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PALESTINIAN MONITORING GROUP

DAILY SITUATION REPORT

08:00 18 December 2006 - 08:00 19 December 2006

SUMMARY OF EVENTS

EVENT	WEST BANK	GAZA STRIP	TOTAL	NOTES
Deaths	2	_	2	An armed Palestinian individual, Nablus
Physical Assault	1	_	1	1 civilian beaten at Za'tara checkpoint
Attacks	7	4	11	Incl. 7 in raids and 2 from military posts
Raids	25	1	26	Incl. 6 in Jenin & 6 in Bethlehem
Arrests	9	_	9	Incl. 2 children & 1 Pal. security officer
Detentions	15	_	15	At checkpoints & in residential locales
Wall Construction	27	_	27	Incl. Jer., Raml'h., Qalq., Salfit, & Hebron
Land Confiscation	1		1	145.3 dunums in the Ramallah district
House Occupation	1	_	1	Converted into a military post in Nablus
Closure of Checkpoints	15	_	15	Incl. access impeded at 7 checkpoints
Flying Checkpoints	12	_	12	Incl. 3 in Ramallah and 4 in Jenin
Closure (per District)	6	_	6	Incl. Jerusalem and Tulkarem partially
Closure of Main Roads	33	_	33	Incl. 2 in Bethlehem & 11 in Hebron
Closure of Crossing Points	_	5	5	Incl. Rafah partially to pilgrims only
Construction of Mil. Post	1	_	1	A military watchtower erected, Salfit
Medical Obstruction	1	_	1	Nablus Public Hospital raided
School Disruption	1	_	1	A school in Burqa village surrounded
Settler Violence	3	_	3	Incl. debris of 2 settlements entered
Palestinian Attacks	_	1	1	1 mortar fired towards the Green Line
TOTAL	160	11	171	

DISTRICT	EVENT
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WEST BANK

ALL DISTRICTS

• The Israeli army continues to intensify its restrictions at checkpoints set up on the main roads connecting the West Bank districts, thereby isolating the northern districts from the southern districts as well as the Jericho district and the Jordan Valley from the remainder of the West Bank.

• <u>Closure</u>: The Israeli army continues to intensify its restrictions at checkpoints located at the entrances to the city of Jerusalem, in the old city of Jerusalem, and around Al Aqsa Mosque compound.

• Closure of Main Roads:

- (i) The Israeli army continues to close the entrance opposite the junction to Dahiyat al Bareed in the city of Jerusalem with a barbed wire gate and to deny civilian access.
- (ii) The Israeli army continues to close the road connecting Dahiyat al Bareed to the town of Ar Ram in order to complete Wall construction in the area.
- (iii) The Israeli army continues to close with cement blocks the entrance to the village of Jaba', which connects the village to the cities of Jerusalem, Ramallah, and Jericho.

• Checkpoints:

- (i) 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.
- (ii) At 08:00, the Israeli army intensified its restrictions at the checkpoint set up near the village of Jaba' and impeded civilian access.

• 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 Dahiyat al Bareed, Dahiyat al Aqbat, from the village of Hizma to 'Anata, along the Hizma-Jaba' road, the area of Al 'Eizariya to Ash Shayyah, from the village of Beit Surik to Biddu, in the areas of Al Judeira, Bir Nabala, and Beit Hanina, west of the village of Al Jib, and in the vicinity of the village of Qatanna.
- <u>Raid</u>: At 12:00, the Israeli army raided the town of Abu Dis, set up a checkpoint, searched civilians and vehicles, and patrolled the area.
- <u>Arrest</u>: At an earlier time, the Israeli army arrested 16-year-old Hasan Sabri in the town of Abu Dis, claiming that he had thrown stones at Israeli troops.

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Closure of Main Roads: The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the eastern (i) entrance to the village of Sinjil. The Israeli army continues to close with cement blocks the western (ii) entrance to the village of Saffa. Checkpoint: The Israeli army continues to intensify its restrictions at the checkpoint set up on the overpass to the town of 'Atara and to impede access to the city of Ramallah for civilians holding IDs issued in the northern districts of the West Bank. At 08:00, the Israeli army closed the checkpoint, denying civilian access in both directions. Wall Construction: Wall construction continues in the area west of the town of 'Abud, in the areas of Al Midya to Ni'lin, Ni'lin to Deir Qaddis, and in the town of Beituniya. RAMALLAH **Flying Checkpoints:** & At 07:20, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the road (i) **EL BIREH** connecting the village of Surda to Al Jalazun refugee camp and searched civilians and vehicles. At 08:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the junction to (ii) the settlement of Halamish and denied civilian access in both directions. **Raid:** At 07:00, an Israeli army patrol raided the city of El Bireh, set up a checkpoint, searched civilians and vehicles, and patrolled the area. Land Confiscation: On 01 November 2006, the Israeli army issued Order # 1, extending and amending Military Order # T/16/95, for the confiscation of 145.3 dunums of land belonging to the town of Al Mazra'a al Qibliya and the villages of Beitillu, Ras 'Ammar, and Ras Karkar instead of the villages of Beitillu and Al Janiya, as was stated in the original military order mentioned above. The land will be confiscated for the construction of a settler bypass road that connects the settlements of Talmon and Nahaliel. Closure of Roads: The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the unpaved detour road leading to the town of 'Arraba east of the settlement of Dotan as well as the road connecting the town of Qabatiya to the village of Misliya. **Checkpoint:** The Israeli army continues to close Tayasir checkpoint east of the town of Tubas, denying civilian access to the Northern Jordan Valley, except for civilians whose IDs indicate that their place of residence is the Northern Jordan Valley. Wall Gates: Passage through the Wall gates is restricted to civilians granted **JENIN** special Israeli permits. **Flying Checkpoints:** At 08:00, the Israeli army set up 3 flying checkpoints: on the junction to (i) the town of 'Arraba; in the area between the towns of Qabatiya and Az Zababida; and in the area between the villages of Al Jarba and Sanur. Israeli troops positioned at these flying checkpoints searched civilians and vehicles. At 12:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the junction to (ii) the village of Al Jalama and searched civilians and vehicles.

Raids/Attacks: At 10:30, the Israeli army raided the city of Jenin as well as raided and (i) searched the offices of the Palestinian Legislative Council. At 11:30, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the village of Al Far'a. (ii) At 24:00, the Israeli army, including 4 jeeps, raided the village of Kafr (iii) Dan. While searching a house, the Israeli army opened fire and fired sound grenades. At 05:30, the Israeli army withdrew from the area. At 01:00, the Israeli army, including 4 jeeps, raided the city of Jenin (iv) and Jenin refugee camp, opened fire, and fired sound grenades, while patrolling the area. At 04:30, the Israeli army withdrew from the area. The Israeli army, including 20 jeeps, raided the village of Az Zawiya (v) and opened fire, while patrolling the area. **Settler Violence:** At 10:30, under the protection of Israeli troops, a group of Israeli (i) settlers entered the area of the debris of the settlement of Homesh, which the Israeli authorities evacuated a year ago. The Israeli settlers withdrew from the area at a later time. (ii) At 13:00, under the protection of Israeli troops, a group of Israeli settlers entered the area of the debris of the settlement of Sanur, which the Israeli authorities evacuated a year ago. The Israeli army also imposed a siege on the evacuated settlement's surroundings and denied access to or from the area. Closure: The Israeli army continues to declare the district of Tulkarem a closed military zone and to impede civilian access to and from the district. Closure of Main Roads: The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the Dahiyat Iktaba-Bal'a road, the entrance to the village of Saffarin, the road connecting the town of Deir al Ghusun to 'Attil plain, and the road connecting the town of Kafr al Labad to the village of Shufa. Checkpoints: The Israeli army continues to intensify its restrictions at TULKAREM 'Einav checkpoint (the eastern entrance to the city) and Jubara checkpoint (the southern entrance to the city). Wall Gates: Passage through the Wall gates is restricted to civilians granted special Israeli permits. Raid/Attack: At 03:00, the Israeli army, including 3 jeeps, raided Tulkarem refugee camp, opened intensive fire, and searched 3 houses. **Closure of Roads:** (i) The Israeli army continues to close with cement blocks the agricultural roads east of the town of 'Azzun. The Israeli army continues to close the entrance to the village of 'Izbat (ii) at Tabib with dirt barricades. **QALQILIYA Wall Gates:** Passage through the Wall gates is restricted to civilians granted special (i) Israeli permits. The Israeli army continues to intensify its restrictions at 'Azzun 'Atma (ii) Wall gate and to search civilians, including students, with a metal detector.

•	Wall Construction: Land levelling for Wall construction continues in the
	villages of Immatin and Kafr Laqif as well as east of the towns of Kafr
	Thulth and 'Azzun.
•	Flying Checkpoints:

- At 14:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint near the village of (i) Al Funduq and searched civilians and vehicles.
- At 18:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to (ii) the town of 'Azzun and searched civilians and vehicles.
- Raid: The Israeli army raided the town of 'Azzun and searched 1 house.

Closure of Main Roads:

- The Israeli army continues to close the Jenin-Nablus road between the (i) junction to the village of Deir Sharaf and the settlement of Shavei Shomron.
- The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the southern (ii) entrance to the village of Qaryut.
- Checkpoints: The Israeli army continues to regulate times for crossing checkpoints set up around the city of Nablus:
- Huwwara and Beit Iba checkpoints (set up at the southern and western (i) entrances to the city of Nablus respectively) are closed at 23:00. The Israeli army only allows civilian vehicles possessing access permits to cross these checkpoints.
- At Tur neighbourhood checkpoint (set up on Jirzim Mount) is closed (ii) on Fridays and Saturdays as well as during Jewish holidays. On all other days, it is open for civilian residents of the neighbourhood only.
- Beit Furik checkpoint is open to civilian residents of the town of Beit (iii) Furik and the village of Beit Dajan until 17:30.

Beginning on 23 November 2006, the Israeli army continues to close (iv) the checkpoint set up in the area between the city of Nablus and the town of 'Asira ash Shamaliya and to prevent civilians from crossing, only allowing access to humanitarian cases.

Flying Checkpoint/Attack: At 18:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the western entrance to the town of Jamma'in, searched civilians and vehicles, fired flares over the area, and withdrew at 18:40.

Raids/House Occupation/School Disruption/Attacks/Medical Obstruction:

- At 05:00 on 18 December 2006, the Israeli army raided the village of (i) Salim, occupied 1 house, and converted it into a military post.
- At 11:30, the Israeli army raided the village of Burga and surrounded (ii) the village's school. While patrolling the area, the Israeli army also opened fire and fired tear gas grenades.
- At 05:30, Israeli Special Forces raided the city of Nablus. An armed (iii) confrontation took place between the Israeli army and armed Palestinian individuals in the yard of Nablus Public Hospital, during which Israeli Special Forces troops killed 1 armed individual. Having also raided the hospital, Israeli troops arrested 2 other armed Palestinian individuals. The Israeli Special Forces remain positioned in the area as of 08:00 this morning.

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	(iv) The Israeli army raided and patrolled the village of Sabastiya.		
	 <u>Killings:</u> (i) 'Ammar az Zaqzouq died at an Israeli hospital of critical injuries sustained in 'Ein Beit el Ma' refugee camp in the city of Nablus, as was reported on 15 December 2006. 		
	 (ii) The Israeli army killed Rami Rashid Abu Kishek in the city of Nablus. Arrests: The Israeli army arrested 2 armed Palestinian individuals in the city of Nablus: 		
	 (i) Talal Mustafa Abu al Leil; and (ii) 'Imad Abdul Haleem Abu Musallam. Settler Violence: At 10:15, Israeli settlers threw stones at civilian vehicles in the area between the town of 'Asira ash Shamaliya and the village of Talluza. 		
	Closure of Main Roads: (i) The Israeli army has continued to close the main north-western entrance to the city of Salfit with dirt barricades since the beginning of the current <i>Intifada</i> (Uprising).		
SALFIT	(ii) The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the western entrance to the village of Marda. The Israeli army also continues to close with cement blocks the western entrance to the town of Kafr ad Dik.		
	 Checkpoints: (i) The Israeli army continues to intensify its restrictions at Deir Ballut checkpoint and to deny civilian access to the town of Kafr ad Dik. (ii) The Israeli army continues to intensify its restrictions at the Za'tara junction checkpoint and to impede civilian access. 		
	 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 Ari'el. Physical Assault: At 08:00, Israeli troops positioned at the Za'tara junction checkpoint beat Zakariya Ali Sabrah, while he was crossing the checkpoint. Raid: At 20:00, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the town of Kifl Haris. 		
	Construction of Military Post: The Israeli army began constructing a military watchtower near the Israeli army post north of the city of Salfit.		
JERICHO	• <u>Closure</u> : 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.		
	 <u>Checkpoint</u>: The Israeli army continues to close Al Hamra checkpoint set up on the Jericho-Nablus road, denying civilian access, except for farmers holding Jericho IDs. 		
ВЕТНІЕНЕМ	• <u>Closure</u> : 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.		

- Closure of Main Roads: The Israeli army continues to close all roads to Road # 60 leading to the city of Jerusalem, thereby isolating the city of Bethlehem from its towns and villages located west of Road # 60.
- <u>Wall Construction</u>: Wall construction continues in the area northwest of the town of Al Khadr, north of 'Ayda refugee camp, northwest of the city of Beit Jala, and in the area of Wadi Rahhal.
- <u>Flying Checkpoint</u>: At 17:45, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on Wadi an Nar road connecting the town of Al 'Ubeidiya to the village of As Sawahira ash Sharqiya and searched civilians and vehicles.

• Raids:

- (i) At 10:30, an Israeli army patrol raided the town of Al Khadr and patrolled the area.
- (ii) At 14:30, an Israeli army patrol raided the village of Dar Salah and patrolled the area.
- (iii) At 22:15, the Israeli army raided the village of Al Jab'a and arrested 2 civilians, including the chairman of the village's council, as well as 1 Palestinian General Intelligence officer.
- (iv) At 00:30, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the city of Bethlehem as well as the areas surrounding Ad Duheisha and 'Ayda refugee camps.
- <u>Arrests</u>: The Israeli army arrested 2 civilians and 1 Palestinian security officer in the village of Al Jab'a:
- (i) Wisam Fadhl Hamdan, a Palestinian General Intelligence officer;
- (ii) Mufeed Mohammed Abu Lohah; Chairman of Al Jab'a Village Council; and
- (iii) Haytham Na'im Hamdan.

• 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.
- (ii) Although it expired on 07 May 2006, the Israeli army continues to implement a military order stipulating the prohibition of civilian vehicles from travelling along the road connecting the settlement of Kiryat Arba' to the Ibrahimi Mosque in the old city of Hebron unless they possess access permits.

• Closure of Main Roads:

(i) The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the following locales: the area of Al Hawawir leading to the town of Halhul; the area of Al Fahs south of the city of Hebron; the junction to the area of Farsh al Hawa leading to Road # 35 northwest of the city of Hebron; the road connecting the town of Surif to the village of Al Jab'a; the entrance to the village of Beit 'Einun; and the eastern entrance to the village of Kharsa. The Israeli army also continues to close with cement blocks the

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- entrance to Al Qeisi neighbourhood in the old city of Hebron as well as the main entrance to Al 'Arrub refugee camp.
- (ii) In accordance with Military Order # 378, the Israeli army continues to prohibit Palestinian vehicles from travelling along Shalala Old Street that leads to the old city of Hebron, only allowing Israeli vehicles as well as Israeli army vehicles to travel along this street.
- <u>Wall Construction</u>: Wall construction continues in the section of Tarqumiya checkpoint terminal, the remaining section of the Wall route that separates the settlement of Eshkolot from the village of Ar Ramadin, and near the village of Imneizil southeast of the town of Yatta.
- Raids:
- (i) At dawn on 18 December 2006, the Israeli army raided the towns of Surif and Beit Kahil as well as Al 'Arrub refugee camp and arrested 3 civilians, including 1 child.
- (ii) The Israeli army raided and patrolled the city of Hebron.
- <u>Arrests</u>: The Israeli army arrested 3 civilians in the towns of Surif and Beit Kahil as well as in Al 'Arrub refugee camp:
- (i) Ibrahim Anwar Abu Farah, 16 years old;
- (ii) Khadher Mahmoud an Nijmi; and
- (iii) Khalil Ahmed az Zhour.

GAZA STRIP

ALL DISTRICTS	• The ceasefire agreement that entered into force at 06:00 on 26 November 2006 remains effective. However, the Israeli army carried out 1 raid into Palestinian territory. In addition, the Israeli army and Israeli navy boats also opened fire on 4 occasions. Also, armed Palestinian individuals fired 1 mortar towards the Green Line.
NORTHERN GAZA	 Closure of Crossing Point: Beit Hanun (Erez) Crossing is partially open only to foreign nationals, VIPs, and humanitarian cases. Raid: At 13:30, the Israeli army, including 2 armoured vehicles, raided 30 metres into Palestinian territory near Point 25 on the Green Line east of the town of Beit Hanun, thereby violating the Israeli-Palestinian ceasefire agreement. Palestinian Attack: At 13:35, armed Palestinian individuals fired 1 mortar towards the Green Line, thereby violating the Israeli-Palestinian ceasefire agreement.
GAZA	Activities not reported.
CENTRAL GAZA	Activities not reported.
KHAN YUNIS	 Attacks: In violation of the Israeli-Palestinian ceasefire agreement, the Israeli army opened fire towards Palestinian territory as follows: (i) At 11:00, the Israeli army opened fire from one of its locations on the Green Line towards a number of farmers east of the area of Khuza'a.

	(ii) At 15:20, the Israeli army opened fire from the area near Point 152 on the Green Line towards Palestinian territory east of the area of Al Qarara.
RAFAH	 Closure of Crossing Points: Yasser 'Arafat International Airport remains closed. Rafah Crossing is partially open to pilgrims departing to the Holy Shrines in the city of Mecca in Saudi Arabia via Egypt. Sufa Crossing is closed. Karm Abu Salim (Karem Shalom) Crossing is closed. Attack: At 15:20, Israeli navy boats opened fire and fired a number of flares towards the city of Rafah's beach, thereby violating the Israeli-Palestinian ceasefire agreement.