مجموعة الرقابة الفلسطينية



PALESTINIAN MONITORING GROUP

DAILY SITUATION REPORT

08:00 29 November 2009 – 08:00 30 November 2009

SUMMARY OF EVENTS

EVENT	WEST BANK	GAZA STRIP	TOTAL	NOTES
Attacks	2	_	2	During raids in residential locales
Raids	12	_	12	Incl. 3 in Salfit and 6 in Hebron
Air Patrols	1	1	2	Incl. troops dispatched by a helicopter
Arrests (per person)	2	1	3	Incl. an injured civilian at Erez Crossing
Detentions	12		12	At checkpoints and in residential areas
Wall Construction	21	_	21	Incl. Jer., Raml'h., Salfit, & Qalqiliya
Closure of Checkpoints	8	_	8	Access impeded at 5 checkpoints
Flying Checkpoints	16	_	16	Incl. 4 in Jerusalem and 6 in Hebron
Closure (per District)	7	_	7	Incl. Jerusalem and 4 areas in Hebron
Closure of Main Roads	37	_	37	Incl. 7 in Nablus and 15 in Hebron
Closure of Crossing Points	_	6	6	Only Rafah Crossing partially open
Settler Violence	2	_	2	Incl. civilian vehicles stoned, Jericho
TOTAL	120	8	128	

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.
- (ii) 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).
- (iii) 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 it 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.

• Flying Checkpoints:

- (i) At 14:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to the town of Biddu and searched civilians and vehicles.
- (ii) At 16:50, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to the town of Bir Nabala, searched civilians and vehicles, and arrested a Palestinian Police officer.
- Raid/Attack: At 02:00, the Israeli army raided Qalandiya refugee camp. While patrolling the area, the Israeli army opened fire and fired tear gas grenades towards civilians.
- Arrest: Israeli troops positioned at the flying checkpoint set up at the entrance to the town of Bir Nabala arrested 'Imad Du'eis Jabareen.

• 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.

JERUSALEM

	• 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. 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. 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 western entrance to the village of Shufa. The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the road connecting the town of Kafr al Labad to the village of Shufa. Checkpoint: The Israeli army continues to intensify restrictions at 'Einav checkpoint set up on Tulkarem-Nablus main road. Flying Checkpoint: At 16:30, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the junction to the village of Jubara on the Tulkarem-Qalqiliya main road and searched civilians and vehicles. 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 Checkpoint: At 15:50, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint underneath the overpass to the town of 'Azzun on the Qalqiliya-Tulkarem main road and searched civilians and vehicles. 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.

Closure of Main Roads: The Israeli army continues to close the roads of Till-Burin and Beit (i) 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 Nagura opposite the settlement of Shavei (iii) On 29 November 2009, the Israeli army removed the dirt barricades on the entrances to the town of 'Aqraba and the villages of Majdal Bani Fadil, Osarin, and Sabastiya near the settlement of Shavei Shomron. The Israeli army also removed the dirt barricade on the road leading to **NABLUS** the town of Deir Sharaf. 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 (i) 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. **Closure of Main Roads:** The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the northern (i) entrance to the city of Salfit. The Israeli army continues to close with cement blocks and iron gates (ii) 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 Checkpoints/Detention: (i) At 08:0, the Israeli army set up 2 flying checkpoints and searched civilians and vehicles at the entrances to the town of Deir Istiya and **SALFIT** the village of Qarawat Bani Hassan. (ii) At 14:40, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to the village of Yasuf and searched civilians and vehicles. (iii) At 16:10, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to the village of Iskaka, detained Ziyad Rabah Mohammed Abdul Razeq, and released him at 18:30. Raids: At 14:45, the Israeli army raided the town of Biddya and patrolled the (i) area until 15:40. At 16:30, the Israeli army raided the villages of Yasuf and Iskaka and (ii) patrolled these areas until 17:10.

	 <u>Settler Violence</u>: At 14:05, a group of Israeli settlers gained access to the area between the villages of Khirbet Qeis and Mazari' an Nubani. Consequently, the Israeli army evacuated settlers from the area. <u>Wall Construction</u>: 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. Settler Violence: At 18:30, a group of Israeli settlers from the settlement of Mitzpe Yericho threw stones at civilian vehicles travelling along the main road near the settlement.
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 # 07/02/S, the Israeli army has 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 detour road east of the town of Beit Fajjar. Raid: At 13:30, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the town of Al Khadr. At 15:50, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the village of Husan. 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 the village of 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.
- (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 13:20, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to the area of Al Fahs south of the city of Hebron and searched civilians and vehicles.
- (ii) At 15:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on Al Fawwar junction and searched civilians and vehicles.
- (iii) At 15:50, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to the town of Beit Ummar and searched civilians and vehicles.
- (iv) At 16:00, and again at 22:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to Al 'Arrub refugee camp and searched civilians and vehicles.
- (v) At 19:40, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to the town of Idhna and searched civilians and vehicles.

• Raids/Air Patrol/Attack:

- (i) At 09:00, and again at 18:20, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the city of Hebron.
- (ii) At 15:00, the Israeli army raided Al Fawwar and pursued a civilian vehicle, which fled.
- (iii) At 15:20, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the town of Kharas.

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- (iv) At 20:00, Israeli troops dispatched by a combat helicopter raided and patrolled the area of Al Fahs south of the city of Hebron.
- (v) At 20:05, the Israeli army raided the town of Halhul and fired flares while patrolling the area.
- <u>Arrest</u>: At 14:00, the Israeli army arrested Dawoud Hasan ash Sharif in the old city of Hebron.
- <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.

NORTHERN GAZA

- Closure of Crossing Point: Beit Hanun (Erez) Crossing is closed.
- Arrest: On 25 November 2009, Israeli troops positioned at Beit Hanun (Erez) Crossing arrested Ahmed Sameer 'Asfour, a resident of the city of Khan Yunis, despite prior coordination to allow him to travel to the city of Jerusalem for medical treatment. It should be noted that 'Asfrour had been wounded during the Israeli offensive on the Gaza Strip. In addition to various injuries, parts of 'Asfrour's limbs were amputated. Before he was transferred to Jerusalem, he had been treated at an Egyptian hospital. Israeli troops also forced 'Asfour's father to return to the Gaza Strip.

GAZA

- Closure of Crossing Points:
- (i) Al Muntar (Karnei) Crossing is closed.
- (ii) Ash Shuja'iya (Nahal 'Oz) Crossing is closed.

CENTRAL GAZA

Activities not reported.

KHAN YUNIS

Activities not reported.

RAFAH	 Closure of Crossing Points: Yasser 'Arafat International Airport remains closed. Rafah (Al 'Awdah) Crossing is open on an exceptional basis for transportation of food supplies, including meat. Sufa Crossing is closed. Karm Abu Salim (Karem Shalom) Crossing is closed. Air Patrol: Around the clock on 29 November 2009, Israeli reconnaissance aircraft patrolled the skies over the district of Rafah.
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