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PALESTINIAN MONITORING GROUP

DAILY SITUATION REPORT

08:00 27 December 2008 – 08:00 28 December 2008

SUMMARY OF EVENTS

EVENT	WEST BANK	GAZA STRIP	TOTAL	NOTES
Deaths	—	271	271	Incl. children & women in the Gaza Strip
Injuries	22	900	922	Incl. scores in critical condition, Gaza
Physical Assault	1	—	1	A security officer beaten in Ramallah
Air Attacks	—	63	63	By F16 aircraft, helicopters, & UAVs
Attacks	16	1	17	Incl. 14 during confrontations, West Bank
Raids	33	—	33	Incl. 5 in Jenin and 8 in Bethlehem
Arrests	6	—	6	Incl. 3 children in Bethlehem
Detentions	18	—	18	At checkpoints and in residential locales
House Demolitions	—	4	4	In Northern Gaza, Gaza, & Khan Yunis
Destruction of Property	—	20	20	Incl. a ministry and houses destroyed
House Occupation	1	—	1	Converted into a mil. post in Jerusalem
Curfew	1	—	1	Over the village of Husan, Bethlehem
Closure of Checkpoints	15	—	15	Incl. access impeded at 9 checkpoints
Flying Checkpoints	14	—	14	Incl. 4 in Tulkarem and 5 in Bethlehem
Closure (per District)	7	—	7	Incl. Jerusalem, Tulkarm & Hebron
Closure of Main Roads	55	—	55	Incl. 9 in Bethlehem and 14 in Hebron
Closure of Crossing Points	—	6	6	Rafah Crossing open exceptionally
Attack on Religious Site	—	1	1	A mosque shelled and destroyed, Gaza
Settler Violence	2	—	2	Land levelled and fired opened
Provocation of Pal. Forces	1	—	1	A Palestinian security vehicle detained
Palestinian Attacks	1	10	11	Fire opened & 50 mortars fired
Demonstrations	21	—	21	Against attack on Gaza Strip, West Bank
TOTAL	214	1276	1490	

DISTRICT	EVENTS
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WEST BANK

ALL DISTRICTS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Israeli army continues to intensify its restrictions at checkpoints set up on the main roads connecting the West Bank districts, thereby isolating the northern districts from the southern districts as well as the Jericho district and the Jordan Valley from the remainder of the West Bank.
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JERUSALEM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Closure: 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. Raids/House Occupation/Attack/Injury: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 17:00, the Israeli army raided Qalandiya refugee camp. Having forced residents to evacuate, the Israeli army also occupied a civilian house and converted it into a military post. (ii) The Israeli army raided the town of Abu Dis. While patrolling the area, confrontations took place between the Israeli army and civilians, during which the Israeli army injured 1 civilian. Demonstrations/Attacks/Injuries: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 14:30, a mass demonstration took place in Qalandiya refugee camp in protest against the Israeli attacks on the Gaza Strip. Confrontations took place between the Israeli army and protestors near Qalandiya checkpoint, during which the Israeli army injured a number of civilians. (ii) In the evening of 27 December 2008, a mass demonstration took place in the city of Jerusalem in protest against the Israeli attacks on the Gaza Strip. Confrontations took place between the Israeli army and protestors in the vicinity of Bab al 'Amud. (iii) In the evening of 27 December 2008, a mass demonstration took place in Shu'fat refugee camp in protest against the Israeli attacks on the Gaza Strip. Confrontations took place between the Israeli army and protestors at the entrance to the refugee camp, during which the Israeli army injured 1 civilian.
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	<p>(iv) In the evening of 27 December 2008, a mass demonstration took place in the village of Sur Bahir in protest against the Israeli attacks on the Gaza Strip. Confrontations took place between the Israeli army and protestors, during which the Israeli army injured a number of civilians.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Wall Gates:</u> <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. • <u>Wall Construction:</u> 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.
<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>Flying Checkpoint:</u> At 15:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to the village of Jaba', searched civilians and vehicles, and impeded civilian access. • <u>Raids/Physical Assault/Palestinian Attack:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 11:30, the Israeli army raided the town of Beit Rima, searched a commercial shop, and beat a Palestinian General Intelligence officer. (ii) At 19:40, the Israeli army raided the village of Bil'in. Following a civilian demonstration protesting the Israeli attacks on the Gaza Strip, confrontations took place between the Israeli army and civilians. (iii) At 19:45, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the city of El Bireh after fire had been opened towards the settlement of Psagot. (iv) At 20:00, the Israeli army raided the village of 'Ein Yabrud. While patrolling the area, confrontations took place between the Israeli army and civilians. • <u>Settler Violence:</u> At 11:00, a group of Israeli settlers 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.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Demonstrations/Attack/Injuries:</u> (i) At 16:00, a mass demonstration took place in the cities of Ramallah and El Bireh in protest against the Israeli attacks on the Gaza Strip. Confrontations took place between the Israeli army and protestors near the northern entrance to the city of El Bireh, during which the Israeli army injured 3 civilians, including 1 child. The Israeli army also arrested 3 other civilians. (ii) At 19:20, a mass demonstration took place in the towns of Silwad and Beit Rima as well as in the village of Kafr Ni'ma in protest against the Israeli attacks on the Gaza Strip. • <u>Arrests:</u> The Israeli army arrested 3 unidentified civilians at the northern entrance to the city of El Bireh. • <u>Wall Construction:</u> 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"> • <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> (i) At 12:20, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the town of Kafr Ra'i as well as the village of Fahma. (ii) At 18:20, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the town of Ya'bad. (iii) At 21:15, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the town of 'Arraba. (iv) At 07:50, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the town of Meithalun. • <u>Demonstration:</u> At 17:00, a mass demonstration took place in the city of Jenin in protest against the Israeli attacks on the Gaza Strip. • <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>Demonstration:</u> At 15:00, a mass demonstration took place in the city of Tubas in protest against the Israeli attacks on the Gaza Strip.
TULKAREM	<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> (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.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <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). • <u>Flying Checkpoints:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 12:35, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the junction to the village of Far'un and searched civilians and vehicles. (ii) At 15:00, the Israeli army set up 2 flying checkpoints at the entrances to the town of Qaffin and searched civilians and vehicles. (iii) At 15:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to the town of 'Attil and searched civilians and vehicles. • <u>Raids:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 11:00, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the town of Beit Lid. (ii) At 11:45, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the town of Kafr al Labad. (iii) At 12:30, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the town of 'Anabta. (iv) At 13:00, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the village of 'Izbat Shufa. • <u>Demonstration:</u> At 13:00, a mass demonstration took place in the city of Tulkarem in protest against the Israeli attacks on the Gaza Strip. • <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. (iii) At 16:30, the Israeli army closed the iron gate at the northern entrance to the town of 'Azzun. • <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 Checkpoints:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 16:30, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the northern entrance to the town of 'Azzun and denied civilian access to or from the town. (ii) At 17:40, 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>Raids:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 15:10, the Israeli army raided patrolled the town of Jayyus after fire had been set near the gate installed between the towns of Jayyus and 'Azzun. (ii) At 02:20, the Israeli army raided the city of Qalqiliya and patrolled the area until 06:30.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Demonstrations/Attack/Injuries:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 16:00, a mass demonstration took place in the city of Qalqiliya in protest against the Israeli attacks on the Gaza Strip. (ii) At 16:30, a mass demonstration took place in the town of 'Azzun in protest against the Israeli attacks on the Gaza Strip. Confrontations took place between the Israeli army and protestors at the northern entrance to the town. Consequently, the Israeli army raided the town. Confrontations took place between the Israeli army and civilians again, during which the Israeli army injured 8 civilians. • <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 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. • <u>Raids/Attacks:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 02:00 on 27 December 2008, the Israeli army raided the village of Burqa. While patrolling the area, the Israeli army opened fire and fired sound grenades.

	<p>(ii) At 11:00, the Israeli army raided the village of Odala. Confrontations took place between civilians and the Israeli army while it was patrolling the area.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Settler Violence: At 20:35, a group of Israeli settlers opened fire towards the junction to the village of Salem. • Demonstrations: <p>(i) At 12:45, a mass demonstration took place in the city of Nablus in protest against the Israeli attacks on the Gaza Strip.</p> <p>(ii) At 17:40, a mass demonstration took place in Balata refugee camp in protest against the Israeli attacks on the Gaza Strip.</p>
SALFIT	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure of Main Roads: <p>(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.</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"> • 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: <p>(i) At 15:00, the Israeli army raided the town of Bruqin and patrolled the area until 15:30.</p> <p>(ii) At 18:00, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the town of Kafr ad Dik.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Demonstration: At 18:00, a mass demonstration took place in the city of Salfit in protest against the Israeli attacks on the Gaza Strip. • 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 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. • Raid: At 23:30, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the village of Al 'Auja. • Demonstration: At 18:40, a mass demonstration took place in the city of Jericho in protest against the Israeli attacks on the Gaza Strip.

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 09:40, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to the town of Za'tara and searched civilians and vehicles.
 - (ii) At 19:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to the village of Al Fureidis and searched civilians and vehicles.
 - (iii) At 19:10, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to the village of Nahhalin and searched civilians and vehicles.
- **Raids/Attack/Curfew:**
 - (i) At 10:20, the Israeli army raided the town of Jannata, set up a checkpoint, searched civilians and vehicles, and patrolled the area.
 - (ii) At 11:40, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the city of Beit Sahur.
 - (iii) At 11:45, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the town of Za'tara.
 - (iv) At 12:40, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the village of Dar Salah. At 17:20, the Israeli army raided the village again, set up a checkpoint, and searched civilians and vehicles.
 - (v) At 13:30, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the village of Al 'Asakira.
 - (vi) At 16:25, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the town of Tuqu'.
 - (vii) At 19:00, the Israeli army raided the village of Husan. Confrontations took place between the Israeli army and civilians, after which the Israeli army imposed curfew and arrested 3 children. At 01:30, the Israeli army withdrew from the area.
- **Arrests:** The Israeli army arrested 3 children in the village of Husan:
 - (i) Mohammed Tayel Shousheh, 17 years old;
 - (ii) Abdul 'Aziz 'Adel Shousheh, 17 years old; and
 - (iii) Mohammed Ma'rouf Shousheh, 16 years old.
- **Provocation of Palestinian Forces:** At 09:00, Israeli troops positioned at As Sawahira ash Sharqiya (the 'Container') checkpoint detained a vehicle belonging to the Palestinian National Security forces. Following coordination with the Israeli authorities (through the DCO), Israeli troops allowed the Palestinian vehicle to cross at 09:30.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Demonstrations/Attack/Injuries:</u> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 12:55, a mass demonstration took place in Ad Duheisha refugee camp in protest against the Israeli attacks on the Gaza Strip. (ii) At 18:10, a mass demonstration took place in the city of Bethlehem in protest against the Israeli attacks on the Gaza Strip. Confrontations took place between the Israeli army and protestors in the area surrounding Bilal Bin Rabah Mosque (Rachel's Tomb), during which the Israeli army injured a female international peace activist. • <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 the village of Al Walaja.
HEBRON	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Closure:</u> <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. • <u>Closure of Main Roads:</u> <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. (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.

	<p>(v) The Israeli army continues to close with cement blocks the southern entrance to the town of Adh Dhahiriya.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Raids:</u> (i) At 23:30, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the town of Beit Ummar. (ii) At 01:20, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the town of Yatta. • <u>Demonstration/Attack/Injuries:</u> At 13:00, a mass demonstration took place in the city of Hebron in protest against the Israeli attacks on the Gaza Strip. Confrontations took place between the Israeli army and protestors in the area of Bab az Zawiya, during which the Israeli army injured a number of civilians. Others also sustained injuries as a result of tear gas inhalation. • <u>Wall Construction:</u> Wall construction was suspended for the weekend 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 style="text-align: center;">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. • <u>Israeli Air Attacks:</u> At 11:25, dozens of Israeli F16 aircraft, combat helicopters, and UAVs simultaneously fired missiles towards 40 targets and locations belonging to armed Palestinian groups throughout the Gaza Strip districts. As reported below, Israeli combat aircraft continued to shell targets around the clock as of 08:00 this morning. The Israeli air attacks resulted in the killing of 271 civilians, including scores of children and women, as well as armed Palestinian individuals. Many corpses are also still under rubble of destroyed houses and buildings. Moreover, approximately 900 civilians were injured, including dozens who were in critical condition. In addition to children and women, armed Palestinian individuals were wounded. Furthermore, Israeli combat aircraft destroyed dozens of security headquarters and locations, including a security headquarter belonging to the deposed government; offices of a satellite channel; 1 mosque; 4 houses; a number of blacksmiths' and aluminium workshops; and a fuel tank. • <u>Killings:</u> According to medical sources, a total of 271 civilians were reported to have been killed. Names of killed civilians will be reported in subsequent reports of the Palestinian Monitoring Group. • <u>Palestinian Attacks:</u> Armed Palestinian groups fired a total of 47 unidentified mortars as well as 3 Grad missiles towards areas surrounding the Gaza Strip inside the Green Line.
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<p style="text-align: center;">NORTHERN GAZA</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure of Crossing Point: Beit Hanun (Erez) Crossing is closed. • Air Attacks/Injuries/Destruction of Property: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 15:40, Israeli UAVs fired missiles towards an armed Palestinian group near Zammu roundabout in the town of Jabalya, killing 2 armed individuals and injuring 3 others. (ii) At dawn on 28 December 2008, Israeli F16 combat aircraft fired missiles towards and destroyed a civilian house in the town of Jabalya. The air attack also resulted in the damage of neighbouring houses. • House Demolition: The Israeli air force destroyed a house belonging to the family of Abu Sultan in the town of Jabalya. • Palestinian Attacks/Israeli Attack: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 14:00, 14 unidentified mortars as well as 3 Grad missiles were fired towards the Green Line. (ii) At 14:00, 5 unidentified mortars were fired towards the Green Line. (iii) At 15:35, 3 unidentified mortars were fired towards the Green Line. (iv) At 18:55, 2 unidentified mortars were fired towards the Green Line. (v) At 19:00, 10 unidentified mortars were fired towards the Green Line. (vi) At 19:00, armed Palestinian individuals opened fire towards Israeli troops positioned on the Green Line east of the town of Jabalya. Consequently, the Israeli army opened intensive fire towards Palestinian territory.
<p style="text-align: center;">GAZA</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure of Crossing Points: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Al Muntar (Karnei) Crossing is closed. (ii) Ash Shuja'iyah (Nahal 'Oz) Crossing is closed. • Air Attacks/Destruction of Property/Injuries/Attack on Religious Site: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 14:00, Israeli F16 combat aircraft fired missiles towards and destroyed a building belonging to the deposed government in Gaza city. (ii) At 15:40, Israeli combat helicopters fired missiles towards an armed Palestinian group in Az Zaytun neighbourhood in Gaza city, killing 1 armed individual. (iii) At 16:00, Israeli combat helicopters fired missiles towards a gathering of armed Palestinian individuals east of Ash Shuja'iyah neighbourhood in Gaza city, killing 3 armed individuals. (iv) At 23:00, Israeli F16 combat aircraft fired missiles towards and destroyed offices of a satellite channel in Gaza city. (v) At 01:00, Israeli combat aircraft fired missiles towards and destroyed a number of blacksmiths' workshops in Gaza city. The Israeli air attack also resulted in the damage of neighbouring civilian houses. (vi) At 01:00, Israeli combat helicopters fired missiles towards Ash Shifa' Mosque in Gaza city, killing 2 civilians, injuring 7 others, and destroying the mosque. (vii) At dawn on 28 December 2008, Israeli F16 combat aircraft fired missiles towards 2 civilian houses in Az Zaytun neighbourhood in Gaza city. Destroying the targeted house, the Israeli air attack also damaged adjacent houses.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>House Demolitions:</u> The Israeli air force destroyed 2 houses belonging to the families of Salami and Hammoudeh in Az Zaytun neighbourhood in Gaza city. • <u>Palestinian Attack:</u> At 14:00, 3 unidentified mortars were fired towards the Green Line.
CENTRAL GAZA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Air Attack/Destruction of Property:</u> At dawn on 28 December 2008, Israeli F16 combat aircraft fired missiles towards and destroyed a civilian house in Al Bureij refugee camp. The air attack also resulted in the damage of neighbouring houses. • <u>House Demolition:</u> The Israeli air force destroyed a house belonging to the family of Ash Shaff'i in Al Bureij refugee camp. • <u>Palestinian Attack:</u> At 14:30, 4 unidentified mortars were fired towards the Green Line.
KHAN YUNIS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Air Attacks/Destruction of Property/Injuries:</u> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 13:00, Israeli F16 combat aircraft fired missiles towards a location belonging to an armed Palestinian group on the debris of an evacuated settlement in the vicinity of the city of Khan Yunis, killing 5 armed individuals. (ii) At 17:30, Israeli F16 combat aircraft fired missiles towards and destroyed an aluminium workshop as well as a press centre in the city of Khan Yunis. (iii) At 01:00, Israeli F16 combat aircraft fired missiles towards and destroyed a number of blacksmiths' workshops in the city of Khan Yunis. The Israeli air attack damaged neighbouring houses as well.
RAFAH	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Closure of Crossing Points:</u> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Yasser 'Arafat International Airport remains closed. (ii) Rafah (Al 'Awdah) Crossing is open on an exceptional basis for transportation of injured civilians to Egyptian hospitals as well as blood transfusions into the Gaza Strip. (iii) Sufa Crossing is closed. (iv) Karm Abu Salim (Karem Shalom) Crossing is closed. • <u>Air Attacks/Destruction of Property:</u> In the morning of 28 December 2008, Israeli combat aircraft fired missiles towards 10 targets in various areas throughout the city of Rafah, including a location belonging to an armed Palestinian group in Tal as Sultan neighbourhood as well as a fuel tank in Al Juneina neighbourhood in the city of Rafah. The Israeli air attacks resulted in the destruction of the fuel tank, setting fire to a number of adjacent civilian houses, and killing of 3 civilians. • <u>Palestinian Attacks:</u> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 02:00 on 28 December 2008, 4 unidentified mortars were fired towards the Green Line. (ii) At 14:00, 2 unidentified mortars were fired towards the Green Line.