# مجموعة الرقابة الفلسطينية



# PALESTINIAN MONITORING GROUP

# DAILY SITUATION REPORT

08:00 16 December 2009 – 08:00 17 December 2009

# **SUMMARY OF EVENTS**

EVENT	WEST BANK	GAZA STRIP	TOTAL	NOTES
Attacks	1	5	6	Incl. 4 from posts & 1 from navy boats
Raids	21	_	21	Incl. 4 in Jenin and 6 in Hebron
Arrests (per person)	11	_	11	Incl. 3 children and 1 Police officer
Detentions	17	_	17	Incl. 2 children and 2 security officers
Wall Construction	21	_	21	Incl. Jer., Raml'h., Salfit, & Qalqiliya
Destruction of Property	1		1	A vehicle's windshield broken
Confiscation of Property	1	_	1	A Police officer's pistol in Ramallah
Closure of Checkpoints	9	_	9	Incl. 1 checkpoint closed temporarily
Flying Checkpoints	19	_	19	Incl. 4 in Qalqiliya and 3 in Bethlehem
Closure (per District)	7	_	7	Incl. Jerusalem and 4 areas in Hebron
Closure of Main Roads	38	_	38	Incl. 7 in Nablus and 15 in Hebron
Closure of Crossing Points	_	4	4	3 crossing points open partially
Settler Violence	3	_	3	Vehicles stoned and farmers assaulted
Provocation of Pal. Forces	1	_	1	Police vehicle and officers detained
Pal. Security Measure	1	_	1	Israeli settler handed over, Tulkarem
TOTAL	151	9	160	

DISTRICT	EVENTS
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# 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.  • 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 Judeira, Bir Nabala,
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 Checkpoints/Provocation of Palestinian Forces:
	(i) At 17:30, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the junction to
	the town of Silwad, searched civilians and vehicles, and detained a
	Palestinian Police vehicle after Police officers had dealt with a traffic
	accident in the town of Silwad. Israeli troops also examined ID cards of
	Police officers and confiscated a pistol from a Police officer. Following
	coordination with the Israeli authorities (through the DCO), the
	Palestinian Police vehicle and officers were released.
	(ii) At 20:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the junction to
	the town of At Tayba on Al Mu'arrajat road connecting the districts of
	Ramallah and Jericho and searched civilians and vehicles.
	• Raid: On 16 December 2009, the Israeli army raided the village of
	Kharbatha al Misbah and arrested 2 children.
	• Arrests: The Israeli army arrested 2 children in the village of Kharbatha al
	Misbah:
	(i) Ayyoub Mohammed Darraj, 16 years old; and
	(ii) Tareq 'Awni Darraj, 16 years old.
	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	<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 the settlement of Dotan.</li> <li>Flying Checkpoint: At 15:20, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the junction to the town of Jaba' and searched civilians and vehicles.</li> <li>Raids/School Disruption/Detentions: <ol> <li>At 07:40 on 16 December 2009, the Israeli army raided the town of Ya'bad, set up a checkpoint near the town's boys secondary school, and searched civilians and vehicles until 09:30.</li> <li>At 16:00, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the area of As Suweitat in the city of Jenin.</li> <li>At 16:30, the Israeli army raided the village of Rummana, detained 2 children near the Wall, and released them at a later time.</li> <li>At 18:00, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the village of Sanur.</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 town of Tubas. At 17:00, the Israeli army closed the checkpoint and reopened it at a later time.
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."

- <u>Checkpoint</u>: The Israeli army continues to intensify restrictions at 'Einav checkpoint set up on Tulkarem-Nablus main road.
- Raid/Detention: At 02:30 on 16 December 2009, the Israeli army raided the town of Baqa ash Sharqiya and arrested 1 civilian. The Israeli army also detained another civilian and released him at a later time.
- Arrest: The Israeli army arrested Bilal Majadleh in the town of Baqa ash Sharqiya.
- <u>Palestinian Security Measure</u>: In the evening of 16 December 2009, Palestinian security forces handed over to the Israeli authorities (through the DCO) an Israeli settler after he had mistakenly gained access to the town of 'Illar.
- <u>Wall Gates</u>: Passage through the wall gates is restricted to civilians granted special Israeli permits.
- <u>Closure of Roads</u>: The Israeli army continues to close with cement blocks agricultural roads east of the town of 'Azzun.

#### • Flying Checkpoints:

- (i) At 08:50, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint in the area between the villages of 'Izbat at Tabib and 'Asla and searched civilians and vehicles.
- (ii) At 09:30, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the eastern entrance to the city of Qalqiliya and searched civilians and vehicles.
- (iii) At 15:30, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to the village of 'Izbat at Tabib and searched civilians and vehicles.
- (iv) At 19:35, 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/Attack/Detention:

- (i) At 08:55, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the town of 'Azzun.
- (ii) At 15:20, the Israeli army raided the city of Qalqiliya and fired a sound grenade while patrolling the area.
- (iii) At 00:35, the Israeli army raided the town of Jayyus, searched a number of houses, detained 'Ammar Abdul Qader Khaled, a Palestinian Police officer, and released him at 02:00.

#### • Settler Violence/Destruction of Property:

- (i) At 11:05, a group of Israeli settlers from the settlement of Kedumim threw stones at civilian vehicles travelling along the Qalqiliya-Nablus main road.
- (ii) At 19:35, a group of Israeli settlers threw stones at civilian vehicles travelling between the villages of Hajja and Immatin along the Qalqiliya-Nablus main, breaking the windshield of a vehicle.
- Wall Gate: The Israeli army continues to intensify its restrictions at 'Azzun 'Atma Wall gate and to search civilians, including students, with a detector.
- <u>Wall Construction</u>: 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.

### **QALQILYA**

#### **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 Oabalan. (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 Shomron. 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. At 'Awarta commercial checkpoint, civilians are allowed to cross (ii) 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. **NABLUS** Flying Checkpoints: At 13:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to the town of Jamma'in and searched civilians and vehicles. Raids: (i) At 22:15, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the village of Madama. At 23:25, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the city of Nablus. (ii) (iii) At 24:00, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the town of 'Agraba. Settler Violence: At 09:30, a group of Israeli settlers assaulted a number of farmers while they were working on their land in the village of Oarvut. The Israeli army also arrested a civilian as he attempted to confront settlers. Arrests: At 02:00 on 16 December 2009, the Israeli army arrested 5 civilians during its raid into the village of Burqa, in addition to those reported yesterday: (i) Rabee' Yousef Salah; Mulhem Waleed 'Aref; (ii) (iii) Ahmed Yousef Abu Omar; Ma'en Nour ash Sha'er; and (iv) (v) Ghayth Ghassan Abu Omar. The Israeli army arrested Sadeq Bashar Mu'ammar in the village of (vi) Qaryut. Closure of Main Roads: The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the northern (i) entrance to the city of Salfit. **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.

	<ul> <li>Checkpoint: The Israeli army continues to intensify its restrictions and impede civilian access at the Za'tara junction checkpoint.</li> <li>Flying Checkpoint/Physical Assaults: At 09:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the eastern entrance to the village of Yasuf, searched civilians and vehicles, and severely beat 2 civilians, leaving them with contusions. Of these, a civilian fell unconscious and was transported to hospital for medical attention.</li> <li>Flying Checkpoint: At 16:30, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to the village of Marda and searched civilians and vehicles.</li> <li>Arrest: At 08:00, Israeli troops positioned at the Za'tara junction checkpoint arrested Mu'tassem Farid Abu Leil, a Palestinian Police officer.</li> <li>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.</li> </ul>
JERICHO	<ul> <li>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.</li> <li>Checkpoints: <ol> <li>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.</li> <li>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.</li> <li>Flving Checkpoint: At 11:30, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on Al Murashahat road near 'Aqbat Jaber refugee camp in the city of Jericho and searched civilians and vehicles.</li> <li>Raid: At 20:10, the Israeli army raided the village of Al 'Auja and patrolled the area until 23:00.</li> </ol> </li> </ul>
BETHLEHEM	<ul> <li>Closure: <ol> <li>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.</li> <li>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.</li> </ol> </li></ul>

• 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.

#### • Flying Checkpoints/Detention:

- (i) At 08:45, and again at 14:50, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on An Nashash junction (the southern entrance to the city of Jericho) and searched civilians and vehicles.
- (ii) At 16:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint near the town of Tuqu', searched civilians an vehicles, detained a Palestinian Preventive Security officer, and released him at a later time.
- Raids: At 02:45, the Israeli army raided the city of Bethlehem and Ad Duheisha refugee camp, searched 1 house in the refugee camp, and withdrew at 04:00.
- <u>Wall Construction</u>: 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.
- (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.
- <u>Flying Checkpoint</u>: At 09:45, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to the town of Bani Na'im and searched civilians and vehicles.

#### **HEBRON**

• <u>Physical Assaults</u>: At 18:00, Israeli troops severely beat 4 civilians, forced them to stand against a wall along Ash Shalala Street in the old city of Hebron, and released them at a later time.

#### • Attacks:

- (i) At 16:00, Israeli troops positioned on the military watchtower erected near Al 'Arrub refugee camp opened fire and fired tear gas grenades towards civilians at the entrance to the refugee camp.
- (ii) At 19:20, the Israeli army fired sound grenades towards a number of civilians near Tariq Bin Ziyad School in the old city of Hebron.

#### • Raids/Detentions:

- (i) At 09:20, the Israeli army raided the city of Hebron, set up 2 checkpoints, searched civilians and vehicles, and patrolled the area.
- (ii) At 13:45, the Israeli army raided the town of Taffuh, raided the municipality officers, detained civilians inside, and withdrew at 14:40.
- (iii) At 21:00, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the town of Beit Ummar.
- (iv) At 24:00, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the town of Adh Dhahiriya.
- (v) At 00:15, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the town of Idhna.
- (vi) At 02:00, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the town of Nuba.
- <u>Arrest</u>: At 21:40, the Israeli army arrested Mohammed Haytham Tawfeeq, 16 years old, in the Tal Rumeida neighbourhood in the old city of Hebron, allegedly because he had been in possession of a knife.
- <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>Violations of the Ceasefire</u>: The Israeli army opened intensive fire from its location on the Green Line. The Israeli navy also opened fire intensively towards Palestinian fishing boats at sea off the beach of the city of Rafah.

### NORTHERN GAZA

• <u>Closure of Crossing Point</u>: Beit Hanun (Erez) Crossing is partially open for previously-coordinated humanitarian cases and foreign nationals.

GAZA	<ul> <li>Closure of Crossing Points:         <ul> <li>Al Muntar (Karnei) Crossing is partially open for transportation of wheat and animal feed.</li> <li>Ash Shuja'iya (Nahal 'Oz) Crossing is closed.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>		
CENTRAL GAZA	Activities not reported.		
KHAN YUNIS	Activities not reported.		
RAFAH	<ul> <li>Closure of Crossing Points: <ol> <li>Yasser 'Arafat International Airport remains closed.</li> <li>Rafah (Al 'Awdah) Crossing is closed.</li> <li>Sufa Crossing is closed.</li> <li>Karm Abu Salim (Karem Shalom) Crossing is partially open for transportation of food supplies and humanitarian aid.</li> </ol> </li> <li>Attacks: <ol> <li>At dawn on 16 December 2009, the Israeli navy opened intensive fire towards Palestinian fishing boats at sea off the beach of the city of Rafah.</li> <li>In the morning of 16 December 2009, and again at dawn on 17 December 2009, the Israeli army opened intensive fire from its location on the Green Line towards agricultural land and civilian houses on the outskirts of the town of Ash Shuka as well as in the area surrounding Yasser Arafat International Airport east of the city of Rafah.</li> </ol> </li></ul>		

# **GENERAL**

POLITICAL PRISONERS	• <u>Sentence</u> : The Israeli military court in the Salem Detention Camp sentenced Ahmed Waleed Surour, a resident of the city of Jenin, to 4 years in prison as well as a fine of ILS 2,000 (approximately USD 500).
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