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PALESTINIAN MONITORING GROUP

DAILY SITUATION REPORT

08:00 26 December 2008 – 08:00 27 December 2008

SUMMARY OF EVENTS

EVENT	WEST BANK	GAZA STRIP	TOTAL	NOTES
Death	—	1	1	An armed individual of injuries sustained
Injuries	12	3	15	Incl. a bride in Ramallah
Attacks	8	4	12	Incl. 2 in raids and 2 from military posts
Raids	26	2	28	Incl. 4 in Jenin and 4 in Tubas
Air Patrols	—	6	6	3 by helicopters & 3 by reconnaissance
Arrests	6	—	6	Incl. 2 children and 1 university student
Detentions	15	—	15	At checkpoints and in residential locales
Wall Construction	23	—	23	Jer., Raml'h., Salfit, Hebron, and Beth.
Destruction of Property	1	—	1	Houses' window glass broken, Hebron
Closure of Checkpoints	16	—	16	Incl. 1 checkpoint closed temporarily
Flying Checkpoints	12	—	12	Incl. 3 in Talkarem and 2 in Qalqiliya
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	—	3	3	4 Crossings open partially
Settler Violence	7	—	7	Incl. a civilian beaten and a shop raided
Palestinian Attacks	—	3	3	3 mortars fired towards the Green Line
Demonstrations	4	—	4	Against the Wall, incl. in Bethlehem
TOTAL	191	22	213	

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 intensified its restrictions at checkpoints located at the entrances to the city of Jerusalem, set up several checkpoints in the old city of Jerusalem and around Al Aqsa Mosque compound, and impeded civilians' access to the Al Aqsa Mosque to perform Friday prayers. • 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. • 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.
<p style="text-align: center;">RAMALLAH & EL BIREH</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure of Main Roads: 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. • Checkpoint: The Israeli army continues to intensify restrictions at the checkpoint on the overpass to 'Atara town and impede civilian access.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Flying Checkpoint:</u> At 16:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint in the area between the town of Silwad and the village of Yabrud and searched civilians and vehicles. • <u>Raid:</u> At 22:30, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the city of El Bireh. • <u>Settler Violence:</u> At 10:30, a group of Israeli settlers gathered at the entrance to the town of Beit Rima. Consequently, the Israeli army evacuated settlers from the area. • <u>Demonstrations/Injuries:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 12:30, a mass demonstration, including international peace activists, took place in the village of Bil'in in protest against Wall construction. Confrontations took place between the Israeli army and protestors, during which the Israeli army injured 2 civilians. A number of protestors also sustained injuries as a result of tear gas inhalation. (ii) At 13:00, a mass demonstration, including international peace activists, took place in the town of Ni'lin in protest against Wall construction. Confrontations took place between the Israeli army and protestors, during which the Israeli army injured 3 civilians. In addition, a number of protestors sustained injuries as a result of tear gas inhalation. • <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.
JENIN	<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>Raids:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 08:30, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the village of Al 'Araqa. (ii) At 09:30, and again at 13:30, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the town of Ya'bad. (iii) At 17:00, the Israeli army raided the town of 'Arraba. While patrolling the area, confrontations took place between the Israeli army and civilians. • <u>Settler Violence:</u> At 10:00, a group of Israeli settlers entered the debris of the evacuated settlement of Homesh. Consequently, the Israeli army evacuated settlers from the area. • <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.
TUBAS	<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 00:30, the Israeli army raided the town of Tubas. Confrontations also took place between civilians and the Israeli army while it was patrolling the area.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> (ii) At 00:40, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the village of Tayasir. (iii) At 01:00, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the town of 'Aqqaba. (iv) At 02:10, the Israeli army raided Al Far'a refugee camp. While patrolling the area, confrontations took place between the Israeli army and civilians. At 02:35, the Israeli army withdrew from the area.
TULKAREM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure: The Israeli army continues to declare the district of Tulkarm a closed military zone and to impede civilian access to and from the district. • Closure of Main Roads: <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. • Checkpoints: 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). • Flying Checkpoints: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 10:45, the Israeli army set up 2 flying checkpoints, one in the area between the towns of 'Attil and Deir al Ghusun and the other on the junction to the village of Al Jarushiya, and searched civilians and vehicles until 12:25. (ii) At 21:10, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the junction to the village of Al Jarushiya and searched civilians and vehicles. • Raids: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 11:00, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the town of 'Anabta. (ii) At 03:00, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the city of Tulkarem as well as Tulkarem and Nur Shams refugee camps in the city. • Wall Gates: Passage through the wall gates is restricted to civilians granted special Israeli permits.
QALQILYA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure of Roads: <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. • Checkpoint: 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. • Flying Checkpoints: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 12:20, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint underneath the overpass to the town of 'Azzun and searched civilians and vehicles. (ii) The Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint near the entrance to the village of 'Izbat Jal'ud and searched civilians and vehicles.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Raids/Attack/Injuries:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 12:40, the Israeli army raided the town of Jayyus after a mass demonstration had taken place following Friday prayers in protest against Wall construction. Having prevented international peace activists from entering the town, confrontations took place between the Israeli army and civilians, during which the Israeli army injured 4 civilians and arrested 2 others, including a child. (ii) At 22:30, the Israeli army raided the city of Qalqiliya, searched 2 houses, and served summons to 2 civilians to report to the Israeli Intelligence agency. • <u>Arrests:</u> The Israeli army arrested 2 civilians in the town of Jayyus: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Nour 'Ahed Abdullah Beidhah, 17 years old; and (ii) Muwaffaq 'Ahed Abdullah Beidhah. • <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 Kafir Thulth as well as in the villages of Immatin and Kafir 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 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. • <u>Checkpoints:</u> 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) At 18:25, the Israeli army closed Shavei Shomron checkpoint, denied civilian access, and reopened at a later time.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Flying Checkpoint:</u> At 14:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on Al Badhan road (the eastern entrance to the city of Nablus) and searched civilians and vehicles. • <u>Raids:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 14:00, the Israeli army raided the village of Til. While patrolling the area, confrontations took place between the Israeli army and civilians. The Israeli army also arrested 4 civilians, including 1 child and 1 university student. At 17:50, the Israeli army withdrew from the area. (ii) At 21:00, the Israeli army raided the town of Jamma'in and searched 1 commercial shop. (iii) At 01:00, the Israeli army raided the city of Nablus and searched 1 house. • <u>Arrests:</u> The Israeli army arrested 4 civilians in the village of Til: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Ahmed 'Adnan Abdul Fattah 'Assidah, 17 years old; (ii) Ahmed Ibrahim Mahmoud Ayyoub; (iii) Firas Ali As'ad as Seifi; and (iv) Mohammed Mousa Ayyoub.
SALFIT	<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 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. • <u>Checkpoints:</u> 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. • <u>Raid:</u> At 11:00, the Israeli army raided the town of Kifl Haris and patrolled the area until 11:30. • <u>Wall Construction:</u> 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"> • <u>Closure:</u> 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. • <u>Checkpoints:</u> 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.

BETHLEHEM

- **Closure:**
 - (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 *dunums* (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.
- **Flying Checkpoints:**
 - (i) At 11:30, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to the city of Beit Sahur and searched civilians and vehicles until 13:30.
 - (ii) At 14:30, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the junction to the area of An Nashash (the southern entrance to the city of Bethlehem) and searched civilians and vehicles until 16:00.
- **Raids:**
 - (i) At 10:30, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the city of Bethlehem.
 - (ii) At 11:00, the Israeli army raided the city of Beit Sahur and patrolled the area until 13:30.
 - (iii) At 14:10, the Israeli army raided the village of Um Salamuna and patrolled the area until 16:00.
 - (iv) At 23:45, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the town of Tuqu'.
- **Settler Violence:** At 09:15, a group of Israeli settlers entered the debris of the evacuated military post of 'Ush Ghurab east of the city of Beit Sahur. Consequently, the Israeli army evacuated settlers from the area at 10:15.
- **Demonstration/Injuries:** At 10:10, a mass demonstration, including international peace activists, took place in the village of Al Ma'sara in protest against Wall construction. While blocking the demonstration, the Israeli army fired tear gas grenades towards protestors, resulting in the injury of 2 children of tear gas inhalation. The Israeli army also severely beat protestors with clubs and rifle butts, leaving 3 civilians with injuries and contusions. Of those injured was a bride who had her wedding procession in the demonstration. In addition, Israeli troops detained Mohammed Ahmed Brejjiyyeh and released him at a later time.
- **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.

HEBRON

- **Closure:**
 - (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:**
 - (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.
 - (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.
- **Raids:**
 - (i) At 10:20, the Israeli army raided the city of Hebron, set up a checkpoint, searched civilians and vehicles, and patrolled the area.
 - (ii) At 12:30, the Israeli army raided the town of Adh Dhahiriya and detonated a number of old bombs located during rehabilitation of the road connecting the town of Adh Dhahiriya to the village of Arab ar Ramadin.
 - (iii) At 00:30, the Israeli army raided the town of Dura as well as searched a house and a wheat mill.
- **Settler Violence/Destruction of Property:**
 - (i) At 09:10, a group of Israeli settlers from the settlement of Hagai entered the village of Qalqas and withdrew at 11:00.

	<p>(ii) At 18:10, a group of Israeli settlers attacked civilian houses in As Salaymeh neighbourhood in the old city of Hebron, breaking window glass of a number of houses. Israeli settlers also beat Faraj ar Rajabi and entered a commercial shop belonging to Kifah Mohammed al Muhtaseb. Consequently, the Israeli army evacuated settlers from the area.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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

<p>ALL DISTRICTS</p>	<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. • The Israeli army raided Palestinian territory as well as opened fire and fired tank shells, injuring 3 armed Palestinian individuals. On the other hand, armed Palestinian groups fired 3 mortars towards the Green Line. Of those fired, 1 mortar landed on a civilian house, killing 2 female children and injuring their father and sister.
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<p>NORTHERN GAZA</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure of Crossing Point: Beit Hanun (Erez) Crossing is partially open (for previously coordinated humanitarian cases). • Death: On 26 December 2008, Hamzeh Tayseer Shahin, an armed Palestinian individual, died of injuries sustained during an Israeli air attack on the area of Tal az Za'tar in the town of Jabalya as was reported on 07 December 2008. • Attack/Injuries: At 01:00, the Israeli army opened intensive fire and fired a number of tank shells from its location on the Green Line towards armed Palestinian individuals, while they were attempting to fire mortars towards the Green Line from the area of Ash Shayma' west of the town of Beit Lahiya. As a result, 3 armed individuals sustained injuries. • Raid/Air Patrols: At dawn on 27 December 2008, the Israeli army, including several armoured vehicles covered by combat helicopters and reconnaissance aircraft, raided Palestinian territory north of the town of Beit Lahiya. An armed confrontation also took place between the Israeli army and armed Palestinian individuals. • Palestinian Attacks: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 15:45, 1 unidentified mortar was fired towards the Green Line. However, the mortar landed on a civilian house in the town of Beit Lahiya, killing 2 female children and injuring their father and sister.
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	(ii) At 01:00, 1 unidentified mortar was fired towards the Green Line.
GAZA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure of Crossing Points: (i) Al Muntar (Karnei) Crossing was partially open to allow access to 43 trucks transporting wheat and animal feed. (ii) Ash Shuja'iyah (Nahal 'Oz) Crossing was partially open for transportation of limited quantities of fuel.
CENTRAL GAZA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Air Patrols: At 24:00, Israeli combat helicopters and reconnaissance aircraft patrolled the skies over the area of Johur ad Dik. • Palestinian Attack: At 15:00, 1 unidentified mortar was fired towards the Green Line.
KHAN YUNIS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Raid/Air Patrols: At dawn on 27 December 2008, the Israeli army, including a number of armoured vehicles covered by combat helicopters and reconnaissance aircraft, raided Palestinian territory east of the town of 'Abasan al Kabira. An armed confrontation also took place between Israeli troops and armed Palestinian individuals.
RAFAH	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure of Crossing Points: (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 was partially open to allow access to 50 trucks transporting food supplies and medical equipment.

GENERAL

POLITICAL PRISONERS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sentences: The Israeli military court at 'Ofar Detention and Interrogation Centre sentenced the following political prisoners: (i) Khalil Shillo, a resident of the town of 'Ein 'Arik in the district of Ramallah, for 4 life sentences as well as 10 years in prison; and (ii) Ra'fat Hamed, a resident of the town of Silwad in the district of Ramallah, for 1 life sentence as well as 12 years in prison.
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