

## مجموعة الرقابة الفلسطينية



## PALESTINIAN MONITORING GROUP

## DAILY SITUATION REPORT

08:00 24 December 2009 – 08:00 25 December 2009

## SUMMARY OF EVENTS

EVENT	WEST BANK	GAZA STRIP	TOTAL	NOTES
Attacks	2	2	4	2 in raids and 2 by Israeli navy boats
Raids	23	1	24	Incl. 6 in Tulkarem and 4 in Hebron
Air Patrol	—	1	1	Reconnaissance aircraft over Khan Yunis
Arrests (per person)	7	—	7	Incl. 3 children
Detentions	15	—	15	Incl. a Palestinian Police officer
House Demolitions	*	—	—	Notices for 12 houses and barracks
Wall Construction	21	—	21	Incl. Jer., Raml'h., Salfit, & Qalqiliya
Destruction of Property	3	—	3	Incl. a house furniture destroyed, Jenin
Curfews	3	—	3	Over 3 villages in the Qalqiliya district
Closure of Checkpoints	11	—	11	Incl. 2 checkpoints closed temporarily
Flying Checkpoints	24	—	24	Incl. 4 in Tulkarem and 6 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	—	3	3	4 crossing points partially open
Construction of Mil. Post	1	—	1	A surveillance point installed, Hebron
Settler Violence	5	—	5	Incl. civilian buses and vehicle stoned
Provocation of Pal. Forces	3	—	3	Incl. Police DG's motorcade detained
Palestinian Attack	1	—	1	An Israeli settler killed in Tulkarem
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>164</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>171</b>	

DISTRICT	EVENTS
<b>WEST BANK</b>	
<b>JERUSALEM</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b><u>Closure:</u></b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(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).</li> <li>(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.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b><u>Closure of Main Roads:</u></b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) The Israeli army continues to close with cement blocks and dirt barricades the entrance to the village of Jaba'.</li> <li>(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.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b><u>Checkpoint:</u></b> 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.</li> <li>• <b><u>Wall Gates:</u></b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) The Israeli army continues to close the Wall gate in the town of Abu Dis with cement blocks.</li> <li>(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.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b><u>Wall Construction:</u></b> 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.</li> </ul>
<b>RAMALLAH &amp; EL BIREH</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b><u>Closure of Main Roads:</u></b> 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.</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b><u>Flying Checkpoint:</u></b> At 15:40, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the junction to the town of Silwad and searched civilians and vehicles.</li> <li>• <b><u>Raids:</u></b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) At 09:00, the Israeli army raided the village of Kharbatha al Misbah and arrested 3 children.</li> <li>(ii) At 03:50, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the cities of Ramallah and El Bireh.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b><u>Arrests:</u></b> The Israeli army arrested 3 children, including 16-year-old Suhayb Yousef Musleh, in the village of Kharbatha al Misbah.</li> <li>• <b><u>Provocation of Palestinian Forces:</u></b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) At 10:30, Israeli troops positioned at the Court Checkpoint near the settlement of Beit Il detained a motorcade of Brigadier General Hazem Atallah, Director General of the Palestinian Police, and demanded to examine ID cards of his companions. Following coordination with the Israeli authorities (through the DCO), Israeli troops allowed the motorcade to cross.</li> <li>(ii) At 15:50, Israeli troops positioned at the Court Checkpoint near the settlement of Beit Il detained a Palestinian Police vehicle, after it had returned from the district of Tulkarem and transported a criminal prisoner. Access was allowed to the Police vehicle following coordination with the Israeli authorities (through the DCO).</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b><u>Wall Construction:</u></b> Wall construction continues west of 'Abud town and in the areas of Al Midya to Ni'lin and Ni'lin to Deir Qaddis.</li> </ul>
<b>JENIN</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b><u>Closure of Main Road:</u></b> The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the road leading to the town of 'Arraba east of the settlement of Dotan.</li> <li>• <b><u>Raids/Destruction of Property:</u></b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) At 03:00, the Israeli army raided the city of Jenin, searched 1 house, damaged its furniture, and arrested 1 civilian. At 04:20, the Israeli army withdrew from the area.</li> <li>(ii) On 24 December 2009, the Israeli army raided the village of Barta'a ash Sharqiya, searched a number of houses, and distributed notices for the demolition of 12 houses and barracks, claiming that they had been built without the required construction licences.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b><u>Arrest:</u></b> The Israeli army arrested Majdi Jamil Hussein al Ak'hash in the city of Jenin.</li> <li>• <b><u>House Demolitions:</u></b> The Israeli army distributed notices for the demolition of 12 houses and barracks in the village of Barta'a ash Sharqiya. The affected properties belong to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) Ahmed Lutfi Qabaha;</li> <li>(ii) Sirri Lutfi Qabaha;</li> <li>(iii) Raja Lutfi Qabaha;</li> <li>(iv) Firas Ghaleb Qabaha;</li> <li>(v) Nael Ahmed Qabaha;</li> <li>(vi) Sameer Mohammed Qabaha;</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(vii) Rif'at Saleh Qabaha;</li> <li>(viii) Mohammed Subhi Qabaha;</li> <li>(ix) Mohammed Zuheir Qabaha;</li> <li>(x) Omar Mahmoud Qabaha;</li> <li>(xi) Mohammed Yousef Qabaha; and</li> <li>(xii) Yasser Qabaha.</li> </ul> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Wall Gates:</b> 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.</li> </ul>
<b>TUBAS</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Checkpoint:</b> 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.</li> <li>• <b>Raid:</b> At 01:20, the Israeli army raided Al Far'a refugee camp and arrested 1 civilian.</li> <li>• <b>Arrests:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) At 18:30, the Israeli army arrested Ahmed Zuheir Sawalmeh, a resident of Al Far'a refugee camp, in an area inside the Green Line, allegedly because he had not been in possession of an access permit.</li> <li>(ii) The Israeli army arrested Mu'ath 'Isa Yousef Abdullah in Al Far'a refugee camp.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
<b>TULKAREM</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Closure of Main Roads:</b> The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the road connecting the town of Kafir al Labad to the village of Shufa as well as the road connecting the villages of Shufa and 'Izbat Shufa.</li> <li>• <b>Checkpoint:</b> The Israeli army continues to intensify restrictions at 'Einav checkpoint set up on Tulkarem-Nablus main road. At 17:35, the Israeli army closed the checkpoint and denied civilian access until 18:35.</li> <li>• <b>Flying Checkpoints:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) At 17:35, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the junction to the town of Bal'a and searched civilians and vehicles.</li> <li>(ii) At 17:45, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on Al Kafriyat road connecting the districts of Tulkarem and Qalqiliya, searched civilians and vehicles, and denied civilian access until 18:35.</li> <li>(iii) At 17:45, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint near the junction to the town of 'Attil and searched civilians and vehicles.</li> <li>(iv) At 19:15, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the junction to the village of Far'un and searched civilians and vehicles.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b>Raids/Attack:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) At 10:30, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the town of 'Anabta. At 17:40, the Israeli army raided the town again, patrolled the area, and opened indiscriminate fire after armed Palestinian individuals had opened fire towards an Israeli settler vehicle near the junction to the town of Beit Lid, causing the vehicle to turn over and killing the settler.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(ii) At 16:00, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the city of Tulkarem. At 19:10, the Israeli army raided the city again and patrolled the area until 21:50.</li> <li>(iii) At 22:55, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the town of Beit Lid and the village of Saffarin. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Arrest:</b> At 16:50, Israeli troops positioned at 'Einav checkpoint arrested Seif Ahmed Mahmoud.</li> <li>• <b>Settler Violence:</b> At 23:00, a group of Israeli settlers threw stones at buses transporting families of political prisoners near 'Einav checkpoint.</li> <li>• <b>Wall Gates:</b> Passage through the wall gates is restricted to civilians granted special Israeli permits.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
<b>QALQILYA</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Closure of Roads:</b> The Israeli army continues to close with cement blocks agricultural roads east of the town of 'Azzun.</li> <li>• <b>Flying Checkpoints:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) At 11:30, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to the village of 'Izbat at Tabib and searched civilians and vehicles.</li> <li>(ii) At 15:45, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the junction to the village of Jit and searched civilians and vehicles.</li> <li>(iii) At 15:50, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint underneath the overpass to the town of 'Azzun on the Qalqiliya-Tulkarem main road and searched civilians and vehicles.</li> <li>(iv) At 17:35, the Israeli army set up 3 flying checkpoints, including 1 at the eastern entrance to the city of Qalqiliya and 2 at the entrances to the villages of Immatin and Al Funduq, and searched civilians and vehicles.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b>Raids/Curfew:</b> At 17:55, the Israeli army raided the villages of Kafr Qaddum, Baqat al Hatab, and Hajja and imposed curfew.</li> <li>• <b>Settler Violence/Destruction of Property:</b> At 18:00, a group of Israeli settlers threw stones at civilian vehicles travelling along the Qalqiliya-Nablus main road near the villages of Kafr Laqif, Jit, and Kafr Qaddum. As a result, the windshield of a taxi belonging to Sa'id 'Uthman al Ju'eidi was broken.</li> <li>• <b>Wall Gate:</b> The Israeli army continues to intensify its restrictions at 'Azzun 'Atma Wall gate and to search civilians, including students, with a detector.</li> <li>• <b>Wall Construction:</b> 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.</li> </ul>
<b>NABLUS</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Closure of Main Roads:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(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.</li> <li>(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.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b><u>Checkpoints:</u></b> The Israeli army continues to regulate times for crossing checkpoints set up around the city of Nablus:       <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(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.</li> <li>(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.</li> <li>(iii) At 18:30, the Israeli army closed Huwwara checkpoint, denied civilian access, and reopened it at a later time.</li> </ol> </li> <li>• <b><u>Flying Checkpoints/Detention:</u></b> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) At 18:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the junction to the town of Beit Iba and searched civilians and vehicles.</li> <li>(ii) At 18:30, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the junction to the village of Bizzariya and searched civilians and vehicles.</li> <li>(iii) At 20:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint near the settlement of Shavei Shomron and searched civilians and vehicles. The Israeli army also detained a Palestinian Police officer and released him after coordination with the Israeli authorities (through the DCO).</li> </ol> </li> <li>• <b><u>Raids:</u></b> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) At 17:55, the Israeli army raided the town of Beit Iba and searched 1 house.</li> <li>(ii) At 18:40, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the village of Deir Sharaf.</li> <li>(iii) At 19:05, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the town of 'Asira ash Shamaliya.</li> </ol> </li> <li>• <b><u>Settler Violence:</u></b> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) On 24 December 2009, a group of Israeli settlers from the settlement of Bracha caused damage to a house under construction in the village of 'Iraq Burin.</li> <li>(ii) At 19:35, a group of Israeli settlers attacked the village of Burin and threw stones at civilian houses.</li> <li>(iii) At 01:10, a group of Israeli settlers threw stones at civilian vehicles near Huwwara checkpoint.</li> </ol> </li> </ul>
<b>SALFIT</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b><u>Closure of Main Roads:</u></b> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the northern entrance to the city of Salfit.</li> <li>(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.</li> </ol> </li> <li>• <b><u>Checkpoint:</u></b> The Israeli army continues to intensify its restrictions and impede civilian access at the Za'tara junction checkpoint.</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b><u>Flying Checkpoints:</u></b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) At 18:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the western entrance to the village of Haris.</li> <li>(ii) At 19:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the western entrance to the town of Deir Istiya and searched civilians and vehicles.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b><u>Raid:</u></b> At 16:00, the Israeli army raided the village of Iskaka, set up a checkpoint near the village's local council, searched civilians and vehicles, and patrolled the area.</li> <li>• <b><u>Wall Construction:</u></b> 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.</li> </ul>
<b>JERICHO</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b><u>Closure:</u></b> 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.</li> <li>• <b><u>Checkpoints:</u></b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(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.</li> <li>(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.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b><u>Flying Checkpoints/Detention:</u></b> At 15:15, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on Road # 90 in the centre of the village of Al 'Auja, searched civilians and vehicles, detained a civilian, and released him after coordination with the Israeli authorities (through the DCO).</li> </ul>
<b>BETHLEHEM</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b><u>Closure:</u></b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(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.</li> <li>(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.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b><u>Closure of Main Roads:</u></b> 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.</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b><u>Checkpoint:</u></b> At 19:00, the Israeli army intensified its restrictions at As Sawahira ash Sharqiya (the 'Container') checkpoint and impeded civilian access.</li> <li>• <b><u>Flying Checkpoint:</u></b> At 09:15, and again at 13:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on An Nashash junction (the southern entrance to the city of Bethlehem) and searched civilians and vehicles.</li> <li>• <b><u>Wall Construction:</u></b> 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.</li> </ul>
<b>HEBRON</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b><u>Closure:</u></b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(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.</li> <li>(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.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b><u>Closure of Main Roads:</u></b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(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.</li> <li>(ii) The Israeli army continues to prohibit Palestinian vehicles from travelling along Ash Shalala Old Street in the old city of Hebron.</li> <li>(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.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b><u>Flying Checkpoints:</u></b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) At 11:15, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint in the area between the towns of Adh Dhahiriya and Dura and searched civilians and vehicles.</li> <li>(ii) At 23:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to the town of Beit Ummar and searched civilians and vehicles.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b><u>Raids/Attack:</u></b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) At 08:00, the Israeli army raided the town of Idhna, searched 2 houses, and served a summons to a Palestinian Preventive Security officer to report to the Israeli Intelligence agency.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>



	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(ii) At 11:50, and again at 23:45, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the city of Hebron.</li> <li>(iii) At 18:30, the Israeli army raided Al ‘Arrub refugee camp and opened indiscriminate fire while patrolling the area. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Construction of Military Post:</b> At 11:20, the Israeli army constructed a military surveillance point in the area of Khallet ash Shomar west of the town of Idhna.</li> <li>• <b>Wall Construction:</b> 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.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
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### GAZA STRIP

<b>ALL DISTRICTS</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 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.</li> <li>• <b>Violation of the Ceasefire:</b> The Israeli army raided Palestinian territory in the district of Khan Yunis. The Israeli navy also opened intensive fire towards Palestinian fishing boats at sea off the beaches of the districts of Central Gaza and Rafah.</li> </ul>
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<b>NORTHERN GAZA</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Closure of Crossing Point:</b> Beit Hanun (Erez) Crossing is partially open for previously-coordinated humanitarian cases and foreign nationals.</li> </ul>
<b>GAZA</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Closure of Crossing Points:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) Al Muntar (Karnei) Crossing is closed.</li> <li>(ii) Ash Shuja’iya (Nahal ‘Oz) Crossing is partially open for transportation of fuel.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
<b>CENTRAL GAZA</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Attack:</b> In the morning of 24 December 2009, the Israeli navy opened intensive fire towards Palestinian fishing boats at sea off the beach of the city of Deir al Balah.</li> </ul>
<b>KHAN YUNIS</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Raid/Air Patrol:</b> In the morning of 24 December 2009, the Israeli army, including 5 armoured vehicles and 2 bulldozers covered by reconnaissance aircraft, raided 200 metres into Palestinian territory east of the town of Khuza’a.</li> </ul>

<b>RAFAH</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b><u>Closure of Crossing Points:</u></b><ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>(i) Yasser 'Arafat International Airport remains closed.</li><li>(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.</li><li>(iii) Sufa Crossing is closed.</li><li>(iv) Karm Abu Salim (Karem Shalom) Crossing is partially open for transportation of food supplies and humanitarian aid. A truck transporting flowers was also allowed to leave the Gaza Strip.</li></ul></li><li>• <b><u>Attack:</u></b> In the morning of 24 December 2009, the Israeli navy opened intensive fire towards Palestinian fishing boats at sea off the beach of the city of Rafah.</li></ul>
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