مجموعة الرقابة الفلسطينية

PALESTINIAN MONITORING GROUP

DAILY SITUATION REPORT
08:00 22 January 2010 – 08:00 23 January 2010

SUMMARY OF EVENTS

EVENT	WEST BANK	GAZA STRIP	TOTAL	NOTES
Physical Assaults	13	—	13	Incl. guard of Al Aqsa Mosque beaten
Injuries	8	—	8	During a demonstration in Ramallah
Attacks	5	1	6	Incl. 1 in a raid and 1 from a mil. post
Raids	26	1	27	Incl. 8 in Nablus and 4 in Hebron
Air Patrols	—	2	2	Helicopters & reconnaissance, C. Gaza
Arrests (per person)	9	—	9	Incl. a Palestinian security officer
Detentions	14	—	14	Incl. women & int'l peace activists
Wall Construction	21	—	21	Incl. Jer., Raml'h., Salfit, & Qalqiliya
Closure of Checkpoints	8	—	8	Incl. access impeded at 5 checkpoints
Flying Checkpoints	23	—	23	Incl. 6 in Nablus and 5 in Hebron
Closure (per District)	7	—	7	Incl. Nu'man and Mazmuriya villages
Closure of Main Roads	39	—	39	Incl. 2 in Qalqiliya and 3 in Bethlehem
Closure of Crossing Points	—	6	6	On Rafah Crossing open exceptionally
Settler Violence	2	—	2	Incl. attempt to enter Al Aqsa Mosque
Demonstrations	5	—	5	Incl. against settlement activity & Wall
TOTAL	**180**	**10**	**190**	

DISTRICT	EVENTS
WEST BANK	
JERUSALEM	**Closure:** (i) On 22 January 2010, the Israeli army intensified its restrictions at checkpoints located at the entrances to the city of Jerusalem, set up several 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 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. **Physical Assaults/Detentions:** (i) In the morning of 22 January 2010, Israeli troops positioned at a gate to the Al Aqsa Mosque compound severely beat Muhannad Mohammed Idris, a guard of the mosque, leaving him with contusion. As a result, Idris was transported to hospital for medical treatment. (ii) At 21:00, the Israeli army beat 4 civilians, including a female civilian, from the same family. Of these, the Israeli army also detained 2 family members and released them at a later time. **Settler Violence:** At 10:00, Palestinian guards of the Al Aqsa Mosque compound obstructed access to an Israeli settler, who was in possession of a knife, and handed him over to the Israeli army. **Demonstration/Physical Assaults/Injuries/Detentions:** At 18:00, a mass demonstration, including international peace activists, took place in the Ash Sheikh Jarrah neighbourhood in the city of Jerusalem in protest against settlement activity and against Israeli settlers' seizure of civilian houses. Israeli troops obstructed the demonstration and severely beat participants, leaving with contusions 5 civilians, including 1 girl and 2 women. Israeli troops also detained several protestors, including peace activists.

	• **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. • **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	• **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 14:50, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the overpass to the town of 'Atara and searched civilians and vehicles. • **Raid:** At 21:30, the Israeli army raided the town of Sinjil, set up a checkpoint, searched civilians and vehicles, and patrolled the area. • **Demonstrations/Attacks/Injuries/Raids/Detentions:** (i) At 13:00, a mass demonstration, including international peace activists, took place in the village of Bil'in 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. (ii) At 13:00, a mass demonstration, including international peace activists, took place in the town of Ni'lin 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. (iii) At 14:00, a mass demonstration took place in the villages of Deir Nidham and An Nabi Salih in protest against land confiscation for expansion of the settlement of Halamish. Having obstructed the demonstration, Israeli troops fired live and rubber-coated steel bullets as well as tear gas grenades towards protestors, injuring 8 participants. Israeli troops pursued protestors, raided the two villages, searched a number houses, and severely beat several civilians, including children and women, leaving them with contusions. In addition to detaining 3 female civilians, the Israeli army arrested 2 civilians and 1 Palestinian Preventive Security officer. • **Arrests:** The Israeli army arrested 2 civilians and 1 Palestinian security officer in the villages of Deir Nidham and An Nabi Salih: (i) 'Atallah Tamim at Tamimi, a Palestinian Preventive Security officer;

	(ii) Mohammed Faraj at Tamimi; and (iii) Murad Abdul Karim at Tamimi. **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. **Raids:** (i) At 11:40, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the town of Az Zababida. (ii) At 24:00, the Israeli army raided the town of Qabatiya and patrolled the area until 01:35. **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. **Flying Checkpoints:** At 23:45, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint in the area between the towns of Zeita and 'Attil and searched civilians and vehicles until 02:00. **Raid:** At 03:00, the Israeli army raided the village of Seida and patrolled the area until 04:55. **Wall Gates**: Passage through the wall gates is restricted to civilians granted special Israeli permits.
QALQILYA	**Closure of Roads:** (i) The Israeli army continues to close with cement blocks agricultural roads east of the town of 'Azzun. (ii) The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the detour road connecting the town of Jayyus to the village of An Nabi Elyas. **Flying Checkpoints:** (i) At 15:30, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the eastern entrance to the city of Qalqiliya and searched civilians and vehicles. (ii) At 16:40, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the northern entrance to the town of 'Azzun and searched civilians and vehicles. **Attack:** At 13:40, the Israeli army opened fire and fired sound grenades near the Wall on the eastern outskirts of the town of 'Azzun.

	Raids: (i) At 10:00, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the town of 'Azzun. (ii) At 18:40, the Israeli army raided the village of Immatin. While patrolling the area, confrontations took place between the Israeli army and civilians. At 19:20, the Israeli army withdrew from the area. • **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:** (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. (iii) 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: (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:** (i) At 09:50, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to the town of Jamma'in and searched civilians and vehicles. (ii) At 10:40, and again at 20:40, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint near the town of Beit Iba (the western entrance to the city of Nablus) and searched civilians and vehicles. (iii) At 14:40, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the junction to the village of Bizzariya and searched civilians and vehicles. (iv) At 20:50, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint near the junction to the village of Deir Sharaf and searched civilians and vehicles. (v) At 00:15, 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.

	• **Raids:** (i) At 09:00, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the village of 'Einabus. (ii) At 14:30, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the village of Beit Imrin. (iii) At 15:25, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the town of 'Asira ash Shamaliya and the village of Yasid. (iv) At 22:40, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the town of Beit Furik and the village of Beit Dajan. (v) At 23:30, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the villages of Till and 'Urif.
SALFIT	• **Closure of Main Roads:** (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 16:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint in the area between the town of Kifl Haris and the village of Haris and searched civilians and vehicles. • **Raid:** At 20:40, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the village of Mas'ha. • **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:** (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. • **Raids:** (i) At 08:00, the Israeli army raided the village of Fasayil and closed detour roads around the village. At 23:50, the Israeli army raided the village again, searched 3 houses, and served summons to 3 civilians to report to the Israeli Intelligence agency. (ii) At 02:20, the Israeli army raided the city of Jericho and patrolled the area until 03:00.

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 # 07/02/S, the Israeli army has continued since 15 September 2007 to deny civilian access to an area measuring 22 *dunum*s (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 town of Beit Fajjar. • **Flying Checkpoints:** (i) At 08:50, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint in the area of 'Ush Ghurab east of the city of Beit Sahur and searched civilians and vehicles until 11:30. (ii) At 13:20, and again at 18:30, the Israeli army set up flying checkpoints at the entrance to the area of An Nashash (the southern entrance to the city of Bethlehem) and searched civilians and vehicles. • **Raids:** (i) At 18:00, the Israeli army raided the village of Al Ma'sara and arrested 1 civilian. (ii) At 23:55, the Israeli army raided the village of Dar Salah, served a summons to 1 civilian to report to the Israeli Intelligence agency, and withdrew at 01:55. • **Arrest:** The Israeli army arrested Sa'id Suleiman Mousa Burijiyyeh in the village of Al Ma'sara. • **Demonstration:** At 13:20, a mass demonstration, including international peace activists, took place in the village of Al Ma'sara against Wall construction. Israeli troops obstructed the demonstration and prevented participants from planting olive seedlings. • **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.
HEBRON	• **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.

(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.

- **Closure of Main Roads:**

(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.

- **Flying Checkpoints:**

(i)   At 09:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to the town of Beit Ummar and searched civilians and vehicles.

(ii)   At 09:40, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to the town of Idhna and searched civilians and vehicles until 11:00.

(iii)   At 11:40, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to the town of Tarqumiya and searched civilians and vehicles.

(iv)   At 16:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to the Al Fawwar refugee camp and searched civilians and vehicles.

(v)   At 03:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the overpass to the town of Halhul and searched civilians and vehicles.

- **Raids:**

(i)   At 13:50, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the villages of 'Abda and Imreish.

(ii)   At 20:20, the Israeli army raided the town of Idhna and patrolled the area until 01:55.

(iii)   At 01:30, the Israeli army raided the town of Beit Ummar, searched several houses, and arrested 3 civilians.

- **Arrests:** At 17:15, the Israeli army arrested 2 civilians near the Al Majnuna military camp south of the town of Dura:

(i)   Yousef Rizq ar Ra'i; and

(ii)   Yousef 'Anboush.

The Israeli army arrested 3 civilians in the town of Beit Ummar:

(iii)   Muhannad Khaled Suleiman Abu 'Awwad;

(iv)   Hussein Ibrahim Mohammed Abu 'Ayyash; and

(v)   'Isa Mohammed 'Isa 'Awadh.

- **Settler Violence:** At 11:40, a group of Israeli settlers from the settlement of Karmei Tzur gained access to an area west of the town of Halhul and withdrew at 12:50.

	• **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.

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. • **Violation of the Ceasefire:** The Israeli army raided Palestinian territory and opened intensive fire towards civilians and property in the district of Central Gaza.

NORTHERN GAZA	• **Closure of Crossing Point:** Beit Hanun (Erez) Crossing is closed.
GAZA	• **Closure of Crossing Points**: (i) Al Muntar (Karnei) Crossing is closed. (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	• **Raid/Air Patrol/Attack:** In the evening of 22 January 2010, the Israeli army, including several armoured vehicles covered by combat helicopters and reconnaissance aircraft, raided Palestinian territory east of Al Bureij refugee camp and opened intensive fire towards agricultural land.
KHAN YUNIS	• Activities not reported.
RAFAH	• **Closure of Crossing Points:** (i) Yasser 'Arafat International Airport remains closed. (ii) Rafah (Al 'Awdah) Crossing is open on an exceptional basis to allow access to a number of ill civilians, who had received medical treatment at Egyptian hospitals. (iii) Sufa Crossing is closed. (iv) Karm Abu Salim (Karem Shalom) Crossing is closed.