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# PALESTINIAN MONITORING GROUP

# **DAILY SITUATION REPORT**

08:00 07 January 2006 – 08:00 08 January 2006

#### **SUMMARY OF EVENTS**

EVENT	WEST BANK	GAZA STRIP	TOTAL	NOTES
Physical Assault	1	_	1	1 Pal. Civil Defence officer beaten
Injuries	2		2	Incl. 1 child in critical condition
Attacks	4	13	17	Incl. 4 in raids & 11 from mil. posts
Raids	10	_	10	Incl. 2 in Bethlehem & 4 in Hebron
Arrests	3		3	In Qalqiliya, Nablus, and Salfit
Detentions	18		18	Incl. 4 Palestinian security officers
House Demolitions	*	_		*Notices to demolish 22 houses
Wall Construction	28	_	28	Incl. Jer., Raml'h., Qalq., Salfit, Beth.
Attack on Property	1	_	1	Commercial shops closed in Al 'Auja
House Occupations	2	_	2	Incl. a number of houses in Jenin
Flying Checkpoints	13	_	13	Incl. 3 in Tulkarem & 5 in Hebron
Closure of Checkpoints	2	_	2	'Einav & Jubara checkpoints
Closure (per District)	9	1	10	Incl. a buffer zone in Northern Gaza
Closure of Main Roads	29		29	Incl. eastern entrance to Bir Nabala
Closure of Crossing Points	_	3	3	Incl. Beit Hanun & Rafah partially
Obstruction of Elections	2	_	2	Incl. European observers searched
Provocation of Pal. Forces	2	4	6	Incl. Customs Police station raided
Palestinian Attack	_	1	1	2 unidentified mortars fired
TOTAL	126	22	148	

DISTRICT	EVENT

# **WEST BANK**

JERUSALEM	<ul> <li>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.</li> <li>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.</li> <li>Checkpoints: <ol> <li>The Israeli army continues to intensify its restrictions at Beit Iksa checkpoint, impeding civilian access.</li> <li>The Israeli army intensified its restrictions at Qalandiya checkpoint and denied civilian access for several hours.</li> <li>Wall Gates: The Israeli army continues to close the Wall gate in the town of Abu Dis with cement blocks.</li> <li>Wall Construction: Wall construction was resumed 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.</li> <li>House Demolitions: The Israeli army distributed notices to demolish 22 houses in Dahiyat Beit Hanina, the area of Wadi Qaddum in the neighbourhood of Silwan, and Shu'fat refugee camp in the city of Jerusalem.</li> </ol> </li></ul>
RAMALLAH & EL BIREH	<ul> <li>Closure of Main Road: The Israeli army continues to close the eastern entrance to the village of Sinjil with dirt barricades.</li> <li>Wall Construction: Wall construction was resumed 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.</li> <li>Flying Checkpoint: The Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to the village of An Nabi Salih and searched civilians and vehicles.</li> </ul>
JENIN	<ul> <li>Closure of Main Road: 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.</li> <li>Checkpoint: The Israeli army continues to intensify its restrictions at Tayasir checkpoint east of the town of Tubas and to impede civilian access.</li> <li>Wall Gates: Passage through the Wall gates is restricted to civilians granted special Israeli permits.</li> </ul>

#### • Raids/House Occupation/Detention:

- (i) Beginning at 01:20 on 03 January 2006, the Israeli army has remained positioned in Jenin refugee camp and continues to occupy a number of houses in the area surrounding the refugee camp, which it has converted into military posts after detaining residents. The Israeli army also searched a number of houses and opened fire towards civilians, critically injuring 11-year-old Tareq Amin Salahat in the head. The Israeli army remains positioned in the area surrounding the refugee camp as of 08:00 this morning.
- (ii) At 11:00, the Israeli army raided the city of Jenin and searched a number of houses.

#### • Obstruction of Elections:

- (i) At 12:00, Israeli troops positioned at Tayasir checkpoint east of the town of Tubas halted and searched European observers of the upcoming Palestinian legislative elections. Israeli troops also confiscated maps that were in the observers' possession.
- (ii) Israeli troops positioned at Tayasir checkpoint east of the town of Tubas prevented a candidate running for the upcoming Palestinian legislative elections from crossing to villages in the Northern Jordan Valley area.

# • <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 and denied civilian access in all directions.

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	<ul> <li>(ii) The Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to the village of Kafr Sur on the Tulkarem-Qalqiliya main road and denied civilian access in both directions.</li> <li>• Raid: At 16:40, the Israeli army raided the village of 'Izbat al Jarad and opened indiscriminate fire, injuring 1 civilian.</li> </ul>
QALQILIYA	<ul> <li>Wall Gates: <ol> <li>Passage through the Wall gates is restricted to civilians granted special Israeli permits.</li> <li>The Israeli army continues to intensify its restrictions at 'Azzun 'Atma Wall gate and to search civilians, including students, with a metal detector.</li> <li>Wall Construction: Land levelling for Wall construction was resumed in the village of Immatin and east of the towns of Kafr Thulth and 'Azzun.</li> <li>Flying Checkpoint: At 21:15, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the northern entrance to the town of 'Azzun and arrested 1 civilian.</li> <li>Arrest: Israeli troops positioned at the flying checkpoint set up at the northern entrance to the town of 'Azzun arrested Bilal Mohammed Hussein.</li> </ol> </li></ul>
NABLUS	<ul> <li>Closure of Main Roads: <ol> <li>The Israeli army continues to close the main road leading to the district 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.</li> <li>The Israeli army continues to close the entrance to the village of Beita with dirt barricades.</li> <li>Checkpoints:</li> <li>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.</li> <li>The Israeli army limited the times for crossing Huwwara checkpoint to the period between 06:00 and 18:00.</li> <li>Flying Checkpoint: At 11:30, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint in the area between the villages of Till and 'Iraq Burin, searched civilians and vehicles, and opened indiscriminate fire.</li> <li>Raid: At 24:00, the Israeli army raided the town of 'Asira ash Shamaliya, arrested 1 civilian, and served summons to 2 civilians to report to the Israeli Intelligence Service.</li> <li>Arrest: The Israeli army arrested Muhannad As'ad Sawalhah in the town of 'Asira ash Shamaliya.</li> </ol> </li> </ul>
SALFIT	• 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 <i>Intifada</i> (Uprising).

- The Israeli army continues to close the entrance to the town of Kafr ad (ii) Dik with cement blocks.
- The Israeli army continues to close the western entrance to the village (iii) of Bruqin with dirt barricades.
- The Israeli army continues to close the entrance to the village of (iv) Qarawat Bani Hassan with an iron gate and cement blocks.

#### **Checkpoints:**

- The Israeli army continues to close Deir Ballut checkpoint overnight (i) and open it at various morning hours, impeding civilian access.
- The Israeli army intensified its restrictions at the Za'tara junction (ii) checkpoint, impeding civilian access.
- Wall Construction: Wall construction was resumed 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/Detention:

- (i) At 09:50, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint in the area between the town of Kafr ad Dik and the village of Bruqin and searched civilians and vehicles until 14:00.
- At 11:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint near the town of (ii) Deir Istiya, searched civilian vehicles, and detained 1 Palestinian National Security officer.
- Arrest: At 18:00, Israeli troops positioned at the Za'tara junction checkpoint arrested Fu'ad Nathem Khuffash.

# 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.

#### **Checkpoints:**

- (i) 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.
- At 09:25, the Israeli army intensified its restrictions at the checkpoint (ii) set up near the settlement of Yitav at the western entrance to the village of Al 'Auja, impeding civilian access.
- At 19:30, the Israeli army intensified its restrictions at the DCO (iii) checkpoint set up at the southern entrance to the city of Jericho, impeding civilian access until 20:15.
- **Detention:** At 13:15, Israeli troops positioned at the DCO checkpoint set up at the southern entrance to the city of Jericho detained 3 Palestinian National Security officers and released them at 15:20.
- Attack on Property: The Israeli army continues to implement a military order to close commercial shops on both sides of Road # 90 in the centre of

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#### **Closure:** (i) 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. (ii) 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 **BETHLEHEM** 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 was resumed 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: (i) At 12:50, the Israeli army, including 2 jeeps, raided and patrolled the town of Al Khadr. At 02:00, an Israeli army patrol raided the city of Bethlehem and (ii) searched 1 house. **Closure:** The Israeli army continues to close with cement blocks and barbed wire (i) 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. The Israeli army continues to implement a military order to close (ii) 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 **HEBRON** 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:** The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the entrances to (i) the village of Beit 'Einun, the area of Al Hawawir leading to the town of Halhul, Al Fawwar refugee camp, the village of 'Arab ar Ramadin, and the area of Al Fahs south of the city of Hebron. The Israeli army has also continued to close with dirt barricades the junction to the area of Farsh al Haw leading to Road # 35 northwest of the city of Hebron. The Israeli army continues to close the entrance to Al 'Arrub refugee (ii) camp with an iron gate.

- <u>Wall Construction</u>: Wall construction was resumed 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'.
- **Flying Checkpoints:** At 13:00, the Israeli army set up 2 flying checkpoints on the overpasses to the towns of Halhul and Beit Kahil and denied access to civilian vehicles in all directions.
- Raids/House Occupation/Provocation of Palestinian Forces:
- (i) At 10:10, the Israeli army raided the town of Bani Na'im, occupied 1 house, and converted it into a military post after detaining residents.
- (ii) At 12:00, the Israeli army raided the city of Hebron and fired 2 sound grenades while it was patrolling the area. At 21:40, the Israeli army raided the city again, raided the Palestinian Customs Police station, set up 3 checkpoints in several neighbourhoods, searched civilians and vehicles, and patrolled the area.
- (iii) At 19:00, the Israeli army raided the town of Yatta and severely beat 1 Palestinian Civil Defence officer whilst a Civil Defence truck was travelling to extinguish a fire that erupted in the town. The Israeli army also obstructed Palestinian Civil Defence officers from carrying out their duties.
- <u>Obstruction of Elections</u>: Israeli troops tore apart electoral campaign posters of candidates running for the upcoming Palestinian legislative elections on the road conning the city of Hebron to the town of Dura.

#### **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.

#### NORTHERN GAZA

- <u>Closure</u>: 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 flyers warning that civilians would put their lives in danger if they enter the designated area.
- <u>Closure of Crossing Point</u>: Beit Hanun (Erez) Crossing is partially open to foreign nationals, VIPs, and humanitarian cases only.
- Attacks/Provocation of Palestinian Forces:
- (i) At 11:40, the Israeli army opened fire from Point 45 on the Green Line towards shepherds north of the area of Abu Safiya east of the town of Beit Hanun.

	(ii) At 12:05, the Israeli army opened fire from Point 30 on the Green Line
	towards Palestinian territory east of the town of Beit Hanun.
	(iii) At 13:40, the Israeli army fired 4 artillery shells from Point 64 on the
	Green Line east of the town of Jabalya towards Palestinian territory
	between 2 Palestinian National Security locations in the area of the
	evacuated settlement of Eli Sinai northwest of the town of Beit Lahiya.
	At 18:50, the Israeli army fired 2 more artillery shells towards the area.
	(iv) At 18:00, the Israeli army fired 3 artillery shells from its location inside
	the Green Line towards the area of Abu Safiya southeast of the town of
	Beit Lahiya.
	(v) At 19:40, the Israeli army fired 4 artillery shells from Point 70 on the
	Green Line east of Gaza city towards Palestinian territory near 1
	Palestinian National Security location north of the town of Beit Lahiya.
	(vi) At 23:20, Israeli naval boats opened fire towards Palestinian fishing
	boats at sea opposite the evacuated settlement of Dugit northwest of the
	town of Beit Lahiya. At 02:30, Israeli naval boats opened fire towards
	Palestinian fishing boats again.
	(vii) At 01:50, the Israeli army fired 2 artillery shells from Point 64 on the
	Green Line east of the town of Jabalya towards Palestinian territory
	near 1 Palestinian National Security location north of the town of Beit
	Lahiya.  • Palestinian Attack: At 16:20, 2 unidentified mortars were fired towards the
	Green Line.
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GAZA	• Attack: At 02:00, the Israeli army fired 2 flares from the area surrounding Nahal 'Oz Crossing towards Palestinian territory east of Gaza city.
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CENTRAL	• Attack: At 18:40, the Israeli army opened fire and fired flares from Point
CENTRAL GAZA	128 on the Green Line towards Palestinian territory east of Al Maghazi
GAZA	refugee camp.
KHAN YUNIS	• Attack: At 16:40, the Israeli army opened fire from Point 150 on the Green
KHAN TUNIS	Line towards Palestinian territory east of the area of Al Qarara.
	Closure of Crossing Points:
	(i) Yasser Arafat International Airport remains closed.
RAFAH	(ii) 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.