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# PALESTINIAN MONITORING GROUP

# **DAILY SITUATION REPORT**

08:00 17 January 2007 – 08:00 18 January 2007

## **SUMMARY OF EVENTS**

EVENT	WEST BANK	GAZA STRIP	TOTAL	NOTES
Death	1		1	An armed Palestinian individual, Nablus
Physical Assault	1	_	1	A female civilian beaten in Bethlehem
Injury	1	_	1	A child in critical condition in Nablus
Attacks	6	1	7	Incl. 4 in raids & 1 from a military post
Raids	27	2	29	Incl. 8 in Ramallah & 7 in Jenin
Air Patrols	6	3	9	Incl. troops dispatched by helicopters
Arrests	31	_	31	Incl. 1 child and 1 blind civilian
Detentions	17	_	17	Incl. 4 children in the city of Tulkarem
Wall Construction	26	_	26	Jer., Raml'h., Qalq., Salfit, Hebron, Beth.
Confiscation of Property	1	_	1	1 civilian vehicle in the city of El Bireh
House Occupations	2	_	2	Converted into military posts in Nablus
Curfew	1	_	1	Over the village of Qibya, Ramallah
Closure of Checkpoints	14	_	14	Incl. access impeded at 7 checkpoints
Flying Checkpoints	9	_	9	Incl. 5 in Jenin 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	_	4	4	Incl. Beit Hanun (Erez) partially
Medical Obstruction	1		1	Ambulances denied access in Nablus
Palestinian Attacks	_	4	4	6 mortars fired towards the Green Line
TOTAL	182	14	196	

# 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	<ul> <li>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 AI Aqsa Mosque compound.</li> <li>Closure of Main Roads: <ol> <li>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.</li> <li>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.</li> <li>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.</li> <li>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.</li> <li>Wall Gates:</li> <li>The Israeli army continues to close the Wall gate in the town of Abu Dis with cement blocks.</li> <li>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.</li> <li>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.</li> <li>Arrest: Israeli troops positioned at Ramot checkpoint arrested Jamal Mohammed Abdul Haleem, claiming that he did not possess a permit to enter the city of Jerusalem.</li> </ol> </li> </ul>
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.

- <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 northern districts of the West Bank.
- <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.

## • Raids/Curfew/Confiscation of Property/Air Patrol:

- (i) At 08:30, the Israeli army raided the village of Qibya and imposed curfew, after a number of children threw stones at Israeli troops guarding the Wall section in the village.
- (ii) At 13:00, the Israeli army, including 6 jeeps, raided the town of Beituniya. An armed confrontation took place between the Israeli army and armed Palestinian individuals. The Israeli army also searched a number of houses and arrested 1 civilian. At 03:55, the Israeli army, including 4 jeeps, raided the town again, searched 1 house, and withdrew at 05:00.
- (iii) At 20:50, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the village of Dura al Qar' and Al Jalazun refugee camp.
- (iv) At 21:35, the Israeli army raided the village of Kafr Malik and arrested 1 civilian.
- (v) At 22:50, the Israeli army raided the city of El Bireh, set up a checkpoint, searched civilians and vehicles, and confiscated 1 civilian vehicle. An armed confrontation also took place between the Israeli army and armed Palestinian individuals. At 23:55, the Israeli army withdrew from the area.
- (vi) At 23:55, Israeli troops, dispatched by a combat helicopter, raided and combed the area between the town of Abu Shukheidim and the village of Kobar.

#### • Arrests:

- (i) The Israeli army arrested Raed Jibreel al Froukh in the town of Beituniya.
- (ii) The Israeli army arrested Mohammed Sayel B'eirat in the village of Kafr Malik.

# **JENIN**

- <u>Closure of Roads</u>: 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.
- <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>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 a flying checkpoint near Haddad

	Tourist Complex along the settler bypass road east of the city of Jenin and searched civilians and vehicles.  (ii) At 08:30, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to the town of Az Zababida and searched civilians and vehicles.  (iii) At 09:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the junction to the village of 'Anza and searched civilians and vehicles.  (iv) The Israeli army set up 2 flying checkpoints, one on the junction to the town of 'Arraba and the other at the entrance to the village of Al Kufeir, and searched civilians and vehicles.  • Raids/Air Patrol/Attack/Detention:  (i) At 21:30, Israeli troops, dispatched by combat helicopters, raided and combed areas near the town of Ya'bad as well as the villages of Bir al Basha and Fahma. At 23:00, the Israeli army withdrew from the area.  (ii) At 01:10, the Israeli army raided the village of Zububa and patrolled the area until 03:00.  (iii) At 02:25, the Israeli army, including 9 jeeps, raided the city of Jenin and Jenin refugee camp, opened fire, and fired sound grenades. Having detained residents outside, the Israeli army searched a number of houses and arrested 1 Palestinian National Security officer. At 05:00, the Israeli army withdrew from the area.  (iv) The Israeli army raided the village of Misliya. While patrolling the area, confrontations took place between the Israeli army and civilians.  • Arrest: The Israeli army arrested Mohammed Ahmed 'Amouri, a Palestinian National Security officer, in the city of Jenin	
TULKAREM	<ul> <li>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.</li> <li>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.</li> <li>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).</li> <li>Wall Gates: Passage through the Wall gates is restricted to civilians granted special Israeli permits.</li> <li>Raid/Detentions: At 09:45, the Israeli army raided the city of Tulkarem and detained 4 children, claiming that they had approached the DCO offices. At 13:30, the Israeli army released the detained children.</li> <li>Arrest: At 02:00 on 17 January 2007, the Israeli army arrested Hussein Suleiman Srouji during its raid on the city of Tulkarem, in addition to those reported yesterday.</li> </ul>	
QALQILIYA	<ul> <li>Closure of Roads: The Israeli army continues to close with cement blocks the agricultural roads east of the town of 'Azzun.</li> <li>Wall Gates:         <ul> <li>Passage through the Wall gates is restricted to civilians granted special Israeli permits.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	

- (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.

#### • Raids:

- (i) At 03:00, the Israeli army raided the city of Qalqiliya, searched a number of houses, and arrested 8 civilians, including a blind civilian. At 05:15, the Israeli army withdrew from the area.
- (ii) At 03:30, the Israeli army raided the town of 'Azzun and arrested 1 civilian along with his 2 sons. At 04:00, the Israeli army withdrew from the area.
- Arrests: The Israeli army arrested 8 civilians in the city of Qalqiliya:
- (i) Raed Abdul Fattah Sweilem, a blind civilian;
- (ii) Nayef 'Ata al Massri;
- (iii) Khalil Abdullah Abu 'Awwad;
- (iv) Khaled Mohammed Nofal;
- (v) Mahmoud Mohammed Khadraj;
- (vi) Ashraf Mohammed Qar'an;
- (vii) Muhsen Mahmoud Shreim; and
- (viii) Abdul Baset Tawfeeq Kheizaran.

The Israeli army arrested 3 civilians in the town of 'Azzun:

- (ix) Mahmoud Mohammed Hasan;
- (x) Bilal Mahmoud Hasan; and
- (xi) Mahir Mahmoud Hasan.

#### • 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 Oarvut.
- <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 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

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town of 'Asira ash Shamaliya and to prevent civilians from crossing, only allowing access to humanitarian cases.

- <u>Flying Checkpoint</u>: At 11:55, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to the town of Jamma'in, searched civilians and vehicles, and impeded civilian access.
- Raids/Air Patrol/Attack/Injury/House Occupations/Medical Obstruction:
- (i) At 02:00, the Israeli army raided the village of Kafr Qalil and patrolled the area until 04:00.
- (ii) At 02:20, the Israeli army, including 28 jeeps and 1 bulldozer, raided the city of Nablus, whilst combat helicopters patrolled the skies over the area. An armed confrontation took place between the Israeli army and armed Palestinian individuals in the old city of Nablus, during which the Israeli army killed 1 armed Palestinian individual. While searching a number of houses, confrontations took place between the Israeli army and civilians, during which the Israeli army critically injured Mahmoud Husam Abu Salhah, 15 years old. In addition, the Israeli army arrested 2 civilians, occupied a number of buildings, converted them into military posts, and prevented ambulances from accessing the old city. The Israeli army remains positioned in the area as of 08:00 this morning.
- <u>Killing</u>: The Israeli army killed Muhannad Mohammed Ghandour in the city of Nablus.
- <u>Arrests:</u> The Israeli army arrested 2 civilians in the city of Nablus:
- (i) Muneer Nayef Shihab; and
- (ii) Mohammed Barakat Shihab.

#### • 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.
- <u>Wall Construction</u>: 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.

## • Raids/Air Patrol:

- (i) At 13:20, Israeli troops, dispatched by a combat helicopter, raided and combed the area of At Tal near the village of Qarawat Ban Hassan. At 16:00, Israeli troops withdrew from the area.
- (ii) The Israeli army raided and patrolled the town of Deir Ballut.

## **SALFIT**

JERICHO	<ul> <li>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.</li> <li>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.</li> <li>Raid: At 10:00, the Israeli army, including 3 jeeps, raided the village of Al 'Auja, raided 1 house, and served summons to 3 civilians to report to the Israeli Intelligence Agency. At 12:15, the Israeli army withdrew from the area.</li> </ul>
BETHLEHEM	<ul> <li>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.</li> <li>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.</li> <li>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.</li> <li>Physical Assault: At 09:30, Israeli troops positioned at As Sawahira ash Sharqiya (the "Container") checkpoint severely beat Samahir Mohammed Safi, a female civilian, after which she was transported to Bethlehem Public Hospital for medical treatment.</li> <li>Raids: <ol> <li>At dawn on 17 January 2007, the Israeli army raided the town of Beit Fajjar, searched a number of houses, and arrested 7 civilians.</li> <li>At 01:00, the Israeli army, including 5 jeeps, raided 'Ayda refugee camp, searched 2 houses, and arrested 3 civilians, including 2 brothers one of whom is a child. At 02:00, the Israeli army withdrew from the area.</li> <li>Arrests: The Israeli army arrested 7 civilians in the town of Beit Fajjar:</li> <li>Mohammed Sami Thawabteh;</li> <li>Mujahed Amin Shaharfeh;</li> <li>Mujahed Amin Shaharfeh;</li> <li>Muyahed Amin Shaharfeh;</li> <li>Bala Mustafa Taqatqah;</li> <li>Mu'ath Mousa Taqatqah;</li> <li>Mu'ath Mousa Taqatqah;</li> <li>Mu'ath Mousa Taqatqah;</li> <li>Amed Mahmoud Taqatqah;</li> <li>Amed Mahmoud Taqatqah; and</li> <li>Suleiman Jamal Radhi; and</li> <li>Dawoud Jamal Radhi; and</li> <li>Dawoud Jamal Radhi; and</li> <li>Cuiii Dawoud Jamal Radhi; and</li> </ol> </li> </ul>

## • Closure:

- (i) 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.
- (ii) 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:

- (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.
- **Flying Checkpoint:** At 19:40, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the overpass to the town of Halhul and searched civilians and vehicles.

#### Raids:

- (i) At 17:40, the Israeli army raided the city of Hebron, set up a checkpoint in the area of Nimra, searched civilians and vehicles, and patrolled the area
- (ii) At 20:50, the Israeli army raided the town of Dura and searched a commercial shop.
- Arrests: At 01:25 on 17 January 2007, the Israeli army arrested 2 civilians during its raid on the town of Yatta, in addition to those reported yesterday:
- (i) Mohammed Khalil al Hawarin; and
- (ii) Fahed 'Isa Khalil.
- (iii) At 16:00, the Israeli army arrested Mahmoud Rajab at Taradeh, a civilian resident of the town of Taffuh, while he was reporting to the DCO offices in the city of Hebron.

## **HEBRON**

## **GAZA STRIP**

ALL DISTRICTS	• The ceasefire agreement that entered into force at 06:00 on 26 November 2006 remains effective. However, the Israeli army carried out 2 raids into Palestinian territory. In addition, Israeli combat aircraft patrolled the skies over Palestinian territory. Armed Palestinian individuals also fired 6 mortars towards the Green Line, of which 1 mortar exploded in the area from which it was launched.		
NORTHERN GAZA	<ul> <li>Closure of Crossing Point: Beit Hanun (Erez) Crossing is partially open only to foreign nationals, VIPs, and humanitarian cases.</li> <li>Raids: In violation of the Israeli-Palestinian ceasefire agreement, the Israeli army carried out 2 raids into Palestinian territory, as follows: <ol> <li>At 08:15, the Israeli army, including a number of armoured vehicles, raided and combed Palestinian territory near the Green Line north and east of the town of Beit Hanun.</li> <li>At 17:50, the Israeli army, including 2 armoured vehicles, raided and combed Palestinian territory near Point 9 on the Green Line northwest of the town of Beit Lahiya.</li> <li>Air Patrol: At 12:00, Israeli combat helicopters patrolled the skies over the district of Northern Gaza.</li> <li>Palestinian Attacks: In violation of the Israeli-Palestinian ceasefire agreement, armed Palestinian individuals fired 6 mortars towards the Green Line, as follows:</li> <li>At 12:20, 3 unidentified mortars were fired towards the Green Line.</li> <li>At 16:00, 1 unidentified mortar was fired towards the Green Line, but it exploded in the area from which it was launched.</li> <li>At 23:00, 1 unidentified mortar was fired towards the Green Line.</li> </ol> </li> </ul>		
GAZA	Activities not reported.		
CENTRAL GAZA	• <u>Attack</u> : At 15:10, the Israeli army opened fire from the area near Point 114 on the Green Line towards 1 civilian, while he was tending sheep east of Al Bureij refugee camp.		
KHAN YUNIS	Activities not reported.		
RAFAH	<ul> <li>Closure of Crossing Points: <ol> <li>Yasser 'Arafat International Airport remains closed.</li> <li>Rafah Crossing is closed.</li> <li>Sufa Crossing is closed.</li> </ol> </li> <li>Air Patrol: At 10:30, Israeli combat helicopters and reconnaissance aircraft patrolled the skies over the district of Rafah.</li> </ul>		