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PALESTINIAN MONITORING GROUP

DAILY SITUATION REPORT

 $08:00\ 18\ January\ 2006-08:00\ 19\ January\ 2006$

SUMMARY OF EVENTS

EVENT	WEST BANK	GAZA STRIP	TOTAL	NOTES
Attacks	1	1	2	1 in a raid and 1 from a military post
Raids	23	_	23	Incl. 5 in Jenin & 6 in Bethlehem
Arrests	14	_	14	Incl. 2 children and 1 security officer
Detentions	11	_	11	At checkpoints & in residential areas
House Demolitions	2	_	2	Incl. 1 house under construction
Wall Construction	28	_	28	Incl. Jer., Raml'h., Qalq., Salfit, Beth.
Attack on Property	1	_	1	1 house closed near Hagai in Hebron
House Occupations	2	_	2	1 house in Dura and 1 in Hebron
Flying Checkpoints	12	_	12	Incl. 4 in Qalqiliya & 3 in Jericho
Closure of Checkpoint	1	_	1	'Einav checkpoint, Tulkarem district
Closure (per District)	9	1	10	Incl. the district of Tulkarem partially
Closure of Main Roads	26	_	26	Incl. Road # 60 leading to Jerusalem
Closure of Crossing Points	_	4	4	Incl. Beit Hanun & Rafah partially
Obstruction of Elections	1		1	Elections candidates detained
Palestinian Attacks	_	6	6	9 unidentified mortars fired
Pal. Security Measure	1	_	1	1 illegal vehicle handed over
TOTAL	132	12	144	

DISTRICT	EVENT
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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. Obstruction of Elections: The Israeli army detained a number of candidates running for the upcoming Palestinian legislative elections in the city of Jerusalem and prevented them from holding a press conference on the electoral campaign.
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 14:55, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to the overpass leading to the villages of Kharbatha al Misbah and Beit Liqya, searched civilians and vehicles, and served summons to several of them to report to the Israeli Intelligence Service. The Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on 'Uyun al Haramiya junction on the Ramallah-Nablus main road and searched civilians and vehicles. Raids: At 00:25, the Israeli army, including 2 jeeps, raided the town of Beituniya, searched 1 house, and served a summons to 1 civilian to report to the Israeli Intelligence Service. At 00:50, an Israeli army patrol raided the village of Mazari' an Nubani 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. Raids/Detention: At 22:00, the Israeli army, including 15 jeeps, raided the village of 'Ein al Beida and arrested 3 civilians (brothers), including 2 children, claiming that they threw stones at Israeli settler vehicles. At 22:40, the Israeli army withdrew from the area. At 03:15, the Israeli army, including 7 jeeps, raided and patrolled the town of Qabatiya until 05:20. At 03:25, the Israeli army, including 12 jeeps, raided the city of Jenin and Jenin refugee camp, searched 1 house after detaining residents outside, and arrested 2 civilians. At 05:30, the Israeli army withdrew from the area. At 07:40, the Israeli army raided the village of At Tayba and demolished 2 houses, including 1 house under construction, claiming that they were in close proximity to the Wall. Arrests: The Israeli army arrested 3 civilians in the village of 'Ein al Beida: Tareq Majed Fuqaha, 17 years old; Hisham Majed Fuqaha, 17 years old; and Suleiman Majed Fuqaha, The Israeli army arrested 2 civilians in the city of Jenin: 'Assem Jamal Abu al Hayja'; and Mustafa Wassef Abu al Hayja'; and House Demolitions: The Israeli army demolished 2 houses in the village of At Tayba belonging to: Tawfiq Ahmed Jabarin; and
	(ii) Omar Mas'oud Jabarin.
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 entrance to the village of 'Izbat Abu Khmeish and the roads connecting the town of Kafr al Labad to the village of Al Hafasa, the town of Bal'a and the village of Al 'Attara, Bal'a to Dahiyat Iktaba, Al Mahjar to Al Jarushiya, Iktaba to Deir al Ghusun, Al Masqufa to Deir al Ghusun and Shuweika, Al Hafasa to Dhinnaba, 'Attil to 'Illar, and 'Attil to Deir al Ghusun. Checkpoint: 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.

	 Wall Gates: Passage through the Wall gates is restricted to civilians granted special Israeli permits. Flying Checkpoints: At 11:30, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the junction to the village of Far'un and searched civilians and vehicles until 14:50. At 19:10, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to the village of Ramin and searched civilians and vehicles.
	 Raids: On 17 January 2006, the Israeli army raided the city of Tulkarem and arrested 2 civilians (brothers). At 19:10, the Israeli army, including 6 jeeps, raided the village of An Nazla ash Sharqiya and searched 1 house. Arrests: The Israeli army arrested 2 civilians in the city of Tulkarem: Murad Faleh Sammour; and Majdi Faleh Sammour. Palestinian Security Measure: At 11:45, Palestinian security forces handed over 1 illegal vehicle, seized in the city of Tulkarem, to the Israeli authorities (through the DCO).
QALQILIYA	 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 village of Immatin and east of the towns of Kafr Thulth and 'Azzun. Flying Checkpoints: The Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the northern entrance to the town of 'Azzun and searched civilians and vehicles. The Israeli army set up 2 flying checkpoints at the entrances to the villages of Jit and 'Izbat al Ashqar and searched civilians and vehicles. The Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint in the area between the town of Jayyus and the village of Kafr Jammal and searched civilians and vehicles.
NABLUS	 Closure of Main Road: 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. Checkpoints: (i) 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.

	 (ii) The Israeli army continues to limit the time for crossing Huwwara checkpoint to the period between 06:00 and 23:00. • Raids/Detention: At 10:30, the Israeli army, including 4 jeeps, raided and patrolled the village of Beita. (ii) At 11:30, the Israeli army, including 25 jeeps, raided the village of Kafr Qalil, searched 3 houses, arrested 2 civilians, and withdrew at 12:35. (iii) At 01:45, and again at 03:00, the Israeli army, including 4 jeeps, raided the city of Nablus, opened fire, fired sound grenades, and searched 1 building after detaining residents outside. At 05:30, the Israeli army withdrew from the area. • Arrests: The Israeli army arrested 2 civilians in the village of Kafr Qalil: Ahmed 'Adel Mansour; and Akram Mohammed Ghanem.
SALFIT	 Closure of Main Road: The Israeli army continues to close the main northwestern entrance to the city of Salfit with dirt barricades. The road has been closed since the beginning of the current <i>Intifada</i> (Uprising). Checkpoint: The Israeli army continues to close Deir Ballut checkpoint overnight and open it at various morning hours, 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. Raids: At 00:50, an Israeli army patrol raided the villages of Farkha and Khirbet Qeis and patrolled the area. The Israeli army raided the village of Yasuf and searched a number of houses.
JERICHO	 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. Checkpoint: 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. Flying Checkpoints: At 12:50, and again at 16:15, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to the village of 'Ein ad Duyuk and searched civilians and vehicles. At 23:45, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint near the junction to the settlement of Vered Yericho and searched civilians and vehicles. Detention: At 14:30, Israeli troops positioned at the DCO checkpoint set up at the southern entrance to the city of Jericho detained 5 civilians.

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. The Israeli army continues to close the entrances to the villages of (ii) Husan and Nahhalin with cement blocks. 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 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. **BETHLEHEM Raids:** (i) At 10:30, an Israeli army patrol raided the town of Al 'Ubeidiya and the village of Dar Salah and patrolled the area. (ii) At 17:00, and again at 01:25, an Israeli army patrol raided the city of Bethlehem and patrolled the area. At 19:10, an Israeli army patrol raided the village of Dar Salah, set up a (iii) checkpoint, and searched civilians and vehicles until 20:15. At 01:10, the Israeli army raided the village of Al 'Asakira, searched 1 (iv) house, and arrested 1 Palestinian National Security officer. On 17 January 2006, the Israeli army arrested Khalil Nouh Da'darah in (i) Al 'Aza refugee camp. The Israeli army arrested Fadi Za'al Abdul Mu'ti, a Palestinian (ii) National Security officer, in the village of Al 'Asakira. **Closure:** (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 **HEBRON** are prohibited from travelling along the road unless they possess access permits. Only Israeli settler vehicles are allowed unrestricted access on the road. The Israeli army continues to close with a dirt barricade the area of (iii) 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 the area of Al Hawawir leading to the town of Halhul, 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 Hawa leading to Road # 35 northwest of the city of Hebron and the entrance to the town of Idhna.
- <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'.
- Raid/House Occupation/Detention: On the dawn of 18 January 2006, the Israeli army raided the town of Dura, occupied 1 house, and converted it into a military post after detaining residents in 1 room.
- Arrests: At 03:00 on 18 January 2006, the Israeli army arrested 3 civilians, in addition to those reported yesterday, during its raid on the town of Surif:
- (i) Ala' Ahmed Hamd Allah;
- (ii) Ali Mohammed Amin Ghneimat; and
- (iii) Ahmed Mousa Jum'ah.
- Attack on Property: The Israeli army closed 1 house belonging to Abdul Rahman al Badarin and prevented residents from accessing it, claiming that it is in close proximity to the settlement of Hagai south of the city of Hebron.
- <u>House Occupation</u>: 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.

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.

	 Palestinian Attacks: (i) At 00:30 on 18 January 2006, 1 unidentified mortar was fired towards the Green Line, but exploded in the area from which it was launched. (ii) At 17:10, 2 unidentified mortars were fired towards the Green Line. (iii) At 20:30, 1 unidentified mortar was fired towards the Green Line. (iv) At 21:30, 1 unidentified mortar was fired towards the Green Line, but exploded in the air.
GAZA	Closure of Crossing Point: Al Muntar (Karnei) Crossing is closed.
CENTRAL GAZA	Palestinian Attack: At 22:00 on 17 January 2006, 1 unidentified mortar was fired towards the Green Line.
KHAN YUNIS	 Attack: At 17:00, the Israeli army opened fire from Point 147 on the Green Line towards Palestinian territory east of the area of Al Qarara. Palestinian Attack: At 01:00 on 18 January 2006, 3 unidentified mortars were fired towards the Green Line.
RAFAH	Closure of Crossing Points: Yasser Arafat International Airport remains closed. 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.