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PALESTINIAN MONITORING GROUP

DAILY SITUATION REPORT

08:00 02 January 2006 – 08:00 03 January 2006

SUMMARY OF EVENTS

EVENT	WEST BANK	GAZA STRIP	TOTAL	NOTES
Assassinations	_	2	2	During an air attack on Jabalya RC
Physical Assaults	2	_	2	2 civilians severely beaten in Nablus
Injuries	2	4	6	Incl. 1 civilian in critical condition
Air Attack	_	1	1	1 UAV missile on a vehicle, N. Gaza
Attacks	3	7	10	2 in raids & 8 from military posts
Raids	29	_	29	Incl. 6 in Ramallah & 8 in Bethlehem
Air Patrol	_	1	1	UAV over Jabalya refugee camp
Arrests	10	_	10	Incl. 2 children
Detentions	15	_	15	Incl. families of political prisoners
Wall Construction	28	_	28	Incl. Jer., Raml'h., Qalq., Salfit, Beth.
Destruction of Property	_	1	1	1 civilian vehicle in Jabalya RC
Attack on Property	1	_	1	Commercial shops closed in Al 'Auja
House Occupations	9	_	9	Incl. 4 in Jenin and 4 in Nablus
Flying Checkpoints	27	_	27	Incl. 5 in Jenin & 7 in Tulkarem
Closure of Checkpoints	3	_	3	Incl. Tayasir checkpoint closed
Closure (per District)	10	1	11	Incl. the area of Tubas closed
Closure of Main Roads	29	_	29	Incl. eastern entrance to Bir Nabala
Closure of Crossing Points	_	3	3	Incl. Beit Hanun Crossing partially
Settler Violence	3	_	3	Incl. evacuated settlements raided
Obstruction of Elections	2	_	2	Incl. supervisors denied access
Provocation of Pal. Forces	1	1	2	Incl. position near 1 Pal. location
Palestinian Attacks	1	2	3	Incl. open fire towards 1 checkpoint
Pal. Security Measures	2	_	2	13 illegal vehicles handed over
TOTAL	177	23	200	

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JERUSALEM	 Closure: The Israeli army continues to intensify its restrictions at checkpoints located at the entrances to the city of Jerusalem and has set up checkpoints in the old city of Jerusalem and around Al Aqsa Mosque compound. Closure of Main Road: The Israeli army continues to close the eastern entrance to Dahiyat Bir Nabala northwest of the city of Jerusalem with cement blocks. Checkpoints: The Israeli army continues to intensify its restrictions at Qalandiya and Beit Iksa checkpoints, impeding civilian access. Wall Gates: The Israeli army continues to close the Wall gate in the town of Abu Dis with cement blocks. Wall Construction: Wall construction continues in Dahiyat al Aqbat, from the village of Hizma to 'Anata, along the Hizma-Jaba' road, the area of Al 'Eizariya to Ash Shayyah, near Al Quds University, in the town of As Sawahira ash Sharqiya, from the village of Beit Surik to Biddu, in the areas of Al Judeira, Bir Nabala, and Beit Hanina, around the settlement of Ma'ale Adumim, and west of the village of Al Jib. Flying Checkpoint: The Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint in the area of Al Khan al Ahmar on the Jerusalem-Jericho road, searched civilian vehicles, and impeded civilian access. Settler Violence: A group of Israeli settlers, affiliated with the Temple Mount Faithful, held a rally in the old city of Jerusalem and burned Palestinian flags. Israeli settlers also set fire to effigies of coffins, on which they had written "Palestinian National Authority". Obstruction of Elections/Detention: The Israeli army raided the Christmas Hotel in the city of Jerusalem, where several prominent Palestinian personalities were holding a meeting on the Palestinian legislative elections. The Israeli army also detained a number of participants in the meeting and notified them that electoral activities will be prohibited in the city of Jerusalem.
RAMALLAH & EL BIREH	 Closure of Main Road: The Israeli army continues to close the eastern entrance to the village of Sinjil with dirt barricades. Wall Construction: Wall construction continues in the areas of Al Midya to Budrus, Al Midya to Ni'lin, Bil'in to Saffa, in the village of Beit Liqya, in the town of Beituniya, and west of the town of 'Abud. Flying Checkpoints: At 13:05, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the overpass to the town of 'Atara, searched civilian vehicles, and impeded civilian access.

- (ii) At 17:35, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the junction to the village of Al Mazra'a ash Sharqiya and searched civilian vehicles.
- (iii) At 17:35, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the road connecting the city of Ramallah to the village of Rafat and searched civilians and vehicles.

• Raids/Provocation of Palestinian Forces:

- (i) At 17:35, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the villages of Kafr Malik, At Tayba, and Rammun.
- (ii) At 19:40, the Israeli army raided the city of Ramallah, set up several checkpoints, and searched civilians and vehicles. The Israeli army also took position near 1 Palestinian National Security location and patrolled the area.
- (iii) At 23:20, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the city of El Bireh.
- (iv) The Israeli army raided the village of Deir Qaddis and arrested 2 civilians.
- Arrests: The Israeli army arrested 2 civilians in the villages of Deir Qaddis:
- (i) Mohammed Harb Hammad; and
- (ii) Hammad Harb Hammad.
- (iii) The Israeli army arrested Muhannad Fares Jaradat near the Wall west of the town of Beituniya.
- <u>Palestinian Security Measure</u>: At 11:30, Palestinian security forces handed over 7 illegal vehicles, seized in the city of Ramallah, to the Israeli authorities (through the DCO).

• <u>Closure</u>: The Israeli army imposed a complete closure on the area of Tubas and prevented civilians from entering or exiting the area.

- <u>Closure of Main Road</u>: The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades Al Jabriyat road, connecting the area south of the city of Jenin to Jenin refugee camp.
- <u>Checkpoint</u>: The Israeli army intensified its restrictions at Tayasir checkpoint east of the town of Tubas and denied civilian access in both directions.
- <u>Wall Gates</u>: Passage through the Wall gates is restricted to civilians granted special Israeli permits.

• Flying Checkpoints:

- (i) At 09:50, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint in the area between the villages of 'Anza and Az Zawiya and searched civilians and vehicles.
- (ii) At 21:00, the Israeli army set up 4 flying checkpoints on the junctions to the towns of Az Zababida and 'Arraba and the villages of Raba and Ash Shuhada' and searched civilians and vehicles.
- Raid/House Occupations: At 01:20, the Israeli army, including 30 jeeps and 1 bulldozer, raided the city of Jenin and Jenin refugee camp, occupied 4 houses in the area surrounding Jenin refugee camp, converted them into military posts, and searched a number of houses. The Israeli army remains positioned in the area as of 08:00 this morning.

JENIN

• <u>Settler Violence</u>:

- (i) At 16:30, approximately 50 Israeli settlers raided the evacuated settlement of Sanur. The Israeli army evacuated the settlers.
- (ii) At 17:40, a group of Israeli settlers, on board 5 buses, raided the evacuated settlement of Homesh and withdrew at a later time.
- <u>Closure</u>: The Israeli army continues to impose a complete closure on the district of Tulkarem and to declare it a closed military zone following a suicide attack carried out on the junction to the village of Far'un. The Israeli army continues to impede civilian access to and from the district.

• Closure of Main Roads:

- (i) The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the road between the town of Kafr al Labad and the village of Al Hafasa and the entrance to the village of 'Izbat Abu Khmeish.
- (ii) The Israeli army continues to close the road connecting the towns of Bal'a and Deir al Ghusun with cement blocks.
- (iii) The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the roads connecting the town of Bal'a to the village of Al 'Attara, to the town of 'Illar, and to Dahiyat Iktaba in the city of Tulkarem.

• Checkpoints:

- (i) The Israeli army continues to close the checkpoint set up near the settlement of 'Einav on the road connecting the districts of Tulkarem and Nablus and to deny access to civilian vehicles in both directions.
- (ii) The Israeli army continues to close Jubara checkpoint south of the city of Tulkarem and to deny civilian access in both directions.
- <u>Wall Gates</u>: Passage through the Wall gates is restricted to civilians granted special Israeli permits.

• Flying Checkpoints:

- (i) At 08:00, the Israeli army set up 2 flying checkpoints on the junctions to the village of Al Jarushiya and the town of Bal'a, searched civilian vehicles, and impeded civilian access in all directions.
- (ii) The Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the junction to the village of Ar Ras on the Tulkarem-Qalqiliya main road and denied civilian access in both directions.

• Raids:

- (i) At 18:00, the Israeli army raided the towns of Bal'a, 'Attil, and 'Illar, along with Dahiyat Iktaba in the city of Tulkarem, set up checkpoints at their entrances, and denied civilian access to the city of Tulkarem.
- (ii) The Israeli army raided the village of Seida and opened indiscriminate fire, while it was patrolling the area.
- <u>Detention</u>: At 21:35, Israeli troops positioned at Jubara checkpoint detained 4 buses transporting families of political prisoners, after visiting their relatives held in Israeli prisons, until 23:40.
- Obstruction of Elections/Detention: Israeli troops positioned at a checkpoint set up on the junction to the town of Bal'a denied access to supervisors of the polling and counting staff in the district of Tulkarem, after detaining and searching them, forcing the supervisors to return.

TULKAREM

Wall Gates: Passage through the Wall gates is restricted to civilians granted special (i) Israeli permits. The Israeli army continues to intensify its restrictions at 'Azzun 'Atma (ii) Wall gate and to search civilians, including students, with a metal detector. Wall Construction: Land levelling for Wall construction continues in the village of Immatin and east of the towns of Kafr Thulth and 'Azzun. **Flying Checkpoints:** At 10:00, the Israeli army set up 3 flying checkpoints: in the area (i) between the city of Oalgiliya and the village of An Nabi Elvas and at the entrances to the village of Jit and the town of Kafr Thulth and searched civilians and vehicles. At 19:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the northern (ii) **QALQILIYA** entrance to the town of 'Azzun and denied civilian access, claiming to be conducting military training. At 07:30, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to (iii) the village of Hajja and searched civilians and vehicles. Raids: At 21:00, an Israeli army patrol raided the village of Kafr Laqif and (i) arrested 1 civilian. At 02:40, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the city of Qalqiliya until (ii) **Arrest:** The Israeli army arrested Sami Ali Bakr in the village of Kafr Laqif. Palestinian Security Measure: At 12:00, Palestinian security forces handed over 5 illegal vehicles, seized in the city of Qalqiliya, to the Israeli authorities (through the DCO). **Closure of Main Roads:** The Israeli army continues to close the main road leading to the district (i) of Jenin between the junction to the village of Deir Sharaf and the settlement of Shavei Shomron. Instead, the Israeli army has forced civilians to travel along an unpaved 1.5-km-long road, which branches off from the Nablus-Tulkarem road and intersects with the Nablus-Jenin road opposite the village of Sabastiya. The Israeli army continues to close the road connecting the city of (ii) Nablus and the town of 'Asira ash Shamaliya. **NABLUS** The Israeli army continues to close the entrance to the village of Beita (iii) with dirt barricades. Checkpoints: The Israeli army continues to regulate times for crossing Huwwara, Beit Iba, At Tur Mountain, and Beit Furik checkpoints around the city of Nablus. The Israeli army closes the checkpoints overnight and reopens them at various morning hours, with the exception of Huwwara checkpoint where civilians are allowed only entry into the city around the clock. Flying Checkpoint: At 07:30, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on Al Badhan road and searched civilians and vehicles.

• <u>Physical Assault</u>: Israeli troops positioned at Beit Iba checkpoint west of the city of Nablus severely beat and injured 2 civilians.

• Raids/House Occupations:

- (i) At 23:35, the Israeli army, including 14 jeeps, raided the city of Nablus, occupied 4 houses, and converted them into military posts. The Israeli army also searched a number of houses, arrested 2 civilians, including 1 child, and withdrew at 05:30.
- (ii) At 03:40, the Israeli army raided Balata refugee camp. An armed confrontation took place between the Israeli army and armed Palestinian individuals. The Israeli army also searched a number of houses, arrested 2 civilians, and detained the ID cards of 2 other civilians.
- Arrests: The Israeli army arrested 2 civilians in the city of Nablus:
- (i) 'Imad 'Arafat, 17 years old; and
- (ii) Hikmat al 'Aassi.

The Israeli army arrested 2 civilians in Balata refugee camp:

- (iii) Mahmoud Sarhan; and
- (iv) Mahmoud Waleed Kamel.
- <u>Palestinian Attack</u>: At 21:45, armed Palestinian individuals opened fire towards Israeli troops positioned at Huwwara checkpoint south of the city of Nablus. The Israeli army responded by opening indiscriminate fire.

• Closure of Main Roads:

- (i) The Israeli army continues to close the main north-western entrance to the city of Salfit with dirt barricades. The road has been closed since the beginning of the current *Intifada* (Uprising).
- (ii) The Israeli army continues to close the entrance to the town of Kafr ad Dik with cement blocks.
- (iii) The Israeli army continues to close the western entrance to the village of Bruqin with dirt barricades.
- (iv) The Israeli army continues to close the entrance to the village of Qarawat Bani Hassan with an iron gate and cement blocks.
- <u>Checkpoint</u>: The Israeli army continues to close Deir Ballut checkpoint overnight and open it at various morning hours, impeding civilian access.
- <u>Wall Construction</u>: Wall construction continues near the Green Line in the town of Deir Ballut and the villages of Az Zawiya and Rafat, northwest of the city of Salfit, and in the village of Marda and the town of Kifl Haris north of the settlement of Ari'el.

• Flying Checkpoints:

- (i) At 08:50, the Israeli army set up 2 flying checkpoints, one under the overpass to the village of Iskaka and the other at the entrance to the village of Yasuf, and searched civilians and vehicles.
- (ii) At 11:40, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the junction to the town of Deir Istiya and searched civilians and vehicles.
- Raid: At 15:00, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the town of Biddya.

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JERICHO	 Closure: Road # 90 between the city of Jericho and the village of Al 'Auja is closed with cement blocks. The Israeli army prevents farmers not holding Jericho ID cards from reaching their land, forcing them to apply for access permits. The Israeli army also sporadically impedes civilian movement into the city of Jericho, except for Jerusalem and Jericho ID holders. Checkpoint: The Israeli army continues to intensify its restrictions at Al Hamra checkpoint on the road connecting the districts of Jericho and Nablus and to impede civilian access. Flying Checkpoint: At 18:30, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the junction to the village of Al 'Auja on the road connecting the districts of Jericho and Ramallah and searched civilians and vehicles. Raid/Attack on Property: At 10:30, the Israeli army raided the village of Al 'Auja and forced owners of commercial shops on both sides of Road # 90 to close their shops, claiming that stones were thrown at Israeli settler vehicles. The Israeli army subsequently issued a military order to close commercial shops on both sides of Road # 90 until 08 January 2006.
BETHLEHEM	 Closure: The Israeli army continues to close the road to the village of An Nu'man in the north-eastern Bethlehem district, isolating the village. The Israeli army considers the civilians' residence in the village illegal because they hold West Bank identity cards while their village is located within the Israeli-defined municipal boundaries of Jerusalem. The Israeli army continues to close the entrances to the villages of Husan and Nahhalin with cement blocks. Closure of Main Roads: The Israeli army continues to close all roads to Road # 60 leading to the city of Jerusalem, thereby isolating the city of Bethlehem from its towns and villages located west of Road # 60. Wall Construction: Wall construction continues north of 'Ayda refugee camp towards the area north of the city of Beit Jala and in the Everest area, northwest of the city of Beit Jala. Raids: At 08:30, Israeli army patrols raided the city of Bethlehem, the towns
	of Al 'Ubeidiya and Al Khadr, and the village of Deir Salah and patrolled the areas. (ii) At 16:15, an Israeli army patrol raided the cities of Beit Jala and Bethlehem and patrolled the area until 17:30. (iii) At 18:30, an Israeli army patrol raided the city of Bethlehem and the town of Al Khadr and patrolled the area.
HEBRON	Closure: (i) The Israeli army continues to close with cement blocks and barbed wire Ash Shuhada' Street and the area of As Sahleh and with an iron gate the old gold market, all in the H2 section of the city of Hebron, denying access to civilians and vehicles. (ii) The Israeli army continues to implement a military order to close civilian commercial shops on both sides of the road connecting the settlement of Kiryat Arba' to the Ibrahimi Mosque in the old city of

- Hebron from 06 November 2005 until 07 May 2006. Civilian vehicles are prohibited from travelling along the road unless they possess access permits. Only Israeli settler vehicles are allowed unrestricted access on the road.
- (iii) The Israeli army continues to close with a dirt barricade the area of Khuzq al Far near the settlement of Abraham Avino in the old city of Hebron, in addition to the iron gate that has been set up in the area.
- (iv) The Israeli army continues to close the entrance to the area of Al Khan in the old city of Hebron with an electronic gate, isolating the area from Al Laban Market and the area of As Sahleh.

• Closure of Main Roads:

- (i) Beginning on 16 December 2005, the Israeli army has continued to close with dirt barricades the entrances to the village of Beit 'Einun, Al Fawwar refugee camp, the area of Al Hawawir leading to the town of Halhul, and the area of Al Fahs south of the city of Hebron. The Israeli army has also continued to close with dirt barricades Zif junction to the town of Yatta and the junction to the area of Farsh al Haw leading to Road # 35 northwest of the city of Hebron.
- (ii) Beginning on 16 December 2005, the Israeli army has continued to close the entrance to Al 'Arrub refugee camp with an iron gate.
- (iii) Beginning on 16 December 2005, the Israeli army has continued to close the entrance to the town of Idhna with cement blocks.
- Wall Construction: Wall construction continues west of the town of Surif to Beit Ula, in the town of Idhna, from the village of Deir Samit to the village of Beit 'Awwa, from Beit 'Awwa to the village of Al Burj, and south of the towns of Adh Dhahiriya and As Samoa'.

• Raids:

- (i) At 15:00, the Israeli army raided Al 'Arrub refugee camp and arrested 2 civilians, including 1 child.
- (ii) At 16:45, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the city of Hebron.
- Arrests: The Israeli army arrested 2 civilians in Al 'Arrub refugee camp:
- (i) Ahmed 'Isa Abu al Kheizaran, 15 years old; and
- (ii) Ahmed Abdul Majeed Jawabreh.
- <u>House Occupation</u>: On 29 December 2005, the Israeli army issued a military order to seize control of the roof of 1 house in the city of Hebron in order to set up a military point from 29 December 2005 until 11 February 2006.

GAZA STRIP

ALL DISTRICTS

• Beginning on 16 December 2005, the Israeli army has continued to impose a complete closure on the Gaza Strip, ostensibly due to Palestinian individuals' firing of mortars towards the Green Line. The Israeli army has prevented civilians and workers from crossing the Green Line.

	Cleaning at 18:00 on 28 December 2005, the Israeli army has
NORTHERN GAZA	 Closure: Beginning at 18:00 on 28 December 2005, the Israeli army has continued to impose a buffer zone (through artillery and air attacks) in the area near the Green Line, including the areas of evacuated settlements, in the district of Northern Gaza. Prior to imposing the buffer zone, Israeli army combat aircrafts dropped fliers warning that civilians would put their lives in danger if they enter the designated area. Closure of Crossing Point: Beit Hanun (Erez) Crossing is partially open to foreign nationals, VIPs, and humanitarian cases only. Air Attack/Destruction of Property: At 22:15, an Israeli army UAV fired 1 missile towards 1 civilian vehicle in Jabalya refugee camp, extra-judicially killing 2 individuals, whose corpses were torn into pieces, and destroying the vehicle. The air attack also resulted in the injury of 4 other individuals, including Mohammed Zuhdi 'Aabed, who was in critical condition, and 2 others who were in the targeted vehicle. Assassinations: The Israeli army extra-judicially killed 2 individuals in Jabalya refugee camp: Sa'id Ahmed Abu al Jidyan; and Akram Qaddas. Attacks/Provocation of Palestinian Forces: At 17:35, the Israeli army opened fire from Point 50 on the Green Line towards Palestinian territory east of the town of Beit Hanun. At 06:35, the Israeli army fired 8 artillery shells from Point 64 on the Green Line towards Palestinian territory near 2 Palestinian National Security locations in the area of the evacuated settlement of Eli Sinai northwest of the town of Beit Lahiya. Palestinian Attacks: At 18:20, 1 unidentified mortar was fired from the town of Beit Hanun towards the Green Line, but exploded on Palestinian territory. At 02:35, 1 unidentified mortar was fired towards the Green Line.
GAZA	• Attack: At 12:30, the Israeli army opened fire from Point 93 on the Green Line towards Palestinian territory in Wadi Gaza southeast of Gaza city.
CENTRAL GAZA	• Attack: At 21:20, the Israeli army opened fire from Point 114 on the Green Line towards Palestinian territory east of Al Bureij refugee camp.
KHAN YUNIS	 Attacks: At 16:20, the Israeli army opened fire from Point 153 on the Green Line towards Palestinian territory east of the area of Al Qarara. At 07:30, the Israeli army opened fire from Point 155 on the Green Line towards Palestinian territory east of the area of Al Qarara.
RAFAH	 Closure of Crossing Points: Yasser Arafat International Airport remains closed. Rafah Crossing is partially open in both directions from 08:00 to 16:00 to passengers holding Palestinian IDs, humanitarian cases, and Arab and foreign diplomatic missions.

• <u>Attack</u>: At 21:55, the Israeli army opened fire from Point 197 on the Green Line towards Palestinian territory north of Sufa Crossing.

GENERAL

POLITICAL PRISONERS	 Administrative Detention: The Israeli army authorities placed 3 political prisoners, including 1 female prisoner, under administrative detention (arrest without charge or trial). Abuse of Political Prisoners: Political prisoners held in Ketziot ("An Naqab") Military Detention Camp suffer from a contagious, skin disease caused by unsanitary conditions and intentional medical negligence. (ii) The Israeli Administration of Nafha Prison confiscated electrical appliances from political prisoners' cells and relocated Nasser Abu Srour to a solitary confinement section.