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PALESTINIAN MONITORING GROUP

DAILY SITUATION REPORT

08:00, 19 December 2009 – 08:00, 20 December 2009

SUMMARY OF EVENTS

EVENT	WEST BANK	GAZA STRIP	TOTAL	NOTES
Arrests (per person)	1	—	1	A child in Al Arrub refugee camp, Hebron
Detentions	14	—	14	At checkpoints & in residential locales
Raids	31	—	31	Incl. 2 in Ramallah & 1 in Jerusalem
Checkpoints	9	—	9	Access impeded at 6 checkpoints
Flying Checkpoints	24	—	24	Incl. 2 in Jerusalem & 1 in Jenin
Attacks	2	2	4	Incl. 1 in confrontations & 1 by navy
Provocation of Pal. Forces	2	—	2	Incl. besiege General Intelligence centre
Wall Construction	—	—	—	Suspended for the weekend
Closure (per District)	7	—	7	Jer., Beth. (2 villages) & Hebron (4 areas)
Closure of Main Roads	38	—	38	Incl. 3 in Ramallah & 2 in Jerusalem
Closure of Crossing Points	—	7	7	All crossings are completely shut down
Demonstration	1	—	1	Against settler attacks in Hebron district
Pal. Security Measure	5	—	5	Extradite 5 settlers trying to enter Jeric.
Palestinian Attack	1	—	1	Detonate device near Israeli army patrol
TOTAL	135	9	144	

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 restrictions at checkpoints set up at entrances to the city of Jerusalem and Al Aqsa Mosque. (ii) On 05 January 2009, the Israeli army issued military order # S/02/09 closing the seam line area, an extension of the Wall. (iii) The Israeli army continues to impose a blockade and deny civilian access to a hill located in an area between the villages of Biddu and Beit Iksa. • 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 in Jerusalem city from the town of Ar Ram. • Checkpoint: The Israeli army continues to consider Qalandiya checkpoint a "border crossing point" and only allows holders of Jerusalem IDs to access the city of Jerusalem. • Raid: At 19:50, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the town of Bir Nabala. • 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 al-Shayyah road in the area between the villages of al-Sawahira al-Sharqiya and al-Sawahira al-Gharbiya, only allowing civilians holding Jerusalem IDs to cross, after subjecting them to thorough searches using electronic devices. • Wall Construction: Wall construction was suspended for the weekend in the area of al-'Eizariya to al-Shayyah, from Beit Surik village to Biddu, in the areas of al-Judeira, Bir Nabala, and Beit Hanina, west of al-Jib village, in the vicinity of the village of Qatanna, south of Beit Hanina village, and in the area surrounding the checkpoint set up at the entrance to Shu'fat refugee camp.
RAMALLAH & EL BIREH	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure of Main Roads: The Israeli army continues to close the entrances to the village of Sinjil, the village of Safa and the junction to the villages of Kafr Malik – Ein Samiya. • Raids: At 15:00, the Israeli army raided the city of El Bireh and patrolled the area. Again at 00:55, the Israeli army raided the city, besieged the General Intelligence headquarters and detained its security guard and released him at a later time following DCO intervention. The Israeli army withdrew at 01:25.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wall Construction: Wall construction was suspended for the weekend west of the town of 'Abud and in the areas of al-Midya to Ni'lin and Ni'lin to Deir Qaddis.
JENIN	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure of Main Roads: The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the road leading to 'Arraba town, east of the settlement of Dotan. • Flying Checkpoint: At 18:35, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint in the area between the town of Jaba' and the village of Al Fandaqumiya and searched civilians and vehicles until 22:00. • Raids: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 15:00, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the city of Jenin. (ii) At 22:25, the Israeli army raided and patrolled Arraba town until 23:30. • 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.
TOUBAS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Checkpoint: The Israeli army continues to intensify restrictions at Tayasir checkpoint, east of the city of Tubas, allowing civilian access from 06:00 to 22:00.
TULKAREM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure of Main Roads: The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the western entrance to the village of Shofeh and the road connecting the town of Kafr Al Labad to the village of Shofeh. • Checkpoints: The Israeli army continues to intensify restrictions at Einav checkpoint that is set up on Tulkarm-Nablus main road. • Raids: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 13:15, the Israeli army raided the town of Anabta and the village of Kafr Al Labad and searched a house. (ii) At 14:10, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the town of Zeita. (iii) At 14:30, the Israeli army raided the village of Shofeh and set up a flying checkpoint. (iv) At 14:50, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the town of Deir Al Ghusun. (v) At 15:00, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the town of Bal'a. (vi) At 21:50, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the towns of Zeita, Illar and Attil. (vii) At 00:30, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the city of Tulkarm and Tulkarm and Nur Shams refugee camps in the city. • 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.
QALQILYA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure of Roads: The Israeli army continues to close with cement blocks the agricultural roads east of the town of 'Azzun. • Flying Checkpoints: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 09:50, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the junction leading to the village of Immatin and searched civilians and vehicles.

	<p>(ii) At 15:20, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the eastern entrance to the city of Qalqiliya.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Raids: At 12:00, the Israeli army raided the village of An Nabi Elias and set up a flying checkpoint. Again at 21:25, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the area. • Wall Gates: The Israeli army continues to intensify its restrictions at 'Azzun 'Atma Wall gate and to search civilians, including students, with a metal detector. • Wall Construction: Wall construction was suspended for the weekend south of the town of Jayyus as well as near the settlement of Alfeh Minesheh in the villages of Ras Tira, Magharet Ad Dab'a and Wadi Ar Rasha, located south of Qalqiliya city.
NABLUS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure of Main Roads: <p>(i) The Israeli army continues to close with cement blocks the roads of Tel-Burin, Beit Furik-Salem, and the eastern entrance to the village of Al Lubban Ash Sharqiya; and with dirt barricades the southern entrance to the village of Duma, the eastern entrance to the village of Al Lubban Ash Sharqiya, the western entrances to the town of Aqraba and the village of Majdal Bani Fadil, the northern entrance to the town of Qabalan, as well as the settler bypass road connecting the village of Deir al-Hatab to Alon Moreh settlement.</p> <p>(ii) The Israeli army continues to close by an iron gate the western entrance to An Naqura village, opposite Shavi Shomron settlement.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Checkpoints: <p>(i) At Tur neighborhood checkpoint (set up on Jerzim Mount) is closed on Fridays and Saturdays as well as during Jewish holidays. On other days, it is open for civilian residents of the neighborhood only from 07:00 until 02:00.</p> <p>(ii) Awarta commercial checkpoint is open for civilians from 05:00 until 20:00 and on Friday from 05:00 until 15:00.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Flying Checkpoints: <p>(i) At 09:15, 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 until 17:05.</p> <p>(ii) At 10:15, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint near the village of Qusin and searched civilians and vehicles.</p> <p>(iii) At 10:30, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to the town of Jamma'in and searched civilians and vehicles.</p> <p>(iv) At 16:40, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the junction leading to the villages of Salem, Deir Al Hatab and Azmut and searched civilians and vehicles.</p> <p>(v) At 19:40, the Israeli army set up a checkpoint in the area between the town of Qabalan and the village of Yatma and patrolled the area.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Raid: At 23:30, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the village of Sebastia until 23:50.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Attack: At 20:00, the Israeli army fired light flares in the sky above the area of Khallet Al Amud in the city of Nablus.
SALFIT	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure of Main Roads: The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the northern entrance to the city of Salfit, and 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 at Za'tara checkpoint and impede civilian access. • Flying Checkpoints: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 10:20, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint near the entrance to the settlement of Kfar Tapuah. (ii) At 17:40, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint in the area between the town of Kifl Hares and the village of Hares. • Wall Construction: Wall construction was suspended for the weekend in the area northwest of the city of Salfit, and in the village of Marda and the town of Kifl Hares north of the settlement of Ariel.
JERICHO	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure: The Israeli army continues to close Road # 90 between the city of Jericho and the village of al-'Auja with cement blocks. • Checkpoints: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (i) The Israeli army continues to intensify its restrictions at al-Hamra checkpoint and allow civilian access from 06:00 until 22:00. (ii) The Israeli army continues to intensify its restrictions on the checkpoint set up on the junction to the village of al-'Auja and allow access only to civilians holding Jericho and Jordan Valley IDs and those possessing permits. • Flying Checkpoints: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 09:55, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the junction leading to the Dead Sea and searched civilians and vehicles. (ii) At 14:30, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the southern entrance to the city of Jericho and searched civilians and vehicles. (iii) At 01:45, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to the village of Fasayil and searched civilians and vehicles. • Palestinian Security Measure: In the evening on 19 December 2009, the Palestinian side extradited to the Israeli side through the DCO 5 Israeli settlers who attempted to enter the city of Jericho.
BETHLEHEM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure: <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) The Israeli army continues to prevent civilian access to an area that is located in the cities of Beit Sahur and Bethlehem. • Closure of Main Roads: The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the roads of Beit Jala-Wadi Ahmad and the sideway east of Beit Fajjar town.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Checkpoint:</u> At 12:55, the Israeli army intensified its restrictions at As Sawahira Ash Sharqiya (the ‘Container’) checkpoint and impeded civilian access. • <u>Flying Checkpoint:</u> At 08:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on An Nashash area junction (the southern entrance to the city of Bethlehem). Again at 13:05, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint and searched civilians and vehicles. • <u>Raids:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 12:05, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the town of Al Khadr until 13:05. (ii) At 14:25, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the area of Khalayel Al Louz east of Bethlehem town until 14:40. (iii) At 22:15, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the town of Al Ubeidiya until 22:45. • <u>Wall Construction:</u> Wall construction was suspended for the weekend in the area northwest of the town of al-Khadr and Beit Jala city; in the area of Wadi Rahhal east of Ephrata settlement; and in the area surrounding al-Walaja village.
<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: al-Shuhada’ Street and the area of al-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 al-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) The Israeli army continues to close the area located near the Green Line, south of Yatta town, evacuating the area of those inside it and denying them access to it. • <u>Closure of Main Roads:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) The Israeli army continues to close with cement blocks the following locales: the entrance to the town of al-Samoa’; the area of al-Hawawir leading to the town of Halhoul; the road connecting the town of Surif to the village of al-Jab’a; and the eastern entrance to the village of Kharsa; the entrance to al-Qeisi neighborhood in the old city of Hebron; the main entrance to al-‘Arrub refugee camp; the village of At Tuwani as well as the entrance to the town of Adh Dhahiriya. (ii) The Israeli army continues to prohibit Palestinian vehicles from traveling along Shalala Old Street that leads to the old city of Hebron, only allowing Israeli vehicles as well as Israeli army vehicles to travel along this street. (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 bypass Road # 60.

- **Flying Checkpoints:**

- (i) At 12:40, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on Al Fawwar junction and searched civilians and vehicles until 13:10.
- (ii) At 14:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to the town of Beit Ummar and searched civilians and vehicles.
- (iii) At 14:40, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the junction leading to the village of Kharsa. Again at 22:10, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint and searched civilians and vehicles.

- **Raids:**

- (i) At 15:30, the Israeli army raided the town of As Samoa', set up a flying checkpoint in the middle of the town, patrolled the area and withdrew at 16:10.
- (ii) At 16:15, the Israeli army raided the town of Dura and positioned troops near a civil police station. Again at 02:10, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the area.
- (iii) At 17:30, the Israeli army raided Al Arrub refugee camp where confrontations took place with civilians. The Israeli army arrested a child for allegedly throwing stones and withdrew at 20:30.
- (iv) At 00:10, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the towns of Surif, Nuba and Beit Ula until 03:30.
- (v) At 02:40, the Israeli army raided and patrolled Al Fawwar refugee camp.

- **Arrest:** The Israeli army arrested in Al Arrub refugee camp 13-year-old child Ahmad Bilal Muhammad Mahdi.

- **Demonstration:** On 19 December 2009, a sit in demonstration took place on agricultural land belonging to civilians near the settlement of Atna'il with the participation of Israeli peace activists. The demonstration was against attacks by Israeli settlers and an attempt to enable civilians to farm their land. Consequently, the Israeli army intervened, declared the area closed military zone and prevented the demonstrators from entering it. The Israeli army detained the civilian driver of an agricultural tractor.

- **Wall Construction:** Wall construction was suspended for the weekend in the section of Tarqumiya checkpoint terminal, in the periphery of Eshkolot settlement southwest of Adh Dhahiriya town and between southwest of Arab Ar Ramadin village and the village of Imneizil.

GAZA STRIP

ALL DISTRICTS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • At 02:00 on 18 January 2009, the Israeli army declared a unilateral ceasefire. In the meantime, armed Palestinian groups declared a one-week-long ceasefire. Meanwhile, the ceasefire was extended until 05 February 2009. The ceasefire is holding despite the end of the specified period. • The Israeli army violated the ceasefire by opening fire intensively from its locations towards Palestinian territory in the district of Central Gaza. Israeli navy boats also opened fire intensively toward Palestinian fishing boats at sea opposite Khan Yunis city beach. • Armed Palestinian groups breached the ceasefire by detonating an explosive device near an Israeli army patrol near the Green Line.
NORTHERN GAZA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Closure of Crossing Point:</u> Beit Hanun (Erez) Crossing is closed.
GAZA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Closure of Crossing Points: (All Closed)</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Al-Muntar (Karni) Crossing is closed. (ii) Al-Shuja'iyah (Nahal 'Oz) Crossing is closed.
CENTRAL GAZA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Palestinian Attack:</u> On 19 December 2009, armed Palestinian individuals detonated an explosive device near an Israeli army patrol near the Green Line, east of Deir Al Balah city. Consequently, the Israeli army opened fire intensively towards Palestinian territory.
KHAN YOUNIS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Attack:</u> In the morning of 19 December 2009, Israeli army boats opened fire intensively towards Palestinian fishing boats at sea opposite Khan Yunis city beach.
RAFAH	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Closure of Crossing Points: (All Closed)</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Yasser 'Arafat International Airport remains closed. (ii) Rafah (Al Awdah) Crossing is closed. (iii) Sufa Crossing is closed. (iv) Karm Abu Salim (Karem Shalom) Crossing is closed.