsh Al Hawa, north of Hebron city, off bypass road # 35, and searched civilians and vehicles. (iv) At 17:15, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to the area of Al Fahs, south of Hebron city. (v) At 20:50, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the junction leading to the village of As Samoa' and searched civilians and vehicles. • <u>Raids:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 10:30, the Israeli army raided the area of Sinjer that is located between the city of Hebron and the town of Dura and patrolled the area. (ii) At 18:25, the Israeli army raided Al Arrub refugee camp and forced shop owners to close their shops while patrolling the area under the pretext that a Molotov cocktail bottle was thrown towards the military observation tower built in front of the refugee camp. (iii) At 23:25, the Israeli army raided the village of Turrama and opened fire towards a suspicious object on the main road while patrolling the area. • <u>Settler Violence:</u> At 17:15, a group of Israeli settlers cultivated plot of land # 52 which belongs to a civilian in the neighborhood of Tal Ar Rumeida in the old city of Hebron. Consequently, the Israeli army intervened and evacuated the settlers from the area. • <u>Wall Construction:</u> Wall construction continues in the section of Tarqumiya checkpoint terminal, in the periphery of Eshkolot settlement southwest of Adh Dhahiriya town and between southwest of Arab Ar Ramadin village and the village of Imneizil.
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GAZA STRIP

<p>ALL DISTRICTS</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • At 02:00 on 18 January 2009, the Israeli army declared a unilateral ceasefire. In the meantime, armed Palestinian groups declared a one-week-long ceasefire. Meanwhile, the ceasefire was extended until 05 February 2009. The ceasefire is holding despite the end of the specified period. • The Israeli army violated the ceasefire by opening fire and firing tank shells from its locations on the Green Line in the districts of Northern Gaza, Gaza and Khan Yunis. As a result, a civilian was killed and 3 others were injured, including 1 who sustained serious injuries, in Northern Gaza district. Israeli navy boats also opened fire towards Palestinian fishing boats at sea in Khan Yunis and Rafah districts. • Armed Palestinian groups violated the ceasefire by opening fire and firing 3 mortars towards the Green Line.
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<p style="text-align: center;">NORTHERN GAZA</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Closure of Crossing Point:</u> Beit Hanun (Erez) Crossing is partially open for the passage of critically ill civilians, foreign journalists, the staff of international humanitarian organizations, traders, businessmen and civilians travelling through Al Karama Crossing who have prior coordination. • <u>Attacks:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) In the morning of 23 December 2010, the Israeli army opened fire from its locations on the Green Line towards a number of civilian workers near Beit Hanun (Erez) Crossing, north of Beit Hanun town, injuring a civilian. (ii) On 23 December 2010, the Israeli army opened fire (in 2 separate incidents) from its locations on the Green Line towards a number of civilian workers and a shepherd north of Beit Lahiya town. As a result, the civilian who grazing sheep was killed and 2 workers were injured, including 1 civilian who sustained serious injuries. • <u>Killing:</u> The Israeli army killed north of Beit Lahiya town the civilian Salameh Abu Hasheesh.
<p style="text-align: center;">GAZA</p>	<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 for fuel transport is closed since 04 January 2010 by an Israeli unilateral decision. • <u>Attack:</u> In the morning of 24 December 2010, the Israeli army fired a number of tank shells from its locations on the Green Line towards civilian agricultural land east of Az Zeitun neighborhood that is located southeast of Gaza city.
<p style="text-align: center;">CENTRAL GAZA</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Palestinian Attack:</u> In the evening of 23 December 2010, 3 mortars were fired towards the Green Line.
<p style="text-align: center;">KHAN YUNIS</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Attack:</u> At dawn on 23 & 24 December 2010, Israeli navy boats opened fire intensively towards Palestinian fishing boats at sea in front of Khan Yunis city beach. • <u>Palestinian Attack:</u> In the evening of 23 December 2010, armed Palestinian individuals opened fire towards an Israeli army patrol near the border fence east of Khan Yunis city. Consequently, the Israeli army opened fire and fired light flares. Israeli reconnaissance aircrafts also overflew the area.
<p style="text-align: center;">RAFAH</p>	<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 open for the departure of sick civilians, students and visa holders, and for the entry of civilians and patients who received treatment at Egyptian hospitals. (iii) Sufa Crossing is closed.

	<p>(iv) Karm Abu Salim (Karem Shalom) Crossing is partially open for the entry of food, humanitarian assistance, a quantity of diesel for the electricity plant, cooking gas, 20 imported vehicles, and for the export of 6 truckloads of strawberries and flowers.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• <u>Attack:</u> At dawn on 23 December 2010, Israeli navy boats opened fire intensively towards Palestinian fishing boats at sea in front of Rafah city beach.
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