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PALESTINIAN MONITORING GROUP

DAILY SITUATION REPORT

08:00 31 December 2005 – 08:00 01 January 2006

SUMMARY OF EVENTS

EVENT	WEST BANK	GAZA STRIP	TOTAL	NOTES
Deaths	—	2	2	During an air attack on N. Gaza
Injuries	10	1	11	Incl. 10 children in Jenin RC
Air Attacks	—	2	2	UAV missiles on Northern Gaza
Attacks	2	6	8	Incl. 35 artillery shells fired
Raids	26	—	26	Incl. 5 in Tulkarem & 6 in Bethlehem
Air Patrols	—	2	2	UAVs over Northern Gaza
Arrests	6	—	6	Incl. 2 Palestinian security officers
Detentions	15	—	15	At checkpoints & in residential areas
Wall Construction	28	—	28	Incl. Jer., Raml'h., Qalq., Salfit, Beth.
House Occupations	4	—	4	Incl. 3 buildings in Jenin
Checkpoints	2	—	2	'Einav & Jubara checkpoints closed
Flying Checkpoints	27	—	27	Incl. 12 in Qalqiliya & 4 in Hebron
Closure (per District)	9	1	10	Incl. a buffer zone in Northern Gaza
Closure of Main Roads	29	—	29	Incl. Tulkarem-Nablus road
Closure of Wall Gates	(All)	—	(All)	Incl. searches at 'Azzun 'Atma gate
Closure of Crossing Points	—	5	5	Incl. Beit Hanun Crossing partially
Settler Violence	1	—	1	1 shepherd severely beaten, Qalqiliya
Provocation of Pal. Forces	2	4	6	Incl. security officers denied access
Palestinian Attacks	1	3	4	Incl. 3 unidentified mortars fired
TOTAL	162	26	188	

DISTRICT	EVENT
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<p style="text-align: center;">ALL DISTRICTS</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Israeli army continues to impose a complete closure on the West Bank until 01 January 2006 due to Jewish holidays. The Israeli army has prevented civilians from crossing the Green Line or accessing the city of Jerusalem.
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WEST BANK

<p style="text-align: center;">JERUSALEM</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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, impeding 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 was resumed 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. Flying Checkpoint: The Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to Dahiyat ar Ram north of the city of Jerusalem and searched civilians and vehicles.
<p style="text-align: center;">RAMALLAH & EL BIREH</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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 was resumed 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: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 11:30, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the Ramallah-Bir Zeit road and searched civilians and vehicles. (ii) At 07:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the overpass to the town of 'Atara and searched civilians and vehicles. Raids: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 12:30, the Israeli army, including 2 jeeps, raided and patrolled the town of Beit Rima until 13:00. (ii) At 14:50, the Israeli army, including 5 jeeps, raided the town of Deir Ghassana and the villages of Kafr 'Ein and Qarawat Bani Zeid, opened indiscriminate fire while patrolling the village of Qarawat Bani Zeid, and withdrew at 15:10.

<p style="text-align: center;">JENIN</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Closure of Main Road:</u> 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. • <u>Checkpoint:</u> The Israeli army continues to intensify its restrictions at Tayasir checkpoint east of the town of Tubas and to impede civilian access. • <u>Wall Gates:</u> Passage through the Wall gates is restricted to civilians granted special Israeli permits. • <u>Raids/House Occupations/Detention:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Beginning at 04:40 on 30 December 2005, the Israeli army remained positioned in the city of Jenin and Jenin refugee camp. The Israeli army occupied 3 buildings in the city of Jenin and on the outskirts of Jenin refugee camp and converted them into military posts, after detaining residents. The Israeli army also arrested 1 Palestinian National Security officer and searched a number of houses. Confrontations took place between the Israeli army and civilians in Jenin refugee camp, during which the Israeli army injured 10 children. At 03:00, the Israeli army withdrew from the area. (ii) At 01:00, the Israeli army raided the village of Bardala after an Israeli settler vehicle overturned because Palestinian youth from the village had blocked Road # 90 with large stones. The Israeli army also searched a number of houses and withdrew at 02:00. (iii) At 03:00, the Israeli army, including 4 jeeps, raided the village of 'Anza, searched a number of houses, arrested 1 civilian, and withdrew at 05:00. • <u>Arrests:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) The Israeli army arrested Amjad Hussein Zidan, a Palestinian National Security officer, in the city of Jenin. (ii) The Israeli army arrested Ala' Fat'hi Barahmeh in the village of 'Anza.
<p style="text-align: center;">TULKAREM</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Closure:</u> 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. • <u>Closure of Main Roads:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the road between the town of Kafr al Labad and the village of Al Hafasa and the entrance to the village of 'Izbat Abu Khmeish. (ii) The Israeli army continues to close the road connecting the towns of Bal'a and Deir al Ghusun with cement blocks. (iii) The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the roads connecting the town of Bal'a to the village of Al 'Attara, to the town of 'Illar, and to Dahiyat Iktaba in the city of Tulkarem. • <u>Checkpoints:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) 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 in both directions.

	<p>(ii) The Israeli army continues to close Jubara checkpoint south of the city of Tulkarem and to deny civilian access in both directions.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wall Gates: Passage through the Wall gates is restricted to civilians granted special Israeli permits. • Flying Checkpoints: At 08:00, the Israeli army set up 2 flying checkpoints on the junctions to the village of Al Jarushiya and the town of Bal'a, searched civilian vehicles, and impeded civilian access in all directions. • Raids: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 09:25, the Israeli army raided the town of 'Attil and arrested 1 civilian. (ii) At 11:15, the Israeli army raided the town of Deir al Ghusun and arrested 1 civilian. (iii) At 20:35, the Israeli army, including 3 jeeps, raided and patrolled Dahiyat Shuweika in the city of Tulkarem. (iv) At 21:00, the Israeli army, including 10 jeeps and 1 bulldozer, raided the city of Tulkarem, set up a checkpoint at the entrance to Dahiyat Iktaba, searched civilians and vehicles, and patrolled the area. (v) At 21:15, the Israeli army, including 2 jeeps, raided Dahiyat Dhinnaba in the city of Tulkarem, set up a checkpoint, and searched civilians and vehicles. • Arrests: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) The Israeli army arrested Saleh Mohammed 'Umran in the town of 'Attil. (ii) The Israeli army arrested Liwa' Omar Zidan in the town of Deir al Ghusun. • Provocation of Palestinian Forces: At 09:25, Israeli troops positioned at checkpoints set up around the district of Tulkarem prevented a number of Palestinian security officers, who had spent vacation time in the district of Tulkarem, from crossing to other districts to rejoin their military units (despite coordination through the DCO), allegedly because the district of Tulkarem has been declared a closed military zone.
QALQILIYA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wall Gates: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (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. • Wall Construction: Land levelling for Wall construction was resumed in the village of Immatin and east of the towns of Kafr Thulth and 'Azzun. • Flying Checkpoints: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 09:30, and again at 12:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the eastern entrance to the city of Qalqiliya, searched civilian vehicles, and impeded civilian access until 17:30. (ii) At 10:00, the Israeli army set up 5 flying checkpoints: at the entrances to towns of Jayyus and Kafr Thulth and the villages of 'Izbat Jal'ud and 'Izbat al Ashqar, and on the junction to the village of Sanniriya, and searched civilians and vehicles.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> (iii) At 10:40, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to Habla tunnel south of the city of Qalqiliya and searched civilians and vehicles. (iv) At 13:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint in the vicinity of the village of Al Mudawwar and searched civilians and vehicles. (v) At 13:00, the Israeli army set up 3 flying checkpoints at the entrances to town of 'Azzun and the villages of Kafr Laqif and Hajja and searched civilians and vehicles. • <u>Settler Violence/Physical Assault:</u> At 18:00, a group of Israeli settlers from the settlement of Karnei Shomron severely beat Maheeb Mufeed Miqbel, while he was tending sheep in the vicinity of Wadi Qana.
NABLUS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Closure of Main Roads:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) 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. (ii) The Israeli army continues to close the road connecting the city of Nablus and the town of 'Asira ash Shamaliya. (iii) The Israeli army continues to close the entrance to the village of Beita with dirt barricades. • <u>Checkpoints:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (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, with the exception of Huwwara checkpoint where civilians are allowed only entry into the city around the clock. (ii) At 15:00, the Israeli army intensified its restrictions at the checkpoints set up around the city of Nablus, impeded civilian access, and denied access to civilians holding IDs issued in Jenin and Tulkarem. • <u>Raid/House Occupations/Provocation of Palestinian Forces:</u> At 00:25, Israeli Special Forces raided the city of Nablus, occupied a number of buildings, converted them into military posts, and demanded (through the DCO) that Palestinian security forces not leave their positions. The Israeli army remains positioned in the area as of 08:00 this morning. • <u>Palestinian Attack:</u> At 00:10, armed Palestinian individuals opened fire towards an Israeli military post on At Tur Mountain south of the city of Nablus.
SALFIT	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Closure of Main Roads:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) The Israeli army continues to close the main north-western entrance to the city of Salfit with dirt barricades. The road has been closed since the beginning of the current <i>Intifada</i> (Uprising). (ii) The Israeli army continues to close the entrance to the town of Kafr ad Dik with cement blocks.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> (iii) The Israeli army continues to close the western entrance to the village of Bruqin with dirt barricades. (iv) The Israeli army continues to close the entrance to the village of Qarawat Bani Hassan with an iron gate and cement blocks. • <u>Checkpoints:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) The Israeli army continues to close Deir Ballut checkpoint overnight and open it at various morning hours, impeding civilian access. (ii) At 15:00, the Israeli army intensified its restrictions at Za'tara checkpoint and denied access to civilians holding IDs issued in Jenin and Tulkarem. • <u>Wall Construction:</u> Wall construction was resumed 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. • <u>Flying Checkpoint:</u> At 10:30, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint under the overpass to the village of Iskaka and searched civilians and vehicles until 11:40. • <u>Raid:</u> At 14:00, the Israeli army, including 5 jeeps, raided and patrolled the city of Salfit until 14:50.
JERICHO	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Closure:</u> 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. • <u>Checkpoint:</u> 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. • <u>Flying Checkpoints:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 08:15, and again at 02:20, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the junction to the settlement of Vered Yericho and searched civilians and vehicles. (ii) At 11:10, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on Road # 60 in the centre of the village of Al 'Auja and searched civilian vehicles.
BETHLEHEM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Closure:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (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. (ii) The Israeli army continues to close the entrances to the villages of Husan and Nahhalin with cement blocks. • <u>Closure of Main Roads:</u> 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.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Wall Construction:</u> Wall construction was resumed 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. • <u>Raids/Detention:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 09:25, an Israeli army patrol raided the city of Beit Jala and patrolled the area. (ii) At 09:40, and again at 18:00, an Israeli army patrol raided the town of Al Khadr, detained 2 children, took them to the Detention and Interrogation Centre in the settlement of Kfar ‘Etzion, and released them at a later time. At 07:50, the Israeli army raided the town for the third time and patrolled the area. (iii) At 10:25, the Israeli army, including 2 jeeps, raided and patrolled the town of Al ‘Ubeidiya and the village of Dar Salah until 12:25. • <u>Arrest:</u> At 12:00, Israeli troops positioned at As Sawahira ash Sharqiya (the “Container”) checkpoint arrested Mohammed Waheed Harbiyyeh, a Palestinian National Security officer.
HEBRON	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Closure:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (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 are prohibited from travelling along the road unless they possess access permits. Only Israeli settler vehicles are allowed unrestricted access on the road. (iii) The Israeli army continues to close with a dirt barricade the area of 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. • <u>Closure of Main Roads:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Beginning on 16 December 2005, the Israeli army has continued to close with dirt barricades the entrances to the village of Beit ‘Einun, Al Fawwar refugee camp, the area of Al Hawawir leading to the town of Halhul, and the area of Al Fahs south of the city of Hebron. The Israeli army has also continued to close with dirt barricades Zif junction to the town of Yatta and the junction to the area of Farsh al Haw leading to Road # 35 northwest of the city of Hebron. (ii) Beginning on 16 December 2005, the Israeli army has continued to close the entrance to Al ‘Arrub refugee camp with an iron gate. (iii) Beginning on 16 December 2005, the Israeli army has continued to close the entrance to the town of Idhna with cement blocks.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wall Construction: Wall construction was resumed 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'. • Flying Checkpoint: At 19:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the overpass to the town of Halhul and searched civilians and vehicles. • Raids: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 02:00 on 31 December 2005, the Israeli army raided the town of Yatta, searched 1 house, and arrested 1 civilian. (ii) At 12:20, an Israeli army patrol raided the city of Hebron and set up a checkpoint in the area of Ras al Jora. At 05:00, the Israeli army raided the city again, set up a checkpoint in the area of Wadi al Hariya, and searched civilians and vehicles. (iii) At 17:50, the Israeli army, including 2 jeeps, raided the town of Beit Kahil, set up a checkpoint in the town's centre, and searched civilians and vehicles. (iv) At 20:00, the Israeli army raided the village of As Sarra and searched a number of houses. • Arrest: The Israeli army arrested Ziyad Hasan Khalayleh in the town of Yatta.
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GAZA STRIP

<p style="text-align: center;">ALL DISTRICTS</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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.
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<p style="text-align: center;">NORTHERN GAZA</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure: 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 fliers warning that civilians would put their lives in danger if they enter the designated area. • Closure of Crossing Point: Beit Hanun (Erez) Crossing is partially open to foreign nationals, VIPs, and humanitarian cases only. • Air Attacks: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 14:15, an Israeli army UAV fired 1 missile towards Palestinian territory near a herd of sheep grazing in the area east of the evacuated settlement of Eli Sinai northwest of the town of Beit Lahiya. (ii) At 23:00, an Israeli army UAV fired 1 missile towards the area of Hamdush north of the town of Beit Lahiya, killing 2 civilians and critically injuring Ahmed Muneer Hamdounch. • Killings: The Israeli army killed 2 civilians in the area of Hamdush north of the town of Beit Lahiya:
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Mu'taz Ahmed Hamdouneh; and (ii) Hamzeh Jihad Hamdouneh. • <u>Attacks/Provocation of Palestinian Forces:</u> (i) Between 09:40 and 10:30, the Israeli army fired 17 artillery shells from its location inside the Green Line towards Palestinian territory near 5 Palestinian National Security locations in the area surrounding the evacuated settlements of Eli Sinai and Dugit northwest of the town of Beit Lahiya. (ii) Between 00:30 and 01:20, the Israeli army fired 10 artillery shells from Point 64 on the Green Line east of the town of Jabalya towards Palestinian territory in the area surrounding 2 Palestinian National Security locations northwest of the town of Beit Lahiya. (iii) At 01:25, the Israeli army fired 2 artillery shells from Point 64 on the Green Line east of the town of Jabalya towards Palestinian territory 20 metres away from 1 Palestinian National Security location north of the town of Beit Lahiya. (iv) At 01:40, the Israeli army fired 6 artillery shells from Point 64 on the Green Line east of the town of Jabalya towards Palestinian territory near 1 Palestinian National Security location north of the town of Beit Lahiya. • <u>Palestinian Attack:</u> At 20:30, 1 unidentified mortar was fired from Palestinian territory north of the town of Beit Lahiya towards the Green Line, but exploded in the air.
GAZA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Closure of Crossing Points:</u> (i) Al Muntar (Karnei) Crossing is closed. (ii) Nahal 'Oz Crossing is closed. • <u>Attack:</u> At 14:25, the Israeli army opened intensive fire from Point 94 on the Green Line towards the area of the garbage dump southeast of Gaza city.
CENTRAL GAZA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Attack:</u> At 13:55, the Israeli army opened intensive fire from Point 105 on the Green Line towards Palestinian territory south of Wadi Gaza • <u>Palestinian Attacks:</u> (i) At 16:05, 1 unidentified mortar was fired from the area of Maqbula towards the Green Line, but exploded on Palestinian territory. (ii) At 17:00, 1 unidentified mortar was fired from Palestinian territory east of Al Maghazi refugee camp towards the Green Line.
KHAN YUNIS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Activities not reported.
RAFAH	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Closure of Crossing Points:</u> (i) Yasser Arafat International Airport remains closed. (ii) 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.