# مجموعة الرقابة الفلسطينية



## PALESTINIAN MONITORING GROUP

## **DAILY SITUATION REPORT**

08:00 30 December 2008 - 08:00 31 December 2008

## **SUMMARY OF EVENTS**

EVENT	WEST BANK	GAZA STRIP	TOTAL	NOTES
Deaths	_	9	9	Death toll rose to 369 in the Gaza Strip
Injuries	5	15	20	Casualties climbed to 1,750 in Gaza Strip
Air Attacks	_	42	42	By F16 aircraft, helicopters, and UAVs
Attacks	12	7	19	Incl. 2 from mil. posts and 5 by navy boats
Raids	38	_	38	Incl. 6 in Qalqiliya and 6 in Hebron
Deportation	*	_	_	A political prisoner to Jordan
Arrests	15	_	15	Incl. 5 children
Detentions	22	_	22	Incl. a child and school students in Hebron
House Demolitions	_	6	6	N. Gaza (3), Gaza (2), & C. Gaza (1)
Wall Construction	23	_	23	Jer., Raml'h., Salfit, Hebron, and Beth.
Destruction of Property	1	26	27	Incl. a mosque, ambulance, & houses
Attack on Property	1	_	1	Central market closed in Beita, Nablus
Curfews	5	_	5	Over towns & villages, incl. in Nablus
Closure of Checkpoints	18	_	18	Incl. 3 checkpoints closed temporarily
Flying Checkpoints	11	_	11	Incl. 3 in Bethlehem and 2 in Hebron
Closure (per District)	7		7	Incl. Jerusalem, Tulkarem & Hebron
Closure of Main Roads	54	_	54	Incl. 9 in Bethlehem and 14 in Hebron
Closure of Crossing Points	_	5	5	Incl. Karm Abu Salem and Rafah partially
Medical Obstruction	_	1	1	An ambulance shelled in Northern Gaza
Provocation of Pal. Forces	1	_	1	Police officers forced to close a station
Palestinian Attacks	_	29	29	53 mortars fired towards the Green Line
Demonstrations	8	_	8	Incl. against Israeli attacks on Gaza Strip
TOTAL	221	140	361	

DISTRICT	EVENTS
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#### **WEST BANK**

## ALL DISTRICTS

• 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.

• <u>Closure</u>: 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:

- (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'.
- <u>Checkpoint</u>: 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.
- <u>Arrest</u>: On 30 December 2008, Israeli troops positioned at Az Za'ayyem checkpoint arrested Anas Mohammed Shihadeh Muhsen.
- <u>Demonstration/Attack/Injury</u>: At 09:55, 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 1 civilian.

#### • Wall Gates:

- (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.

#### **JERUSALEM**

RAMALLAH & EL BIREH	<ul> <li>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.</li> <li>Checkpoint: The Israeli army continues to intensify restrictions at the checkpoint on the overpass to 'Atara town and impede civilian access.</li> <li>Raids: <ol> <li>At 01:40, the Israeli army raided the town of Abu Shukheidim and arrested 1 child.</li> <li>At 04:15, the Israeli army raided the city of El Bireh and searched 1 building.</li> <li>Arrest: The Israeli army arrested Hisham Ahmed Isma'il al Khatib, 17 years old, in the town of Abu Shukheidim.</li> <li>Demonstrations:</li> <li>At 11:50, a mass demonstration took place in the city of Ramallah in protest against the Israeli attacks on the Gaza Strip.</li> <li>At 13:10, a mass demonstration took place in the town of Beituniya in protest against the Israeli attacks on the Gaza Strip. Confrontations took place between the Israeli army and protestors near 'Ofar military camp.</li> <li>Wall Construction: Wall construction continues west of 'Abud town and in the areas of Al Midya to Ni'lin and Ni'lin to Deir Qaddis.</li> </ol> </li> </ul>
JENIN	<ul> <li>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.</li> <li>Flying Checkpoints: <ul> <li>(i) At 09:15, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint along the Jenin-Nablus main road and searched civilians and vehicles.</li> <li>(ii) At 09:50, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint in the vicinity of the village of Bir al Basha and searched civilians and vehicles until 11:30.</li> </ul> </li> <li>Raids: <ul> <li>(i) At 15:00, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the towns of 'Arraba and Kafr Ra'i as well as the villages of Bir al Basha and Fahma.</li> <li>(ii) At 17:00, the Israeli army raided the village of 'Anza and arrested 1 child, claiming that he had thrown stones at Israeli troops.</li> <li>(iii) At 21:30, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the town of 'Arraba.</li> <li>Arrest: The Israeli army arrested Abdullah 'Aref Barahmeh, 15 years old, in the village of 'Anza.</li> <li>Demonstration: At 11:15, a mass demonstration took place in the city of Jenin in protest against the Israeli attacks on the Gaza Strip.</li> <li>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.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

TUBAS	<ul> <li><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.</li> <li><u>Raid</u>: At dawn on 30 December 2008, the Israeli army raided the town of Tammun and arrested 1 civilian.</li> <li><u>Arrest</u>: The Israeli army arrested Thaer Abdul Latif Mohammed Bsharat in the town of Tammun.</li> </ul>
TULKAREM	<ul> <li>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.</li> <li>Closure of Main Roads: <ol> <li>The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the western entrance to the village of Shufa.</li> <li>The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the road connecting the town of Kafr al Labad to the village of Shufa.</li> <li>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).</li> <li>Raid: At 00:55, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the village of Far'un.</li> <li>Detention: At 16:00, Israeli troops positioned at Jubara checkpoint detained Abdul Hafeeth Nofal, a Palestinian National Security officer. Following coordination with the Israeli authorities (through the DCO), Israeli troops released Nofal at a later time.</li> <li>Demonstration: At 11:30, political prisoners' families organised a sit-in demonstration in front of offices of the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) in the city of Tulkarem in solidarity with political prisoners as well as to demand that they be released.</li> <li>Wall Gates: Passage through the wall gates is restricted to civilians granted special Israeli permits.</li> </ol> </li> </ul>
QALQILYA	<ul> <li>Closure of Roads: <ol> <li>The Israeli army continues to close with cement blocks the agricultural roads east of the town of 'Azzun.</li> <li>The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the road connecting the town of 'Azzun to the village of 'Izbat at Tabib.</li> <li>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.</li> <li>Flying Checkpoint: At 12:10, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to the village of Kafr Qaddum and searched civilians and vehicles.</li> </ol> </li> </ul>

#### • Raids/Curfews:

- (i) At 11:45, the Israeli army raided and imposed curfew over the villages of Kafr Qaddum and Hajja.
- (ii) At 13:05, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the town of Jayyus. At 17:00, the Israeli army raided the town again. While patrolling the area, confrontations took place between the Israeli army and civilians.
- (iii) At 16:35, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the town of 'Azzun after stones had been thrown at the Qalqiliya-Nablus main road.
- (iv) At 24:00, the Israeli army raided the city of Qalqiliya and patrolled the area until 02:20.
- (v) At 00:30, the Israeli army raided the village of Immatin. Confrontations took place between civilians and the Israeli army while it was patrolling the area.
- Arrest: At 14:00, Israeli troops positioned at the checkpoint set up at the eastern entrance to the city of Qalqiliya arrested Raja'i Hamed Jasser Saleem, a civilian resident of the town of Jayyus.
- <u>Demonstration</u>: At 10:30, a sit-in demonstration took place in front of the ICRC offices in protest against the Israeli attacks on the Gaza Strip.

#### • Wall Gates:

- (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.

#### • Closure of Main Roads:

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- 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.
- <u>Checkpoints/Attacks</u>: The Israeli army continues to regulate times for crossing checkpoints set up around the city of Nablus:

- (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 10:00, the Israeli army closed and denied civilian access at the checkpoint set up along the Nablus-Jenin main road near the settlement of Shavei Shomron, allegedly for investigation of a suspicious object located near the entrance to the village of Burqa. Israeli troops also fired tear gas grenades towards civilians waiting to cross on both sides of the checkpoint. The Israeli army reopened the checkpoint at a later time.
- (iv) At 11:45, the Israeli army closed Beit Iba checkpoint and denied civilian access after having arrested a child, claiming that he was in possession of an explosive device. Israeli troops also fired tear gas grenades towards civilians waiting to cross on both sides of the checkpoint. At 13:50, the Israeli army reopened the checkpoint.
- (v) At 13:50, the Israeli army closed Huwwara checkpoint and denied civilian access, allegedly for suspicion of a civilian. At 14:50, the Israeli army reopened the checkpoint.

#### • Raids/Attack/Provocation of Palestinian Forces/Curfews:

- (i) At 12:30, the Israeli army raided the village of Til. Confrontations took place between the Israeli army and civilians. The Israeli army also searched a number of houses located around the village's Palestinian Police station after having demanded that Palestinian Police officers close doors of the station. In addition, the Israeli army arrested 1 civilian and withdrew at 14:35.
- (ii) At 15:45, the Israeli army raided the town of Huwwara and imposed curfew until 23:30.
- (iii) At 16:45, the Israeli army raided the villages of 'Asira al Qibiliya and Burin, imposed curfew over the village of Burin, and withdrew at 23:30.
- (iv) At 21:15, the Israeli army raided the town of Beita and searched a number of houses after a Molotov cocktail had been thrown at an Israeli military jeep. Having forced merchants to leave, the Israeli army also closed the central vegetables and fruits market.

#### • Arrests:

- (i) Israeli troops positioned at Beit Iba checkpoint arrested 14-year-old Muhannad Abdul 'Aziz ash Shalabi.
- (ii) The Israeli army arrested Mustafa Qassem al Qadhi in the village of Til.

#### **SALFIT**

## • Closure of Main Roads:

(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.

	<ul> <li>(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.</li> <li>• 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.</li> <li>• Flving Checkpoint: At 10:50, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the eastern entrance to the village of Yasuf and searched civilians and vehicles until 12:30.</li> <li>• Raids: <ol> <li>(i) At 08:30, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the town of Kafr ad Dik.</li> <li>(ii) At 11:30, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the village of Haris. At 19:40, the Israeli army raided village again and searched 1 house. At 20:00, the Israeli army withdrew from the area.</li> <li>• 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.</li> </ol> </li> </ul>
JERICHO	<ul> <li>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.</li> <li>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.</li> <li>Raids: <ol> <li>At 16:20, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the outskirts of 'Aqbat Jaber refugee camp.</li> <li>At 23:45, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the village of Al 'Auja.</li> </ol> </li> </ul>
BETHLEHEM	<ul> <li>Closure: <ol> <li>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.</li> <li>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.</li> </ol> </li></ul>

• 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 08:15, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the western entrance to the town of Tuqu' and searched civilians and vehicles until 09:05.
- (ii) At 12:00, 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.

#### • Raids/Attacks/Destruction of Property/Curfew:

- (i) At 08:30, the Israeli army raided the village of Dar Salah, set up a checkpoint, and searched civilians and vehicles.
- (ii) At 19:10, the Israeli army raided the village of Husan. Confrontations took place between the Israeli army and civilians, during which the Israeli army broke the window glass of a house. The Israeli army also imposed curfew, arrested 2 civilians, and withdrew at 02:30.
- (iii) At 22:10, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the debris of the evacuated military post of 'Ush Ghurab east of the city of Beit Sahur.
- (iv) At 23:50, the Israeli army raided the city of Beit Jala and fired flares while patrolling the area.
- (v) At 04:10, the Israeli army raided the town of Al Khadr and arrested 1 child.
- Arrests: The Israeli army arrested 2 civilians in the village of Husan:
- (i) Mohammed Abdul Hakeem Sabatin; and
- (ii) Sami 'Amer Sabatin.
- (iii) The Israeli army arrested 15-year-old Fayeq Khalil Salah in the town of Al Khadr.
- <u>Deportation</u>: The Israeli High Court entered a decision on the deportation of Nassri Nassri 'Atwan, a political prisoner and a resident of the town of Al Khadr, to Jordan despite the fact that he had obtained a family reunion in prison.
- <u>Wall Construction</u>: 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.

## • <u>Closure</u>:

#### **HEBRON**

(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.

#### • Flying Checkpoints:

- (i) At 10:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on Al Fawwar junction, searched civilians and vehicles, and impeded civilian access
- (ii) At 17:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to the town of As Samoa' and searched civilians and vehicles.

#### • Raids:

- (i) At 12:00, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the city of Hebron.
- (ii) At 23:00, the Israeli army raided the town of Tarqumiya. While searching a number of houses, confrontations took place between the Israeli army and civilians. The Israeli army also arrested 2 civilians.
- (iii) At 01:00, the Israeli army raided the towns of Nuba, Kharas, and Beit Ula as well as patrolled these areas until 04:00.
- (iv) At 01:30, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the town of Sa'ir.
- <u>Arrests</u>: On 30 December 2008, the Israeli army arrested 3 civilians (brothers), including a child, after having searched their house in the old city of Hebron:

- (i) Saleh Dawoud Mohammed Khalil ar Rajabi, 17 years old;
- (ii) 'Imad Dawoud Mohammed Khalil ar Rajabi; and
- (iii) Salah Dawoud Mohammed Khalil ar Rajabi.

The Israeli army arrested 2 civilians in the town of Tarqumiya:

- (iv) Rami Khalil Jibril al Badawi; and
- (v) Yasser Shihdeh Hasan Fataftah.

#### • Detentions:

- (i) At 19:00, the Israeli army detained 14-year-old Na'im Abdul Mun'em Abu Shukeidem in the old city of Hebron and released him at 00:10
- (ii) At 07:30, the Israeli army detained a number of school students along Ash Shallala Street in the old city of Hebron and impeded their access to schools.

#### • Demonstration/Attack/Injuries:

- (i) At 11:00, a mass demonstration took place in Al Fawwar refugee camp in protest against the Israeli attacks on the Gaza Strip. Confrontations took place between the Israeli army and protestors near Al Fawwar refugee camp, during which the Israeli army injured 3 children.
- (ii) 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 1 civilian.
- 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.

#### **GAZA STRIP**

## ALL DISTRICTS

- 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 a complete cessation of all hostilities.
- Israeli Air Attacks: On 29 December 2008, Israeli F16 aircraft, combat helicopters, and UAVs fired missiles towards dozens of targets and locations belonging to armed Palestinian groups, as well as towards civilian houses, a blacksmith's workshop, a factory, offices of a charitable association, a bureau de change, and an ambulance. In addition to opening fire, the Israeli army fired tank shells and naval boats missile mortars towards the Gaza Strip districts. The Israeli attacks resulted in the killing of 7 civilians, including 2 female children (sisters). Additionally, 2 other civilians, including a child, died of injuries sustained earlier. Since Israeli hostilities were launched, 369 civilians, including dozens of children and women, as well as armed Palestinian individuals have been killed. According to medical sources, 1,750 civilians, including scores of children and women, along with armed Palestinian individuals, were reported to have been injured.

- **Killings:** On the 4<sup>th</sup> day of the Israeli attacks on the Gaza Strip, 7 civilians, including 2 female children (sisters), were killed. Also, a child and an armed Palestinian individual died of injuries sustained. According to medical sources, death toll has risen to 369.
- Palestinian Attacks: Armed Palestinian groups fired a total of 43 unidentified mortars as well as 10 Grad missiles towards areas surrounding the Gaza Strip inside the Green Line.
- Closure of Crossing Point: Beit Hanun (Erez) Crossing is closed.

## Air Attacks/Injuries/Destruction of Property/Medical Obstruction:

- In the morning of 30 December 2008, Israeli combat aircraft fired 1 (i) missile towards the premises of the American School in the town of Beit Lahiya, killing 2 female children and critically injuring their sister. The female children were riding a cart.
- At 12:00, Israeli combat aircraft fired missiles towards and destroyed a (ii) house in the town of Beit Hanun. The air attack also resulted in the damage of neighbouring houses.
- (iii) At 12:20, Israeli combat helicopters fired missiles towards 2 locations belonging to armed Palestinian groups in the towns of Beit Hanun and Beit Lahiya.
- (iv) At 13:40, Israeli combat aircraft fired missiles towards armed Palestinian individuals while they were attempting to fire mortars from the area surrounding Malaka roundabout in Az Zaytun neighbourhood in Gaza city.
- At 15:40, Israeli combat aircraft fired missiles towards and destroyed a (v) house in Jabalya refugee camp. The air attack also resulted in the injury of a number of civilians as well as the damage of neighbouring houses.

#### At 18:30, Israeli combat aircraft fired 1 missile towards armed (vi) Palestinian individuals in the area of Jabal ar Rayves east of the town of Jabalya, injuring 1 armed individual.

- At 19:00, Israeli F16 combat aircraft fired missiles towards a house in (vii) the area of Al Khulafa' in Jabalya refugee camp, destroying the house and damaging adjacent houses.
- At 20:00, Israeli combat aircraft fired 2 missiles towards a building in (viii) the vicinity of Ash Sheikh Zaved residential towers.
- At 21:00, Israeli combat aircraft fired missiles towards and damaged (ix) greenhouses in the area of Ash Shayma' in the town of Beit Lahiya. The air attack also in eruption of fire in the area.
- At dawn on 31 December 2008, Israeli combat aircraft fired missiles (x) towards armed Palestinian individuals in the area of Jabal ar Rayyes, killing 1 medic, injuring 2 others, and damaging an ambulance.
- In the morning of 31 December 2008, Israeli combat aircraft fired (xi) missiles towards armed Palestinian individuals in the area of Ash Shayma', injuring 2 armed individuals.
- Attack: At 18:00, the Israeli army fired a number of tank shells from its location on the Green Line towards Palestinian territory east of the town of Beit Hanun.

## **NORTHERN**

# **GAZA**

#### • Killings:

(i) On 30 December 2008, Hamzeh Tayseer Shahin, an armed Palestinian individual, died of critical injuries sustained 3 weeks ago during an Israeli air attack on Palestinian territory east of the town of Jabalya.

The Israeli air force killed 2 female children near the American School in the town of Beit Lahiya:

- (ii) Lama Talal Hamdan; and
- (iii) Haya Talal Hamdan.
- (iv) The Israeli air force killed Mahmoud Abu Hassireh in the area of Jabal ar Rayyes.

#### • House Demolitions:

- (i) The Israeli air force destroyed a house belonging to the family of Shabat in the town of Beit Hanun.
- (ii) The Israeli air force destroyed a house belonging to Ahmed Abu Hussein in Jabalya refugee camp.
- (iii) The Israeli air force destroyed a house belonging to Mohammed 'Odeh in the town of Jabalya.

## • Palestinian Attacks/Israeli Attack:

- (i) At 11:25, 4 unidentified mortars were fired towards the Green Line.
- (ii) At 12:55, 2 unidentified mortars were fired towards the Green Line.
- (iii) At 13:05, 1 unidentified mortar was fired towards the Green Line.
- (iv) At 13:25, 1 Grad missile was fired towards the Green Line.
- (v) At 13:55, 3 unidentified mortars were fired towards the Green Line.
- (vi) At 15:00, 3 unidentified mortars were fired towards the Green Line.
- (vii) At 15:20, 1 unidentified mortar was fired towards the Green Line.
- (viii) At 15:30, 2 Grad missiles were fired towards the Green Line.
- (ix) At 16:25, 1 unidentified mortar was fired towards the Green Line.
- (x) At 16:40, 4 unidentified mortars were fired towards the Green Line.
- (xi) At 18:20, 1 Grad missile was fired towards the Green Line.
- (xii) At 18:25, 2 unidentified mortars were fired towards the Green Line.
- (xiii) At 18:25, 1 Grad missile was fired towards the Green Line.
- (xiv) At 19:00, 2 unidentified mortars were fired towards the Green Line.
- (xv) At 19:45, 1 Grad missile was fired towards the Green Line.
- (xvi) At 19:55, 4 unidentified mortars were fired towards the Green Line.
- (xvii) At 20:45, 2 unidentified mortars were fired towards the Green Line.
- (xviii) At 07:10, 4 unidentified mortars were fired towards the Green Line.

## • Closure of Crossing Points:

- (i) Al Muntar (Karnei) Crossing is closed.
- (ii) Ash Shuja'iya (Nahal 'Oz) Crossing is closed.

#### • Air Attacks/Destruction of Property/Injuries:

## GAZA

- (i) At 09:00, Israeli F16 combat aircraft fired 1 missile towards the premises of a mosque along An Nafaq Street north of Gaza city, damaging the mosque and neighbouring houses.
- (ii) At 12:00, Israeli F16 combat aircraft fired missiles towards and destroyed a dairy factory and a house in As Sabra neighbourhood southwest of Gaza city, also damaging adjacent houses.

- (iii) At 12:30, Israeli combat aircraft fired missiles towards and destroyed a blacksmith's workshop east of Gaza city.
- (iv) At 16:40, Israeli F16 combat aircraft fired missiles towards a house in the area of Al Mughraqa, killing 1 civilian and injuring others, including 3 children.
- (v) At 18:30, Israeli combat aircraft fired 1 missile towards a civilian vehicle along Al Bahar Street in Gaza city, killing 2 civilians and destroying the targeted vehicle.
- (vi) At 19:50, Israeli combat aircraft fired missiles towards a location belonging to an armed Palestinian group east of Gaza city.
- (vii) At 20:00, Israeli F16 combat aircraft fired missiles towards buildings housing the Council of Ministers and Ministry of Interior of the deposed government as well as an adjacent building.
- (viii) At 20:00, Israeli combat aircraft fired missiles toward Al Batsh Grove along Jaffa Street in Gaza city.
- (ix) At 21:00, Israeli F16 combat aircraft fired 1 missile towards a location belonging to an armed Palestinian group along Gaza Street, injuring 1 civilian.
- (x) At 21:20, an Israeli UAV fired a missile towards armed Palestinian individuals in Ash Shuja'iya neighbourhood, injuring 1 individual.

#### Attacks:

- (i) At 18:00, the Israeli army fired a number of tank shells from its location on the Green Line towards Palestinian territory east of Gaza city.
- (ii) At 22:00, Israeli naval boats fired several missile mortars towards a number of targets and locations on the beach of Gaza city.

#### Killings:

- (i) In the morning of 31 December 2008, Mahmoud Majed Abu Nahel, a child from Gaza city, died at an Egyptian hospital of serious injuries sustained.
- (ii) The Israeli air force killed an unidentified civilian in the area of Al Mughraqa south of Gaza city.
- (iii) The Israeli air force killed 2 unidentified civilians along Al Bahar Street in Gaza city.

#### • House Demolitions:

- (i) The Israeli air force destroyed a house belonging to Ahmed Dalloul in As Sabra neighbourhood southwest of Gaza city.
- (ii) The Israeli air force destroyed a house belonging to the family of Al Manna'ah in the area of Al Mughraqa south of Gaza city.

## • <u>Palestinian Attacks</u>:

- (i) At 16:25, 1 unidentified mortar was fired towards the Green Line.
- (ii) At 17:35, 1 unidentified mortar was fired towards the Green Line.
- (iii) At 17:55, 1 unidentified mortar was fired towards the Green Line.
- (iv) At 19:45, 1 unidentified mortar was fired towards the Green Line.

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#### • Air Attacks/Destruction of Property:

(i) At 12:00, Israeli combat aircraft fired 1 missile towards armed Palestinian individuals in the area of Johur ad Dik.

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	(ii) In the evening of 30 December 2008, Israeli combat aircraft fired
	missiles towards and destroyed a house in the district of Central Gaza.
	• House Demolition: The Israeli air force destroyed a house belonging to the
	family of Abu Maghli in the district of Central Gaza.
	Palestinian Attacks:
	(i) At 11:45, 1 unidentified mortar was fired towards the Green Line.
	(ii) At 14:30, 3 unidentified mortars were fired towards the Green Line.
	• Air Attacks/Injury/Destruction of Property:
	(i) At 08:30, Israeli combat aircraft fired missiles towards a number of
	targets west of the city of Khan Yunis.
	(ii) At 09:40, Israeli combat aircraft fired missiles towards a location
	belonging to an armed Palestinian group in the area of Al Qarara, killing
	1 armed individual and critically injuring another.
	(iii) At 12:30, Israeli combat aircraft fired missiles towards a location
	belonging to an armed Palestinian group on the debris of the evacuated
	settlement of Morag south of the city of Khan Yunis.
KHAN YUNIS	(iv) In the morning of 31 December 2008, Israeli combat aircraft fired
	missiles towards and destroyed a bureau de change in Khan Yunis city.
	• <b>Killing:</b> The Israeli air force killed an unidentified civilian in Al Qarara area.
	Attack: At 20:00, Israeli naval boats opened fire and fired missile mortars
	towards several locations and targets on the beach of the city of Khan
	Yunis.
	• Palestinian Attacks:
	(i) At 16:40, 1 unidentified mortar was fired towards the Green Line.
	(ii) At 21:40, 2 Grad missiles were fired towards the Green Line.
	(iii) At 21:40, 1 unidentified mortar was fired towards the Green Line.
	• <u>Closure of Crossing Points</u> :
	(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
	medical equipment and medicine to the Gaza Strip.
	(iii) Sufa Crossing is closed.
	(iv) Karm Abu Salim (Karem Shalom) Crossing was partially open for
	transportation of food supplies and humanitarian aid.
	Air Attacks/Destruction of Property:
RAFAH	(i) At 12:00, Israeli combat aircraft fired missiles towards and destroyed
TO THE	the offices of a charitable association in the city of Rafah.
	(ii) At 18:00, Israeli F16 combat aircraft fired a number of missiles towards
	tunnels on the Egyptian border.
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	(iii) In the morning of 31 December 2008, Israeli combat aircraft fired 3
	missiles towards a smuggling tunnel in Al Barazil neighbourhood in
	Rafah refugee camp.
	• Palestinian Attacks:
	(iii) At 20:55, 1 Grad missile was fired towards the Green Line.
	(iv) At 07:50, 1 Grad missile was fired towards the Green Line.