# مجموعة الرقابة الفلسطينية



# PALESTINIAN MONITORING GROUP

# **DAILY SITUATION REPORT**

08:00 06 January 2011 - 08:00 07 January 2011

# **SUMMARY OF EVENTS**

EVENT	WEST BANK	GAZA STRIP	TOTAL	NOTES
Death	1	_	1	An elderly civilian in Hebron city
Air Attacks		3	3	Missiles fired by F16 combat aircraft
Attacks	2	_	2	1 in a raid and 1 during confrontations
Raids	25	_	25	Incl. 5 in Jenin and 9 in Salfit
Air Patrols	_	2	2	By F16 combat aircraft, Gaza & Rafah
Arrests (per person)	12	_	12	Incl. 2 in Jerusalem and 5 in Hebron
Detentions	13		13	Incl. 2 Palestinian security officers
Wall Construction	13	_	13	Incl. in Jerusalem, Qalqiliya, & Hebron
Confiscation of Property	1	_	1	A security officer's ID card, Salfit
Closure of Checkpoints	8	_	8	Incl. access impeded at 5 checkpoints
Flying Checkpoints	24	_	24	Incl. 6 in Qalqiliya and 9 in Hebron
Closure (per District)	7	_	7	Incl. Jerusalem & 2 areas in Bethlehem
Closure of Main Roads	44	_	44	Throughout the West Bank
Closure of Crossing Points	_	4	4	Incl. humanitarian cases allowed access
Settler Violence	4		4	Incl. tents erected in Qalqiliya
Provocation of Pal. Forces	3	_	3	Incl. a Police vehicle denied access
Demonstration	1	_	1	In solidarity with prisoners, Bethlehem
TOTAL	158	9	167	

DISTRICT EVENTS

# **WEST BANK**

#### • Closure:

- (i) The Israeli army continues to intensify restrictions at checkpoints located at the entrances to Jerusalem city and to prevent civilians from other districts from entering the city, only allowing access to civilians holding special permits.
- (i) 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.
- (ii) The Israeli army continues to impose a blockade and deny civilian access to a hill between Biddu and Beit Iksa villages.

#### • Closure of Main Roads:

- (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 Bareed from the town of Ar Ram.
- (iii) The Israeli army continues to close with an iron gate the eastern entrance to Beit Iksa village and force civilians to access Jerusalem city through Qalandiya checkpoint.

# • <u>Checkpoint</u>: 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.

- <u>Raid</u>: At 18:30, the Israeli army raided Ar Ram town and arrested a civilian as well as a Palestinian General Intelligence officer.
- <u>Arrests</u>: The Israeli army arrested a civilian and a Palestinian security officer in Ar Ram town:
- (i) Nader Abdullah ash Shawamreh, a Palestinian General Intelligence officer; and
- (ii) Kareem Mohammed Salameh.

# • Wall Gates:

- (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.
- <u>Wall Construction</u>: Wall construction continues in the area north of Qalandiya village; south of Az Za'ayyem village; and in Wadi al 'Eizariya west of Ma'ale Adumim settlement.

# **JERUSALEM**

RAMALLAH & EL BIREH	<ul> <li>Closure of Main Roads: <ol> <li>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.</li> <li>Although it removed the dirt barricade, the Israeli army continues to close with an iron gate the eastern entrance to An Nabi Salih village.</li> <li>Raid: At 10:15, the Israeli army raided and patrolled Ramallah city.</li> <li>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.</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 Dotan settlement.</li> <li>Raids: <ol> <li>At 15:30, the Israeli army raided and patrolled Ya'bad town.</li> <li>At 15:45, the Israeli army raided the towns of Meithalun and Jaba' as well as the villages of Misliya and Sanur. The Israeli army patrolled these areas until 17:20.</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> </ol> </li></ul>
TUBAS	• <u>Checkpoint</u> : 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.
TULKAREM	<ul> <li>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.</li> <li>Checkpoint: The Israeli army continues to intensify restrictions and impede civilian access at 'Einav checkpoint on the Tulkarem-Nablus main road.</li> <li>Flying Checkpoint: At 17:20, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the junction to Al Jarushiya village and searched civilians and vehicles.</li> <li>Raid: At 09:20, the Israeli army raided and patrolled Dahiyat Shuweika in Tulkarem city.</li> <li>Wall Gates: Passage through the wall gates is restricted to civilians granted special Israeli permits.</li> </ul>
QALQILYA	<ul> <li>Closure of Roads: The Israeli army continues to close with cement blocks agricultural roads east of the town of 'Azzun.</li> <li>Flying Checkpoints: <ol> <li>At 09:10, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the junction to Jit village and searched civilians and vehicles.</li> <li>At 10:40, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint near Al Funduq village and searched civilians and vehicles.</li> <li>At 16:20, and again at 19:50, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the junction to Immatin village and searched civilians and vehicles.</li> <li>At 16:25, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to Kafr Laqif village and searched civilians and vehicles.</li> </ol> </li> </ul>

- (v) At 18:40, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint near Jinsafut village and searched civilians and vehicles.
- <u>Settler Violence</u>: At 14:10, a group of Israeli settlers from Kedumim settlement erected tents on a piece of land belonging to Ragheb Ishteiwi on Beit az Zein Mountain near Kafr Qaddum village.

# • Wall Gates:

- (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.
- <u>Wall Construction</u>: Wall construction continues in Kafr Laqif village north of Karnei Shomron settlement; in Immatin village northeast of Emmanuel settlement; and east of Kafr Thulth town near Ma'ale Shomron settlement.

#### • Closure of Main Roads:

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

# (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/detention:

(i) At 10:45, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint near the junction to Yitzhar settlement and searched civilians and vehicles. Israeli troops detained Ahmed Abdul Ghani Anees al Hasan, a Palestinian National Security officer, and released him at 11:40 after they had served him a summons to report to the Israeli Intelligence agency.

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- (ii) At 15:10, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the junction to Sarra village on the Nablus-Qalqiliya main road and searched civilians and vehicles.
- (iii) At 19:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to Beit Furik town and searched civilians and vehicles until 20:10.

#### Raids:

- (i) At 00:30, the Israeli army raided 'Asira ash Shamaliya town and patrolled the area until 01:10.
- (ii) At 00:50, the Israeli army raided 'Urif village and patrolled the area until 01:00.
- (iii) At 01:00, the Israeli army raided Nablus city and patrolled the area until 03:15
- (iv) At 01:10, the Israeli army raided Talluza village and patrolled the area until 01:45.
- Arrests: At 01:20 on 06 January 2011, the Israeli army arrested two civilians, including a university student, during its raid into Nablus city, as was reported yesterday:
- (i) Khalid Bilal Abdul Fattah al Bouz; and
- (ii) 'Adel Husam ad Din Lutfi.

#### • Settler Violence:

- (i) At 10:30, a group of Israeli settlers from Shilo settlement gained access to a water spring on civilian land in Duma village and attempted to prevent civilians from accessing the spring. At 11:45, the Israeli army evacuated settlers from the area.
- (ii) In the morning of 06 January 2011, a group of Israeli settlers seized control of approximately 65 *dunums* of civilian land in Jalud village.

# • Closure of Main Roads:

- (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) The Israeli army continues to open the northern entrance to Salfit city to civilian buses only. The entrance had been closed for seven years.
- (iv) On 06 January 2011, the Israeli army levelled and closed a number of rural roads north of Marda village.
- <u>Checkpoint</u>: The Israeli army continues to intensify restrictions and impede civilian access at the Za'tara junction checkpoint.

#### • Raids:

- (i) At 12:40, the Israeli army raided Biddya town and patrolled the area until 14:50.
- (ii) At 14:55, the Israeli army raided and patrolled Qarawat Bani Hassan village
- (iii) At 16:30, the Israeli army raided and patrolled Kafr ad Dik town.
- (iv) At 17:00, the Israeli army raided Bruqin town and patrolled the area until 17:20.

#### **SALFIT**

	<ul> <li>(v) At 19:45, the Israeli army raided Az Zawiya town as well as Mas'ha and Rafat villages, set up checkpoints at their entrances, and searched a number of houses, ostensibly because four Molotov cocktails had been thrown at Israeli settler vehicles travelling along the Trans-Samaria Highway. Israeli troops also arrested a civilian in Az Zawiya town. At 21:15, the Israeli army withdrew from the town and villages.</li> <li>(vi) At 21:30, the Israeli army raided Sarta village and patrolled the area until 21:50.</li> <li>(vii) At 23:50, the Israeli army raided and patrolled Az Zawiya town.</li> <li>• Arrests:</li> <li>(i) At 15:15, Israeli troops arrested Mazen Abdul Hameed Ibrahim Rayyan, a resident of Qarawat Bani Hassan village, at his workplace inside the Green Line.</li> <li>(ii) The Israeli army arrested Wafi Mohammed Amin Yaseen in Az Zawiya town.</li> <li>• Detention/Confiscation of Property: At 13:30, Israeli troops positioned at the Za'tara junction checkpoint detained Ala' Omar Mahmoud Qasem, a Palestinian National Security officer, confiscated his ID card, and released</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>him at 18:00.</li> <li>Closure: The Israeli army continues to close Road # 90 between Jericho</li> </ul>
JERICHO	city and Al 'Auja village with cement blocks.  Checkpoints:  (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'arrajat road connecting Jericho and Ramallah districts, only allowing access to residents of Jericho district as well as to others holding access permits.  Flying Checkpoints:  (i) At 04:55, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the southern entrance to Jericho city and searched civilians and vehicles.  (ii) At 06:25, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint near 'Ein ad Duyuk village (the northern entrance to Jericho city) and searched civilians and vehicles until 07:10.  Settler Violence: At 13:15, a group of Israeli settlers gained access to an area west of Jericho city. Consequently, Israeli troops released the settlers from the area.
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 # S/02/07, the Israeli army has continued since 15 September 2007 to deny civilian access to an area measuring 22 *dunums* 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.
- <u>Closure of Main Roads</u>: 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: In the evening of 06 January 2011, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint near the junction to Kfar Etzion settlement on the Bethlehem-Hebron main road, searched civilians and vehicles, and arrested a university student.
- <u>Arrest</u>: Israeli troops positioned at the flying checkpoint set up near the junction to Kfar Etzion settlement arrested Shadi Sharif Jaradat, a university student.
- <u>Demonstration</u>: At 11:00, families of political prisoners held a sit-in demonstration in the Church of the Nativity square in Bethlehem city in solidarity with their relative prisoners. Protestors also demanded that all political prisoners be released from Israeli prisons.
- <u>Wall Construction</u>: Wall construction continues in the area northwest of Beit Jala city; in the area surrounding Al Walaja village; and east of Efrat settlement.

#### • Closure:

- (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.
- (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.

# • Closure of Main Roads:

- (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) Beginning at 15:00 on 08 December 2010, the Israeli army has continued to close with dirt barricades all detour roads along the settler bypass road leading to Yatta town.

#### **HEBRON**

# • Flying Checkpoints/Provocation of Palestinian Forces:

- (i) At 08:20, and again at 17:15, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint and searched civilians and vehicles at the northern entrance to Hebron city (along Road # 35 near the overpass to Halhul town).
- (ii) At 08:20, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to Al Fahs area south of Hebron city and searched civilians and vehicles.
- (iii) At 08:45, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the junction to Idhna town and searched civilians and vehicles.
- (iv) At 11:30, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the junction to Kharsa village and searched civilians and vehicles.
- (v) At 17:40, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint in Khallet al Maya area in Yatta town and searched civilians and vehicles.
- (vi) At 18:20, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the overpass to Halhul town and searched civilians and vehicles. Despite prior coordination (through the DCO), Israeli troops denied to a Palestinian Police vehicle, while it was travelling from Hebron city to Halhul town to investigate a traffic accident.
- (vii) At 19:20, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to Ar Ramadin village and searched civilians and vehicles.
- (viii) At 19:25, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to Beit Kahil town and searched civilians and vehicles.

# • Raids/Provocation of Palestinian Forces:

- (i) At 14:45, the Israeli army raided Beit Ummar town. While patrolling the area, confrontations took place between the Israeli army and civilians.
- (ii) At 15:05, the Israeli army raided Adh Dhahiriya town, took position in front of the complex of Palestinian security forces, and patrolled the area. At 18:30, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the town again.
- (iii) At 04:00, the Israeli army raided Hebron city and searched a number of houses. As they were searching a house in Ash Sheikh neighbourhood, Israeli troops killed in cold blood an elderly civilian while he was asleep in his bed. Israeli troops also arrested five civilians.
- <u>Killing</u>: Israeli troops killed Omar Saleem Suleiman al Qawasmeh, 66 years old, in Hebron city.
- Arrests: Israeli troops arrested five civilians in Hebron city:
- (i) Ahmed al 'Uweiwi;
- (ii) Majdi Mahir 'Ubeid;
- (iii) Wael Mohammed al Bitar;
- (iv) Muhannad Neiroukh; and
- (v) Wisam 'Azzam al Qawasmeh.
- <u>Wall Construction</u>: Wall construction continues in the area surrounding Eshkolot settlement west of Adh Dhahiriya town.

#### **GAZA STRIP**

# ALL DISTRICTS

- 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.
- <u>Violation of the Ceasefire</u>: During three consecutive air raids, Israeli combat aircraft fired three missiles on Palestinian territory in Gaza and Rafah districts.

# Closure of Crossing Point: Beit Hanun (Erez) Crossing was partially open to previously-coordinated critically ill civilians, foreign journalists, staff of **NORTHERN** international organisations, merchants, businesspeople, and civilians **GAZA** intending to travel to Jordan through Al Karama (Allenby) Bridge in the West Bank. **Closure of Crossing Points:** Al Muntar (Karnei) Crossing is closed. (i) (ii) Ash Shuja'iya (Nahal 'Oz) Crossing is closed. Beginning on 04 January 2010, the Crossing has been closed upon an Israeli unilateral decision. Air Attacks: In the evening of 06 January 2011, Israeli F16 combat aircraft fired a GAZA (i) missile on a site belonging to a Palestinian armed group in Az Zaytoun neighbourhood southeast of Gaza city. (ii) In the evening of 06 January 2011, Israeli F16 combat aircraft fired a missile on agricultural land in Ar Rayyes Mountain area northeast of Gaza city. CENTRAL Events not reported. **GAZA** Events not reported. **KHAN YUNIS Closure of Crossing Points:** Yasser 'Arafat International Airport remains closed. (i) Rafah (Al 'Awdah) Crossing was open to allow civilians, patients, (ii) **RAFAH** civilians holding visas, and a delegation of international peace activists to depart the Gaza Strip. In addition to peace activists and medical aid, access was allowed to civilians and patients, who had received medical

attention at Egyptian hospitals.

- (iii) Sufa Crossing is closed.
- (iv) Karm Abu Salem (Karem Shalom) Crossing was partially open for transportation of food supplies, humanitarian aid, diesel designated for Gaza Electricity Generation Plant, and cooking gas. In addition to 20 vehicles imported by the private sector, six truckloads of strawberries and flowers were exported through the Crossing.
- <u>Air Attack</u>: In the evening of 06 January 2011, Israeli F16 combat aircraft fired a missile on an object in Ash Shoka town east of Rafah city.