مجموعة الرقابة الفلسطينية



PALESTINIAN MONITORING GROUP

DAILY SITUATION REPORT

08:00 08 January 2006 - 08:00 09 January 2006

SUMMARY OF EVENTS

EVENT	WEST BANK	GAZA STRIP	TOTAL	NOTES
Physical Assault	1	_	1	1 civilian severely beaten in Nablus
Attacks	4	1	5	1 in a raid & 4 from military posts
Raids	12	_	12	Incl. 3 in Bethlehem & 4 in Hebron
Arrests	6	_	6	Incl. 2 in Salfit & 2 in Bethlehem
Detentions	10	_	10	At checkpoints & in residential areas
Wall Construction	28	_	28	Incl. Jer., Raml'h., Qalq., Salfit, Beth.
House Occupations	2	_	2	Converted into mil. posts in Hebron
Flying Checkpoints	10	_	10	Incl. 3 in Tulkarem & 3 in Jericho
Closure of Checkpoint	1	_	1	'Einav checkpoint in Tulkarem
Closure (per District)	9	1	10	Incl. the city of Jerusalem partially
Closure of Main Roads	29	_	29	Incl. eastern entrance to Bir Nabala
Closure of Crossing Points	_	3	3	Incl. Beit Hanun & Rafah partially
Pal. Security Measure	1	_	1	4 illegal vehicles handed over
TOTAL	113	5	118	

DISTRICT	EVENT

WEST BANK

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 and to impede 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.
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 09:50, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint near the entrance to the village of Sinjil and searched civilians and vehicles. At 00:45, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the Ramallah Bir Zeit main road and searched civilians and vehicles. Raid: At 00:45, an Israeli army patrol raided Al Jalazun refugee camp and patrolled the area.
JENIN	 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. Checkpoint: The Israeli army continues to intensify its restrictions at Tayasir checkpoint east of the town of Tubas and to impede civilian access. Wall Gates: Passage through the Wall gates is restricted to civilians granted special Israeli permits. Raid: At 01:00, the Israeli army, including 14 jeeps, raided and patrolled Jenin refugee camp until 04:00.
TULKAREM	Closure: 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: The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the road between (i) the town of Kafr al Labad and the village of Al Hafasa and the entrance to the village of 'Izbat Abu Khmeish. The Israeli army continues to close the road connecting the towns of (ii) Bal'a and Deir al Ghusun with cement blocks. The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the roads (iii) 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:** The Israeli army continues to close the checkpoint set up near the (i) settlement of 'Einav on the road connecting the districts of Tulkarem and Nablus and to deny access to civilian vehicles in both directions. The Israeli army intensified its restrictions at Jubara checkpoint south (ii) of the city of Tulkarem, impeding civilian access. Wall Gates: Passage through the Wall gates is restricted to civilians granted special Israeli permits. **Flying Checkpoints:** At 11:20, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to (i) the town of 'Illar and searched civilians and vehicles. (ii) The Israeli army set up 2 flying checkpoints on the junctions to the village of Al Jarushiya and the town of Bal'a and searched civilians and vehicles. Raids: At 01:15, the Israeli army raided the city of Tulkarem and Tulkarem refugee camp and opened indiscriminate fire while patrolling the area in Tulkarem refugee camp. At 02:05, the Israeli army withdrew from the area. **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 **QALQILIYA** detector. Wall Construction: Land levelling for Wall construction continues in the village of Immatin and east of the towns of Kafr Thulth and 'Azzun. Attack: At 17:50, the Israeli army opened fire and fired flares at the entrance to the town of 'Azzun, after stones were thrown at Israeli vehicles travelling along the Qalqiliya-Nablus main road. **Closure of Main Roads:** (i) 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 **NABLUS** 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 entrance to the village of Beita (ii) with dirt barricades.

Checkpoints: The Israeli army continues to regulate times for crossing Huwwara, (i) 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. (ii) At 16:50, the Israeli army closed Huwwara checkpoint and denied civilian access until 17:15. Attack: At 20:20, the Israeli army opened indiscriminate fire in the area surrounding the junction to the settlement of Bracha. Physical Assault: At 20:45, Israeli troops positioned at Huwwara checkpoint severely beat Saleh Ahmed 'Odeh. **Closure of Main Roads:** The Israeli army continues to close the main north-western entrance to (i) the city of Salfit with dirt barricades. The road has been closed since the beginning of the current *Intifada* (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 Brugin 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 SALFIT (ii) checkpoint, impeding civilian access. Wall Construction: 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 Checkpoint: At 13:15, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint in the area between the villages of 'Ammuriya and Khirbet Qeis and searched civilians and vehicles. Raid: At 02:20, the Israeli army raided the village of Marda and arrested 2 **Arrests:** The Israeli army arrested 2 civilians in the village of Marda: Mohammed Ahmed Khuffash; and (i) Sami Murad Omar. (ii) 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** 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.
- (ii) At 10:30, the Israeli army intensified its restrictions at the DCO checkpoint set up at the southern entrance to the city of Jericho, impeding civilian access.

• Flying Checkpoints:

- (i) At 09:20, 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.
- (ii) At 11:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the junction to the Dead Sea south of the city of Jericho and searched civilians and vehicles.
- (iii) At 06:40, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the junction to the settlement of Vered Yericho and searched civilians and vehicles.

• 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.
- <u>Closure of Main Roads</u>: 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.
- <u>Checkpoint</u>: At 19:50, the Israeli army intensified its restrictions at As Sawahira ash Sharqiya (the "Container") checkpoint, impeding civilian access
- <u>Wall Construction</u>: 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:

- (i) At 10:45, an Israeli army patrol raided the village of Dar Salah, set up a checkpoint, and searched civilians and vehicles until 17:00.
- (ii) At 20:45, an Israeli army patrol raided the town of Al Khadr and patrolled the area.
- (iii) At 00:45, the Israeli army raided the town of Al 'Ubeidiya and arrested 2 civilians.
- Arrests: The Israeli army arrested 2 civilians in the town of Al 'Ubeidiya:
- (i) Murad Ahmed al 'Assa; and
- (ii) Ribhi Suleiman Shanaytah.
- <u>Palestinian Security Measure</u>: At 12:40, Palestinian security forces handed over 4 illegal vehicles, seized in the city of Bethlehem, to the Israeli authorities (through the DCO).

BETHLEHEM

• <u>Closure</u>:

- (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) The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the entrances to 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.
- (ii) The Israeli army continues to close the entrance to Al 'Arrub refugee camp with an iron gate.
- <u>Wall Construction</u>: 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/House Occupation:

- (i) At 09:05, the Israeli army raided the city of Hebron, occupied 1 house in the area of Az Zaytuna, and converted it into a military post.
- (ii) At 11:25, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the town of Adh Dhahiriya.
- (iii) At 12:10, the Israeli army raided the town of Surif and arrested 2 civilians.
- (iv) At 00:30, the Israeli army raided Ash Sheikh neighbourhood in the city of Hebron and searched 1 house.
- Arrests: The Israeli army arrested 2 civilians in the town of Surif:
- (i) Khaled Ayyoub Sider; and
- (ii) Ibrahim Mahmoud Hmeidat.
- House Occupation: The Israeli army continues to implement Military Order #T/02/05 to seize control of the roof of 1 house in the city of Hebron and to use it as a military point from 29 December 2005 until 11 February 2006.

HEBRON

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.

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 **NORTHERN** army combat aircrafts dropped flyers warning that civilians would put their GAZA 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. **GAZA** Activities not reported. **CENTRAL** Activities not reported. **GAZA** Attack: At 15:30, the Israeli army opened fire from Point 180 on the Green **KHAN YUNIS** Line towards Palestinian territory east of the area of Khuza'a. **Closure of Crossing Points:** Yasser Arafat International Airport remains closed. (i) Rafah Crossing is partially open in both directions from 08:00 to 16:00 **RAFAH** (ii) to passengers holding Palestinian IDs, humanitarian cases, and Arab and foreign diplomatic missions.