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PALESTINIAN MONITORING GROUP

DAILY SITUATION REPORT

08:00 01 January 2010 – 08:00 02 January 2010

SUMMARY OF EVENTS

EVENT	WEST BANK	GAZA STRIP	TOTAL	NOTES
Physical Assault	1	—	1	A civilian severely beaten in Ramallah
Injuries	5	3	8	Incl. 2 in Ramallah and 3 in Gaza
Air Attacks	—	3	3	Incl. 2 attacks by F16 combat aircraft
Attacks	6	9	15	Incl. 6 from mil. & 2 by navy boats
Raids	18	1	19	Incl. 4 in Tulkarem and 8 in Hebron
Air Patrols	—	3	3	By F16 and reconnaissance aircraft
Detentions	12	—	12	At checkpoints and in residential areas
Land Levelling	—	1	1	Agricultural land in the district of Rafah
Wall Construction	21	—	21	Incl. Jer., Raml'h., Salfit, & Qalqiliya
Destruction of Property	—	2	2	Incl. a cattle barn shelled in N. Gaza
Confiscation of Property	1	—	1	Seedlings in the city of Hebron
Closure of Checkpoints	8	—	8	Incl. access impeded at 5 checkpoints
Flying Checkpoints	17	—	17	Incl. 3 in Jerusalem and 3 in Qalqiliya
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	—	7	7	All crossing points closed
Settler Violence	3	—	3	Incl. civilian protestors assailed
Palestinian Attacks	—	2	2	3 mortars fired towards the Green Line
Demonstrations	7	—	7	Incl. against settlement activity & Wall
TOTAL	144	31	175	

DISTRICT	EVENTS
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WEST BANK

JERUSALEM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) On 01 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: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (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 Bared 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. • Demonstrations: At 14:00, a mass demonstration, including peace activists, took place in the Ash Sheikh Jarrah neighbourhood in the city of Jerusalem in protest against Israeli settlement projects as well as against Israeli settlers' seizure of civilian houses under protection of the Israeli army. • Wall Gates: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (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.
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<p style="text-align: center;">RAMALLAH & EL BIREH</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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. • Demonstrations/Attacks/Physical Assault/Injuries: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (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 1 civilian. A number of participants were also wounded 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 1 child. Israeli troops also severely beat 1 civilian with rifle butts, leaving him with contusions. In addition, several protestors were injured as a result of tear gas inhalation. (iii) At 15:00, a mass demonstration took place in the village of Deir Nidham in protest against land confiscation for expansion of the settlement of Halamish. Whilst a group of Israeli settlers assaulted the demonstration, the Israeli army fired tear gas grenades towards civilian protestors and prevented them from accessing their land. • 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.
<p style="text-align: center;">JENIN</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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. • Raid: At 04:00, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the town of Jaba'. • 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.
<p style="text-align: center;">TUBAS</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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.
<p style="text-align: center;">TULKAREM</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 21:35, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to the village of Al Jarushiya and searched civilians and vehicles. (ii) At 22:30, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the junction to the town of Bal'a and searched civilians and vehicles.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Raids: (i) At 20:00, the Israeli army raided and patrolled Dahiyat Shuweika in the city of Tulkarem. (ii) At 00:15, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the city of Tulkarem. (iii) At 00:40, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the town of Baqa ash Sharqiya. (iv) At 01:00, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the village of Far'un. • Wall Gates: Passage through the wall gates is restricted to civilians granted special Israeli permits.
QALQILYA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure of Roads: The Israeli army continues to close with cement blocks agricultural roads east of the town of 'Azzun. • Flying Checkpoints: (i) At 08:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to the village of Immatin and searched civilians and vehicles. (ii) At 08:55, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the junction to the village of Jit and searched civilians and vehicles. (iii) At 15:40, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint in the area between the villages of Hajja and Al Funduq and searched civilians and vehicles. • Raid: At 00:45, the Israeli army raided the village of Baqat al Hatab, searched a number of houses, and served summons to 5 civilians to report to the Israeli Intelligence agency. At 01:10, 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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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. • 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.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Flying Checkpoints:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 20:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint near the junction to the village of Deir Sharaf on the Nablus-Tulkarem main road, searched civilians and vehicles, and impeded civilian access. (ii) At 20:40, 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. • <u>Raids:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 14:00, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the village of Burqa. (ii) At 21:50, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the village of ‘Asira al Qibliya. (iii) At 01:25, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the village of Till.
SALFIT	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Closure of Main Roads:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (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. • <u>Checkpoint:</u> The Israeli army continues to intensify its restrictions and impede civilian access at the Za’tara junction checkpoint. • <u>Flying Checkpoint:</u> At 19:05, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to the village of Yasuf and searched civilians and vehicles until 21:00. • <u>Settler Violence:</u> At 08:30, a group of Israeli settlers from the settlement of Kfar Tappuah threw stones at civilian vehicles travelling along the main road near the settlement. • <u>Demonstration:</u> At 14:25, a mass demonstration, including international peace activists, took place in the area of Nab’at a Nuweitif north of the village of Qarawat Bani Hassan in protest against civilian land levelled and agricultural roads destroyed by Israeli settlers from the settlement of Yakir. Confrontations took place between the Israeli army and civilians. • <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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <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>Checkpoints:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (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.

	<p>(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.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Flying Checkpoints: <p>(i) At 09:30, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the southern entrance to the city of Jericho. At 15:00, the Israeli army set up another checkpoint and searched civilians and vehicles until 16:30.</p> <p>(ii) At 20:10, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to the village of Fasayil and searched civilians and vehicles.</p>
BETHLEHEM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure: <p>(i) The Israeli army continues to close the roads to the village of An Nu’mān, with the exception of the road leading to the Wall gate in the south-eastern area of the village.</p> <p>(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 <i>dunums</i> (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.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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 Checkpoint: At 09:20, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the An Nashash junction (the southern entrance to the city of Bethlehem) and searched civilians and vehicles. • Raid: At 19:55, the Israeli army raided the village of Husan, set up a checkpoint at its western entrance, searched civilians and vehicles, and patrolled the area until 21:00. • Demonstration/Attack/Injuries: At 11:00, a mass demonstration, including international peace activists, took place in the village of Al Ma’sara against Wall construction. Confrontations took place between the Israeli army and participants, during which the Israeli army injured 2 civilians. A number of protestors also sustained wounds as a result of tear gas inhalation. • 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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure: <p>(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</p>

- 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.
 - **Raids/Attack/Injury:**
 - (i) At 14:00, the Israeli army raided the city of Hebron, set up a checkpoint in the area of Bab az Zawiya, and searched civilians and vehicles.
 - (ii) At 16:35, the Israeli army raided Al 'Arrub refugee camp. Confrontations took place between the Israeli army and civilians, during which the Israeli army injured As'ad al Murqtan. Amneh al Badawi, an 86-year-old female civilian, also sustained wounds as a result of tear gas inhalation.
 - (iii) At 20:30, the Israeli army raided the towns of Tarqumiya, Beit 'Awwa, and As Samoa' as well as the villages of Al Majd and Al Burj, and patrolled these areas until 06:00.
 - (iv) At 04:30, the Israeli army raided the town of Idhna and searched 2 houses.
 - **Demonstration/Confiscation of Property:** At 12:00, a mass demonstration took place in the area of Al Buweira near the settlement of Kiryat Arba' east of the city of Hebron against Israeli settler violence. Protestors demanded that civilians be enabled to tend their land and cultivate trees. A group of Israeli settlers, however, attacked participants. The Israeli army also declared the area as a closed military zone, prevented civilians from planting trees, and confiscated a large number of trees.
- 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

<p style="text-align: center;">ALL DISTRICTS</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) The Israeli army raided Palestinian territory and opened intensive fire towards civilians and property in the district of Rafah. The Israeli army also opened intensive fire and fired a number of tank shells as well as 2 missile mortars from its locations on the Green Line towards Palestinian territory in the districts of Northern Gaza and Gaza. In addition, the Israeli navy opened fire towards Palestinian fishing boats at sea off the coast of the district of Rafah as well as fired 3 missile mortars towards the beach of An Nuseirat refugee camp in the district of Central Gaza. Moreover, Israeli combat aircraft fired missiles towards Palestinian territory in the districts of Gaza and Khan Yunis, injuring 3 civilians. (ii) Armed Palestinian individuals fired 3 mortars towards the Green Line.
<p style="text-align: center;">NORTHERN GAZA</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Closure of Crossing Point:</u> Beit Hanun (Erez) Crossing is closed. • <u>Attacks/Destruction of Property:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) In the evening of 01 January 2010, the Israeli army fired 1 missile mortar from its location inside the Green Line towards Palestinian territory in the area surrounding 'Izbat Abed Rabbu, causing damage to cattle barn. (ii) In the evening of 01 January 2010, the Israeli army fired 1 missile mortar from its location inside the Green Line towards Palestinian territory north of the town of Beit Lahiya. • <u>Palestinian Attack:</u> In the evening of 01 January 2010, 1 unidentified mortar was fired towards the Green Line.
<p style="text-align: center;">GAZA</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Closure of Crossing Points:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Al Muntar (Karnei) Crossing is closed. (ii) Ash Shuja'iyah (Nahal 'Oz) Crossing is closed. • <u>Air Attack/Injuries:</u> In the evening of 01 January 2010, Israeli F16 combat aircraft fired 3 missiles (over 2 consecutive air raids) towards armed Palestinian individuals near the Juice Factory east of Ash Shuja'iyah neighbourhood as well as towards vacant land in the area surrounding Ar Rayyes Mountain east of Gaza city, injuring 3 civilians. • <u>Attack:</u> In the evening of 01 January 2010, the Israeli army opened intensive fire and fired a number of tank shells from its location on the Green Line towards Palestinian territory east of Ash Shuja'iyah and Az Zaytun neighbourhoods east of Gaza city.

CENTRAL GAZA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Attack: In the evening of 01 January 2010, Israeli navy boats fired 3 missile mortars towards the beach of An Nuseirat refugee camp.
KHAN YUNIS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Air Attack: In the evening of 01 January 2010, Israeli F16 combat aircraft fired 1 missile towards armed vacant land east of the town of Al Qarara.
RAFAH	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure of Crossing Points: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Yasser ‘Arafat International Airport remains closed. (ii) Rafah (Al ‘Awdah) Crossing is closed. (iii) Sufa Crossing is closed. (iv) Karm Abu Salim (Karem Shalom) Crossing is closed. • Attack: In the morning of 01 January 2010, the Israeli navy opened intensive fire towards Palestinian fishing boats at sea off the beach of the city of Rafah. • Raid/Air Patrol/Attack/Land Levelling: At 15:00, the Israeli army, including several armoured vehicles and bulldozers covered by reconnaissance aircraft, raided Palestinian territory east of An Nahda neighbourhood east of the city of Rafah. The Israeli army opened intensive fire towards civilian houses and property and levelled agricultural land. • Palestinian Attack: In the evening of 01 January 2010, 2 unidentified mortars were fired towards the Green Line.

GENERAL

POLITICAL PRISONERS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sentence: An Israeli military court sentenced ‘Ahed Abu Ghulmeh, a resident of the town of Beit Furik in the district of Nablus, to life imprisonment as well as 5 years in prison.
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