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PALESTINIAN MONITORING GROUP

DAILY SITUATION REPORT

08:00 15 January 2007 – 08:00 16 January 2007

SUMMARY OF EVENTS

EVENT	WEST BANK	GAZA STRIP	TOTAL	NOTES
Physical Assaults	3	_	3	Incl. several civilians beaten in Bethlehem
Injuries	3	_	3	3 civilians in confrontations, Bethlehem
Attacks	8	2	10	Incl. 6 in raids & 1 by navy boats
Raids	29	1	30	Incl. 5 in Nablus & 6 in Hebron
Air Patrols	1	1	2	Helicopters over Hebron and Khan Yunis
Arrests	7		7	Incl. 1 child & 1 Pal. security officer
Detentions	19		19	At checkpoints & in residential areas
House Demolition	1		1	1 house in the city of Jerusalem
Land Levelling	2	1	3	Incl. land around Huwwara checkpoint
Wall Construction	26		26	Jer., Raml'h., Qalq., Salfit, Hebron, Beth.
Destruction of Property	2		2	Incl. furniture of 1 house damaged
Confiscation of Property	2		2	1 pistol and ammunition, Bethlehem
Curfew	1	_	1	Over the town of Huwwara, Nablus
Closure of Checkpoints	14		14	Incl. access impeded at 7 checkpoints
Flying Checkpoints	16		16	Incl. 5 in Jenin and 4 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	_	4	4	Incl. Beit Hanun (Erez) partially
Settler Violence	1	_	1	Water pipes destroyed, Nablus
Provocation of Pal. Forces	1	_	1	Police officers & vehicle detained, Jenin
Palestinian Attacks	1	2	3	Incl. 5 unidentified mortars fired. N. Gaza
TOTAL	175	11	186	

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WEST BANK The Israeli army continues to intensify its restrictions at checkpoints set up on the main roads connecting the West Bank districts, thereby isolating the ALL **DISTRICTS** northern districts from the southern districts as well as the Jericho district and the Jordan Valley from the remainder of the West Bank. 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 Agsa Mosque compound. **Closure of Main Roads:** The Israeli army continues to close the entrance opposite the junction to (i) 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 (ii) 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 (iii) 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:** (i) The Israeli army continues to close the Wall gate in the town of Abu **JERUSALEM** Dis with cement blocks. The Israeli army continues to deny civilian access through the Wall (ii) 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 Agbat, 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. Flying Checkpoint: At 15:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint near the junction to the village of An Nabi Samwil and searched civilians and vehicles. Physical Assault: At 17:30, the Israeli army beat Fares Mahmoud

Bahir. **Raids:**

(i)

Radaydeh, while he was tending sheep in the vicinity of the village of Sur

At 12:30, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the village of Qatanna.

	(ii) At 16:15, the Israeli army raided the town of Abu Dis. While patrolling the area, confrontations took place between the Israeli army and civilians.
	(iii) At 17:30, Israeli Special Forces raided Qalandiya refugee camp and arrested 1 civilian.
	(iv) The Israeli army raided Dahiyat al Bareed in the city of Jerusalem, set up a checkpoint, searched civilians and vehicles, and arrested 1 Palestinian National Security officer.
	 Arrests: (i) Israeli Special Forces arrested Nidhal al 'Ajlouni in Qalandiya refugee
	camp.
	(ii) The Israeli army arrested Mohammed 'Ataya Abu al Leil, a Palestinian National Security officer, in Dahiyat al Bareed in the city of Jerusalem.
	 House Demolition: The Israeli army demolished 1 house belonging to Ali Abu Sneineh in Wadi Qaddum in Silwan neighbourhood in the city of Jerusalem.
	Closure of Main Roads: 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.
	• <u>Checkpoint</u> : 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
RAMALLAH	northern districts of the West Bank.
& EL BIREH	• <u>Wall Construction</u> : 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.
	• <u>Flying Checkpoint</u> : At 09:45, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the junction to the village of Surda along the Ramallah-Bir Zeit road and searched civilians and vehicles.
	• Raids: (i) At 01:30, the Israeli army, including 3 jeeps, raided and patrolled the
	Industrial Zone in the city of El Bireh.
	(ii) At 03:35, the Israeli army, including 2 jeeps, raided the villages of Nabi Salih and Kafr 'Ein and patrolled the area until 04:40.
	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
JENIN	 the village of Misliya. <u>Checkpoint</u>: 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.

•	<u>Vall Gates:</u> Passage through the Wall gates is restricted to civilians granted	d
	pecial Israeli permits.	

• Flying Checkpoints/Provocation of Palestinian Forces:

- (i) At 10:00, the Israeli army set up 3 flying checkpoints: 2 on the junctions to the towns of 'Arraba and the village of Sanur and 1 in the area between the town of 'Arraba and the village of Fahma. Israeli troops positioned at these flying checkpoints searched civilians and vehicles.
- (ii) At 12:55, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint in the area of As Suweitat east of the city of Jenin and searched civilians and vehicles, and detained 1 Palestinian Police vehicle along with 3 Police officers, who were in civil uniforms. After liaison with the Israeli authorities (through the DCO), Israeli troops positioned at the flying checkpoint released the Palestinian Police officers and vehicle at 13:15.
- (iii) The Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to the town of Meithalun and searched civilians and vehicles.

• Raids/Attacks:

- (i) At 24:00, the Israeli army, including 10 jeeps, raided the city of Jenin and Jenin refugee camp, opened indiscriminate fire, and searched a number of houses. At 02:00, the Israeli army withdrew from the area.
- (ii) At 03:30, the Israeli army, including 5 jeeps, raided the town of Qabatiya, opened intensive fire, and searched a number of houses. At 05:30, the Israeli army withdrew from the area.
- (iii) The Israeli army raided the village of Kafr Qud and arrested 1 university student.
- Arrest: The Israeli army arrested Mousa Khalil Ghannam in the village of Kafr Qud.

• <u>Closure</u>: The Israeli army continues to declare the district of Tulkarem a closed military zone and to impede civilian access to and from the district.

- <u>Closure of Main Roads</u>: 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.
- <u>Checkpoints</u>: 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).
- <u>Wall Gates</u>: Passage through the Wall gates is restricted to civilians granted special Israeli permits.

• Flying Checkpoints:

- (i) At 18:05, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint in the area between the towns of 'Attil and Deir al Ghusun, searched civilians and vehicles, and impeded civilian access until 20:20.
- (ii) At 19:10, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the junction to the town of Bal'a and searched civilians and vehicles until 20:30.

• Raids:

(i) At 19:10, the Israeli army raided the town of 'Anabta and patrolled the area until 20:30.

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	(ii) At 21:20, the Israeli army raided the city of Tulkarem and searched 1
	house.
	(iii) At 02:05, the Israeli army raided and patrolled Tulkarem refugee camp.
	 Closure of Roads: The Israeli army continues to close with cement blocks the agricultural roads east of the town of 'Azzun. Wall Gates:
	(i) Passage through the Wall gates is restricted to civilians granted special Israeli permits.
QALQILIYA	(ii) The Israeli army continues to intensify its restrictions at 'Azzun 'Atma Wall gate and to search civilians, including students, with a metal detector.
	• <u>Wall Construction</u> : 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.
	• Flying Checkpoints: The Israeli army set up 2 flying checkpoints, one at the eastern entrance to the city of Qalqiliya and the other between the towns of Jayyus and 'Azzun, and searched civilians and vehicles.
	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.
	• <u>Checkpoints</u> : The Israeli army continues to regulate times for crossing
	checkpoints set up around the city of Nablus:
	(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
NABLUS	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.
	• Raids/Curfew/Attack:
	(i) At 11:20, the Israeli army raided the town of Huwwara and imposed
	curfew, ostensibly for throwing stones. The Israeli army withdrew from
	the area at a later time.
	(ii) At 11:45, the Israeli army raided the village of Burqa. While patrolling
	the area, confrontations took place between the Israeli army and
	civilians.

	 (iii) At 02:00, the Israeli army raided the city of Nablus as well as Balata and 'Ein Beit el Ma' refugee camps, opened fire, fired sound grenades, and searched a number of houses. The Israeli army also arrested 2 civilians, including 1 child, in the city and 'Ein Beit el Ma' refugee camp. At 06:15, the Israeli army withdrew from the area. • Arrests: The Israeli army arrested 2 civilians in the city of Nablus and 'Ein Beit el Ma' refugee camp: Ibrahim Fawzi Abu ar Reesh, 17 years old; and Jalal Bassam Ghunmeh. Land Levelling: At 08:30, the Israeli army levelled land located east and west of Huwwara checkpoint. The Israeli army levelled land along the Israeli settler bypass road near the village of Zawata. Settler Violence/Destruction of Property: At 12:00, a group of Israeli settlers destroyed water pipes extending from a spring in the village of Duma. After liaison with the Israeli authorities (through the DCO), the Israeli army evacuated the settlers from the area. Palestinian Attack: At 01:15, armed Palestinian individuals detonated an explosive device near an Israeli army jeep travelling along the settler bypass road on 'Ibal Mount north of the city of Nablus.
SALFIT	 Closure of Main Roads: 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 <i>Intifada</i> (Uprising). 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: The Israeli army continues to intensify its restrictions at Deir Ballut checkpoint and to deny civilian access to the town of Kafr ad Dik. 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/Attack: The Israeli army raided the town of Deir Istiya and opened indiscriminate fire, while patrolling the area.
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 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. • Raid: At 21:15, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the village of Al Jiftlik. • Arrest: On 14 January 2007, Israeli troops positioned on Al Karama (Allenby) Bridge arrested Nidhal Ahmed 'Ofi, a Palestinian National Security officer, while he was travelling to Jordan.
BETHLEHEM	 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/Physical Assaults/Injuries/Destruction/Confiscation of Property: At 10:40, the Israeli army raided the village of Um Salamuna. Confrontations took place between civilians and the Israeli army, while it was levelling land for Wall construction. The Israeli army also beat a number of civilians, leaving 3 with injuries. At 22:20, the Israeli army, including 20 jeeps, raided 'Ayda refugee camp in the city of Bethlehem, searched 1 house, damaged its furniture, and confiscated 1 pistol as well as ammunition. The Israeli army also arrested 1 university female student and detained her mother. Arrest: The Israeli army arrested Ashjan Riyadh Abu Srour, a female university student, in 'Ayda refugee camp.
HEBRON	 Closure: The Israeli army continues to close the following locales in the old city 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 of As Sahleh. Although it expired on 07 May 2006, the Israeli army continues to 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: 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.

• Flying Checkpoints/Detentions:

- (i) At 18:10, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to the town of Tarqumiya, searched civilian vehicles, and detained a number of civilians.
- (ii) At 21:40, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to the village of As Sarra and searched civilians and vehicles.

• Raids/Air Patrol/Detentions/Attack:

- (i) At 10:50, Israeli troops, dispatched by a combat helicopter, raided the area between the towns of Surif and Kharas, set up a checkpoint, searched civilians and vehicles, and withdrew at 12:00.
- (ii) At 15:30, the Israeli army raided Al 'Arrub refugee camp and searched 1 house, after having detained residents. At 16:30, the Israeli army withdrew from the area.
- (iii) At 20:00, the Israeli army raided the town of Idhna, set up a checkpoint in the town's centre, searched civilians and vehicles, and patrolled the area.
- (iv) At 21:40, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the town of Dura.
- (v) At 01:00, the Israeli army raided the city of Hebron and searched a number of houses in the area surrounding Hebron University.
- (vi) The Israeli army raided the village of Turrama. While patrolling the area, the Israeli army opened fire and fired sound grenades.

GAZA STRIP

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• The ceasefire agreement that entered into force at 06:00 on 26 November 2006 remains effective. However, the Israeli army carried out 1 raid into Palestinian territory, during which it levelled land. In addition, the Israeli army and navy opened fire towards Palestinian territory on 2 occasions. An Israeli combat helicopter also patrolled the skies over Palestinian territory. Additionally, armed Palestinian individuals fired 5 mortars towards the Green Line, of which 1 mortar exploded in the area from which it was launched.

NORTHERN GAZA	 Closure of Crossing Point: Beit Hanun (Erez) Crossing is partially open only to foreign nationals, VIPs, and humanitarian cases. Palestinian Attacks: In violation of the Israeli-Palestinian ceasefire agreement, armed Palestinian individuals fired 5 mortars towards the Green Line, as follows: (i) At 13:20, 3 unidentified mortars were fired towards the Green Line, of which 1 mortar exploded in the area from which it was launched. (ii) At 20:00, 2 unidentified mortars were fired towards the Green Line.
GAZA	Activities not reported.
CENTRAL GAZA	Activities not reported.
KHAN YUNIS	• Raid/Attack/Air Patrol/Land Levelling: At 08:40, in violation of the Israeli-Palestinian ceasefire agreement, the Israeli army, including 3 armoured vehicles and 1 bulldozer, raided 300 metres into Palestinian territory near Point 154 on the Green Line east of the area of Al Qarara, opened intensive fire towards civilian houses, whilst an Israeli combat helicopter patrolled the skies over the area. The Israeli army also levelled land and withdrew at 11:10.
RAFAH	 Closure of Crossing Points: Yasser 'Arafat International Airport remains closed. Rafah Crossing is closed. Karm Abu Salim (Karem Shalom) Crossing is closed. Attack: At 17:20, Israeli navy boats opened fire towards the beach of the city of Rafah.