مجموعة الرقابة الفلسطينية



PALESTINIAN MONITORING GROUP

DAILY SITUATION REPORT 08:00 09 December 2009 – 08:00 10 December 2009

SUMMARY OF EVENTS

EVENT	WEST BANK	GAZA STRIP	TOTAL	NOTES
Injury	1		1	A child critically injured by a settler
Attack	1		1	Fired opened and sound grenades fired
Raids	22	1	23	Incl. 4 in Nablus and 3 in Salfit
Air Patrols	1	1	2	Incl. troops dispatched by helicopters
Arrests (per person)	6		6	Incl. 3 children in the district of Jericho
Detentions	14		14	Incl. 5 Palestinian security officers
Land Levelling	_	1	1	Agricultural land in Khan Yunis
Wall Construction	21		21	Incl. Jer., Raml'h., Salfit, & Qalqiliya
Destruction of Property	2	1	3	Incl. a vehicle and house furniture
Confiscation of Property	4		4	4 tractors in Khirbet Tana, Nablus
Closure of Checkpoints	8	_	8	Incl. access impeded at 5 checkpoints
Flying Checkpoints	21	_	21	Incl. 4 in Bethlehem and 6 in Hebron
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	_	3	3	4 crossing points partially open
Settler Violence	3	_	3	Incl. a road closed and vehicles stoned
Provocation of Pal. Forces	2	_	2	Incl. positioning near a Police station
TOTAL	151	7	158	

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.

• <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.

• Arrest: At 20:00, Israeli troops positioned at Qalandiya checkpoint arrested Thaer Tal'at Ahmed Hamayel, claiming that he had been in possession of explosive devices.

• 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 '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.

JERUSALEM

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. Flying Checkpoint: At 14:30, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to the town of Sinjil and searched civilians and vehicles. Raids: At 19:00, the Israeli army raided the towns of Silwad and Al Mazra'a ash Sharqiya. In the town of Silwad, the Israeli army arrested 1 child. At 02:30, the Israeli army raided the city of Ramallah, searched 1 building, and arrested 1 civilian. Arrests: The Israeli army arrested Mohammed Saleh Hammad, 16 years old, in the town of Silwad. At 02:30, the Israeli army arrested Abdullah Abu Rahmeh in the city of Ramallah. 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. Flying Checkpoints: At 12:35, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the junction to the village of Al Jarba and searched civilians and vehicles. At 13:30, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint in the area between the town of Qabatiya and the village of Mirka and searched civilians and vehicles. Raids: At 11:00, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the villages of Um at Tut and Jalqamus. 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	• <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.
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. Checkpoint: The Israeli army continues to intensify restrictions at 'Einav checkpoint set up on Tulkarem-Nablus main road. Flving Checkpoints: At 09:25, and again at 22:35, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the junction to the village of Far'un and searched civilians and vehicles. Raids: At 00:35, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the city of Tulkarem and Tulkarem refugee camp. 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. Raids/Destruction of Property: At 21:50, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the town of Jayyus and the village of Khirbet Sir. At 00:30, the Israeli army raided the city of Qalqiliya, searched 3 houses, and damaged furniture of a house. Destruction of Property: At 24:00, an Israeli army patrol pursued a civilian vehicle along the main road near the village of Jit, allegedly for suspecting it had been illegal. The vehicle crashed after it hit the side road. 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	 Closure of Main Roads: 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. 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: 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 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. Flying Checkpoints: At 08:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the junction to the town of Qabalan and searched civilians and vehicles. At 16:35, 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. Raids/Attack/Confiscation of Property: At 15:20, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the town of Jamma'in. At 01:20, the Israeli army raided Balata refugee camp in the city of Nablus, patrolled the area, opened fire, and fired sound grenades.

	 (iv) At 07:20, the Israeli army raided the village of Khirbet Tana and confiscated 4 tractors. • <u>Detention</u>: At 23:00, Israeli troops positioned at the Za'tara junction checkpoint detained Yasser Radhwan, a Palestinian Police officer, and released him after coordination with the Israeli authorities (through the DCO). • <u>Arrests</u>: As was reported at 01:00 on 09 December 2009, the Israeli army arrested 4 Palestinian security guards of the Palestinian Ministry of Interior, in addition to those arrested yesterday: (i) Abdul Nasser Dawoud 'Ityani; (ii) Wael Sabe' al Faqih; (iii) Mousa Mohammed Mahmoud Jawad; and (iv) Nabeeh Abdul 'Aziz Shihadeh 'Awwad.
SALFIT	 Closure of Main Roads: The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the northern entrance to the city of Salfit. 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. Checkpoint: The Israeli army continues to intensify its restrictions and impede civilian access at the Za'tara junction checkpoint. Flying Checkpoint: At 15:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to the village of Yasuf and searched civilians and vehicles. Raids/Air Patrol: At 15:15, the Israeli army raided the town of Biddya and searched 2 internet cafes. At 15:20, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the town of Kifl Haris. At 21:00, Israeli troops dispatched by combat helicopters raided and combat the area between the towns of Bruqin and Kafr ad Dik as well as the village of Qarawat Bani Zeid. Settler Violence: At 12:00, an Israeli settler from the settlement Revava severely beat 13-year-old Majd Mohammed 'Aziz Mar'i, leaving him in critical health conditions. Consequently, Mar'i was transported to an Israeli hospital for medical treatment. 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.
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.
- <u>Flying Checkpoint</u>: At 14:30, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the junction to the Dead Sea and searched civilians and vehicles.
- <u>Arrests</u>: At 15:50, Israeli troops positioned at Al Hamra checkpoint arrested 3 children from Balata refugee camp in the city of Nablus, claiming that they had been in possession of explosive devices:
- (i) Mousa Jalal Yousef Abu 'Ubayyeh, 16 years old;
- (ii) Ayman Nihad Shakir Masheh, 16 years old; and
- (iii) Amir Abul Ghani Fawzi Sawalmeh, 16 years old.

• Closure:

- (i) 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.
- (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 *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.
- <u>Closure of Main Roads</u>: 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.

EHEM • Flying Checkpoints:

- (i) At 09:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint near the junction to the settlement of Kfar 'Etzion and searched civilians and vehicles.
- (ii) At 10:30, and again at 19:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to the village of Husan and searched civilians and vehicles.
- (iii) At 19:30, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to the village of Nahhalin and searched civilians and vehicles.

• <u>Detentions</u>:

- (i) At 15:15, Israeli troops positioned at As Sawahira ash Sharqiya (the 'Container') checkpoint detained 2 Palestinian National Security officers and released them after coordination with the Israeli authorities (through the DCO):
 - (i) 'Aref Mahmoud Wureidat; and
 - (ii) George Hanna Rishmawi.

BETHLEHEM

- (ii) At 16:10, Israeli troops positioned at As Sawahira ash Sharqiya (the 'Container') checkpoint detained 2 Palestinian Presidential Guard officers and released them after coordination with the Israeli authorities (through the DCO):
 - (i) Ghassan 'Abed at Till; and
 - (ii) Mohammed Mahmoud Abu Sharkh.
- <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.

• Flying Checkpoints:

- (i) At 08:15, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to the area of An Nabi Yunis near the town of Halhul on the Hebron-Bethlehem main road and searched civilians and vehicles.
- (ii) At 08:40, and again at 19:30, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on Al Fawwar junction and searched civilians and vehicles.
- (iii) At 10:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the junction to the village of Kharsa and searched civilians and vehicles.
- (iv) At 16:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to the village of At Tabaqa and searched civilians and vehicles.

HEBRON

• Raids/Provocation of Palestinian Forces:

- (i) At 08:40, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the town of Halhul.
- (ii) At 12:40, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the city of Hebron. at 16:20, the Israeli army raided the city again and set up a checkpoint near a Palestinian National Security patrol while it was on duty in the area of Bab az Zawiya.
- (iii) At 23:40, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the town of Tarqumiya.
- (iv) At 00:45, the Israeli army raided the town of Idhna, took position near the town's Palestinian Police station, and patrolled the area.
- <u>Settler Violence</u>: At 11:30, a group of Israeli settlers from the settlement of Sham'a closed Road # 60 near the settlement and threw stones and empty bottles at civilian vehicles.
- <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>Violation of the Ceasefire</u>: The Israeli army raided Palestinian territory and levelled land in the district of Khan Yunis.

NORTHERN GAZA	Closure of Crossing Point: Beit Hanun (Erez) Crossing is partially open to previously-coordinated humanitarian cases and foreign nationals.
GAZA	Closure of Crossing Points: Al Muntar (Karnei) Crossing is partially open for transportation of wheat and animal feed. Ash Shuja'iya (Nahal 'Oz) Crossing is closed.
CENTRAL GAZA	Activities not reported.
KHAN YUNIS	• Raid/Air Patrol/Land Levelling: In the morning of 09 December 2009, the Israeli army, including 4 tanks and 2 bulldozers covered by reconnaissance aircraft, raided 200 metres into Palestinian territory east of the town of Al Qarara and levelled agricultural land.

Closure of Crossing Points: (i) Yasser 'Arafat International Airport remains closed. Rafah (Al 'Awdah) Crossing is open on an exceptional basis to allow (ii) access a group of pilgrims, who returned from Saudi Arabia, as well as to a number of ill civilians, who had received medical treatment at **RAFAH** Egyptian hospitals. Sufa Crossing is closed. (iii) Karm Abu Salim (Karem Shalom) Crossing is partially open for (iv) transportation of food supplies and humanitarian aid. In addition to cooking gas, diesel was also transported to the Gaza Electricity Generation Station.