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PALESTINIAN MONITORING GROUP

DAILY SITUATION REPORT

08:00 26 December 2009 – 08:00 27 December 2009

SUMMARY OF EVENTS

EVENT	WEST BANK	GAZA STRIP	TOTAL	NOTES
Physical Assault	1	—	1	A security officer beaten in Hebron
Injuries	5	—	5	Incl. a child and a pregnant women
Attacks	3	1	4	Incl. 3 in confrontations with civilians
Raids	16	—	16	Incl. 2 in Ramallah and 8 in Hebron
Arrests (per person)	2	—	2	Incl. a Palestinian Police officer, Hebron
Detentions	11	—	11	At checkpoints and in residential areas
Curfew	1	—	1	Over neighbourhoods in Nablus
Closure of Checkpoints	9	—	9	Incl. access impeded at 5 checkpoints
Flying Checkpoints	24	—	24	Incl. 3 in Qalqiliya and 4 in Nablus
Closure (per District)	7	—	7	Incl. Jerusalem and 4 areas in Hebron
Closure of Main Roads	39	—	39	Incl. 8 in Nablus and 15 in Hebron
Closure of Crossing Points	—	7	7	All crossing points closed
Settler Violence	4	—	4	Incl. family members beaten, Jerusalem
Provocation of Pal. Forces	2	—	2	Incl. Bethlehem Commander detained
Demonstration	1	—	1	Against settler violence in Salfit
TOTAL	125	8	133	

DISTRICT	EVENTS
WEST BANK	
JERUSALEM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) 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. (i) On 05 January 2009, the Israeli authorities issued Military Order # S/02/09 on the closure of and denial of civilian access to the "demarcation area" along the Wall in the area surrounding the city of Jerusalem. Accordingly, local residents and civilians holding permits can access this area through crossings and gates set up at the entrances to the city of Jerusalem. (The demarcation area is defined by a set of military orders relating to land confiscation for Wall construction). (ii) The Israeli army continues to impose a blockade and deny civilian access to a hill located in an area between the village of Biddu and Beit Iksa due to its geographical significance as it overlooks the city of Jerusalem. • 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 Bared from the town of Ar Ram. • 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. • Attack: At 16:30, Israeli troops positioned at Qalandiya checkpoint opened fire and fired tear gas grenades towards a number of children, allegedly for throwing stones. • Settler Violence: At 13:20, a group of Israeli settlers beat members of the family of Al Ghawi in the Ash Sheikh Jarrah neighbourhood, leaving 8 civilians, including children, with injuries. In addition, 2 international peace activists sustained contusions. Consequently, the Israeli army evacuated settlers from the area. • 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.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wall Construction: Wall construction was suspended for the weekend 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.
RAMALLAH & EL BIREH	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure of Main Roads: The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades and cement blocks the entrances to the town of Sinjil, the village of Saffa; and the junction to the villages of Kafr Malik – 'Ein Samiya. • Flying Checkpoint: At 16:30, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint near the junction to the settlement of Halamish and searched civilians and vehicles. • Raids: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 20:55, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the town of Al Mazra'a al Gharbiya. (ii) At 01:15, the Israeli army raided Al Jalazun refugee camp and served summons to 2 civilians to report to the Israeli Intelligence agency. • Wall Construction: Wall construction was suspended for the weekend 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"> • Closure of Main Road: The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the road leading to the town of 'Arraba east of the settlement of Dotan. • Flying Checkpoint: At 15:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the junction to the village of Rummana and searched civilians and vehicles. • Raid: At 15:00, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the village of Zububa. • 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.
TUBAS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Checkpoint: Though allowing civilian access to the Northern Jordan Valley between 06:00 and 22:00, the Israeli army continues to intensify its restrictions at Tayasir checkpoint east of the town of Tubas. • Flying Checkpoints: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 14:30, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the junction to the village of Bardala and searched civilians and vehicles. (ii) At 17:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint in the area between the villages of Al Far'a and Siris and searched civilians and vehicles. (iii) At 22:55, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to the town of Tammun and searched civilians and vehicles until 23:35.
TULKAREM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure of Main Roads: The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the road connecting the town of Kafr al Labad to the village of Shufa as well as the road connecting the villages of Shufa and 'Izbat Shufa.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Checkpoint:</u> The Israeli army continues to intensify restrictions at 'Einav checkpoint set up on Tulkarem-Nablus main road. At 21:00, the Israeli army closed the checkpoint and denied civilian access until 23:50. • <u>Flying Checkpoint:</u> At 18:05, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the junction to the town of Beit Lid and searched civilians and vehicles. • <u>Raid:</u> At 24:00, the Israeli army raided the town of Beit Lid and patrolled the area until 01:45. • <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> The Israeli army continues to close with cement blocks agricultural roads east of the town of 'Azzun. • <u>Flying Checkpoints:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 10:45, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the junction to the village of Jit and searched civilians and vehicles. (ii) At 15:20, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the eastern entrance to the city of Qalqiliya and searched civilians and vehicles. (iii) At 20:05, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to the town of 'Izbat at Tabib and searched civilians and civilians. • <u>Raid:</u> At 22:00, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the village of Kafr Laqif. • <u>Settler Violence:</u> At 21:30, a group of Israeli settlers threw stones at civilian vehicles travelling along the Qalqiliya-Nablus main road near the junction to the village of Kafr Laqif. • <u>Wall Gate:</u> The Israeli army continues to intensify its restrictions at 'Azzun 'Atma Wall gate and to search civilians, including students, with a detector. • <u>Wall Construction:</u> Wall construction was suspended for the weekend south of the town of Jayyus as well as near the settlement of Alfei Menashe in the villages of Ras Tira, Magharet ad Dab'a, and Wadi ar Rasha south of the city of Qalqiliya.
NABLUS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Closure of Main Roads:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) The Israeli army continues to close the 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 southern entrance to the village of Duma; and the northern entrance to the town of Qabalan. (ii) The Israeli army continues to close with an iron gate the western entrance to the village of An Naqura opposite the settlement of Shavei Shomron. (iii) The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the northern entrance to the village of Madama, which leads to the settler bypass road near the village. • <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 neighbourhood 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 neighbourhood only between 07:00 and 02:00.

	<p>(ii) At 'Awarta commercial checkpoint, civilians are allowed to cross between 05:00 and 20:00, but between 05:00 and 15:00 on Fridays. All civilian vehicles are allowed to access the city of Nablus, but only commercial vehicles and ambulances can leave the city through the checkpoint.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Flying Checkpoints:</u> <p>(i) At 08:30, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the junction to the town of Qabalan and searched civilians and vehicles.</p> <p>(ii) At 14:55, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to the town of Jamma'in and searched civilians and vehicles.</p> <p>(iii) At 16:45, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint near the junction to the town of Deir Sharaf and searched civilians and vehicles.</p> <p>(iv) At 22:05, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint in the area between the city of Nablus and the town of 'Asira ash Shamaliya and searched civilians and vehicles.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Raid/Curfew/Attack/Injuries:</u> Beginning at 03:25 on 26 December 2009, the Israeli army has remained positioned in the city of Nablus and to impose curfew over neighbourhoods of the old city of Nablus as well as over the neighbourhood of Ras al 'Ein. While surrounding and searching a number of houses, confrontations took place between the Israeli army and civilians, during which the Israeli army injured 4 civilians, including a child and a pregnant woman. At 09:30, the Israeli army withdrew from the area. • <u>Settler Violence:</u> <p>(i) At 18:20, a group of Israeli settlers threw stones at civilian vehicles travelling along the Nablus-Tulkarem main road.</p> <p>(ii) At 21:50, a group of Israeli settlers gained access to the town of Deir Sharaf, provoked civilians, and attempted to attack a concrete factory. Consequently, the Israeli army evacuated settlers from the area.</p>
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.</p> <p>(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.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Checkpoint:</u> The Israeli army continues to intensify its restrictions and impede civilian access at the Za'tara junction checkpoint. • <u>Flying Checkpoints:</u> <p>(i) At 11:15, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to the town of Kifl Haris and searched civilians and vehicles.</p> <p>(ii) At 14:20, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint in the area between the towns of Kifl Haris and Deir Istiya and searched civilians and vehicles.</p> <p>(iii) At 20:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the western entrance to the village of Haris and searched civilians and vehicles until 21:20.</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Raids: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 10:20, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the town of Kifl Haris. (ii) At 13:50, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the town of Deir Istiya. • Demonstration: At 18:10, a mass demonstration took place in the centre of the town of Kifl Haris in protest against recurrent Israeli settlers' access to the town, ostensibly to visit the Prophet Ezekiel's Shrine. • Wall Construction: Wall construction was suspended for the weekend in the area northwest of the city of Salfit, and in the village of Marda and the town of Kifl Haris north of the settlement of 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: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) The Israeli army continues to intensify its restrictions at Al Hamra checkpoint set up along Al Badhan road connecting the districts of Jericho and Nablus. However, the Israeli army allows civilian access between 06:00 and 22:00. (ii) The Israeli army continues to intensify its restrictions at 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, only allowing access to civilians whose IDs indicate that their place of residence of the district of Jericho as well as to others holding access permits.
BETHLEHEM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure: <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) 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 road of Beit Jala-Wadi Ahmad as well as a detour road east of the town of Beit Fajjar. • Flying Checkpoints/Physical Assault/Injury: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 13:20, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the An Nashash junction (the southern entrance to the city of Bethlehem) and searched civilians and vehicles. (ii) At 21:15, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to the town of Husan, searched civilians and vehicles, and severely beat Hasan Mahmoud Dababseh, leaving him with injuries and contusions. As a result, Dababseh was transported to hospital for medical treatment. At 22:00, the Israeli army withdrew from the area.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Provocation of Palestinian Forces:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 15:35, Israeli troops positioned at the As Sawahira ash Sharqiya (the 'Container') checkpoint detained a Palestinian Police vehicle while it was transporting criminal prisoners from the city of Ramallah to the city of Bethlehem. After coordination with the Israeli authorities (through the DCO), Israeli troops allowed the Police vehicle to cross at 16:15. (ii) At 23:30, Israeli troops positioned at the As Sawahira ash Sharqiya (the 'Container') checkpoint detained Brigadier General Suleiman 'Umran, the Military Commander of the district of Bethlehem, while he was returning from the city of Ramallah, and allowed access to him following coordination with the Israeli authorities (through the DCO). • <u>Wall Construction:</u> Wall construction was suspended for the weekend 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 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: 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) On 05 January 2009, the Israeli army issued Military Order # 09/06/S for closure of the area located along the Green Line south of the town of Yatta, evacuation of civilian residents, and prevention of civilian access to the area. According to Military Orders # 05/03/T and 05/04/T, land in this area was confiscated for Wall construction. • <u>Closure of Main Roads:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) The Israeli army continues to close with cement blocks the entrance to the town of As Samoa'; 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 the Al Qeisi neighbourhood in the old city of Hebron; as well as the entrances to Al 'Arrub refugee camp, the area of Al Hawawir, the village of At Tuwani, and 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 Road # 60. • <u>Flying Checkpoints:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 08:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the junction to the village of Kharsa and searched civilians and vehicles.

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| | <p>(ii) At 10:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the junction to the village of As Sarra and searched civilians and vehicles.</p> <p>(iii) At 15:15, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on Road # 35 north of the city of Hebron and searched civilians and vehicles.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Raids/Physical Assault:</u> <p>(i) At 09:40, the Israeli army raided the town of Yatta and patrolled the area until 10:15.</p> <p>(ii) At 10:00, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the town of Dura.</p> <p>(iii) At 14:45, the Israeli army raided the town of Idhna. While searching a mechanic's workshop, confrontations took place between the Israeli army and civilians.</p> <p>(iv) At 15:45, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the city of Hebron. At 17:00, the Israeli army raided the city again, set up a checkpoint, searched civilians and vehicles, and patrolled the area.</p> <p>(v) At 19:40, the Israeli army raided the town of Beit Ummar, searched 2 houses, and arrested 1 civilian and 1 Palestinian Police officer, after a Molotov cocktail had been thrown at Israeli troops positioned on the military watchtower erected at the entrance to the town.</p> <p>(vi) At 20:00, the Israeli army raided Al 'Arrub refugee camp, patrolled the area, beat a Palestinian Preventive Security officer, and withdrew at 22:20.</p> <p>(vii) At 02:15, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the town of Nuba.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Arrests:</u> The Israeli army arrested 1 civilian and 1 Palestinian security officer in the town of Beit Ummar: <p>(i) Mohammed Mahmoud al 'Alami, a Palestinian Police officer; and</p> <p>(ii) Turki al 'Alami.</p> • <u>Wall Construction:</u> Wall construction was suspended for the weekend in the section of Tarqumiya checkpoint terminal; in the area surrounding the settlement of Eshkolot near the town of Adh Dhahiriya; and in the area between the villages of 'Arab ar Ramadin and Imneizil. |
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<p style="text-align: center;">ALL DISTRICTS</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • At 02:00 on 18 January 2009, the unilateral ceasefire declared by the Israeli authorities came into effect. At a later time on the same day, armed Palestinian groups announced an agreement to cease fire for a week. Later, armed Palestinian groups extended the ceasefire until 05 February 2009. Despite the fact that the extension period expired, the ceasefire continues to hold pending negotiations carried out by Egypt. • <u>Violation of the Ceasefire:</u> The Israeli navy opened intensive fire towards Palestinian fishing boats at sea the As Sudaniya beach in the district of Northern Gaza.
<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 closed. • <u>Attack:</u> In the morning of 26 December 2009, the Israeli navy opened intensive fire towards Palestinian fishing boats at sea off the As Sudaniya beach west of the town of Beit Lahiya.
<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 (Karnei) Crossing is closed. (ii) Ash Shuja'iya (Nahal 'Oz) Crossing is closed.
<p style="text-align: center;">CENTRAL GAZA</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Activities not reported.
<p style="text-align: center;">KHAN YUNIS</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Activities not reported.
<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 closed. (iii) Sufa Crossing is closed. (iv) Karm Abu Salim (Karem Shalom) Crossing closed.