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PALESTINIAN MONITORING GROUP

DAILY SITUATION REPORT

08:00 19 December 2006 - 08:00 20 December 2006

SUMMARY OF EVENTS

EVENT	WEST BANK	GAZA STRIP	TOTAL	NOTES
Deaths	2	_	2	Incl. a 13-year-old female child, Tulkarem
Physical Assaults	4	_	4	4 workers severely beaten in Jenin district
Injuries	5		5	4 civilians in Jenin and 1 in Tulkarem
Attacks	4	2	6	Incl. 3 in raids and 1 from a military post
Raids	27	2	29	Incl. 3 in Jerusalem & 7 in Ramallah
Arrests	29	_	29	Incl. 6 children & 1 injured civilian
Detentions	14		14	At checkpoints & in residential locales
Land Levelling	_	1	1	North of Beit Hanun in Northern Gaza
Wall Construction	27		27	Incl. Jer., Raml'h., Qalq., Salfit, & Hebron
Destruction of Property	1		1	1 civilian vehicle destroyed in Tulkarem
Confiscation of Property	4		4	Incl. 1 cellular phone and NIS 1,000
House Occupation	1		1	Converted into a military post in Ramallah
Closure of Checkpoints	13		13	Incl. access impeded at 5 checkpoints
Flying Checkpoints	19	_	19	Incl. 4 in Jerusalem & 7 in Ramallah
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	_	4	4	Incl. Beit Hanun (Erez) partially
School Disruption	1	_	1	Tear gas grenades fired towards 1 school
Palestinian Attacks	1	2	3	Incl. 1 explosive device detonated, Jenin
Pal. Security Measure	1	_	1	2 illegal vehicles handed over, Hebron
TOTAL	192	11	203	

DISTRICT EVENT

WEST BANK

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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.
- <u>Checkpoint</u>: 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:

JERUSALEM

- (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.

• Flying Checkpoints:

- (i) At 16:50, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the road to the village of An Nabi Samwil and searched civilians and vehicles.
- (ii) At 23:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to the village of Al Qibya and searched civilians and vehicles.

Raids:

(i) At 12:30, the Israeli army raided the town of Abu Dis, set up a checkpoint near *Al Quds* University, searched civilians and vehicles, and patrolled the area.

	 (ii) At 15:00, the Israeli army raided the village of Biddu, set up a checkpoint, searched civilians and vehicles, and arrested 1 civilian. At 03:00, the Israeli army raided the village again and patrolled the area. Arrests: (i) The Israeli army arrested Sami 'Awadh Allah in the village of Sur Bahir. (ii) The Israeli army arrested Ala' Shamasneh in the village of Biddu.
RAMALLAH & EL BIREH	 Closure of Main Roads: The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the eastern entrance to the village of Sinjil. The Israeli army continues to close with cement blocks the western 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. 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. Flying Checkpoints/Confiscation of Property: At 08:10, the Israeli army set up 2 flying checkpoints in the areas between the town of Silwad and the village of Yabrud and between the village of Surda and Al Jalazun refugee camp and searched civilians and vehicles. At 10:05, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the junction to the village of Ras Karkar and denied civilian access to the city of Ramallah. At 12:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the road connecting the town of Deir Ghassana to the village of Kafr 'Ein and searched civilians and vehicles. At 22:55, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the junction to the village of 'Ein 'Arik and searched civilians and vehicles. The Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to the town of Beit Rima, searched civilians and vehicles, and arrested 1 civilian, allegedly for locating a Kalashnikov rifle and a pistol in his possession. Raids/House Occupation/Confiscation of Property: At 09:15, the Israeli army raided the town of Beit Rima, occupied 1 house, and converted it into a military post. At 10:00, the Israeli army, including 3 jeeps, raided the city of El Bireh, set up a checkpoint, and searched civilians and vehicles. At 22:50, the Israeli army r

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	 (v) At 03:25, the Israeli army, including 15 jeeps, raided Al Am'ari refugee camp, searched a number houses, and served summons to the families of 3 civilians stating that they should report to the Israeli Intelligence Agency. The Israeli army also confiscated a cellular telephone and a sum of NIS 1,000 from a house. In addition, the Israeli army arrested 2 civilians and withdrew at 05:20. Arrests: (i) At 11:00, Israeli troops positioned at the checkpoint set up on the overpass to the town of 'Atara arrested Shukri Mohammed Zahran.
	 (ii) Israeli troops positioned at the flying checkpoint set up at the entrance to the town of Beit Rima arrested Amjad al Malki 'Ata. (iii) The Israeli army arrested Ahmed Abdullah Mheisen in the city of Ramallah.
	The Israeli army arrested 2 civilians in Al Am'ari refugee camp: (iv) Ahmed Shihadeh Mitwalli; and (v) Jihad Zuheir al 'Ijel.
	 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 special Israeli permits.
JENIN	 Flying Checkpoint: At 10:15, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint in the area between the town of Az Zababida and the village of Al Kufeir and searched civilians and vehicles. Physical Assaults/Injuries: Israeli troops positioned at the village of Barta'a checkpoint severely beat 4 workers with clubs and rifle butts, leaving them with injuries and contusions.
	• Raids/Attack: (i) At 02:00, the Israeli army raided the town of Silat al Harithiya, opened intensive fire, searched a number of houses, and arrested 2 civilians. The Israeli army remains positioned in the area as of 08:00 this morning.
	 (ii) At 01:10, the Israeli army, including 4 jeeps, raided the city of Jenin and patrolled the area until 03:25. • <u>Arrests</u>: Israeli troops positioned at Tayasir checkpoint arrested 2 civilians: (i) Jamil Abdullah Wahdan; and
	 (ii) Ali Matar Sawaftah. The Israeli army arrested 2 civilians in the town of Silat al Harithiya: (iii) Dhirar as Sa'di; and (iv) Ashraf Taha Jaradat.

Palestinian Attack: At 11:00, armed Palestinian individuals detonated an explosive device near an Israeli army patrol travelling near the town of Jaba'. Consequently, the Israeli army closed the road between the junctions to the town of Jaba' and the village of Sanur and combed 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 '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. Flying Checkpoints/Attack/Injury/Detention/Destruction of Property: At 12:45, Israeli Special Forces set up a flying checkpoint near the (i) town of 'Attil and opened fire towards a civilian vehicle, killing 1 civilian (described by the Israeli authorities as a "wanted individual") and injuring another. Israeli Special Forces also arrested the injured civilian, detained another civilian, and destroyed the targeted vehicle (using explosives). At 13:25, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to (ii) the town of Baqa ash Sharqiya and searched civilians and vehicles. **TULKAREM** Attack: At 15:40, Israeli troops guarding the Wall in the vicinity of the village of Far'un opened fire towards 2 female children, claiming that they approached the Wall. The Israeli attack resulted in the killing of 1 female child. Killings: Israeli Special Forces killed Mohammed Ahmed Mahmoud Hamad (i) near the town of 'Attil. Israeli troops killed Du'a' Nasser Hamed, a 13-year-old female child, (ii) near the Wall in the vicinity of the village of Far'un. Raid: At 03:00, the Israeli army raided the town of 'Attil and arrested 2 civilians, including 1 child. **Arrests:** At 03:00 on 19 December 2006, the Israeli army arrested 'Amer (i) Mahmoud Barakeh during its raid on Tulkarem refugee camp. Israeli Special Forces troops positioned at the flying checkpoint set up (ii) near the town of 'Attil arrested Anas Mahmoud 'Ajaj, an injured civilian. The Israeli army arrested 2 civilians in the town of 'Attil: Sa'd Rushdi Abu Mousa, 17 years old; and (iii) (iv) Tareq Ziyad Zahran. **Closure of Roads: QALQILIYA** The Israeli army continues to close with cement blocks the agricultural (i) roads east of the town of 'Azzun.

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	(ii) The Israeli army continues to close the entrance to the village of 'Izbat
	at Tabib with dirt barricades.
	• Wall Gates:
	(i) Passage through the Wall gates is restricted to civilians granted special
	Israeli permits.
	(ii) The Israeli army continues to intensify its restrictions at 'Azzun 'Atma
	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.
	• Raids: At 10:30, the Israeli army raided the areas of Yobak and Al Marj
	between the city of Qalqiliya and the town of Jayyus as well as surveyed
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	Closure of Main Roads:
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	junction to the village of Deir Sharaf and the settlement of Shavei
	Shomron.
	(ii) The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the southern
	entrance to the village of Qaryut.
	• <u>Checkpoints</u> : The Israeli army continues to regulate times for crossing
	checkpoints set up around the city of Nablus:
	(i) Huwwara and Beit Iba checkpoints (set up at the southern and western
	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.
	(ii) At Tur neighbourhood checkpoint (set up on Jirzim Mount) is closed
	on Fridays and Saturdays as well as during Jewish holidays. On all
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	other days, it is open for civilian residents of the neighbourhood only.
NABLUS	(iii) Beit Furik checkpoint is open to civilian residents of the town of Beit
	Furik and the village of Beit Dajan until 17:30.
	(iv) Beginning on 23 November 2006, the Israeli army continues to close
	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.
	• Raids/Attack/School Disruption:
	(i) At 02:40, the Israeli army raided the city of Nablus as well as Balata
	and 'Askar refugee camps and searched a number of houses. The Israeli
	army also arrested 3 civilians in the city and 'Askar refugee camp. At
	05:30, the Israeli army withdrew from the area.
	(ii) At 03:30, the Israeli army raided the village of Osarin and arrested 4
	children.
	(iii) The Israeli army raided the village of Beit Imrin and fired tear gas
	grenades towards the village's girls' school.
	• Arrests: The Israeli army arrested 3 civilians in the city of Nablus and
	'Askar refugee camp:
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	(i) Tayseer Zaki at Tashtoush;
	(ii) Mohammed Hasan al Mansi; and
	(iii) Wajdi Sa'd al 'Aaffouri.
	The Israeli army arrested 4 children in the village of Osarin:
	(iv) Haytham 'Abbas 'Udeili, 17 years old;
	(v) Haytham Mu'ayyad 'Udeili, 17 years old;
	(vi) Amjad Sabri 'Udeili, 16 years old; and
	(vii) Mohammed 'Abbas 'Udeili, 16 years old.
	Closure of Main Roads: 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).
	(ii) The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the western
	entrance to the village of Marda and, with cement blocks, the western entrance to the town of Kafr ad Dik.
	• <u>Checkpoints</u> :
	(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
SALFIT	junction checkpoint and to impede civilian access.
5112111	• 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.
	• Raids:
	(i) At 22:30, the Israeli army, including 2 jeeps, raided the village of
	Khirbet Qeis and patrolled the area until 22:45.
	(ii) The Israeli army raided and patrolled the town of Deir Istiya.
	• Arrests: At 17:00, the Israeli army arrested 2 brothers, including a child and
	a Palestinian Police officer, while they were present on their land near the
	settlement of Bruchin:
	(i) Mohammed Falah Suleiman, a Palestinian Police officer; and
	(ii) Yousef Falah Suleiman, 12 years old.
	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
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	up on the Jericho-Nablus road, denying civilian access, except for farmers
	holding Jericho IDs. Flying Chalmaint, On 18 December 2006, the Jereeli army set up a flying
	• Flying Checkpoint: On 18 December 2006, the Israeli army set up a flying
	checkpoint at the entrance to the village of Fasayil and arrested 2 civilians.
	• Arrests: Israeli troops positioned at the flying checkpoint set up at the
	entrance to the village of Fasayil arrested 2 civilians:
	(i) Abdullah Mahmoud Ta'amreh; and
	(ii) Abdullah Salameh 'Ubayyat.

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. 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. Wall Construction: 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. Raids: **BETHLEHEM** (i) At 19:25, Israeli Special Forces, supported by 18 Israeli army jeeps, raided the city of Bethlehem, searched 1 house, and arrested 1 civilian. At 20:30, the Israeli army withdrew from the area. At 01:50, the Israeli army raided the village of Az Zir and patrolled the (ii) area until 02:10. **Arrests:** (i) At 13:00 on 19 December 2006, the Israeli army arrested Sameeh Ahmed Matahneh during its raid on the city of Bethlehem. The Israeli army arrested Nayef Ahmed 'Ubayyat in the city of (ii) Bethlehem. **Closure:** The Israeli army continues to close the following locales in the old city (i) 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. Although it expired on 07 May 2006, the Israeli army continues to (ii) 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. **HEBRON 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 entrance to Al Qeisi neighbourhood in the old city of Hebron as well as the main entrance to Al 'Arrub refugee camp. In accordance with Military Order # 378, the Israeli army continues to (ii) 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.

• Flying Checkpoints:

- (i) At 07:00, the Israeli army set up 2 flying checkpoints at the entrances to the area of An Nabi Yunis and the town of Idhna and searched civilians and vehicles.
- (ii) At 19:40, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on Al Fawwar junction and searched civilians and vehicles.

• Raids:

- (i) At 09:45, the Israeli army raided the city of Hebron, set up a checkpoint near Hebron University, and searched civilians and vehicles.
- (ii) At 01:15, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the town of Adh Dhahiriya.
- (iii) The Israeli army raided the town of Yatta and arrested 1 civilian.
- Arrest: The Israeli army arrested Usamah Khaled al 'Umour in the town of Yatta.
- <u>Palestinian Security Measure</u>: At 15:00, Palestinian security forces handed over 2 illegal vehicles, seized in the city of Hebron, to the Israeli authorities (through the DCO).

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 2 raids into Palestinian territory, during one of which it levelled land. On 2 occasions, Israeli navy boats opened fire towards Palestinian fishing boats. Also, armed Palestinian individuals fired 4 mortars towards the Green Line.

to foreign nationals, VIPs, and humanitarian cases. • Raids/Land Levelling: In violation of the Israeli-Palestinian ceasefire

agreement, the Israeli army carried out 2 raids into Palestinian territory as follows:

Closure of Crossing Point: Beit Hanun (Erez) Crossing is partially open only

(i) At 10:10, the Israeli army, including 2 bulldozers, raided Palestinian territory near Point 23 on the Green Line north of the town of Beit Hanun and levelled land.

- (ii) At 20:50, Israeli army infantry forces raided Palestinian territory near Point 15 on the Green Line northwest of the town of Beit Lahiya.
- <u>Palestinian Attacks</u>: In violation of the Israeli-Palestinian ceasefire agreement, armed Palestinian individuals fired 4 mortars towards the Green Line as follows:
- (i) At 17:10, 2 unidentified mortars were fired towards the Green Line.
- (ii) At 23:30, 2 unidentified mortars were fired towards the Green Line.

NORTHERN GAZA

GAZA	Activities not reported.	
CENTRAL GAZA	Activities not reported.	
KHAN YUNIS	Activities not reported.	
RAFAH	 Closure of Crossing Points: Yasser 'Arafat International Airport remains closed. Rafah Crossing is closed. Karm Abu Salim (Karem Shalom) Crossing is closed. Attacks: At 20:15, and again at 23:45, Israeli navy boats opened fire towards Palestinian fishing boats at sea opposite the beach of the city of Rafah. 	