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PALESTINIAN MONITORING GROUP

DAILY SITUATION REPORT

08:00 11 January 2007 – 08:00 12 January 2007

SUMMARY OF EVENTS

EVENT	WEST BANK	GAZA STRIP	TOTAL	NOTES
Injuries	1	1	2	1 child & 1 fisherman, Nablus & N. Gaza
Attacks	3	7	10	Incl. 2 in raids and 6 from military posts
Raids	19	_	19	Incl. 4 in Ramallah & 4 in Bethlehem
Air Patrols	_	2	2	Helicopters & reconnaissance, N. Gaza
Arrests	9	_	9	Incl. 2 Palestinian security officers
Detentions	15	_	15	At checkpoints & in residential areas
Wall Construction	26	_	26	Jer., Raml'h., Qalq., Salfit, Hebron, Beth.
Confiscation of Property	2	_	2	1 computer & 1 Kalashnikov rifle, Jenin
House Occupation	1	_	1	Converted into a military post in Nablus
Closure of Checkpoints	15	_	15	Incl. access impeded at 8 checkpoints
Flying Checkpoints	8	_	8	Incl. 3 in Tulkarem and 2 in Hebron
Closure (per District)	6	_	6	Incl. Jerusalem and Tulkarem partially
Closure of Main Roads	32	_	32	Incl. 2 in Bethlehem & 11 in Hebron
Closure of Crossing Points	_	5	5	Incl. Beit Hanun and Sufa partially
Palestinian Attacks	_	3	3	5 mortars fired towards the Green Line
TOTAL	137	18	155	

WEST BANK

ALL DISTRICTS	• The Israeli army continues to intensify its restrictions at checkpoints set up on the main roads connecting the West Bank districts, thereby isolating the northern districts from the southern districts as well as the Jericho district and the Jordan Valley from the remainder of the West Bank.
JERUSALEM	 Closure: The Israeli army continues to intensify its restrictions at checkpoints located at the entrances to the city of Jerusalem, in the old city of Jerusalem, and around Al Aqsa Mosque compound. Closure of Main Roads: The Israeli army continues to close the entrance opposite the junction to Dahiyat al Bareed in the city of Jerusalem with a barbed wire gate and to deny civilian access. The Israeli army continues to close the road connecting Dahiyat al Bareed to the town of Ar Ram in order to complete Wall construction in the area. The Israeli army continues to close with cement blocks the entrance to the village of Jaba', which connects the village to the cities of Jerusalem, Ramallah, and Jericho. Checkpoint: 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. Wall Gates: The Israeli army continues to close the Wall gate in the town of Abu Dis with cement blocks. 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. Wall Construction: Wall construction continues in Dahiyat al Bareed, Dahiyat al Aqbat, from the village of Hizma to 'Anata, along the Hizma-Jaba' road, the area of Al 'Eizariya to Ash Shayyah, from the village of Beit Surik to Biddu, in the areas of Al Judeira, Bir Nabala, and Beit Hanina, west of the village of Al Jib, and in the vicinity of the village of Qatanna.
RAMALLAH & EL BIREH	Closure of Main Roads: (i) The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the eastern entrance to the village of Sinjil. (ii) The Israeli army continues to close with cement blocks the western entrance to the village of Saffa.

	 Checkpoint: The Israeli army continues to intensify its restrictions at the checkpoint set up on the overpass to the town of 'Atara and to impede access to the city of Ramallah for civilians holding IDs issued in the northern districts of the West Bank. Wall Construction: Wall construction continues in the area west of the town of 'Abud, in the areas of Al Midya to Ni'lin, Ni'lin to Deir Qaddis, and in the town of Beituniya. Raids/Attack: At 09:30, the Israeli army raided the town of Beituniya, set up a checkpoint, and searched civilians and vehicles. At 21:30, the Israeli army, including 5 jeeps, raided the city of El Bireh, searched a number of houses, and withdrew at 00:15.
	 (iii) At 23:00, the Israeli army raided the village of Al Mughayyir and fired sound grenades, while patrolling the area. (iv) At 02:00, the Israeli army, including 4 jeeps, raided the village of Qarawat Bani Zeid and patrolled the area until 02:45.
JENIN	 Closure of Roads: The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the unpaved detour road leading to the town of 'Arraba east of the settlement of Dotan as well as the road connecting the town of Qabatiya to the village of Misliya. Checkpoint: The Israeli army continues to close Tayasir checkpoint east of the town of Tubas, denying civilian access to the Northern Jordan Valley, except for civilians whose IDs indicate that their place of residence is the Northern Jordan Valley. Wall Gates: Passage through the Wall gates is restricted to civilians granted special Israeli permits. Flying Checkpoints: At 08:30, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the junction to the village of Al Jarba and searched civilians and vehicles. At 07:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to the city of Jenin along the Jenin-Nablus road and searched civilians and vehicles. Raid/Confiscation of Property: At 13:00, the Israeli army, including 10 jeeps, raided the city of Jenin, searched 1 house, and arrested 2 civilians. The Israeli army also confiscated a computer and a Kalashnikov rifle. Arrests: The Israeli army arrested 2 civilians in the city of Jenin: Khaled Mohammed Abdul Raheem; and Ghassan Abdul Wahhab az Zughbi.
TULKAREM	 Closure: The Israeli army continues to declare the district of Tulkarem a closed military zone and to impede civilian access to and from the district. Closure of Main Roads: The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the Dahiyat Iktaba-Bal'a road, the entrance to the village of Saffarin, the road connecting the town of Deir al Ghusun to 'Attil plain, and the road connecting the town of Kafr al Labad to the village of Shufa.

	 Checkpoints: The Israeli army continues to intensify its restrictions at 'Einav checkpoint (the eastern entrance to the city) and Jubara checkpoint (the southern entrance to the city). Wall Gates: Passage through the Wall gates is restricted to civilians granted special Israeli permits. Flying Checkpoints: At 16:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint in the area between the towns of 'Attil and Deir al Ghusun and searched civilians and vehicles. At 16:10, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the junction to the village of An Nazla al Wusta and searched civilians and vehicles until 19:00. At 16:30, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to the town of Baqa ash Sharqiya and searched civilians and vehicles until 19:00.
QALQILIYA	 Closure of Roads: The Israeli army continues to close with cement blocks the agricultural roads east of the town of 'Azzun. Wall Gates: Passage through the Wall gates is restricted to civilians granted special Israeli permits. 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: Land levelling for Wall construction continues in the villages of Immatin and Kafr Laqif as well as east of the towns of Kafr Thulth and 'Azzun. Raid: At 20:30, the Israeli army raided the town of 'Azzun. Confrontations took place between the Israeli army and civilians. Arrests: At 03:30 on 11 January 2007, the Israeli army arrested 2 Palestinian security officers during its raid on the city of Qalqiliya, in addition to those reported yesterday: Mohammed Tawfeeq Walweel, a Palestinian National Security officer; and 'Issam Saleh 'Ilayyan Abu Sneineh, a Palestinian Preventive Security officer.
NABLUS	 Closure of Main Roads: (i) The Israeli army continues to close the Jenin-Nablus road between the junction to the village of Deir Sharaf and the settlement of Shavei Shomron. (ii) The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the southern entrance to the village of Qaryut. Checkpoints: The Israeli army continues to regulate times for crossing checkpoints set up around the city of Nablus:

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	 (i) Huwwara and Beit Iba checkpoints (set up at the southern and western entrances to the city of Nablus respectively) are closed at 23:00. The Israeli army only allows civilian vehicles possessing access permits to cross these checkpoints. (ii) At Tur neighbourhood checkpoint (set up on Jirzim 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. (iii) Beit Furik checkpoint is open to civilian residents of the town of Beit Furik and the village of Beit Dajan until 17:30. (iv) Beginning on 23 November 2006, the Israeli army continues to close the checkpoint set up in the area between the city of Nablus and the town of 'Asira ash Shamaliya and to prevent civilians from crossing, only allowing access to humanitarian cases. • Attack/Injury: At 16:00, Israeli troops positioned on the junction to the village of Zawata along the Israeli settler bypass road opened fire towards and injured 17-year-old Amin Abdul Kareem al Khayyat. • Raids/House Occupation: At 12:50, the Israeli army raided the city of Nablus and occupied as well as converted into a military post 1 building along the road to the village of Till. At 17:20, the Israeli army, including 5 jeeps, raided the city again. At 01:10, the Israeli army, including 7 jeeps, raided the city for the third time and patrolled the area until 02:50. (ii) At 01:25, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the town of Beit Furik. • Arrest: At 12:00, Israeli troops positioned at Huwwara checkpoint arrested
SALFIT	Muhannad Omar al Faleh. • Closure of Main Roads: (i) The Israeli army has continued to close the main north-western entrance to the city of Salfit with dirt barricades since the beginning of the current Intifada (Uprising). (ii) The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the western entrance to the village of Marda and, with cement blocks, the western entrance to the town of Kafr ad Dik. • Checkpoints: (i) The Israeli army continues to intensify its restrictions at Deir Ballut checkpoint and to deny civilian access to the town of Kafr ad Dik. (ii) The Israeli army continues to intensify its restrictions at the Za'tara junction checkpoint and to impede civilian access. • 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 of the settlement of Ari'el. • Raid: At 24:00, the Israeli army raided the town of Bruqin and patrolled the area until 01:00.
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 (i) checkpoint set up along Al Badhan road connecting the districts of Jericho and Nablus as well as on the checkpoint set up on the junction to the village of Al 'Auja along Al Mu'arrajat road connecting the districts of Jericho and Ramallah. The Israeli army has also installed computers at the 2 checkpoints to examine civilians' IDs, thereby impeding civilian access. (ii) At 15:00, the Israeli army intensified its restrictions at the DCO checkpoint set up at the southern entrance to the city of Jericho and impeded civilian access. Closure: 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. 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 in the area northwest of the town of Al Khadr, northwest of the city of Beit Jala, and in the area of Wadi Rahhal east of the settlement of Efrat. **Raids:** At 02:45, the Israeli army raided the town of Al 'Ubeidiya and arrested (i) **BETHLEHEM** 2 civilians. (ii) At 03:55, the Israeli army, including 6 jeeps, raided the city of Beit Sahur and patrolled the area until 04:25. At 04:20, an Israeli army patrol raided the city of Bethlehem and (iii) patrolled the area until 04:35. The Israeli army raided the village of Al Fureidis and arrested 1 (iv) civilian. **Arrests:** The Israeli army arrested 2 civilians in the town of Al 'Ubeidiya: Ahmed 'Adnan Hasaneh; and (i) (ii) Mujahed Mahmoud Khalifeh. The Israeli army arrested Hasan Mubarak Abu Mahameed in the (iii) village of Al Fureidis. **Closure:** The Israeli army continues to close the following locales in the old city (i) 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 **HEBRON** of As Sahleh. Although it expired on 07 May 2006, the Israeli army continues to (ii) implement a military order stipulating the prohibition of civilian vehicles from travelling along the road connecting the settlement of Kiryat Arba' to the Ibrahimi Mosque in the old city of Hebron unless they possess access permits.

• Closure of Main Roads:

- (i) The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the following locales: the area of Al Hawawir leading to the town of Halhul; the area of Al Fahs south of the city of Hebron; the junction to the area of Farsh al Hawa leading to Road # 35 northwest of the city of Hebron; the road connecting the town of Surif to the village of Al Jab'a; the entrance to the village of Beit 'Einun; and the eastern entrance to the village of Kharsa. The Israeli army also continues to close with cement blocks the entrance to Al Qeisi neighbourhood in the old city of Hebron as well as the main entrance to Al 'Arrub refugee camp.
- (ii) In accordance with Military Order # 378, the Israeli army continues to prohibit Palestinian vehicles from travelling 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.
- <u>Wall Construction</u>: Wall construction continues in the section of Tarqumiya checkpoint terminal, the remaining section of the Wall route that separates the settlement of Eshkolot from the village of Ar Ramadin, and near the village of Imneizil southeast of the town of Yatta.
- <u>Flying Checkpoints</u>: At 14:00, the Israeli army set up 2 flying checkpoints, one at the entrance to the town of Beit Kahil and the other along Wadi al Quff road leading to the town of Tarqumiya, and searched civilians and vehicles.

• Raids:

- (i) At 11:45, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the town of Adh Dhahiriya.
- (ii) At 18:20, the Israeli army raided town of Beit Ula and searched 3 houses.
- (iii) At 00:50, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the town of Halhul.
- (iv) At 02:30, the Israeli army raided the city of Hebron and patrolled the area until 04:00.
- Arrest: On 10 January 2007, the Israeli army arrested Jadallah Musallam al Hroub in the town of Dura.

GAZA STRIP

The ceasefire agreement that entered into force at 06:00 on 26 November 2006 remains effective. However, the Israeli army and navy **ALL** opened fire on 7 occasions, injuring a Palestinian fisherman. Israeli **DISTRICTS** combat helicopters and reconnaissance aircraft patrolled the skies over Palestinian territory. In addition, armed Palestinian individuals fired 5 mortars towards the Green Line. Closure of Crossing Point: Beit Hanun (Erez) Crossing is partially open only to foreign nationals, VIPs, and humanitarian cases. Attack: At 20:45, in violation of the Israeli-Palestinian ceasefire agreement, **NORTHERN** Israeli navy boats opened fire towards Palestinian fishing boats at sea **GAZA** opposite the beach northwest of the town of Beit Lahiya, injuring Ibrahim Omar al Hbeil, a fisherman, in the head.

	 Air Patrols: (i) At 12:30, Israeli combat helicopters patrolled the skies over the district of Northern Gaza. (ii) At 15:10, Israeli reconnaissance aircraft patrolled the skies over the district of Northern Gaza. However, the aircraft dropped due to a technical breakdown. Palestinian Attack: At 22:00, armed Palestinian individuals fired 1 unidentified mortar towards the Green Line, thereby violating the Israeli-Palestinian ceasefire agreement.
GAZA	 Palestinian Attacks: In violation of the Israeli-Palestinian ceasefire agreement, armed Palestinian individuals fired 4 mortars towards the Green Line, as follows: At 01:30, 1 unidentified mortar was fired towards the Green Line. At 02:50, 3 unidentified mortars were fired towards the Green Line.
CENTRAL GAZA	 Attacks: In violation of the Israeli-Palestinian ceasefire agreement, the Israeli army opened fire towards Palestinian territory, as follows: At 10:30, the Israeli army opened fire from the area near Point 120 on the Green Line towards a number of shepherds at a distance of 200 metres from the border fence east of Al Bureij refugee camp. At 15:20, the Israeli army opened fire from the area near Point 124 on the Green Line towards Palestinian territory east of Al Maghazi refugee camp. At 22:00, the Israeli army fired flares from the area between Points 114 and 119 on the Green Line over Palestinian territory east of Al Bureij refugee camp.
KHAN YUNIS	 Attacks: In violation of the Israeli-Palestinian ceasefire agreement, the Israeli army opened fire towards Palestinian territory, as follows: (i) At 08:40, the Israeli army opened fire from the area near Point 156 on the Green Line towards Palestinian territory east of the area of Al Qarara. (ii) At 10:40, and again at 11:00, the Israeli army opened fire from the area near Point 149 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 closed. Sufa Crossing is partially open for transportation of construction cargo only. Karm Abu Salim (Karem Shalom) Crossing is closed.