مجموعة الرقابة الفلسطينية



PALESTINIAN MONITORING GROUP

DAILY SITUATION REPORT

08:00 20 January 2010 - 08:00 21 January 2010

SUMMARY OF EVENTS

EVENT	WEST BANK	GAZA STRIP	TOTAL	NOTES
Attacks	_	2	2	1 in a raid and 1 in by navy boats
Raids	14	1	15	Incl. 3 in Jerusalem and 5 in Hebron
Air Patrols	_	4	4	2 by helicopters & 2 by reconnaissance
Arrests (per person)	14	_	14	Incl. 3 in Ramallah and 7 in Hebron
Detentions	13	_	13	Incl. motorcade of Bethlehem Governor
Land Levelling	_	1	1	Agricultural land in the Rafah district
Wall Construction	21	_	21	Incl. Jer., Raml'h., Salfit, & Qalqiliya
Destruction of Property	1*	1	2	Incl. mosque & school to be destroyed
Confiscation of Property	1	_	1	A hunting rifle in Jerusalem
House Occupation	1	_	1	Converted into a mil. post in Hebron
Closure of Checkpoints	9	_	9	Incl. access impeded at 6 checkpoints
Flying Checkpoints	13	_	13	Incl. 4 in Qalqiliya and 3 in Hebron
Closure (per District)	7	_	7	Incl. Jerusalem and 4 areas in Hebron
Closure of Main Roads	38	_	38	Incl. 8 in Nablus and 14 in Hebron
Closure of Crossing Points	_	3	3	4 crossing points partially open
Settler Violence	2	_	2	Incl. tombstones destroyed in Nablus
Provocation of Pal. Forces	1	_	1	Taking position near a Police station
TOTAL	135	12	147	

DISTRICT EVENTS

WEST BANK

• Closure:

- (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:

- (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.
- Checkpoint: 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.

• Raids/Provocation of Palestinian Forces/Confiscation of Property:

- (i) At 17:00, the Israeli army raided the town of Abu Dis, took position in front of the town's Palestinian Police station, and patrolled the area.
- (ii) At 17:00, the Israeli army raided the town of 'Anata and patrolled the area until 17:30.
- (iii) At 00:25, the Israeli army raided the village of Beit Duqqu, searched 2 houses, and confiscated a hunting rifle.

• 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.
- <u>Wall Construction</u>: 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

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	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	 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. Flving Checkpoint: At 15:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the 'Uyun al Haramiya junction on the road connecting the districts of Ramallah and Nablus and searched civilians and vehicles. Raids: At 09:00, the Israeli army raided the village of Rammun, patrolled the area, and took photographs of heritage buildings. At 03:40, the Israeli army raided the town of Ni'lin, searched a number of houses, and arrested 3 civilians. Arrests: The Israeli army arrested 3 civilians in the town of Ni'lin: Barakat Ali Fayez al Khawaja; Maher 'Atari 'Amireh; and Qusay Khalil Nafe'. 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	 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 10:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the junction to the town of 'Arraba and searched civilians and vehicles until 11:00. 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	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	 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. Raid: At 09:20, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the town of 'Anabta. Arrest: At 15:10, Israeli troops positioned at the Wall gate near the town of Qaffin arrested Arafat Tawfiq Mas' oud Khasib. 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. Flying Checkpoints: At 11:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint in the area between the town of Jayyus and the village of Kafr Jammal and searched civilians and vehicles. At 11:20, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to the village of Immatin and searched civilians and vehicles. At 16:35, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the southern entrance to the town of Jayyus and searched civilians and vehicles. At 19:45, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint in the area between the villages of Hajja and Al Funduq and searched civilians and vehicles. Raids: At 15:00, the Israeli army raided and combed the area between the towns of Jayyus and 'Azzun. At 21:55, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the city of Qalqiliya. Wall Gate: The Israeli army continues to intensify its restrictions at 'Azzun 'Atma Wall gate and to search civilians, including students, with a detector. Wall Construction: 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.
NABLUS	 Closure of Main Roads: 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. 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. Beginning on 04 January 2010, the Israeli army has continued to close with dirt barricades the southern entrance to the village of Qaryut. Checkpoints: The Israeli army continues to regulate times for crossing checkpoints set up around the city of Nablus: 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. 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. At 12:15, the Israeli army intensified its restrictions at Huwwara checkpoint and impeded civilian access.

	 Raid: At 01:15, the Israeli army raided the city of Nablus and arrested 2 civilians. Arrests: At 02:30 on 20 January 2010, the Israeli army arrested Anas Shawkat al Khalili during its raid into the city of Nablus, as was reported yesterday. The Israeli army arrested 2 civilians in the city of Nablus: Khalil Abdul 'Aziz Jibreel; and Usayd al Juneid. Settler Violence: At 23:00 on 19 January 2010, a group of Israeli settlers gained access to the village of 'Awarta, visited a shrine, and destroyed tombstones on the village's graveyard.
SALFIT	 Closure of Main Roads: The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the northern entrance to the city of Salfit. 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 11:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the western entrance to the village of Haris and searched civilians and vehicles until 12:50. 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	 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: 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. 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. Destruction of Property: On 20 January 2010, the Israeli army distributed notices for the demolition of a mosque and makeshift basic school to civilians of the Al Ka'abna Bedouin tribe northwest of the city of Jericho, claiming that they had been built without the required construction licences. The Israeli army gave a respite to affected civilians until 04 February 2010.

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. According to Military Order # 07/02/S, the Israeli army has (ii) 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. Closure of Main Roads: The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the road of Beit Jala-Wadi Ahmad as well as a road east of the **BETHLEHEM** town of Beit Fajjar. Flying Checkpoint: At 11:30, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to the area of An Nashash (the southern entrance to the city of Bethlehem) and searched civilians and vehicles. **Detention:** At 11:30, Israeli troops positioned at the As Sawahira ash Sharqiya (the 'Container') checkpoint detained a motorcade of the Governor of the district of Bethlehem. Following coordination with the Israeli authorities (through the DCO), Israeli troops allowed access to the motorcade. Wall Construction: 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. **Closure:** (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. On 05 January 2009, the Israeli army issued Military Order # 09/06/S (ii) **HEBRON** 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. **Closure of Main Roads:** The Israeli army continues to close with cement blocks the entrance to (i) 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.

• Flying Checkpoints:

- (i) At 16:10, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to the town of Idhna and searched civilians and vehicles.
- (ii) At 21:05, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the junction to the village of At Tabaqa and searched civilians and vehicles until 22:25.
- (iii) At 07:40, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to the town of Beit Ummar and searched civilians and vehicles.

• Raids/House Occupation:

- (i) At 15:00, the Israeli army raided the city of Hebron. At 23:00, the Israeli army raided the city again and patrolled the area until 01:40.
- (ii) At 16:30, the Israeli army raided Al 'Arrub refugee camp, occupied the roof of a civilian house, converted it into a military post, and patrolled the area.
- (iii) At 23:45, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the town of Idhna.
- (iv) At 02:00, the Israeli army raided the town of Beit Ummar and arrested 4 civilians.

• Arrests:

(i) At 11:40, the Israeli army arrested Sa'd Nidhal al 'Uweiwi in the old city of Hebron.

At 14:10, the Israeli army arrested 2 civilians, including a child, in the old city of Hebron:

- (ii) Rami Abdul Qader al Muraqtan, 15 years old; and
- (iii) Abdul 'Athim az Za'tari.

The Israeli army arrested 4 civilians in the town of Beit Ummar:

- (iv) Mohammed Mahmoud Ali Salibi;
- (v) Mohammed Muhsen Abdul Hamid 'Awad;
- (vi) Jamal Ibrahim 'Ilayyan Ikhlayyel; and
- (vii) 'Allam Ghazi Muneer Ibrighith.
- <u>Wall Construction</u>: 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.

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. Despite the fact that the extension period expired, the ceasefire continues to hold pending negotiations carried out by Egypt.

	• <u>Violation of the Ceasefire</u> : The Israeli army raided Palestinian territory and opened intensive fire towards civilians and property in the area surrounding Sufa Crossing northeast of the city of Rafah. The Israeli navy also opened fire towards the city of Rafah's beach.
NORTHERN GAZA	Closure of Crossing Point: Beit Hanun (Erez) Crossing partially open for previously coordinated humanitarian cases and foreign nationals.
GAZA	 Closure of Crossing Points: Al Muntar (Karnei) Crossing is partially open for transportation of wheat and fodder. Ash Shuja'iya (Nahal 'Oz) Crossing is closed. On 19 January 2010, the Crossing was open on an exceptional basis for transportation of diesel and cooking gas.
CENTRAL GAZA	Activities not reported.
KHAN YUNIS	<u>Air Patrol</u> : In the evening of 20 January 2010, Israeli combat helicopters and reconnaissance aircraft patrolled the skies over the district of Khan Yunis.
RAFAH	 Closure of Crossing Points: Yasser 'Arafat International Airport remains closed. Rafah (Al 'Awdah) Crossing is closed. Sufa Crossing is closed. (ii) Karm Abu Salim (Karem Shalom) Crossing is partially open for transportation of food supplies, humanitarian aid, diesel for the Gaza Electricity Generation Station, and cooking gas. Attack: At dawn on 20 January 2010, Israeli navy boats opened fire intensively towards the beach of the city of Rafah. Raid/Attack/Land Levelling: At dawn on 20 January 2010, the Israeli army, including several armoured vehicles and 1 bulldozer, raided Palestinian territory in the area surrounding Sufa Crossing northeast of the city of Rafah. The Israeli army opened intensive fire and levelled agricultural land. Air Patrol: In the evening of 20 January 2010, Israeli combat helicopters and reconnaissance aircraft patrolled the skies over the district of Rafah.