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PALESTINIAN MONITORING GROUP

DAILY SITUATION REPORT

08:00 01 January 2006 – 08:00 02 January 2006

SUMMARY OF EVENTS

EVENT	WEST BANK	GAZA STRIP	TOTAL	NOTES
Physical Assaults	2	—	2	Incl. protestors severely beaten
Injuries	4	—	4	1 in Tulkarem and 3 in Hebron
Air Attacks	—	6	6	Incl. 5 missiles fired by F16 aircrafts
Attacks	8	4	12	Incl. 28 artillery shells fired
Raids	14	—	14	Incl. 2 in Tulkarem & 3 in Qalqiliya
Air Patrols	—	8	8	Incl. sound barrier broken, Gaza city
Arrests	2	—	2	Incl. 1 Palestinian security officer
Detentions	12	—	12	At checkpoints & in residential areas
Land Levelling	1	—	1	In Deir Qaddis village, Ramallah
Wall Construction	28	—	28	Incl. Jer., Raml'h., Qalq., Salfit, Beth.
Destruction of Property	3	1	4	Incl. 1 building destroyed in K. Yunis
House Occupation	1	—	1	Converted into mil. posts in Nablus
Checkpoints	3	—	3	Incl. Al Jalama checkpoint closed
Flying Checkpoints	22	—	22	Incl. 3 in Tulkarem & 5 in Qalqiliya
Closure (per District)	9	1	10	Incl. a buffer zone in Northern Gaza
Closure of Main Roads	29	—	29	Incl. eastern entrance to Bir Nabala
Closure of Wall Gates	(All)	—	(All)	Incl. Barta'a Wall gate closed
Closure of Crossing Points	—	3	3	Incl. Beit Hanun Crossing partially
Settlement Activity	1	—	1	Land levelled to construct reservoir
Settler Violence	1	—	1	3 civilians run over in Hebron
Provocation of Pal. Forces	—	2	2	Pal. security locations shelled
Palestinian Attacks	2	—	2	Incl. open fire towards DCO offices
Demonstration	1	—	1	In Beit Jala against Wall construction
TOTAL	143	25	168	

DISTRICT	EVENT
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WEST BANK

JERUSALEM	<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 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. • Flying Checkpoint: The Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the junction to 'Atarot Industrial Zone and searched civilians and vehicles. • Attack: Israeli troops positioned at Qalandiya checkpoint opened indiscriminate fire and fired flares in the area surrounding the checkpoint. Israeli troops also closed the checkpoint for a short period of time. • Settlement Activity: The Israeli High Court issued a decision approving the construction of a road connecting villages northwest of the city of Jerusalem to the village of Al Jib.
RAMALLAH & EL BIREH	<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 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 18:25, and again at 07:20, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the overpass to the town of 'Atara, searched civilians and vehicles, and impeded civilian access. • Raids: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 24:00, the Israeli army, including 5 jeeps, raided the village of Qarawat Bani Zeid, searched 1 house, and withdrew at 00:50. (ii) The Israeli army raided the town of Deir Dibwan, set up a checkpoint at its entrance, searched civilians and vehicles, and patrolled the area. • Settlement Activity: The Israeli army began levelling land belonging to the village of Deir Qaddis for construction of a water reservoir.

JENIN	<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>Checkpoints:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) The Israeli army continues to intensify its restrictions at Tayasir checkpoint east of the town of Tubas and to impede civilian access. (ii) The Israeli army closed Al Jalama checkpoint set up on the Green Line north of the city of Jenin and denied civilian access, allowing passage to humanitarian cases only. • <u>Wall Gates:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Passage through the Wall gates is restricted to civilians granted special Israeli permits. (ii) The Israeli army closed the Wall gate to the village of Barta'a, located behind the Wall, and denied civilian access, allowing passage to humanitarian cases only. • <u>Flying Checkpoints:</u> The Israeli army set up 3 flying checkpoints at the entrances to the towns of Tubas and Tammun and the village of 'Aqqaba and searched civilians and vehicles.
TULKAREM	<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. (ii) The Israeli army continues to close Jubara checkpoint south of the city of Tulkarem and to deny civilian access in both directions. • <u>Wall Gates:</u> Passage through the Wall gates is restricted to civilians granted special Israeli permits. • <u>Flying Checkpoints/Physical Assault:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) 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. (ii) The Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to the town of Deir al Ghusun and searched civilians and vehicles. Israeli troops

	<p>positioned at the checkpoint also severely beat and injured 1 civilian, after which he was transported to hospital for medical treatment.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Raids/Detention:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 09:10, the Israeli army raided the town of ‘Illar and detained 1 civilian. (ii) At 00:40, the Israeli army raided the town of ‘Attil and searched 1 house. • <u>Arrest:</u> At 13:00, Israeli troops positioned at the checkpoint set up near the settlement of ‘Einav on the road connecting the districts of Tulkarem and Nablus arrested Ashraf Khader Mohammed. • <u>Palestinian Attack:</u> At 23:10, armed Palestinian individuals opened fired towards Israeli troops positioned at the DCO offices west of the city of Tulkarem.
<p style="text-align: center;">QALQILIYA</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Wall Gates:</u> <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. • <u>Wall Construction:</u> Land levelling for Wall construction continues in the village of Immatin and east of the towns of Kafr Thulth and ‘Azzun. • <u>Flying Checkpoints:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 10:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint in the vicinity of the village of ‘Izbat at Tabib and searched civilians and vehicles until 11:30. (ii) At 11:30, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint under the overpass to the town of ‘Azzun on the road connecting the districts of Qalqiliya and Tulkarem and searched civilians and vehicles. (iii) At 17:30, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to Habla tunnel, south of the city of Qalqiliya connecting the city to its southern villages, and searched civilians and vehicles. (iv) At 18:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the eastern entrance to the city of Qalqiliya and searched civilian vehicles. (v) At 18:30, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to the village of Hajja and searched civilians and vehicles. • <u>Attack:</u> At 02:00, Israeli troops positioned on the watchtower erected at the entrance to the town of ‘Azzun opened indiscriminate fire and closed the Qalqiliya-Nablus main road for a short period of time. • <u>Raids:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 15:20, an Israeli army patrol raided the city of Qalqiliya and patrolled the area. (ii) At 21:30, and again at 01:40, the Israeli army, including 2 jeeps, raided and patrolled the town of ‘Azzun. • <u>Palestinian Attack:</u> At 01:40, armed Palestinian individuals opened fire towards the Israeli army at the entrance to the city of Qalqiliya. The Israeli army then opened indiscriminate fire and fired flares over the entrance to the city.

<p style="text-align: center;">NABLUS</p>	<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> 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. • <u>Raids/House Occupations:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Beginning at 00:25 on 01 January 2006, the Israeli army has remained positioned in the city of Nablus and continues to occupy a number of buildings, which it has converted into military posts. At 00:10, the Israeli army, supported by additional forces, patrolled the area until 04:35. (ii) At 00:30, the Israeli army, including 8 jeeps, raided and patrolled Balata and ‘Askar refugee camps.
<p style="text-align: center;">SALFIT</p>	<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. (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) 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 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. • <u>Flying Checkpoints:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 08:30, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint under the overpass to the village of Iskaka and searched civilians and vehicles until 11:00.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> (ii) At 09:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to the town of Az Zawiya and searched civilians and vehicles. • Raid: At 00:05, the Israeli army raided the village of Qarawat Bani Hassan and searched 1 house.
JERICHO	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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 Checkpoint: At 10:40, and again at 22:05, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the junction to the village of Al 'Auja on the road connecting the districts of Jericho and Ramallah and searched civilians and vehicles.
BETHLEHEM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure: <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. • 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. • Raids/Detention: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 10:00, the Israeli army, including 2 jeeps, raided and patrolled the area of Wadi Shahin in the city of Bethlehem. (ii) At 18:25, the Israeli army, including 2 jeeps, raided the town of Al Khadr, fired sound grenades, searched 1 house, and detained a number of civilians until 18:55. • Arrest: At 17:00, Israeli troops positioned at As Sawahira ash Sharqiya (the "Container") checkpoint arrested Ahmed Mohammed 'Ubayyat, a Palestinian Police officer. • Demonstration/Physical Assault: A mass demonstration, including international peace activists, took place in the city of Beit Jala in protest against Wall construction. Confrontations took place between the Israeli army and protestors, during which the Israeli army severely beat and injured a number of civilian protestors, leaving them with contusions.

HEBRON

- **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 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.
- **Closure of Main Roads:**
 - (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.
- **Wall Construction:** 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'.
- **Flying Checkpoints:**
 - (i) At 13:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the junction to the village of At Tabaqa and searched civilians and vehicles.
 - (ii) The Israeli army set up 2 flying checkpoints, one on the overpass to the town of Halhul and the other at the entrance to the area of An Nabi Yunis, and searched civilians and vehicles.
- **Raid:** At 14:40, Israeli army infantry forces raided the town of As Samoa'. Confrontations took place between civilians and the Israeli army while it was patrolling the area.
- **Destruction of Property:** The Israeli army issued an order to uproot hundreds of olive trees on civilian land behind the Wall in the town of Beit 'Awwa and the villages of Deir Samit and Sikka, claiming that the land belongs to Israeli companies.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Settler Violence: At 20:30, an Israeli settler vehicle attempted to run over 12 civilians on the junction to the village of Al Jab'a north of the town of Surif, injuring 3 civilians. Among the injured, 2 civilians sustained critical injuries: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Ahmed Muneer Abu Zahrah; and (ii) Kamal 'Izzat Abu Jdei'.
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<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/Provocation of Palestinian Forces: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 03:45, an Israeli army F16 combat aircraft fired 1 missile towards Zammu Street east of the town of Jabalya. (ii) At 03:45, an Israeli army F16 combat aircraft fired 1 missile towards Al Masriyyin playground east of the town of Beit Hanun. (iii) At 04:15, an Israeli army F16 combat aircraft fired 1 missile towards agricultural land east of the town of Beit Hanun. The missile did not explode. (iv) At 04:25, an Israeli army F16 combat aircraft fired 1 missile towards Palestinian territory 30 metres away from 1 Palestinian National Security location east of the town of Beit Hanun. (v) At 04:25, an Israeli army F16 combat aircraft fired 1 missile towards Al Masriyyin Street east of the town of Beit Hanun. • Attacks/Provocation of Palestinian Forces: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 13:35, the Israeli army opened fire from Point 54 on the Green Line towards the area of Abu Safiya east of the town of Beit Hanun. (ii) At 13:35, the Israeli army opened fire from Point 39 on the Green Line towards Palestinian territory east of the town of Beit Hanun. (iii) Between 18:25 and 20:00, the Israeli army fired 28 artillery shells from Points 62 and 64 on the Green Line east of the town of Jabalya towards Palestinian territory 150 metres away from 1 Palestinian National Security location in the evacuated settlement of Eli Sinai northwest of the town of Beit Lahiya.
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GAZA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Air Patrols:</u> At 02:50, and again at 06:30, Israeli army F16 combat aircrafts patrolled the skies over Gaza city, carried out diversionary air raids, and broke the sound barrier.
CENTRAL GAZA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Activities not reported.
KHAN YUNIS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Air Attack/Destruction of Property:</u> At 02:30, an Israeli army combat helicopter fired 2 missiles towards and damaged 1 cultural centre in the town of Bani Suheila. • <u>Attack:</u> At 14:55, Israeli troops positioned at Kessufim gate opened fire towards 1 Palestinian shepherd east of the area of Al Qarara.
RAFAH	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Closure of Crossing Points:</u> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (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.

GENERAL

WORK PERMITS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>West Bank:</u> The Israeli authorities renewed 6,809 work permits for crossing the Green Line. However, the number of permit-holding workers who were allowed to access areas inside the Green Line is unknown. • <u>Gaza Strip:</u> The Israeli authorities renewed 5,227 work permits for crossing the Green Line. However, none of the workers possessing work permits were allowed access to areas inside the Green Line.
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