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PALESTINIAN MONITORING GROUP

DAILY SITUATION REPORT

08:00 30 December 2009 - 08:00 31 December 2009

SUMMARY OF EVENTS

EVENT	WEST BANK	GAZA STRIP	TOTAL	NOTES
Attacks	2	2	4	2 in raids and 2 during confrontations
Raids	14	2	16	Incl. 5 in Ramallah and 3 in Jenin
Air Patrol	_	1	1	Reconnaissance aircraft over N. Gaza
Arrests (per person)	18	_	18	Incl. 5 children and 1 Pal. Police officer
Detentions	15	_	15	At checkpoints and in residential areas
Land Levelling		1	1	In the district of Northern Gaza
Wall Construction	21	_	21	Incl. Jer., Raml'h., Salfit, & Qalqiliya
Confiscation of Property	1	_	1	ID cards of family members in Nablus
Closure of Checkpoints	8	_	8	Incl. access impeded at 5 checkpoints
Flying Checkpoints	17	_	17	Incl. 3 in Qalqiliya and 3 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	_	2	2	5 crossing points partially open
Settler Violence	1	_	1	A civilian severely beaten in Tulkarem
Provocation of Pal. Forces	2	_	2	Security motorcades detained
Palestinian Attack	_	1	1	1 mortars fired towards the Green Line
TOTAL	144	9	153	

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.
- (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.
- <u>Detention</u>: At 20:00, the Israeli army detained Hatem Abdul Qader, Palestinian officer in charge of the Jerusalem File, at the Al Muscobiya (the Russian Compound) Interrogation and Detention Centre in the city of Jerusalem and released him at a later time. The Israeli army interrogated Abdul Qader about attacking 2 Israeli Police officer during the October 2009 confrontations in the area surrounding the Al Aqsa Mosque compound in the old city of Jerusalem.

• 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.

JERUSALEM

	• 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. Raids: At 11:30, the Israeli army raided the city of El Bireh and searched a commercial shop. At 14:00, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the city of Ramallah. At 00:30, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the towns of Beit Rima and Deir Ghassana. At 02:00, the Israeli army raided the village of Al Mughayyir and arrested 2 civilians. Arrests: The Israeli army arrested 2 civilians in the village of Al Mughayyir: Tamir Abdul Hayy Rizq an Na'san; and Saqer Hussein Jaber Abu 'Ilayya. Provocation of Palestinian Forces: At 14:20, Israeli troops positioned at the Court Checkpoint near the settlement of Beit Il detained motorcades of the Palestinian Minister of Interior and Brigadier General Ziyad Habb ar Rih, Director General of the Palestinian Preventive Security agency, and allowed them to cross after coordination with the Israeli authorities (through the DCO). 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 Checkpoint: At 12:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the junction to the town of Jaba' and searched civilians and vehicles until 13:30. Raids: At 11:00, the Israeli army raided the village of Al 'Araqa and patrolled the area until 11:30. At 11:55, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the town of Jaba' and the village of Al 'Asa'asa. 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.

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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. Flying Checkpoint: At 04:15, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the Al Far'a road connecting the districts of Tubas and Jenin and searched civilians and vehicles. Raid: At 04:15, the Israeli army raided the village of Kashda and arrested 2 civilians. Arrests: The Israeli army arrested 2 civilians in the village of Kashda: Shadi Sa'id Abdu Kheizaran; and Fadi Khaled Abdul Nasser.
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 09:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the Al Kafriyat road connecting the districts of Tulkarem and Qalqiliya and searched civilians and vehicles. At 16:15, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint near the junction to the town of Beit Lid and searched civilians and vehicles. Raid: At 01:00, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the town of 'Anabta. Settler Violence: At 20:25, a group of Israeli settlers severely beat Mousa Yousef al 'Amouri, a resident of the village of Khirbet at Tayyah, leaving him with contusions. Consequently, Al 'Amouri was transported to hospital for medical treatment. 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 Checkpoints: At 10:30, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to the village of Jit and searched civilians and vehicles. At 21:55, the Israeli army set up 2 flying checkpoints at the eastern and western entrances to the city of Qalqiliya and searched civilians and vehicles. Raid: At 01:30, the Israeli army raided the town of 'Azzun, searched a number of houses, and arrested 3 civilians, including a child and a university student. Arrests: At 16:45, the Israeli army arrested 2 civilians near the Wall section along the settlement of Ma'ale Shomron: Mu'ath Marwan Abdul Rahman Sweidan; and Salah Ahmed Hamdallah Radhwan.

The Israeli army arrested 3 civilians in the town of 'Azzun:

- (iii) Ahmed Na'im Mohammed Hussein, 17 years old;
- (iv) Salameh Mohammed Sa'id Salameh; and
- (v) Seifullah Hisham Mustafa 'Adwan.
- <u>Detention</u>: At 16:30, Israeli troops positioned at the Wall gate to the village of Ras 'Atiya detained Nael Hisham al Hadashi and released him after coordination with the Israeli authorities (through the DCO).
- <u>Wall Gate</u>: The Israeli army continues to intensify its restrictions at 'Azzun 'Atma Wall gate and to search civilians, including students, with a detector.
- <u>Wall Construction</u>: 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.
- <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:

- (i) At 13:55, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint near the junction to the village of Deir Sharaf on the Nablus-Tulkarem main road, searched civilians and vehicles, and impeded civilian access.
- (ii) At 19:50, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint near the junction to the town of Beita and civilians and vehicles. Consequently. Confrontations took place between the Israeli army and civilians.
- Raid/Confiscation of Property: At 03:00, the Israeli army raided the village of Burqa, searched a number of houses, and arrested 4 civilians, including 2 children, as well as a Palestinian Police officer. After withdrawing from his house, the Israeli army also confiscated ID cards of the Police officer's family members.
- <u>Arrests</u>: The Israeli army arrested 4 civilians and 1 Palestinian security officer in the village of Burga:
- (i) Samer Usamah Omar Seif, a Palestinian Police officer;

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	 (ii) Mohammed Ahmed Omar Shabeeb, 17 years old; (iii) Amin Tayseer Mohammed Salah, 17 years old; (iv) Ali Tayseer Mohammed Salah; and (v) Shabeeb Mohammed Taher Shabeeb.
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. Raids: At 23:30, the Israeli army raided the town of Biddya, searched 2 houses, and arrested 1 civilian. Arrest: The Israeli army arrested 'Izz ad Din Fayez Saleh Abdu Safiyyeh in the town of Biddya. 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
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: 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. 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. Flving Checkpoints: At 11:15, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the junction to the village of Al 'Auja and searched civilians and vehicles until 13:00. At 15:50, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to the village of 'Ein ad Duyuk (the northern entrance to the city of Jericho) and denied civilian access until 17:20. Raid: At 20:40, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the village of Fasayil.
BETHLEHEM	• 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.
- <u>Flying Checkpoint</u>: 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.
- Provocation of Palestinian Forces: At 11:15, Israeli troops positioned at the As Sawahira ash Sharqiya (the 'Container') checkpoint detained a Palestinian Police vehicle while it was transporting a criminal prisoner. After coordination with the Israeli authorities (through the DCO), Israeli troops allowed the Police vehicle to cross.
- 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.

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• Flying Checkpoints:

- (i) At 09:30, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the junction to the area of Al Fahs south of the city of Hebron and searched civilians and vehicles.
- (ii) At 10:45, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the junction to the town of As Samoa' and searched civilians and vehicles.
- (iii) At 15:30, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to the town of Sa'ir and searched civilians and vehicles.

• Arrests:

(i) The ri arrested Nabeel Rif'at Abu Nijmeh in the area of As Sahleh in the old city of Hebron.

At 19:00, the Israeli army arrested 2 children, allegedly for throwing stones, near Al 'Arrub refugee camp:

- (ii) Hasan Abdul Kareem Hasan at Titi, 15 years old; and
- (iii) Hasan Mahir ash Sharif, 15 years old.
- <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.
- Violations of the Ceasefire:
- (i) The Israeli army raided Palestinian territory and opened intensive fire towards civilians and property in the districts of Northern Gaza and Gaza
- (ii) Armed Palestinian individuals fired 1 mortar towards the Green Line.

NORTHERN GAZA

- <u>Closure of Crossing Point</u>: Beit Hanun (Erez) Crossing is partially open for previously-coordinated humanitarian cases and foreign nationals.
- Raid: At 05:00, the Israeli army, including several armoured vehicles, raided the area of Abu al Ghoul north of the town of Beit Lahiya. An armed confrontation took place between the Israeli army and armed Palestinian individuals.

GAZA	 Closure of Crossing Points: Al Muntar (Karnei) Crossing is partially open for transportation of wheat, fodder, and construction cargo for projects implemented by the Palestinian Water Authority. Ash Shuja'iya (Nahal 'Oz) Crossing is partially open for transportation of limited quantities of cooking gas. Raid/Air Patrol/Attack/Land Levelling: At 13:00, the Israeli army, including 3 armoured vehicles and 4 bulldozers covered by reconnaissance aircraft, raided Palestinian territory east of Az Zaytun neighbourhood east of Gaza city. The Israeli army opened intensive fire towards farmland and civilian houses and levelled land.
CENTRAL GAZA	Activities not reported.
KHAN YUNIS	Palestinian Attack: In the evening of 30 December 2009, 1 mortar was fired towards the Green Line.
RAFAH	 Closure of Crossing Points: Yasser 'Arafat International Airport remains closed. Rafah (Al 'Awdah) Crossing is open on an exceptional basis to allow access to 86 international peace activists. Sufa Crossing is closed. Karm Abu Salim (Karem Shalom) Crossing partially open for transportation of food supplies and humanitarian aid.