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PALESTINIAN MONITORING GROUP

DAILY SITUATION REPORT

08:00, 27 January 2008 – 08:00, 28 January 2008

SUMMARY OF EVENTS

EVENT	WEST BANK	GAZA STRIP	TOTAL	NOTES
Injuries		4	4	4 armed individuals in Rafah district
Arrests	13		13	Incl. 7 civilians in Jenin
Detentions	21		21	At checkpoints & in residential areas
Raids	24		24	Incl. 2 in Ramallah; 6 in Jenin
Checkpoints	18		18	Closure of checkpoints, stricter measures
Flying Checkpoints	13		13	Incl. 2 in Jerusalem; 7 in Jenin
Attacks	6	1	7	Incl. during 5 raids; 1 confrontation
Air Attacks		2	2	4 missiles fired ia Rafah
Air Patrols		3	3	Incl. 2 combat helicopters
Demolition of Property	1	3	4	Damage incurred to electric transformer
Wall construction	25		25	Continues in West Bank districts
Closures	7		7	Partial in Jerusalem, 3 areas in Hebron
Closure of Main Roads	35		35	Incl. 3 in Jerusalem; 12 in Hebron
Closure of Crossing Points		5	5	Partial opening of 2 crossings
Palestinian Attacks	1	2	3	Incl. 10 mortar fired towards Green Line
TOTAL	164	20	184	

DISTRICT	EVENTS
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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.

• <u>Closure</u>: At 11:00, the Israeli army closed the city of Jerusalem completely for a number of hours. The Israeli army intensified its restrictions at checkpoints located at the entrances to the city of Jerusalem. The Israeli army also continued to close the entrances to al-Aqsa Mosque compound in the old city of Jerusalem and impede civilian access to the mosque. Additionally, the Israeli army combed the area alongside the apartheid Wall as a result of heated alarms of a suicide attack in the city.

• Closure of Main Roads:

- (i) 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.
- (ii) The Israeli army continues to close the road connecting Dahiyat al-Bareed to the town of al-Ram in order to complete Wall construction in the area.
- (iii) The Israeli army continues to close with cement blocks and dirt barricades the entrance to the village of Jaba', which connects the village to the cities of Jerusalem, Ramallah, and Jericho.

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• Checkpoints:

- (i) The Israeli army continues to consider Qalandya 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.
- (ii) The Israeli army intensified restrictions at Ramot and Rafat checkpoints, and impeded traffic.
- **Raids**: At 12:00, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the town of Anata.
- <u>Arrests</u>: At 12:00 on January 26, the Israeli army arrested civilian Asrar al-Barghouti after seriously injuring him in Atarot industrial zone that is located to the north of the city of Jerusalem. (See January 27 report).

• Wall Gates:

- (i) The Israeli army continues to close the Wall gate in the town of Abu Dis with cement blocks.
- (ii) The Israeli army continues to deny civilian access through the Wall gate on al-Shayyah road in the area between the villages of al-Sawahira al-Sharqiya and al-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 al-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	 Closure of Main Roads: The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the eastern entrance to the village of Sinjil. The Israeli army continues to close the western entrance to the village of Safa with cement blocks. Checkpoints: The Israeli army continues to intensify restrictions at the checkpoint set up on the overpass to the town of 'Atara and impede civilian access. Flving Checkpoints: At 16:00, the Israeli army set up a checkpoint at the entrance to the village of Ras Karkar. At 02:30, the Israeli army set up a checkpoint at the junction of the village of Surda, and searched civilians and vehicles. Raids: At 23:00, the Israeli army raided the city of al-Bireh, searched 2 buildings after detaining residents in the open, and handed one civilian a notification to report to the Israeli intelligence. In addition, the Israeli army set up a checkpoint and then withdrew at 03:00. At 03:30, the Israeli army raided the village of 'Ajjoul and arrested one civilian. Arrests: The civilian arrested in the village of 'Ajjoul is Iyad Mahmoud Harasheh. Wall Construction: Wall construction continues in the area west of the town of 'Abud as well as in the areas of al-Midya to Ni'lin and Ni'lin to Deir Qaddis.
JENIN	 Closure of Main Roads: The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the road leading to the town of 'Arraba east of the settlement of Dotan. Flying Checkpoints: (i) At 08:30, the Israeli army set up a checkpoint in the area of Wadi Hassan between the town of al-Yamoun and the village of Kafr Dan, and searched civilians and vehicles. (ii) At 10:45, the Israeli army set up 2 checkpoints at the junction of the village of 'Ijjah, and searched civilians and vehicles. (iii) At 22:20, the Israeli army set up a checkpoint at the entrance to the village of al-Kfir, and searched civilians and vehicles. Raids: At 11:30, the Israeli army raided the town of Jaba' and searched one civilian house.

	 (ii) At 15:30, the Israeli army raided the villages of Rumanna and 'Anin, set up 3 checkpoints, and denied civilian access after armed civilians opened fire towards Israeli troops stationed at Salem checkpoint. (iii) At 18:00, the Israeli army raided the village of Zeboubam arrested 3 civilians including one child, and withdrew at 20:00. (iv) At 02:30, the Israeli army raided the city of Jenin, searched a number of civilian houses, arrested 4 civilians, and withdrew at 05:30. (v) At 06:00, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the village of al-Araqa. • Arrests: (i) The 3 civilians arrested in the village of Zebouba are: (a) Ziyad Abdel Rahman jaradat, 17; (b) Diya' Ahmad Obeidi; and (c) Mohammad Ahmad Zaghad. (ii) The 4 civilians arrested in the city of Jenin are: (a) Bassam Mohammad Abu Obeid; (b) Majdi Khader Ighbariyyeh; (c) Khaled Mohammad Abu Obeid; and (d) Tamer al-Sous. • Wall Gates: Passage through the Wall gates is restricted to civilians granted special Israeli permits, which affects the educational and health conditions of civilians living behind the Wall. • Checkpoints: The Israeli army continues to close Tayaseer checkpoint east of the town of Tubas denving civilian access to the Northern Lordan 			
TOUBAS of the town of Tubas, denying civilian access to the Norther Valley, except for civilians whose IDs indicate that their place of is the Northern Jordan Valley. • Raids: At 04:50, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the value Tayaseer.				
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's plain; the road to the town of Deir al-Ghusun's plain; and the entrance to the village of 'Izbat Abu Khamish. Checkpoints: The Israeli army continues to intensify restrictions at Einav checkpoint that is set up on Tulkarem-Nablus road and at Jbara checkpoint. Raids: At 02:40, the Israeli army raided the city of Tulkarem, searched 2 civilian houses, and withdrew at 04:00. Arrests: On January 24, the Israeli army arrested at Jbara checkpoint civilian Yassin Najeh Abdel Fattah Ishtiyyeh. Wall Gates: Passage through the wall gates is restricted to civilians granted special Israeli permits. 			
QALQILYA	 Closure of Roads: The Israeli army continues to close with cement blocks the agricultural roads east of the town of 'Azzun as well as the road that connects the town of 'Azzun to the village of 'Izbat at Tabib. Checkpoints: The Israeli army continues to intensify restrictions at the checkpoint 			

that is set up at the eastern entrance to the city of Qalqilya and impede civilian access.

Raids:

- (i) At 17:00, the Israeli army raided the village of Habla and stormed into an internet café.
- (ii) At 17:00, the Israeli army raided the town of 'Azzun and opened fire intensively during patrol.
- (iii) At 00:50, the Israeli army raided the city of Qalqilya and opened fire indiscriminately during patrol. The Israeli army withdrew at 02:30.

• Wall Gates:

- (i) Passage through the Wall gates is restricted to civilians granted special Israeli permits.
- (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 leveling for Wall construction continues in the villages of Immatin and Kafr Laqif as well as east of the towns of Kafr Thulth and 'Azzun.

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 settler bypass road connecting the village of Deir al-Hatab to the settlement of Alon Moreh as well as the southern entrance to the village of Qaryut.
- (iii) The Israeli army continues to close the entrance to the village of al-Lubban al-Sharqiya with dirt barricades and cement blocks.
- (iv) The Israeli army continues to close the road that connects the city of Nablus with the village of Qosin with dirt barricades.
- <u>Checkpoints</u>: The Israeli army continues to regulate times for crossing checkpoints set up around the city of Nablus:
- (i) At Tur neighborhood checkpoint (set up on Jerzim 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 neighborhood only.
- (ii) Beit Furik checkpoint is open to civilian residents of the town of Beit Furik and the nearby village of Beit Dajan.
- (iii) 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 al-Shamaliya and to prevent civilians from crossing, only allowing access to humanitarian cases.

• Raids:

- (i) At 22:00, the Israeli army raided the village of Surra and opened fire indiscriminately during patrol. Additionally, the Israeli army incurred damage to an electric transformer in the village resulting in a total blackout.
- (ii) At 22:30, the Israeli army raided the village of Tel and opened fire indiscriminately during patrol.

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 (iii) At 02:30, the Israeli army raided the refugee amp of Askar and opened fire indiscriminately during house search. In addition, the Israeli army arrested one civilian and withdrew at 04:40. Arrests: (i) At 19:00, the Israeli army arrested 2 civilians near the bypass 				
road leading to the west of the village of Qosin. The arrested civilians are: (a) Mustafa Mohammad Abed Rabbo; and				
(b) Ahmad Wasfi Zabadi.				
(ii) The civilian arrested in the refuge camp of Askar is Mousa Ali Abu Leil.				
 Closure of Main Roads: The Israeli army continues 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 al-Dik. The Israeli army continues to close the agricultural road connecting the village of Iskaka and the bypass road (trans-Samaria) near Ariel settlement. Checkpoints: The Israeli army continues to intensify its restrictions at Deir Ballut and Za'tarah checkpoints and to deny civilian access. Raids: At 15:10, the Israeli army raided the village of Rafat and patrolled it until 15:45. The Israeli army raided and patrolled the town of Deir Istiyya. Wall Construction: Wall construction continues in the area northwest of the 				
 city of Salfit, and in the village of Marda and the town of Kafr Hares north of the settlement of Ari'el. 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: (i) The Israeli army continues to intensify its restrictions and impede civilian access 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 that connects the districts of Jericho and Ramallah. (ii) At 15:35, the Israeli army intensified restrictions at the D.C.O. checkpoint that is set up at the southern entrance to the city of Jericho and impeded traffic.				

	• <u>Attacks</u> : At 20:50, the Israeli army fired illumination bombs over the village of al-Nouaymah.
BETHLEHEM	 Closure: (i) 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. (ii) Since September 15, 2007, the Israeli army has been preventing civilian access, according to military order 07.02.S, to the 22-dunum land that has been confiscated in accordance with confiscation order number 07.31.T. The 22-dunum area has been set to construct a passage in the area of Mazmouriyyeh that is located in the cities of Beit Sahour and Bethlehem. 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. Flying Checkpoints: The Israeli army set up a checkpoint near the village of Nahalin and detained civilian Walid Ibrahim Najareh, who is a village council member but released him later after investigating with him at Kfar Etzyon settlement investigation center. Wall Construction: Wall construction continues in the area northwest of the town of al-Khader; northwest of the city of Beit Jala; in the area of Wadi Rahhal east of the settlement of Ephrata; and in the area surrounding the village of al-Walaja.
HEBRON	• Closure: (i) The Israeli army continues to close the following locales in the old city of Hebron: al-Shuhada' Street and the area of al-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 al-Sahleh. The Israeli army also continues to install an iron gate at the entrance to the area of al-Hisba (the fruits and vegetables market) in the old city of Hebron, thereby controlling civilian access in the area. (ii) Although it expired on 07 May 2006, the Israeli army continues to implement a military order stipulating the prohibition of civilian vehicles from traveling 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 entrance to the town of al-Samoa'; the area of al-Hawawir leading to the town of Halhoul; 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
neighborhood	in the old cit	y of Heb	ron as w	vell as	s the mair	n en	trance to
al-'Arroub refu	ugee camp.						
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(ii) In accordance with Military Order # 378, the Israeli army continues to prohibit Palestinian vehicles from traveling 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.

Raids:

- (i) At 14:00, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the city of Hebron.
- (ii) At 19:30, the Israeli army raided the town of Tafouh and patrolled it until 19:50.
- (iii) At 02:00, the Israeli army raided the village of Surra, searched one civilian house and arrested one police officer.
- (iv) At 03:00, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the towns of Dura and al-Thahiriyyeh.
- <u>Arrests</u>: The civilian arrested in the village of Surra is police officer Sa'eed al-Sha'rawi.
- <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 al-Ramadin, and near the village of Imneizil southeast of the town of Yatta.

GAZA STRIP

	Closure of Crossing Point: Beit Hanoun (Erez) Crossing is partially open (to			
NORTHERN	allow previously coordinated humanitarian access).			
	Palestinian Attacks:			
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GILII	(i) At 20:00, four (unidentified) mortars were fired towards the Green Line.			
	(ii) At 20:30, a number of mortars were fired towards the Green Line.			
	Closure of Crossing Points:			
	(i) Al-Muntar (Karni) Crossing is closed.			
GAZA	(ii) Al-Shuja'iya (Nahal 'Oz) Crossing is partially open to let in a limited			
	quantity of fuel.			
	• Air Patrols: At 16:40, F16 war planes flew over the city of Gaza.			
	Closure of Crossing Points: All Closed			
	(i) Yasser 'Arafat International Airport remains closed.			
	(ii) Rafah (al-Awdah) Crossing is closed.			
RAFAH	(iii) Sufa Crossing is closed.			
	(iv) Karm Abu Salim (Karem Shalom) Crossing is closed.			
	• Air Attacks: At 21:30, Israeli combat helicopters fired 4 missiles and opened			
	machine gum fire in two separate incidents towards two locations belonging			
	to armed individuals north-west of the city of Rafah, resulting in the injury			

	of 4 armed individuals and the damage of a troop carrier and a civilian
	vehicle.