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PALESTINIAN MONITORING GROUP

DAILY SITUATION REPORT

08:00 23 December 2009 – 08:00 24 December 2009

SUMMARY OF EVENTS

EVENT	WEST BANK	GAZA STRIP	TOTAL	NOTES
Physical Assaults	6	—	6	Civilians beaten, Bethlehem & Hebron
Injury	1	—	1	A civilian beaten and injured, Ramallah
Attack	—	1	1	During a raid into Central Gaza
Raids	25	1	26	Incl. 5 in Ramallah and 5 in Tubas
Air Patrol	—	1	1	Reconnaissance over Central Gaza
Arrests (per person)	10	—	10	Incl. 2 Palestinian security officers
Detentions	15	—	15	Incl. school pupils and 1 security officer
Wall Construction	21	—	21	Incl. Jer., Raml'h., Salfit, & Qalqiliya
Destruction of Property	2*	—	2	Incl. petrol station & room demolished
Attack on Property	1	—	1	Civilians forced to close their shops
Closure of Checkpoints	8	—	8	Incl. access impeded at 5 checkpoints
Flying Checkpoints	13	—	13	Incl. 3 in Qalqiliya and 3 in Nablus
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	1	—	1	Civilians provoked and access impeded
Provocation of Pal. Forces	2	—	2	Incl. taking position near Police station
TOTAL	150	6	156	

DISTRICT	EVENTS
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WEST BANK

JERUSALEM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (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. 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 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. • Raid/Detentions/Attack on Property: At 20:00, the Israeli army raided the town of Abu Dis and searched a number of houses after detaining residents outside. The Israeli army also forced civilians to close their commercial premises on both sides of the road in the town's centre after a Molotov cocktail had been thrown at an Israeli army jeep. • 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"> • <u>Closure of Main Roads:</u> 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. • <u>Raids/Provocation of Palestinian Forces:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 09:20, the Israeli army raided the village of Surda and patrolled the area until 10:50. (ii) At 20:35, the Israeli army raided the village of Khirbet Abu Falah, took position near the village's Palestinian Police station, and patrolled the area. (iii) At 23:15, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the town of Beit Rima. (iv) At 00:25, the Israeli army raided the town of Bir Zeit and arrested 1 civilian. (v) At 03:00, the Israeli army raided Al Jalazun refugee camp, searched 1 house, and arrested 1 civilian. • <u>Arrests/Physical Assault/Injury:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 13:05, Israeli troops positioned at the checkpoint set up near the junction to the 'Ofar military camp arrested Ziyad 'Amr Yousef. Claiming that he had attempted to stab a soldier, Israeli troops also severely beat and injured Yousef. (ii) The Israeli army arrested Fu'ad Mohammed Washahah in the town of Bir Zeit. (iii) The Israeli army arrested Mohammed Tayseer Zeid in Al Jalazun refugee camp. • <u>Wall Construction:</u> 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"> • <u>Closure of Main Road:</u> The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the road leading to the town of 'Arraba east of the settlement of Dotan. • <u>Wall Gates:</u> 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"> • <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 17:20, the Israeli army closed the checkpoint and denied civilian access in both directions after having arrested a child, ostensibly for locating an explosive device and a knife in his possession. • <u>Raids:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 11:00, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the village of Al Far'a. (ii) At 11:30, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the town of Tammun. (iii) At 11:50, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the city of Tubas. (iv) At 12:15, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the town of 'Aqqaba. (v) At 18:00, the Israeli army raided the village of Khirbet 'Atuf and searched 1 house.

<p>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. At 09:30, Israeli troops thoroughly searched civilians while they were crossing the checkpoint. • Raids: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 12:20, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the town of Beit Lid. (ii) At 14:10, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the town of 'Anabta. At 02:30, the Israeli army raided the town again and arrested 1 civilian. • Arrest: The Israeli army arrested Marwan Ahmed Abdul Dayem in the town of 'Anabta. • Wall Gates: Passage through the wall gates is restricted to civilians granted special Israeli permits.
<p>QALQILYA</p>	<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: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 10:15, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint near the village of Al Funduq and searched civilians and vehicles. (ii) At 10:35, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the eastern entrance to the city of Qalqiliya and searched civilians and vehicles. (iii) At 15:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to the village of Jinsafut and searched civilians and vehicles. • Raids: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 09:35, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the town of 'Azzun. (ii) At 00:10, the Israeli army raided the city of Qalqiliya and searched 1 house. • Detention: At 11:00, Israeli troops positioned at the Wall gate leading to the village of Ras 'Atiya detained Amjad 'Odeh, a Palestinian National Security officer, and released him at 11:20 after coordination with the Israeli authorities (through the DCO). • 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.
<p>NABLUS</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure of Main Roads: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (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.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Checkpoints:</u> The Israeli army continues to regulate times for crossing checkpoints set up around the city of Nablus: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (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. • <u>Flying Checkpoints:</u> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 12:40, 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. (ii) At 04:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the southern entrance to the village of Qaryut and searched civilians and vehicles. (iii) At 06:10, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to the village of Beit Wazan and searched civilians and vehicles. • <u>Raid:</u> At dawn on 24 December 2009, the Israeli army raided and patrolled Balata refugee camp in the city of Nablus. • <u>Arrests:</u> At 01:15 on 23 December 2009, the Israeli army arrested 1 civilian and 1 Palestinian Civil Defence officer during its raid into the city of Nablus, as was reported yesterday: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Jaber Omar Dweikat; and (ii) Nassr Omar Dweikat. • <u>Destruction of Property:</u> At 08:30, the Israeli army demolished a petrol station and a grocery shop near the junction to the village of Qusra, claiming that they had been built without the required construction licences.
SALFIT	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Closure of Main Roads:</u> <ol 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 20:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint in the area between the town of Kifl Haris and the village of Haris and searched civilians and vehicles. • <u>Raids:</u> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 10:40, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the town of Az Zawiya. (ii) At 00:15, the Israeli army raided the city of Salfit and patrolled the area until 01:30.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Settler Violence:</u> At 10:45, two armed Israeli settlers from the settlement of Tappuah provoked civilians and obstructed access to civilian vehicles along the main road near the entrance to the settlement. • <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.
<p style="text-align: center;">JERICHO</p>	<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> <ol 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. (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 Checkpoints/Detentions:</u> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 14:40, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the junction to the settlement of Ma'ale Efrayim and searched civilians and vehicles. (ii) At 07:50, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on Road # 90 in the centre of the village of Al 'Auja, searched civilians and vehicles, and detained a number of school pupils, allegedly because stones had been thrown at Israeli settler vehicles travelling along the road.
<p style="text-align: center;">BETHLEHEM</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Closure:</u> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (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 <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. • <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. • <u>Flying Checkpoint:</u> At 08:40, 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.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Physical Assaults:</u> At 01:00, Israeli troops positioned in the area surrounding Bilal Bin Rabah Mosque (Rachel's Tomb) north of the city of Bethlehem severely beat 5 civilians, including a child, leaving them with contusions. As a result, all affected civilians were admitted to hospital for medical treatment. • <u>Raid:</u> At 22:00, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the village of Husan. • <u>Detention:</u> At 01:25, Israeli troops positioned at the As Sawahira ash Sharqiya (the 'Container') checkpoint detained Mahmoud Khadher Ja'far, claiming that he held a Gaza-issued ID card. Following coordination with the Israeli authorities (through the DCO), Israeli troops released Ja'far. • <u>Provocation of Palestinian Forces:</u> At 14:30, Israeli troops positioned at the As Sawahira ash Sharqiya (the 'Container') checkpoint detained a Palestinian Police officer riding a motorcycle and allowed access to him after coordination with the Israeli authorities (through the DCO). • <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.
<p style="text-align: center;">HEBRON</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Closure:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (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. • <u>Closure of Main Roads:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (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.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Raids/Physical Assault:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 10:50, the Israeli army raided the city of Hebron and severely beat Ramzi Abdul Raheem Burqan, leaving him with contusion. Consequently, Burqan was transported to hospital for medical treatment. The Israeli army set up a checkpoint and searched civilians and vehicles. (ii) At 21:20, the Israeli army raided the town of Halhul and searched 1 house. (iii) At 21:40, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the town of Tarqumiya. (iv) At 00:40, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the town of Idhna. (v) At 01:40, the Israeli army raided the town of Dura, searched a number of houses, and arrested 2 civilians as well as 1 Palestinian National Security officer. • <u>Arrests:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 15:20, the Israeli army arrested 15-year-old Abdul Qader Ahmed Badawi near the entrance to Al ‘Arrub refugee camp, ostensibly for throwing stones. <p>The Israeli army arrested 2 civilians and 1 Palestinian security officer in the town of Dura:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (ii) Hasan Ahmed al Hazin; (iii) Nour Bassam Faqqouseh; and (iv) Yousef Mohammed Dodeen. • <u>Destruction of Property:</u> On 23 December 2009, the Israeli army delivered notices for the demolition of a water well used for irrigation purposes as well as a room, claiming that they had been built without the required construction licences and in close proximity to the Wall. • <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.
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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>Violation of the Ceasefire:</u> The Israeli army raided Palestinian territory and opened intensive fire in the district of Central Gaza.
<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 partially open for previously-coordinated humanitarian cases and foreign nationals.

GAZA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Closure of Crossing Points:</u> (i) Al Muntar (Karnei) Crossing is partially open for transportation of wheat and animal feed. (ii) Ash Shuja'iya (Nahal 'Oz) Crossing is closed.
CENTRAL GAZA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Raid/Air Patrol/Attack:</u> In the morning of 23 December 2009, the Israeli army, including 3 armoured vehicles covered by reconnaissance aircraft, raided 200 metres into Palestinian territory east of Al Maghazi refugee camp and opened intensive fire towards agricultural land.
KHAN YUNIS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Activities not reported.
RAFAH	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Closure of Crossing Points:</u> (i) Yasser 'Arafat International Airport remains closed. (ii) Rafah (Al 'Awdah) Crossing is open on an exceptional basis to allow access to dozens of ill civilians, who had received medical treatment at Egyptian hospitals. (iii) Sufa Crossing is closed. (iv) Karm Abu Salim (Karem Shalom) Crossing is partially open for transportation of food supplies and humanitarian aid. Three trucks transporting medicine sent by the PNA Ministry of Health, diesel for the Gaza Electricity Generation Station, and gas were also allowed to cross.

GENERAL

POLITICAL PRISONERS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Sentence:</u> The Israeli military court at Bir as Sabe' Prison sentenced Hisham Hamdi Hasan ash Sha'er, a resident of the district of Khan Yunis, to 8 years in prison. • <u>Postponement of Trial:</u> The Israeli military court at Salem military camp put off the trial of Jamal at Tirawi, a member of the Palestinian Legislative Council, until 28 December 2009.
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