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PALESTINIAN MONITORING GROUP

DAILY SITUATION REPORT

08:00 31 January 2007 – 08:00 01 February 2007

SUMMARY OF EVENTS

EVENT	WEST BANK	GAZA STRIP	TOTAL	NOTES
Deaths	2	_	2	Armed Palestinian individuals in Nablus
Injuries	2	1	3	Incl. 1 female civilian in critical condition
Attacks	7	4	11	Incl. 5 in raids and 2 from military posts
Raids	43	_	43	Incl. 7 in Jenin & 6 in Tulkarem
Air Patrols	1	1	2	Incl. troops dispatched by helicopters
Arrests	34	_	34	Incl. 2 Palestinian security officers
Detentions	17	_	17	At checkpoints and in residential locales
House Demolition	1	_	1	1 house in the old city of Nablus
Wall Construction	26	_	26	Jer., Raml'h., Qalq., Salfit, Hebron, Beth.
Confiscation of Property	1	_	1	1 rifle from a house in Biddya, Salfit
Attacks on Property	4	_	4	Notices given to cease house construction
House Occupation	1	_	1	Converted into a military post, Qalqiliya
Closure of Checkpoints	14	_	14	Incl. access impeded at 7 checkpoints
Flying Checkpoints	8	_	8	Incl. 1 in Jerusalem & 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	_	6	6	Incl. Beit Hanun (Erez) partially
Medical Obstruction	1	_	1	Ambulances denied access in Nablus
TOTAL	200	12	212	

DIST	RICT	EVENT	

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>: 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:

- (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 Ar Ram in order to complete Wall construction in the area.
- (iii) 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.
- <u>Checkpoint</u>: 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.

JERUSALEM

• 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 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.

• Raids:

- (i) At 03:30, the Israeli army, including 4 jeeps, raided the area near Qalandiya Airport, searched 1 house, arrested 1 civilian, and withdrew at 03:45.
- (ii) The Israeli army raided the village of Qatanna and arrested 1 civilian.
- (iii) The Israeli army raided the village of Biddu and arrested 1 civilian.

(iv)	The Israeli army raided the town of 'Anata and searched 1 house. The
	Israeli army also set up a checkpoint at the town's entrance, searched civilians and vehicles, and arrested 1 civilian.
• <u>Ar</u>	rests:
(i)	The Israeli army arrested an unidentified civilian near Qalandiya Airport.
(ii)	The Israeli army arrested Majdi Isma'il Shamasneh in the village of Qatanna.
(iii)	The Israeli army arrested Nidhal Ibrahim Badwan in the village of Biddu.
(iv)	The Israeli army arrested Naseem Mohammed Hamdan in the town of 'Anata.

• 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.
- <u>Flying Checkpoint</u>: At 19:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to the village of Kharbatha al Misbah and searched civilians and vehicles.

RAMALLAH & EL BIREH

Raids/Attack/Detentions:

- (i) At 01:00, the Israeli army raided the city of El Bireh and arrested 1 civilian.
- (ii) At 01:30, the Israeli army, including 10 jeeps, raided the city of Ramallah, opened fire, and fired sound grenades. Having detained residents outside, the Israeli army searched 1 building and withdrew at 04:30.
- (iii) The Israeli army raided the town of Silwad and arrested 2 civilians.
- (iv) The Israeli army raided the village of Saffa and searched a house under construction.

• Arrests:

- (i) The Israeli army arrested Iyad Hasan Salameh, a civilian resident of the village of Saffa while he was working in the settlement of Modi'in in the western Ramallah district.
- (ii) The Israeli army arrested Fadi Jihad Karakrah in the city of El Bireh.

The Israeli army arrested 2 civilians in the town of Silwad:

- (iii) Mousa Lutfi Hamed; and
- (iv) Firas Sami Wardeh.

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. Raids/Attack: (i) At 09:10, the Israeli army, including 3 jeeps, raided and patrolled the town of Kafr Ra'i. (ii) At 17:30, the Israeli army, including 7 jeeps, raided the village of Al 'Araqa and patrolled the area until 21:00. (iii) At 01:00, the Israeli army, including 4 jeeps, raided the town of Tubas, opened indiscriminate fire, searched 1 house, and withdrew at 01:30. (iv) At 01:00, the Israeli army, including 8 jeeps, raided the city of Jenin. An armed confrontation took place between the Israeli army and armed Palestinian individuals. The Israeli army also searched 1 house, arrested 1 civilian, and withdrew at 03:30. (v) At 02:00, the Israeli army raided the village of Ti'innik and arrested 1 Palestinian National Security officer. (vi) The Israeli army raided the town of Jaba' and arrested 1 civilian. (vii) The Israeli army raided the village of Kafr Qud, set up a checkpoint at its entrance, searched civilians and vehicles, and patrolled the area. Arrests: (i) At 02:00 on 31 January 2007, the Israeli army arrested Jihad Hatem Shayeb, a university student, during its raid into the town of Birqin, in addition to those reported yesterday. (ii) The Israeli army arrested Saeb Husni al Batsh in the city of Jenin. (iii) The Israeli army arrested Shadi Abdul Ra'oud Qa'dan in the town	
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. 	

Raids/Air Patrol: At 09:10, the Israeli army, including 3 jeeps, raided and patrolled the (i) town of 'Illar. At 10:00, the Israeli army raided and patrolled Dahiyat Dhinnaba in the (ii) city of Tulkarem. (iii) At 11:15, the Israeli army raided the village of Seida. Confrontations took place between the Israeli army and civilians. At 20:45, Israeli troops, dispatched by 3 combat helicopters, raided and (iv) combed the area between the town of Beit Lid and the villages of Kur and Kafr Qaddum. At 02:00, the Israeli army, including 4 jeeps, raided the city of (v) Tulkarem and Tulkarem refugee camp and searched 1 house as well as 1 building. The Israeli army also arrested 1 civilian and 1 Palestinian National Security officer. At 03:10, the Israeli army withdrew from the area. Arrests: The Israeli army arrested 1 civilian and 1 Palestinian security officer in the city of Tulkarem: Thaer Mohammed Hantash, a Palestinian National Security officer; and (i) (ii) Mohammed Nathmi Hamed. 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 (i) Israeli permits. The Israeli army continues to intensify its restrictions at 'Azzun 'Atma (ii) 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. Flying Checkpoint: The Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the **QALQILIYA** eastern entrance to the city of Qalqiliya and searched civilians and vehicles. Raids/House Occupation: At 18:00, the Israeli army raided the village of Jit as well as the area located between the villages of Jit and Kafr Qaddum, after a Palestinian individual threw a Molotov cocktail at an Israeli settler bus while it was travelling along the main road between the villages of Jit and Kafr Qaddum. The Israeli army also occupied and converted into a military post the roof of a house overlooking the area located between the two villages. In addition, the Israeli army combed the area. **Detention:** At 09:00, Israeli troops positioned at a checkpoint detained Ahmed Abdul Kareem Abu ar Rub, a Palestinian National Security officer, while he was travelling from the district of Jenin to his duty station in the city of Qalqiliya. At 17:00, Israeli troops released Abu ar Rub. **Closure of Main Roads:** (i) The Israeli army continues to close the Jenin-Nablus road between the **NABLUS** 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 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/Attack/Injuries/Medical Obstruction:

- (i) At 02:00 on 31 January 2007, the Israeli army raided the village of Salim and arrested 1 university student.
- (ii) At 17:50, the Israeli army, including 20 jeeps, raided the city of Nablus. While surrounding and searching a building, the Israeli army opened fire, injuring 1 child and 1 female civilian, Muyassar Khalil at Tanbour. The female civilian, being in critical condition, was transported to an Israeli hospital for medical treatment. In addition, the Israeli army arrested 1 civilian and withdrew at 19:10.
- (iii) At 01:30, the Israeli army raided the city of Nablus, the village of Kafr Qalil, and Balata refugee camp. In the city and refugee camp, the Israeli army searched a number of houses and arrested 2 civilians. In the old city of Nablus, an armed confrontation took place between the Israeli army and armed Palestinian individuals, during which the Israeli army killed 2 armed Palestinian individuals. Additionally, the Israeli army prevented ambulances from transporting the killed Palestinian individuals as well as used explosives to demolish 1 house belonging to the family of one of the killed individuals. At 06:30, the Israeli army withdrew from the area.
- <u>Killings</u>: The Israeli army killed 2 armed Palestinian individuals in the old city of Nablus:
- (i) 'Amer Bassam Kalbouneh; and
- (ii) Wael Khamis 'Awadh.

• Arrests:

- (i) Israeli troops positioned at Al Badhan checkpoint arrested Midhat Saleh Thaher.
- (ii) The Israeli army arrested Shadi Zaved Ishtayyeh in the village of Salim.
- (iii) The Israeli army arrested Nasser Fat'hi Jawabreh in the city of Nablus. The Israeli army arrested 2 civilians in the city of Nablus and Balata refugee camp:

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	(iv) Muhsen Husam ar Ruzzeh; and
	(v) Mohammed Badee' Qar'an.
	• House Demolition: The Israeli army demolished 1 house in the old city of
	Nablus, belonging to the family of Hani Mohammed 'Uweijan.
	• <u>Closure of Main Roads</u> :
	(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 <i>Intifada</i> (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.
	• Raids/Confiscation of Property:
	(i) At 19:25, the Israeli army, including 3 jeeps, raided the village of
	Marda. Confrontations took place between the Israeli army and
SALFIT	civilians. The Israeli army also raided a house, where civilians were
5112111	offering condolences for the death of a civilian. In addition, the Israeli
	army attempted to confiscate cameras that were in the possession of
	international peace activists and withdrew at 20:30.
	(ii) At 20:00, the Israeli army, including 10 jeeps, raided the town of
	Biddya and the village of Qarawat Bani Hassan, searched a number of
	houses, and arrested 4 civilians. In the town of Biddya, the Israeli army
	confiscated 1 rifle from a house. At 04:00, the Israeli army withdrew
	from the area.
	(iii) The Israeli army raided the village of Sarta and arrested 1 civilian.(iv) The Israeli army raided and patrolled the towns of Bruqin and Kafr ad
	(iv) The Israeli army raided and patrolled the towns of Bruqin and Kafr ad Dik.
	• Arrests: The Israeli army arrested 4 civilians in the town of Biddya and the
	village of Qarawat Bani Hassan:
	(i) Mazen Abdul Hameed Rayyan;
	(ii) Muhsen Mohammed Mar'i;
	(iii) Rizq Khadher Rayyan; and
	(iv) Zakariyya Ibrahim Sarsour.
	(v) The Israeli army arrested Mohammed Jamal al Khatib in the village of
	Sarta.
	• <u>Closure</u> : 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
JERICHO	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. The Israeli army continues to intensify its restrictions at the DCO (ii) checkpoint set up at the southern entrance to the city of Jericho and to prevent civilians from leaving the city, only allowing those holding Jericho- and Jerusalem-issued IDs to cross. Raids: At 15:30, an Israeli army patrol raided the village of Al 'Auja and patrolled the area. At 01:25, the Israeli army, including 1 armoured vehicle and 7 jeeps, raided the village again, searched 5 houses, and withdrew at 02:30. 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:** (i) At 21:15, the Israeli army, including 2 jeeps, raided and patrolled the city of Bethlehem. At 01:30, the Israeli army, including 4 jeeps, raided the town of Al (ii) **BETHLEHEM** 'Ubeidiya, arrested 1 civilian, and withdrew at 01:45. At 02:40, the Israeli army raided the town of Tuqu' and arrested 1 (iii) civilian. The Israeli army raided the town of Za'tara and arrested 1 civilian. (iv) **Arrests:** (i) The Israeli army arrested Iyad Younes Radaydeh in the town of Al 'Ubeidiya. The Israeli army arrested Jihad Mousa Jibreen in the town of Tuqu'. (ii) (iii) The Israeli army arrested Khaled Ali Abu Rmeis in the town of Za'tara. **Attacks on Property:** With the intention to demolish them, the Israeli army distributed notices for the cessation of the construction of 4 houses in the village of Wadi Rahhal, claiming that they are located in close proximity to the Wall route. **Closure:** The Israeli army continues to close the following locales in the old city (i) **HEBRON** 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.

• Raids:

- (i) At 10:30, the Israeli army raided the city of Hebron, set up 4 checkpoints, searched civilians and vehicles, and patrolled the area.
- (ii) At 02:20, the Israeli army raided the town of Taffuh, searched a number of houses, and arrested 5 civilians.
- (iii) The Israeli army raided the village of Beit ar Rush al Foqa, searched 1 house, and arrested 1 university student.
- (iv) The Israeli army raided the town of Dura, arrested 1 civilian, and served summons to 2 other civilians to report to the Israeli Intelligence agency.
- Arrests: The Israeli army arrested 5 civilians in the town of Taffuh:
- (i) Ibrahim Ahmed Khamayseh;
- (ii) Tawfeeq Ali Khamayseh;
- (iii) Hisham Abdul Qader at Taradeh;
- (iv) Ibrahim Mohamed at Taradeh; and
- (v) Ahmed Jaber at Taradeh.
- (vi) The Israeli army arrested Bilal Rizq al Fqiyyat in the village of Beit ar Rush al Foqa.
- (vii) The Israeli army arrested Usamah Younes 'Amr in the town of Dura.

GAZA STRIP

ALL DISTRICTS	• The ceasefire agreement that entered into force at 06:00 on 26 November 2006 remains effective. However, the Israeli army and navy opened fire on 4 occasions, resulting in the injury of 1 civilian. Israeli combat helicopters also patrolled the skies over Palestinian territory.
NORTHERN GAZA	 Closure of Crossing Point: Beit Hanun (Erez) Crossing is partially open only to foreign nationals, VIPs, and humanitarian cases. From 13:30 until 16:10, the Crossing was closed to civilian access. Attacks: In violation of the Israeli-Palestinian ceasefire agreement, the Israeli army opened fire towards Palestinian territory, as follows: At 15:50, the Israeli army opened fire from the area between Points 63 and 64 on the Green Line towards a number of shepherds at a distance of 100 metres from the border fence east of the eastern cemetery east of the town of Jabalya, injuring 1 civilian. At 15:50, Israeli navy boats opened fire and fired flares over the sea opposite Al Waha beach northwest of the town of Beit Lahiya. At 22:00, the Israeli army opened intensive fire from its location on the Green Line towards civilian houses north of the town of Beit Hanun. Air Patrol: At 14:45, Israeli combat helicopters patrolled the skies over Palestinian territory north of the town of Beit Hanun, thereby violating the Israeli-Palestinian ceasefire agreement.
GAZA	 Closure of Crossing Points: (i) Al Muntar (Karnei) Crossing is closed. (ii) Ash Shuja'iya (Nahal 'Oz) Crossing is closed.
CENTRAL GAZA	Activities not reported.
KHAN YUNIS	Activities not reported.
RAFAH	 Closure of Crossing Points: (i) Yasser 'Arafat International Airport remains closed. (ii) Rafah Crossing is closed. (iii) Sufa Crossing is closed.