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PALESTINIAN MONITORING GROUP

DAILY SITUATION REPORT

08:00 25 December 2008 – 08:00 26 December 2008

SUMMARY OF EVENTS

EVENT	WEST BANK	GAZA STRIP	TOTAL	NOTES
Injury	1	—	1	A child in the town of Abu Dis, Jerusalem
Attack	1	—	1	During a raid on Abu Dis in Jerusalem
Raids	17	—	17	Incl. 3 in Ramallah and 4 in Salfit
Arrests	4	—	4	Incl. an injured child in Jerusalem
Detentions	14	—	14	At checkpoints and in residential locales
Wall Construction	23	—	23	Jer., Raml'h., Salfit, Hebron, and Beth.
Destruction of Property	1	—	1	Olive trees uprooted in Ramallah
Closure of Checkpoints	15	—	15	Incl. access impeded at 9 checkpoints
Flying Checkpoints	5	—	5	Incl. 1 in Qalqiliya and 1 in Hebron
Closure (per District)	7	—	7	Incl. Jerusalem, Tulkarm & Hebron
Closure of Main Roads	54	—	54	Incl. 9 in Bethlehem and 14 in Hebron
Closure of Crossing Points	—	6	6	Only Beit Hanun Crossing partially open
Settler violence	1	—	1	Land levelled in Ras Karkar, Ramallah
Palestinian Attacks	—	12	12	38 mortars fired towards the Green Line
TOTAL	143	18	161	

DISTRICT	EVENTS
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WEST BANK

<p style="text-align: center;">ALL DISTRICTS</p>	<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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<p style="text-align: center;">JERUSALEM</p>	<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. The Israeli army also continues to close the entrances to Al Aqsa Mosque compound in the old city of Jerusalem and impede civilian access to the mosque. • Closure of Main Roads: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) The Israeli army continues to close with barbed wire and cement blocks the entrance opposite the junction to Dahiyat al Bareed in the city of Jerusalem, after leveling the area, and to deny civilian access. (ii) The Israeli army continues to close with cement blocks and dirt barricades the entrance to the village of Jaba’. • 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. • Raid/Attack/Injury: At 20:30, the Israeli army raided the town of Abu Dis and opened fire towards civilians, injuring 1 child. The Israeli army also arrested 2 children, including the injured child. At 22:30, the Israeli army withdrew from the area. • Arrests: The Israeli army arrested 2 children in the town of Abu Dis: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Mohammed Hasan 'Ureiqat, 17 years old; and (ii) 'Uday Khaled Muhsen, 16 years old. • 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 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 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.
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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> The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades and cement blocks the eastern entrance to the village of Sinjil; the western entrances to the villages of Safa and Ein Yabrud; the road between the villages of Ras Karkar and Kharbatha Bani Harith and the junction to the villages of Kafr Malik – Ein Samiya. • <u>Checkpoint:</u> The Israeli army continues to intensify restrictions at the checkpoint on the overpass to ‘Atara town and impede civilian access. • <u>Raids:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 22:10, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the towns of Beit Rima and Deir Ghassana. (ii) At 01:15, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the town of Beituniya. • <u>Settler Violence:</u> At 13:30, a group of Israeli settlers from the settlement of Talmon C levelled land cultivated with olive trees in the village of Ras Karkar in an attempt to seize control of the land. Civilians confronted Israeli settlers. Consequently, the Israeli army evacuated settlers from the area. • <u>Wall Construction:</u> Wall construction continues west of ‘Abud town and 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"> • <u>Closure of Main Road:</u> The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the road leading to the town of ‘Arraba east of the settlement of Dotan. • <u>Raid:</u> At 18:00, the Israeli army raided the town of 'Arraba and patrolled the area until 01:00. • <u>Wall Gates:</u> 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;">TUBAS</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Checkpoint:</u> The Israeli army continues to close Tayasir checkpoint in the eastern Tubas district, 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>Raids:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 00:40, the Israeli army raided the town of 'Aqqaba and searched 1 house. (ii) At 03:00, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the city of Tubas.
<p style="text-align: center;">TULKAREM</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Closure:</u> The Israeli army continues to declare the district of Tulkarm a closed military zone and to impede civilian access to and from the district. • <u>Closure of Main Roads:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the western entrance to the village of Shufa. (ii) The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the road connecting the town of Kafr al Labad to the village of Shufa. • <u>Checkpoints:</u> The Israeli army continues to intensify restrictions at 'Einav checkpoint set up on Tulkarem-Nablus main road and at Jubara checkpoint (the southern entrance to the city of Tulkarem).

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Raid:</u> At 10:00, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the city of Tulkarem. • <u>Wall Gates:</u> Passage through the wall gates is restricted to civilians granted special Israeli permits.
QALQILYA	<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 with dirt barricades the road connecting the town of 'Azzun to the village of 'Izbat at Tabib. • <u>Checkpoint:</u> The Israeli army continues to intensify restrictions at the checkpoint set up at the eastern entrance to the city of Qalqiliya and to impede civilian access. • <u>Flying Checkpoint:</u> At 21:10, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint in the area between the city of Qalqiliya and the village of Habla and searched civilians and vehicles. • <u>Raid:</u> At 01:50, the Israeli army raided the city of Qalqiliya and patrolled the area until 03:10. • <u>Arrest:</u> At 20:10, Israeli troops positioned at Wall gate # 109 near the settlement of Alfe Menashe arrested Kamel 'Uthman Bakr 'Odeh, a civilian resident of the village of Wadi ar Rasha. • <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> Having completed the Wall-related infrastructure, land levelling for Wall construction ceased in the towns of 'Azzun and Kafr Thulth as well as in the villages of Immatin and Kafr Laqif.
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 with cement blocks the roads of Sarra-Jit; Til-Burin; Beit Furik-Salem; the road between the town of 'Aqraba and the main road; and the eastern entrance to the village of Al Lubban Ash Sharqiya. The Israeli army also continues to close with with dirt barricades the road between the villages of Til and Madama; the southern entrance to the village of Qaryut; the eastern entrance to the village of Al Lubban Ash Sharqiya; the western entrance to the town of 'Aqraba; the southern entrance to the village of Duma; the northern entrance to the town of Qabalan; the western entrance to the village of Majdal Bani Fadil; and the settler bypass road connecting the village of Deir al Hatab to the settlement of Alon Moreh. (ii) The Israeli army continues to restrict civilian daily passage along the Jenin-Nablus road between the junction to Deir Sharaf village and the settlement of Shavei Shomron between 06:00 and 21:00.

	<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 adjacent village of Beit Dajan. • Raids: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 00:40, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the village of Qusin. (ii) At 01:50, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the town of Qabalan.
SALFIT	<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 northern entrance to Salfit city and the eastern entrance to the village of Yasuf. (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. • Checkpoints: The Israeli army continues to intensify its restrictions at Deir Ballut and Za'tara checkpoints and prevent civilian vehicles from heading towards the village of Kafr Ad Dik. • Raids: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 12:00, the Israeli army raided the village of Yasuf, set up a checkpoint at its eastern entrance, and searched civilians and vehicles. The Israeli army also patrolled the area and withdrew at 14:30. (ii) At 16:00, the Israeli army raided the town of Deir Istiya and patrolled the area until 16:15. (iii) At 16:40, the Israeli army raided the town of Kafr ad Dik and patrolled the area until 16:55. (iv) At 24:00, the Israeli army raided the village of Qarawat Bani Hassan and posted flyers on doors of mosques and civilian houses, warning civilians not to move after 21:00 everyday. At 00:30, the Israeli army withdrew from the area. • 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 Ariel.
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. • Checkpoints: 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 that connects the districts of Jericho and Ramallah.

<p style="text-align: center;">BETHLEHEM</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure: <ol 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) 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. • Closure of Main Roads: The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the two sideways east and south of Al Walaja village and the roads of Beit Jala-Wadi Ahmad, Talita-Nazlet as Sidr in the city of Beit Jala, Al Khadr town-Road # 60, Al Khadr town-Beit Jala housing, Wadi Rahal-Efrat and the sideway east of Beit Fajjar town. • Raid: At 16:30, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the village of Dar Salah. • Wall Construction: 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 the village of Al Walaja.
<p style="text-align: center;">HEBRON</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure: <ol 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. 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 Kiryat Arba' to the Ibrahimi Mosque in the old city of Hebron unless they possess access permits. • Closure of Main Roads: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (i) The Israeli army continues to close with cement blocks the entrance to the town of As Samoa'; the area of Al Hawawir leading to the town of Halhul; 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 Al Qeisi neighborhood in the old city of Hebron; as well as the entrances to Al 'Arrub refugee camp and the village of At Tuwani. (ii) In accordance with Military Order # 378, the Israeli army continues to prohibit Palestinian vehicles from travelling along Ash 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.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> (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 open the iron gate on the junction of Farsh Al Hawa, which leads to Road # 35 that leads to Tarqumiya Crossing, from 05:00 until 07:00 and from 09:00 until 13:00. (v) The Israeli army continues to close with cement blocks the southern entrance to the town of Adh Dhahiriya. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Flying Checkpoint: At 22:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint along the main road connecting the city of Hebron to the town of Bani Na'im, searched civilians and vehicles, and arrested 1 civilian. • Raid: At 00:30, the Israeli army raided the town of Dura and searched 1 house. • Arrest: Israeli troops positioned at the flying checkpoint set up along the main road connecting the city of Hebron to the town of Bani Na'im arrested Mohammed Abdul Karim Sawalhah. • Wall Construction: Wall construction continues in the section of Tarqumiya checkpoint terminal; in the area between the settlement of Eshkolot and the village of Imneizil southeast of the town of Yatta; and in the village of 'Arab ar Ramadin.
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GAZA STRIP

ALL DISTRICTS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Beginning at 06:00 on 19 December 2008, the ceasefire agreement between armed Palestinian groups and the Israeli army has no longer been effective. Entering into force at 06:00 on 19 June 2008, the ceasefire agreement had included, <i>inter alia</i>, a complete cessation of all hostilities. • Armed Palestinian groups fired 38 mortars towards the Green Line. Of these, 1 mortar landed on a civilian house.
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NORTHERN GAZA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure of Crossing Point: Beit Hanun (Erez) Crossing is partially open (for previously coordinated humanitarian cases). • Palestinian Attacks: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 09:30, 4 unidentified mortars were fired towards the Green Line. (ii) At 09:30, 6 mortars were fired towards the area surrounding Beit Hanun Crossing on the Green Line. (iii) At 10:00, 2 unidentified mortars were fired towards the Green Line. (iv) At 13:30, 4 unidentified mortars were fired towards the Green Line. (v) At 14:50, 4 unidentified mortars were fired towards the Green Line. (vi) In the evening of 25 December 2008, 1 unidentified mortar was fired towards the Green Line.
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GAZA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Closure of Crossing Points:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Al Muntar (Karnei) Crossing is closed. (ii) Ash Shuja'iyah (Nahal 'Oz) Crossing is closed. • <u>Palestinian Attacks:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) On 24 December 2008, 1 unidentified mortar was fired towards the Green Line. However, the mortar landed on a house in the neighbourhood of Tal al Hawa west of Gaza city, injuring 3 civilians. Of these, Iyad ad Drimli was in critical condition. (ii) At 16:00, 2 mortars were fired towards the Green Line.
CENTRAL GAZA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Palestinian Attack:</u> At 10:20, 2 mortars were fired towards the Green Line.
KHAN YUNIS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Palestinian Attack:</u> In the morning of 26 December 2008, 5 mortars were fired towards the Green Line.
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 closed. (iv) Karm Abu Salim (Karem Shalom) Crossing is closed. • <u>Palestinian Attacks/Israeli Attack:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 02:00, 4 unidentified mortars were fired towards the Green Line. (ii) On 25 December 2008, several mortars were fired towards the Green Line.

GENERAL

POLITICAL PRISONERS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Protests:</u> On 25 December 2008, political prisoners held in 'Ofar Detention and Interrogation Centre and in Ketziot (An Naqab) Military Detention Camp refrained from having their lunch meals as a strike in mourning for Jum'ah Mohammed Mousa Kayyaleh, a political prisoner who died as a result of medical negligence at Ar Ramla Prison Hospital. • <u>Sentences:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) On 25 December 2008, the Israeli military court at 'Ofar Detention and Interrogation Centre sentenced Ahmed Sa'adat, Secretary General of the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine (PFLP), to 30 years in prison. (ii) On 25 December 2008, the Israeli military court at Salem Military Camp sentenced Ali Abdul Latif Quneiri, a resident of Jenin refugee camp, to 30 years in prison.
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