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PALESTINIAN MONITORING GROUP

DAILY SITUATION REPORT

08:00 31 December 2010 – 08:00 01 January 2011

SUMMARY OF EVENTS

EVENT	WEST BANK	GAZA STRIP	TOTAL	NOTES
Death	1	—	1	A female civilian in Bil'in, Ramallah
Physical Assault	1	—	1	A civilian severely beaten in Ramallah
Injuries	5	—	5	Incl. a child and medic in Ramallah
Attacks	4	1	5	4 during confrontations & 1 from post
Raids	11	—	11	Incl. 3 in Qalqiliya and 5 in Hebron
Arrests (per person)	4	—	4	3 in Tubas and 1 in Jericho
Detentions	11	—	11	Incl. an Israeli journalist
Wall Construction	15	—	15	Incl. in Jerusalem, Qalqiliya, and Salfit
House Occupation	1	—	1	Converted into a military post, Hebron
Closure of Checkpoints	8	—	8	Incl. access impeded at 5 checkpoints
Flying Checkpoints	20	—	20	Incl. 4 in Jerusalem and 4 Jericho
Closure (per District)	8	—	8	Incl. Jerusalem & a village in Ramallah
Closure of Main Roads	42	—	42	Incl. 3 in Salfit and 14 in Hebron
Closure of Crossing Points	—	6	6	Beit Hanun Crossing partially open
Settler Violence	1	—	1	Land excavated, the old city of Hebron
Palestinian Attack	—	1	1	8 mortars fired towards the Green Line
Demonstrations	6	—	6	Incl. against settlements and the Wall
TOTAL	138	8	146	

DISTRICT	EVENTS
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WEST BANK

JERUSALEM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) On 31 December 2010, the Israeli army intensified restrictions at checkpoints located at the entrances to Jerusalem city, set up many flying checkpoints in the old city of Jerusalem and around Al Aqsa Mosque compound, and denied access to civilians to perform Friday prayers at the Al Aqsa Mosque. (ii) On 05 January 2009, the Israeli authorities issued Military Order # S/02/09 on the closure of the “demarcation area” along the Wall in the area surrounding Jerusalem city. Access would be restricted to residents of the area as well as to civilians holding permits through crossings and gates defined in the military order. (iii) The Israeli army continues to impose a blockade and deny civilian access to a hill between Biddu and Beit Ikksa villages. • 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. (iii) The Israeli army continues to close with an iron gate the eastern entrance to Beit Ikksa village and force civilians to access Jerusalem city through Qalandiya checkpoint. • Checkpoint: The Israeli authorities continues to consider Qalandiya checkpoint a “border crossing point” and designates a special crossing lane for holders of Jerusalem IDs and those possessing permits to access Jerusalem city. • Flying Checkpoint: At 16:25, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to Bir Nabala town and searched civilians and vehicles. • Demonstrations/Detention: At 11:30, civilians performed Friday prayers in sit-in tents erected in Ash Sheikh Jarrah and Silwan neighbourhoods in Jerusalem city in protest against seizure of civilian homes for the benefit of Jewish settlement associations. Participants also protested against the eviction of civilian homes for construction of settlement projects. • Wall Gates: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) The Israeli army continues to close with cement blocks the Wall gate in Abu Dis town. (ii) The Israeli army continues to deny civilian access through the Wall gate on Ash Shayyah road in the area between As Sawahira ash Sharqiya and As Sawahira al Gharbiya villages, 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 north of Qalandiya village; in the area surrounding the checkpoint set up at the entrance to Shu’fat refugee camp; south of Az Za’ayem village; in Wadi al ‘Eizariya; and east of Ma’ale Adumim settlement.
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- **Closure:** On 31 December 2010, the Israeli army intensified restrictions and set up checkpoints around Bil'in village. Having declared the area a closed military zone, the Israeli army denied access to civilians from other areas as well as to international peace activists to the village in order to block civilians' attempt to organise the weekly peaceful demonstration against Wall construction.
- **Closure of Main Roads:** The Israeli army continues to close the entrances to Sinjil town and Saffa village as well as the junction to Kafr Malik and 'Ein Samiya villages.
- **Flying Checkpoints:**
 - (i) At 09:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to An Nabi Salih village and searched civilians and vehicles.
 - (ii) At 11:50, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint in the area between Beit Rima town and An Nabi Salih village and searched civilians and vehicles.
- **Raids:**
 - (i) At 23:35, the Israeli army raided El Bireh city and patrolled the area until 00:15.
 - (ii) At 02:20, the Israeli army raided and patrolled Kharbatha al Misbah village.
- **Demonstrations/Attacks/Injuries/Physical Assault/Detention:**
 - (i) At 12:30, a mass demonstration, including international peace activists, took place in Ni'lin town in protest against Wall construction. Confrontations took place between the Israeli army and protestors, during which a number of participants sustained injuries as a result of tear gas inhalation.
 - (ii) At 13:00, a mass demonstration, including international and Israeli peace activists, took place in An Nabi Salih village in protest against Israeli settler violence and confiscation of civilian land for expansion of Halamish settlement. Confrontations took place between the Israeli army and protestors, during which Israeli troops injured Islam Saleh at Tamimi, a child, and Nariman at Tamimi, a medic. In addition, a number of civilians sustained wounds as a result of tear gas inhalation. Israeli troops also severely beat Abdul Hakeem Mohammed 'Awadh, leaving him with contusions.
 - (iii) At 14:00, a mass demonstration, including international and Israeli peace activists, took place in Bil'in village in protest against Wall construction. Confrontations took place between the Israeli army and protestors, during which the Israeli army injured three civilians and detained an Israeli journalist. A number of participants were also wounded as a result of tear gas inhalation. Of these, a female civilian was suffocated of tear gas inhalation and died after she had been transported to hospital.
- **Death:** Jawaher Ibrahim Abu Rahmeh, a female civilian, died of tear gas inhalation in Bil'in village.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wall Construction: Wall construction continues in the area west of ‘Abud town in the area surrounding ‘Ofarim settlement and north of Al Lubban al Gharbi and Rantis villages.
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 Dotan settlement. • 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 city of Tubas. • Arrests: At 16:00, Israeli troops positioned at Tayasir checkpoint arrested three civilians, including Rashid Mohammed Rashid Abu Juheish.
TULKAREM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure of Main Roads: The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the road connecting Kafr al Labad town to Shufa village as well as the road connecting Shufa and ‘Izbat Shufa villages. • Checkpoint: The Israeli army continues to intensify restrictions and impede civilian access at ‘Einav checkpoint on the Tulkarem-Nablus main road. • Wall Gates: Passage through the wall gates is restricted to civilians granted special Israeli permits.
QALQILYA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure of Roads: The Israeli army continues to close with cement blocks agricultural roads east of the town of ‘Azzun. • Flying Checkpoints: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 10:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint near ‘Izbat al Ashqar village and searched civilians and vehicles. (ii) At 11:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint near the entrance to ‘Izbat at Tabib village and searched civilians and vehicles. • Raids: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 10:00, the Israeli army raided the area east of Kafr Thulth town, set up two checkpoints at the town’s northern and southern entrances, and searched civilians and vehicles. The Israeli army also searched three barracks and withdrew at 12:00. (ii) At 16:00, the Israeli army raided and patrolled Hajja village. (iii) At 22:00, the Israeli army raided and patrolled Al Muntar area in ‘Azzun town. • Wall Gates: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (i) The Israeli army continues to intensify its restrictions at ‘Azzun ‘Atma Wall gate and to search civilians, including students, with a metal detector. (ii) The Israeli army continues close with an iron gate the entrance to the village of Wadi ar Rasha and to deny civilian access. The Israeli army allows residents to access the village through Gate #109. Having removed the iron gate at the entrance to the village of Ras ‘Atiya, the Israeli army only allows students to cross to their schools outside the village through the Habla gate.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wall Construction: Wall construction continues in Kafr Laqif village north of Karnei Shomron settlement; in Immatin village northeast of Imanuel settlement; and east of Kafr Thulth town near Ma'ale Shomron settlement.
NABLUS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure of Main Roads: <ol 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 road connecting the town of 'Aqraba to the village of Osarin; and the detour road between the town of Qabalan and the village of Osarin. (ii) The Israeli army continues to close the northern entrance to the town of Qabalan; the southern entrances to the town of Jamma'in and the villages of Duma and Qaryut; and the western entrance to An Naqura village opposite the settlement of Shavei Shomron. • Checkpoints: The Israeli army continues to regulate times for crossing checkpoints set up around the city of Nablus: <ol 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. • Raid: At 01:30, the Israeli army raided 'Asira ash Shamaliya town and served a summons on Hazem Hasan Deirawi to report to the Israeli Intelligence agency.
SALFIT	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure of Main Roads: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (i) The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the northern entrance to Salfit city and with cement blocks the northern entrance to the Bruqin town. (ii) The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the entrance to two detour roads connecting Marda village to respective farmland. (iii) Beginning on 14 November 2010, the Israeli army has continued to open the northern entrance to Salfit city to civilian buses only. The entrance had been closed for seven years. • Checkpoint: The Israeli army continues to intensify restrictions and impede civilian access at the Za'tara junction checkpoint. • Wall Construction: Wall construction continues in the area north of Deir Istiya town southeast of Imanuel settlement.
JERICHO	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure: The Israeli army continues to close Road # 90 between Jericho city and Al 'Auja village with cement blocks.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Checkpoints: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) The Israeli army continues to intensify restrictions at Al Hamra checkpoint set up along Al Badhan road connecting Jericho and Nablus districts, only allowing access to residents of Jericho district of the Jordan Valley area. (ii) The Israeli army continues to intensify restrictions at the checkpoint set up on the junction to Al 'Auja village along Al-Mu'arajat road connecting Jericho and Ramallah districts, only allowing access to residents of Jericho district as well as to others holding access permits. • Flying Checkpoints: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 14:10, and again at 22:40, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the southern entrance to Jericho city and searched civilian vehicles. (ii) At 18:20, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to Marj Na'ja village and searched civilians and vehicles. (iii) At 20:10, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the junction to the Dead Sea and searched civilians and vehicles. • Arrests: At 00:30, Israeli troops arrested Rawhi Nathir Rawhi al Masri near Ha'arava settlement, after he had mistakenly drove into the settlement.
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 # S/02/07, the Israeli army has continued since 15 September 2007 to deny civilian access to an area measuring 22 <i>dunums</i> of land in the area of Mazmuriya in the cities of Beit Sahur and Bethlehem. The land was confiscated pursuant to Military Order T/31/07. • Closure of Main Roads: The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the road of Beit Jala-Wadi Ahmad; a road east of Beit Fajjar town; and a rural road connecting Tuqu' town to Khirbet al Baq'a village. • Flying Checkpoint: At 18:35, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to Tuqu' town and searched civilians and vehicles. • Demonstration: At 13:00, a mass demonstration, including international peace activists, took place in Al Ma'sara village in protest against Wall construction. Confrontations took place between the Israeli army and protestors, during which the Israeli army injured a number of participants as a result of tear gas inhalation. • Wall Construction: Wall construction continues in the area northwest of Beit Jala city; around Al Walaja village; and east of Efrat settlement.
HEBRON	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) The Israeli army continues to close Ash Shuhada' Street, As Sahleh and Khuzq al Far areas, and the old gold market in the old city of Hebron. In addition to closing the entrance to Al Qeisi neighbourhood, the Israeli army continues to close the entrances to the area of Al Hisba (the fruits and vegetables market) with an iron gate and Al Laban Market with iron plates.

	<p>(ii) On 05 January 2009, the Israeli army issued Military Order # 09/06/S on the 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.</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 entrances to As Samoa' and Adh Dhahiriya, Al 'Arrub refugee camp, and At Tuwani village. (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 the road between Al Karmil and At Tuwani villages; all roads leading to Road # 60; and the road connecting Surif town to Al Jab'a village. (iv) The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades detour roads along the settler bypass road leading to Yatta town. • <u>Flying Checkpoints:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 10:45, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the junction to Kharsa village and searched civilians and vehicles. (ii) At 19:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to Yatta town and searched civilians and vehicles. (iii) At 21:30, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the junction to Duma ad Deir village north of Adh Dhahiriya town and searched civilians and vehicles. • <u>Raids/House Occupation:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 10:40, and again at 20:50, the Israeli army raided and patrolled Adh Dhahiriya town. (ii) At 11:00, the Israeli army raided Abu al 'Asja village and occupied as well as converted into a military post the roof of a house belonging to Mohammed Musallam an Nammourah. (iii) At 14:00, the Israeli army raided and patrolled Hebron city. (iv) At 16:30, the Israeli army raided and patrolled Halhul town. • <u>Settler Violence:</u> At 12:30, a group of Israeli settlers excavated land belonging to civilians from Abu Heikal family in Tal Rumeida neighbourhood in Hebron city. Subsequently, Israeli troops evacuated settlers from the area. • <u>Wall Construction:</u> Wall construction continues in the area surrounding Eshkolot settlement west of Adh Dhahiriya town.
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GAZA STRIP

<p>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. The ceasefire continues to hold.
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Violations of the Ceasefire:</u> (i) The Israeli army opened fire from its location on the Green Line on civilian houses and property in Gaza district. (ii) Armed Palestinian individuals fired eight mortars towards the Green Line.
NORTHERN GAZA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Closure of Crossing Point:</u> Beit Hanun (Erez) Crossing was partially open to previously-coordinated critically ill civilians, foreign journalists, international organisations staff, merchants, businesspeople, and civilians intending to travel to Jordan through Al Karama (Allenby) Bridge in the West Bank.
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 closed. Beginning on 04 January 2010, the Crossing has been closed upon an Israeli unilateral decision. • <u>Palestinian Attack/Israeli Attack:</u> At 00:25, armed Palestinian individuals fired eight mortars towards the Green Line. Consequently, the Israeli army opened fire on civilian houses and property east of Gaza city.
CENTRAL GAZA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Events not reported.
KHAN YUNIS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Events 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 was closed on Friday. (iii) Sufa Crossing is closed. (iv) Karm Abu Salem (Karem Shalom) Crossing is closed.