مجموعة الرقابة الفلسطينية



PALESTINIAN MONITORING GROUP

DAILY SITUATION REPORT

08:00 14 January 2011 – 08:00 15 January 2011

SUMMARY OF EVENTS

EVENT	WEST BANK	GAZA STRIP	TOTAL	NOTES
Physical Assaults	3		3	Three civilians sustained contusions
Injuries	2		2	Incl. a Danish & Israeli peace activists
Attacks	6	_	6	During confrontations with civilians
Raids	20	_	20	Incl. 1 in Jerusalem and 7 in Hebron
Detentions	17	_	17	Incl. a child and Police officer
Wall Construction	13	_	13	Incl. in Jerusalem, Qalqiliya, & Hebron
House Occupations	2	_	2	Converted into mil. posts in Ramallah
Closure of Checkpoints	10	_	10	Incl. access impeded at 7 checkpoints
Flying Checkpoints	24	_	24	Incl. 3 in Jerusalem and 6 in Qalqiliya
Closure (per District)	7	_	7	Incl. Jerusalem & 2 areas in Bethlehem
Closure of Main Roads	43	_	43	Incl. 10 in Nablus and 14 in Hebron
Closure of Crossing Points	_	6	6	Beit Hanun Crossing partially open
Settler Violence	3	_	3	Incl. gaining access to residential areas
Demonstrations	4	_	4	Incl. against the Wall and land grab
TOTAL	154	6	160	

DISTRICT EVENTS

WEST BANK

JERUSALEM	Closure: (i) On 14 January 2011, 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 from other West Bank districts 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 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. 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. Raid: At 09:15, the Israeli army raided and patrolled Biddu town. 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 Shayah 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 Qalan
RAMALLAH & EL BIREH	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. Although it removed the dirt barricade, the Israeli army continues to close with an iron gate the eastern entrance to An Nabi Salih village.

- <u>Flying Checkpoint</u>: At 15:30, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the overpass to 'Atara town, searched civilians and vehicles, and impeded civilian access.
- Attack: At 18:00, Israeli troops fired rubber-coated steel bullets and tear gas grenades on a number of civilians near the entrance to 'Ofar Detention and Interrogation Centre east of Beituniya town, allegedly for throwing stones.
- Raid/House Occupations: At 12:00, the Israeli army raided An Nabi Salih village, set up a checkpoint at its entrance, and searched civilians and vehicles. The Israeli army also occupied the roofs of two houses and converted them into military posts.

• Demonstrations/Attacks/Injuries:

- (i) At 13:00, a mass demonstration, including Israeli and 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 the Israeli army injured Ya'qoub Mohammed 'Amireh. Seven participants also sustained wounds as a result of tear gas inhalation.
- (ii) At 13:30, a mass demonstration, including international 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 13-year-old 'Uday Falah Abu Rahmah as well as a Danish and Israeli peace activists. A number of participants were also wounded as a result of tear gas inhalation.
- (iii) At 14:00, a mass demonstration, including international 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 three civilians as a result of tear gas inhalation.
- <u>Wall Construction</u>: 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.

• <u>Closure of Main Road</u>: The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the road leading to the town of 'Arraba east of Dotan settlement.

• Raids/Detentions:

(i) At 14:30, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the villages of Al Hashimiya, Kufeirit, and Kafr Qud.

- (ii) At 15:30, the Israeli army raided Zububa village, searched five houses and an internet cafe, and detained as well as took photographs of civilians inside the cafe. In addition, the Israeli army detained 16-year-old Omar Mahmoud Abu Zeitoun and released him at a later time. At 16:40, the Israeli army withdrew from the area.
- <u>Wall Gates</u>: Passage through the Wall gates is restricted to civilians granted special Israeli permits, which affects the educational and health conditions of civilians living behind the Wall.

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TUBAS	 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. Settler Violence: At 08:35, a group of armed Israeli settlers gained access to the outskirts of Khirbet 'Atuf village east of Tammun town and made a tour around the area until 13:30. At 21:30, a group of Israeli settlers from Rotem settlement planted olive seedlings on civilian land, of which they had seized control, near Al Farisiya village in the Northern Jordan Valley area.
TULKAREM	 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	 Closure of Roads: The Israeli army continues to close with cement blocks agricultural roads east of the town of 'Azzun. Flving Checkpoints/Detentions: At 08:10, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the northern entrance to 'Azzun town, searched civilian vehicles, detained two civilians, and released them at a later time. At 09:45, and again at 16:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the northern entrance to 'Azzun 'Atma village and searched civilians and vehicles. At 15:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint near the entrance to Habla tunnel (the southern entrance to Qalqiliya city) and searched civilians and vehicles. At 15:40, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to Kafr Laqif village and searched civilians and vehicles. At 20:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to 'Izbat at Tabib village and searched civilians and vehicles. At 13:10, the Israeli army raided and patrolled Jit village. At 16:00, the Israeli army raided and combed the area between 'Azzun town and 'Izbat at Tabib village. At 16:20, the Israeli army raided and patrolled An Nabi Elyas village. At 16:25, the Israeli army raided and patrolled 'Azzun town. Wall Gates: 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.
- 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.

• 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.
- (iii) At 10:20, the Israeli army intensified restrictions at Huwwara checkpoint and impeded civilian access until 12:10.
- (iv) At 12:45, the Israeli army intensified restrictions at Shavei Shomron checkpoint and impeded civilian access.

• Flying Checkpoints:

- (i) At 10:15, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to Beit Furik town and searched civilians and vehicles.
- (ii) At 11:20, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint in the area between Nablus city and 'Asira ash Shamaliya tow and searched civilians and vehicles until 12:20.
- (iii) At 12:45, and again at 23:45, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint near the junction to Deir Sharaf village searched civilians and vehicles.

• Raids/Attack:

(i) At 23:45, the Israeli army raided Qabalan town, searched a house, and served a summons on Ala' Abdullah 'Abed to report to the Israeli Intelligence agency.

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	(ii) At 23:50, the Israeli army raided Qusra village, fired flares, and searched a house and commercial premise.
	(iii) At 01:15, the Israeli army raided Beita town and searched two houses.
SALFIT	 Closure of Main Roads: 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. The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the entrance to two detour roads connecting Marda village to respective farmland. 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. Flving Checkpoints: At 11:00, and again at 16:30, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to Yasuf village and searched civilians and vehicles. At 07:45 on 15 January 2011, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint in the area between Kifl Haris town and Haris village and searched civilians and vehicles. Settler Violence: At 08:00, a group of armed Israeli settlers gained access to Wadi al Matwi between Nablus city and Bruqin town and made a tour around the area until 09:30.
JERICHO	 Wall Construction: Wall construction continues in the area north of Deir Istiya town southeast of Emmanuel settlement. Closure of Main Road: The Israeli army continues to close Road # 90 between Jericho city and Al 'Auja village with cement blocks. Checkpoints: 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. 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.
BETHLEHEM	 Closure: 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. 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 Checkpoints/Detentions:

- (i) At 14:50, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to Wadi Fukin village and searched civilians and vehicles. Israeli troops also detained two civilians and Shihab 'Atef Manasrah, a Palestinian Police officer, and released them at 15:50.
- (ii) At 16:10, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to Battir village and searched civilians and vehicles.
- (iii) At 17:05, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to Beit Fajjar town and searched civilians and vehicles.
- <u>Demonstration/Physical Assaults</u>: At 12:30, a mass demonstration, including international peace activists, took place in Al Ma'sara village in protest against Wall construction. Having intercepted the demonstration, Israeli troops beat protestors, leaving three civilians with contusions. A number of participants also sustained injuries as a result of tear gas inhalation.
- <u>Wall Construction</u>: Wall construction continues in the area northwest of Beit Jala city; around 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) The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades detour roads along the settler bypass road leading to Yatta town.

• Flying Checkpoints:

(i) At 14:50, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the overpass to Halhul town and searched civilians and vehicles.

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- (ii) At 18:25, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint in As Sahl area in Yatta town and searched civilians and vehicles.
- (iii) At 07:10, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to Al Fahs area south of Hebron city and searched civilians and vehicles.

• Raids:

- (i) At 13:00, the Israeli army raided Yatta town and patrolled the area until 14:00.
- (ii) At 16:00, the Israeli army raided Beit Ummar town. While patrolling the area, confrontations took place between the Israeli army and civilians. At 02:00, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the town again.
- (iii) At 16:30, the Israeli army raided Hebron city. At 00:10, the Israeli army raided the city again and patrolled the area until 04:40.
- (iv) At 17:00, the Israeli army raided Kharsa village and patrolled the area until 17:45.
- (v) At 23:45, the Israeli army raided Ar Ramadin village and served a summons on Murtadha Mohammed az Zagharneh to report to the Israeli Intelligence agency.
- <u>Detention</u>: At 16:30, Israeli troops detained Habib Fu'ad Qafisheh at the entrance to the Ibrahimi Mosque in the old city of Hebron and released him at 16:50
- <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.

Closure of Crossing Point: Beit Hanun (Erez) Crossing was partially open to previously-coordinated critically civilians, ill foreign **NORTHERN** international organisations staff, merchants, businesspeople, and civilians **GAZA** intending to travel to Jordan through Al Karama (Allenby) Bridge in the West Bank. **Closure of Crossing Points:** (i) Al Muntar (Karnei) Crossing is closed. GAZA (ii) Ash Shuja'iya (Nahal 'Oz) Crossing is closed. Beginning on 04 January 2010, the Crossing has been closed upon an Israeli unilateral decision.

CENTRAL GAZA	Activities not reported.	
KHAN YUNIS	Activities not reported.	
RAFAH	 Closure of Crossing Points: (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. 	