مجموعة الرقابة الفلسطينية



PALESTINIAN MONITORING GROUP

DAILY SITUATION REPORT

08:00 25 December 2009 – 08:00 26 December 2009

SUMMARY OF EVENTS

EVENT	WEST BANK	GAZA STRIP	TOTAL	NOTES
Assassinations	3	_	3	Armed individuals in the city of Nablus
Deaths	_	3	3	Civilians in the Northern Gaza district
Physical Assaults	3	_	3	Incl. protestors beaten in Jerusalem
Injuries	6	_	6	Incl. 2 children and 1 female civilian
Attacks	4	5	9	Incl. 3 in raids and 1 from a mil. post
Raids	24	1	25	Incl. 4 in Salfit and 6 in Hebron
Air Patrol		1	1	A combat helicopter over Northern Gaza
Arrest (per person)	1	_	1	1 civilian inside the Green Line
Detentions	13	_	13	Incl. 8 international peace activists
Land Levelling	1	_	1	Land near the Beit Lid town in Tulkarem
Wall Construction	21	_	21	Incl. Jer., Raml'h., Salfit, & Qalqiliya
Destruction of Property	4	_	4	Windshields and a plant nursery
Curfew	1	_	1	Over the city of Nablus
Closure of Checkpoints	9	_	9	Incl. access impeded at 6 checkpoints
Flying Checkpoints	16	_	16	Incl. 3 in Jerusalem and 2 in Jenin
Closure (per District)	7	_	7	Incl. Jerusalem and 4 areas in Hebron
Closure of Main Roads	39	_	39	Incl. 8 in Nablus and 15 in Hebron
Closure of Crossing Points	_	7	7	All crossing points closed
Settler Violence	5	_	5	Incl. civilian vehicles stoned
Provocation of Pal. Forces	3	_	3	Incl. a Police vehicle detained, Nablus
Demonstrations	5	_	5	Against settlement activity and Wall
TOTAL	165	17	182	

WEST BANK

• Closure:

- (i) On 25 December 2009, 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 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.

• Demonstrations/Physical Assaults/Detentions:

- (i) At 13:00, civilians performed the Friday prayers at the sit-in tent in Silwan neighbourhood in the city of Jerusalem in protest against evacuation of civilian houses for construction of Israeli settlement projects.
- (ii) At 17:00, a mass demonstration, including international 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. Israeli troops obstructed the demonstration and several beat participants with clubs and rifle butts, leaving a number of protestors with contusions. The Israeli army also detained 8 international peace activists.

• Wall Gates:

(i) The Israeli army continues to close the Wall gate in the town of Abu Dis with cement blocks.

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	 (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.
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. Raid: At 04:00, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the village of Surda. Demonstrations/Attacks/Injuries: 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 a number of participants as a result of tear gas inhalation. 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 3 civilian participants. A number of protestors were also wounded as a result of tear gas inhalation. 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. Flving Checkpoints: At 16:20, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the junction to the village of Sanur and searched civilians and vehicles. At 16:30, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the junction to the village of Jaba' and searched civilians and vehicles. Raids/Attack: At 16:20, the Israeli army raided the village of Meithalun and patrolled the area until 17:00. At 22:50, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the villages of At Tayba and Rummana. Meanwhile, the Israeli army fired sound grenades towards civilians. 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	 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. 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. Flying Checkpoint: At 17:20, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint in the area between the villages of Al Far'a and Siris and searched civilians and vehicles. Raids: At 10:45, the Israeli army raided and patrolled Al Far'a refugee camp. At 01:20, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the city of Tubas and the town of 'Aqqaba. Settler Violence: At 08:00, a group of Israeli settlers gained access to the area surrounding the village of Khirbet 'Atuf and withdrew at a later time.
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. Flying Checkpoints/Land Levelling: At 13:20, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint near the junction to the town of Beit Lid, levelled land, erected dirt barricades on both sides of the road, and withdrew at 14:00. At 23:30, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint near the junction to the town of Qaffin and searched civilians and vehicles. Raids/Detention: At 17:05, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the towns of Deir al Ghusun and 'Attil. At 00:35, the Israeli army raided the city of Tulkarem, detained a civilian, and released him at a later time. 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. Flying Checkpoint: At 12:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint near the entrance to the town of 'Azzun and searched civilians and vehicles until 14:00. 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.

• 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.
- (iii) At 14:30, the Israeli army closed with dirt barricades the northern entrance to the village of Madama, which leads to the settler bypass road near the village.
- <u>Checkpoints</u>: 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.
- Flying Checkpoints/Provocation of Palestinian Forces: At 13:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to the town of Beit Iba and searched civilians and vehicles. Despite prior coordination (through the DCO), the Israeli army detained a Palestinian Police vehicle, while it was transporting criminal prisoners from the city of Hebron to the city of Jenin. The Police vehicle was allowed to cross at 13:15 after coordination with the Israeli authorities (through the DCO).
- Raid/Curfew/Attack/Injuries: At 08:50, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the city of Nablus. At 03:25, the Israeli army raided the city again and imposed curfew. While surrounding and raiding 3 houses and 1 building, the Israeli army opened intensive fire, extra-judicially killing 3 armed Palestinian individuals and injuring 1 female civilian (wife of a killed individual). The Israeli army remains positioned in the area as of 08:00 this morning.
- <u>Assassinations</u>: The Israeli army extra-judicially killed 3 armed Palestinian individuals:
- (i) Ghassan Fat'hi Abu Sharkh;
- (ii) Raed Abdul Jabbar as Sarkaji; and
- (iii) 'Anan Subh.
- <u>Arrest</u>: On 25 December 2009, the Israeli army arrested Firas Abdullah Warrad Subh, a resident of the village of Talluza, in an area inside the Green Line, ostensibly because he had not been in possession of an access permit.

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	• Settler Violence/Destruction of Property:				
	(i) At 10:00, a group of Israeli settlers from the settlement of Yitzhar threw				
	stones at civilian vehicles travelling along the main road near the				
	settlement.				
	(ii) At 10:20, a group of Israeli settlers threw stones at civilian vehicles near				
	Huwwara checkpoint, breaking the windshields of 3 vehicles.				
	(iii) On 25 December 2009, a group of Israeli settlers attacked a plant				
	nursery in the plain of the village of Deir Sharaf west of the city of				
	Nablus, destroying plants and greenhouses.				
	Closure of Main Roads:				
	(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.				
	• Checkpoint: The Israeli army continues to intensify its restrictions and				
	impede civilian access at the Za'tara junction checkpoint.				
	• Raids:				
	(i) At 11:00, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the town of Kifl Haris,				
	after a Molotov cocktail was thrown at an Israeli settler vehicle				
SALFIT	travelling along the Trans-Samaria Highway. At 16:30, the Israeli army				
	raided the town again and searched 1 house.				
	(ii) At 18:00, the Israeli army raided the town of Bruqin and patrolled the				
	area until 18:20.				
	(iii) At 18:20, the Israeli army raided the town of Az Zawiya and patrolled				
	the area until 18:50.				
	• Settler Violence: At 10:00, a group of Israeli settlers threw stones at civilian				
	vehicles travelling on the Za'tara junction.				
	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.				
	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 Homes				
JERICHO	(i) The Israeli army continues to intensify its restrictions at Al Hamra checkpoint set up along Al Badhan road connecting the districts of				
JERICHO					
	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.				

Flying Checkpoint: At 19:15, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to the village of Fasavil and searched civilians and vehicles. Closure: The Israeli army continues to close the roads to the village of (i) 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. Closure of Main Roads: 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. Checkpoint: At 11:15, and again at 17:15, and at 20:20, the Israeli army intensified its restrictions at As Sawahira ash Sharqiya (the 'Container') checkpoint and impeded civilian access. Flying Checkpoint: At 14:50, 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. Raids: At 09:20, the Israeli army raided the evacuated military post of 'Ush (i) Ghurab east of the city of Beit Sahur and provided protection to a group **BETHLEHEM** of Israeli settlers. At 14:10, the Israeli army raided the city of Beit Sahur, set up a (ii) checkpoint, searched civilians and vehicles, and patrolled the area. **Provocation of Palestinian Forces:** At 15:00, Israeli troops positioned at the As Sawahira ash Sharqiya (the (i) 'Container') checkpoint detained a Palestinian Presidential Guard vehicle and allowed it to cross after coordination with the Israeli authorities (through the DCO). At 24:00, Israeli troops positioned at the As Sawahira ash Sharqiya (the (ii) 'Container') checkpoint detained 2 Palestinian Police officers riding motorcycles, while they were returning from the city of Jericho. Following coordination with the Israeli authorities (through the DCO), Israeli troops allowed access to the 2 Police officers. **Demonstration/Physical Assaults:** At 12:30, a mass demonstration, including international peace activists, took place in the village of Al Ma'sara against Wall construction. Having denied participants' access to the Wall construction site, Israeli troops severely beat protestors with clubs and rifle butts, leaving 2 children with injuries and contusions. 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.

• 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 14:10, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the junction to the village of Kharsa and searched civilians and vehicles.
- (ii) At 15:20, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the junction to the village of As Sarra and searched civilians and vehicles.
- (iii) At 15:30, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the overpass to the town of Halhul and searched civilians and vehicles.

Raids:

- (i) At 08:30, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the town of Bani Na'im.
- (ii) At 20:00, and again at 07:15, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the city of Hebron.
- (iii) At 23:00, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the towns of Ash Shuyukh and Sa'ir.
- (iv) At 01:00, the Israeli army raided the village of Khirbet Safa and searched a number of houses.
- <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

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. **ALL** Violation of the Ceasefire: The Israeli army raided Palestinian territory and **DISTRICTS** opened intensive fire in the district of Northern Gaza. In addition to opening fire intensively from its location on the Green Line. Israeli combat helicopters opened fire towards the vicinity of Beit Hanun (Erez) Crossing, killing 3 civilians. The Israeli navy also opened fire towards Palestinian fishing boats at sea off the beaches of the districts of Northern and Central Gaza. Closure of Crossing Point: Beit Hanun (Erez) Crossing is closed. Attacks: (i) In the morning of 25 December 2009, the Israeli navy opened intensive fire towards Palestinian fishing boats at sea off the As Sudaniya beach west of the town of Beit Lahiya. (ii) In the morning of 26 December 2009, the Israeli army opened intensive fire from its location on the Green Line and a combat helicopter opened machinegun fire towards 4 civilians near Beit Hanun (Erez) Crossing north of the town of Beit Hanun, killing 3 of them. **NORTHERN** Raid: At 01:30, the Israeli army, including several armoured vehicles, **GAZA**

- raided the area of Ad Da'ur north of the town of Beit Lahiya. An armed confrontation took place between the Israeli army and armed Palestinian individuals.
- Killings: The Israeli army killed 3 civilians near Beit Hanun (Erez) Crossing:
- Mahmoud Jum'ah ash Sharat'hah; (i)
- (ii) Hani Suleiman Abu Ghazal; and
- (iii) Bashir Suleiman Abu Duheil.

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- **Closure of Crossing Points:**
- Al Muntar (Karnei) Crossing is closed. (i)
- Ash Shuja'iya (Nahal 'Oz) Crossing is closed. (ii)

CENTRAL GAZA

Attack: In the morning of 25 December 2009, the Israeli navy opened intensive fire towards Palestinian fishing boats at sea off the An Nuseirat beach northwest of the city of Deir al Balah.

KHAN YUNIS

Activities not reported.

RAFAH	 Closure of Crossing Points: Yasser 'Arafat International Airport remains closed. Rafah (Al 'Awdah) Crossing is closed. Sufa Crossing is closed. Karm Abu Salim (Karem Shalom) Crossing closed. 	
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