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PALESTINIAN MONITORING GROUP

DAILY SITUATION REPORT

08:00 31 December 2009 – 08:00 01 January 2010

SUMMARY OF EVENTS

EVENT	WEST BANK	GAZA STRIP	TOTAL	NOTES
Attacks	3	2	5	Incl. 1 in a raid and 1 by navy boats
Raids	19	1	20	Incl. 7 in Hebron and 1 in Central Gaza
Air Patrol	—	1	1	Reconnaissance aircraft over Central Gaza
Arrests (per person)	11	—	11	Incl. 5 children and 1 university student
Detentions	13	—	13	At checkpoints and in residential areas
Land Levelling	—	1	1	Agricultural land in Central Gaza
Wall Construction	21	—	21	Incl. Jer., Raml'h., Salfit, & Qalqiliya
Destruction of Property	3	1	4	Incl. 2 livestock barracks demolished
Curfew	1	—	1	Over the Al 'Auja village, Jericho
Closure of Checkpoints	9	—	9	Incl. 1 checkpoint closed temporarily
Flying Checkpoints	19	—	19	Incl. 3 in Qalqiliya and 4 in Jericho
Closure (per District)	7	—	7	Incl. Jerusalem and 4 areas in Hebron
Closure of Main Roads	38	—	38	Incl. 7 in Nablus and 15 in Hebron
Closure of Crossing Points	—	4	4	3 crossing points partially open
Settler Violence	2	—	2	Incl. archaeological site levelled, Salfit
Palestinian Attack	—	1	1	2 Grad mortars fired on Green Line
TOTAL	148	11	159	

DISTRICT	EVENTS
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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/Attack: 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. At 21:15, Israeli troops positioned at the checkpoint opened fire and fired tear gas grenades towards civilians, allegedly for throwing stones. • Raids: At 13:00, the Israeli army raided the village of Kafr 'Aqab and arrested 1 civilian. • Arrests: On 31 December 2009, Israeli troops positioned at Qalandiya checkpoint arrested 2 children, ostensibly because they had been in possession of explosive devices: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) 'Uday Ahmed Abu ar Rub, 16 years old; and (ii) Ali Nafe' Abu ar Rub, 16 years old. <p>On 31 December 2009, Israeli troops positioned at the checkpoint set up near the village of Jaba' on the road connecting the districts of Jerusalem, Ramallah and Jericho arrested 2 civilians:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (iii) Mohammed Anwar Mahmoud Washah; and (iv) Mohammed Salah Abu 'As'ous. (v) The Israeli army arrested Ali al Badawi in the village of Kafr 'Aqab. • 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.
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	<p>(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.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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.
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 18:30, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the junction to the village of Ras Karkar and searched civilians and vehicles. • Attack: At 10:30, Israeli troops positioned in the area surrounding the checkpoint set up on the junction to the settlement of 'Ofar opened fire and fired tear gas grenades towards civilians. • 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.
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 14:30, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint in the area between the town of Qabatiya and the village of Misliya and searched civilians and vehicles. • 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.
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. • Checkpoint: The Israeli army continues to intensify restrictions at 'Einav checkpoint set up on Tulkarem-Nablus main road. At 16:00, the Israeli army closed the checkpoint, denied civilian access in both directions, and reopened it at a later time.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Flying Checkpoints:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 09:05, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the Al Kafriyat road connecting the districts of Tulkarem and Qalqiliya and searched civilians and vehicles. (ii) At 16:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint near the junction to the town of Beit Lid and searched civilians and vehicles. • <u>Raids:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 11:00, the Israeli army raided and patrolled Dahiyat Shuweika in the city of Tulkarem. (ii) At 23:00, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the town of Beit Lid. (iii) At 01:00, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the town of 'Attil. • <u>Wall Gates:</u> Passage through the wall gates is restricted to civilians granted special Israeli permits.
<p style="text-align: center;">QALQILYA</p>	<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 19:20, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to Habla tunnel (the southern entrance to the city of Qalqiliya) and searched civilians and vehicles until 19:45. (ii) At 19:50, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint in the area between the town of 'Azzun and the village of 'Izbat at Tabib and searched civilians and vehicles. (iii) At 20:05, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to the village of Immatin and searched civilians and vehicles. • <u>Raid:</u> At 10:30, the Israeli army raided the village of Ras 'Atiya and searched 1 house. • <u>Arrest:</u> At 13:50, Israeli troops positioned at the Wall gate to the village of Ras 'Atiya arrested Saed Husni 'Odeh. • <u>Detention:</u> At 17:50, Israeli troops guarding the Wall section in the surrounding the city of Qalqiliya detained 2 children and released them at 21:00 after coordination with the Israeli authorities (through the DCO). • <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 continues 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.
<p style="text-align: center;">NABLUS</p>	<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.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Checkpoints: The Israeli army continues to regulate times for crossing checkpoints set up around the city of Nablus: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At Tur 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. (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. • Flying Checkpoints: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 17:30, 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 until 19:00. (ii) On 31 December 2009, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint near the settlement of Bracha, searched civilians and vehicles, and arrested a university student. • Raid: At 14:55, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the town of Huwwara. • Arrest: Israeli troops positioned at the flying checkpoint set up near the settlement of Bracha arrested Huthayfah Farid Ziyadeh, a university student.
SALFIT	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure of Main Roads: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the northern entrance to the city of Salfit. (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. • Checkpoint: The Israeli army continues to intensify its restrictions and impede civilian access at the Za'tara junction checkpoint. • Flying Checkpoint: At 15:40, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to the village of Qarawat Bani Hassan and searched civilians. • Raids: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 13:40, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the town of Biddya. (ii) At 16:00, the Israeli army raided the village of Mas'ha and patrolled the area until 16:30. • Settler Violence/Destruction of Property/Injuries: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) On 31 December 2009, and under protection of Israeli troops, a group of Israeli settlers from the settlement of Yakir levelled land in an archaeological site located between the town of Deir Istiya and the village of Qarawat Bani Hassan. (ii) At 02:00, a group of Israeli settlers from the settlement of Yakir threw stones at civilian vehicles travelling along the Wadi Qana road (connecting the districts of Qalqiliya and Salfit), breaking the windshield of a vehicle and injuring 2 civilians, who were transported to hospital for medical treatment. The injured civilians were:

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Usamah Mustafa Suwwan; and (ii) Ziyad Mahmoud Mohammed Suwwan. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wall Construction: Wall construction continues 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. • Flying Checkpoints: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 09:40, and again at 20:30, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the southern entrance to the city of Jericho and searched civilians and vehicles. (ii) At 16:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the juncture of Road # 90 in the centre of the village of Al ‘Auja’s and searched civilians and vehicles. (iii) At 21:20, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the junction to the Dead Sea and searched civilians and vehicles. • Raids/Curfew: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 10:20, the Israeli army raided and patrolled ‘Aqbat Jaber refugee camp in the city of Jericho. (ii) At 02:30, the Israeli army raided the village of Al ‘Auja and imposed curfew until 06:35.
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.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Flying Checkpoint:</u> At 10:20, 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. • <u>Raids:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 12:05, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the city of Beit Jala. (ii) At 20:00, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the town of Al Khadr. • <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 Al Walaja.
<p style="text-align: center;">HEBRON</p>	<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 16:15, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to the town of Tarqumiya and searched civilians and vehicles. (ii) At 19:25, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the junction to the village of Kharsa and searched civilians and vehicles. • <u>Raids:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 02:00 on 31 December 2009, the Israeli army raided the town of Idhna and arrested 1 civilian. (ii) At 09:45, and again at 18:05, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the city of Hebron.

	<p>(iii) At 19:35, the Israeli army raided Al ‘Arrub refugee camp. Confrontations took place between the Israeli army and civilians, after which the Israeli army arrested 3 children.</p> <p>(iv) At 21:10, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the towns of Surif and Beit Ula.</p> <p>(v) At 03:35, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the town of Adh Dhahiriya.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Arrests: <p>(i) The Israeli army arrested Samer Mahmoud Matar in the town of Idhna. The Israeli army arrested 3 children in Al ‘Arrub refugee camp:</p> <p>(ii) Fayez Abdul Nabi Ayyoub, 14 years old;</p> <p>(iii) Mohammed Muneer Jibreel, 14 years old; and</p> <p>(iv) Ahmed ‘Ata Sa’id al ‘Assis, 14 years old.</p> • Destruction of Property: At 10:25, the Israeli army demolished 2 barracks for raising livestock in the area of Al Buweira east of the city of Hebron, claiming that they had been built without the required construction licence. The barracks belonged to Ghaleb az Za’tari. • Wall Construction: Wall construction continues 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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GAZA STRIP

<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. • Violations of the Ceasefire: <p>(i) The Israeli army raided Palestinian territory and opened intensive fire towards civilians and property in the district of Central Gaza. Israeli navy boats also opened fire intensively towards the As Sudaniya beach in the district of Northern Gaza.</p> <p>(ii) Armed Palestinian individuals fired 2 Grad mortars towards the Green Line.</p>
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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 partially open for previously-coordinated humanitarian cases and foreign nationals. • Attack: In the morning of 31 December 2009, Israeli navy boats opened intensive fire towards the As Sudaniya beach west of the town of Beit Lahiya.
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GAZA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Closure of Crossing Points:</u> (i) Al Muntar (Karnei) Crossing is closed. (ii) Ash Shuja'iyah (Nahal 'Oz) Crossing is partially open for transportation of fuel.
CENTRAL GAZA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Raid/Air Patrol/Attack/Land Levelling:</u> In the morning of 31 December 2009, the Israeli army, including 3 armoured vehicles and 2 bulldozers covered by reconnaissance aircraft, raided 300 metres into Palestinian territory east of Al Maghazi refugee camp. The Israeli army opened intensive fire towards civilian land and houses and levelled agricultural land. • <u>Palestinian Attack:</u> At 21:10, 2 Grad mortars were fired towards the Green Line.
KHAN YUNIS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Activities not reported.
RAFAH	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Closure of Crossing Points:</u> (i) Yasser 'Arafat International Airport remains closed. (ii) Rafah (Al 'Awdah) Crossing is closed. (iii) Sufa Crossing is closed. (iv) Karm Abu Salim (Karem Shalom) Crossing is partially open for transportation of food supplies and humanitarian aid. A truck transporting exported flowers was also allowed to leave the Gaza Strip.