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PALESTINIAN MONITORING GROUP

DAILY SITUATION REPORT

08:00, 01 January 2008 – 08:00, 02 January 2008

SUMMARY OF EVENTS

| EVENT | WEST BANK | GAZA STRIP | TOTAL | NOTES |
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| Deaths | --- | 7 | 7 | 7 armed individuals in Gaza Strip |
| Injuries | 3 | 11 | 14 | Incl. 3 in ramallah; 8 in the Gaza Strip |
| Arrests | 9 | --- | 9 | Incl. 4 civilians in Salfit |
| Detentions | 17 | --- | 17 | At checkpoints & in residential areas |
| Raids | 28 | 2 | 30 | Incl. 5 in Jenin; 6 in Bethlehem |
| Checkpoints | 16 | --- | 16 | Closure of checkpoints, stricter measures |
| Flying Checkpoints | 10 | --- | 10 | Incl. 2 in Jerusalem; 4 in Jenin |
| Attacks | 3 | 6 | 9 | During 5 raids; 2 from military posts |
| Air Attacks | --- | 4 | 4 | 6 missiles fired on Gaza district |
| Air Patrols | 1 | 8 | 9 | Incl. 7 combat helicopters |
| Curfews | 1 | --- | 1 | In the town of Deir Istiyya, Salfit |
| Demolition of Property | --- | 2 | 2 | Plants razed in Northern Gaza |
| Land Leveling | --- | 2 | 2 | Agricultural land in Northern Gaza |
| Wall construction | 25 | --- | 25 | Continues in the West Bank |
| Closures | 7 | --- | 7 | Partial in Jerusalem, 3 areas in Jenin |
| Closure of Main Roads | 34 | 1 | 35 | Incl. 12 in Hebron |
| Closure of Crossing Points | --- | 7 | 7 | Partial opening of 4 crossing points |
| Attacks on Religious Sites | 1 | --- | 1 | Settlers set fire to mosque |
| Settlement Activities | 1 | --- | 1 | Land survey in Hebron |
| Settler Violence | 2 | --- | 2 | Settlers clash with civilians in Bil'in |
| Palestinian Attacks | --- | 4 | 4 | Incl. 24 mortars fired towards Green Line |
| TOTAL | 158 | 54 | 212 | |

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WEST BANK

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| ALL DISTRICTS | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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. |
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| JERUSALEM | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Closure: 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: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (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. Checkpoints: 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. Wall Gates: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (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 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Closure of Main Roads: The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the eastern entrance to the village of Sinjil. |

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| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Checkpoints:</u> The Israeli army continues to intensify restrictions at the checkpoint set up on the overpass to the town of ‘Atara and impeded civilian access. At 18:20, the Israeli army closed the checkpoint completely and denied access until 18:50. • <u>Flying Checkpoints:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 20:30, the Israeli army set up a checkpoint on the passageway of the village of Ein Yabroud, and searched civilians and vehicles. (ii) At 21:55, the Israeli army set up a checkpoint at the entrance to the village of Surda, and searched civilians and vehicles until 22:30. • <u>Raids:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At dawn on January 1, the Israeli army raided the town of Beit Luqya and arrested one civilian. (ii) At 01:30, the Israeli army raided the cities of Ramallah and al-Bireh, searched a number of houses, and withdrew at 04:30. • <u>Arrests:</u> The civilian arrested in the town of Beit Luqya is Ahmad Rabbah ‘Assi. • <u>Settler Violence:</u> at 23:30, a bunch of settlers entered the land the village of Bil’in that the Israeli Higher Court decided to return to the villagers after the Israeli authorities have modified the route of the apartheid wall. Clashes between Palestinian civilians and settlers broke out resulting in the injury of 3 settlers. • <u>Wall Construction:</u> 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 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Closure of Main Roads:</u> The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the road leading to the town of ‘Arraba east of the settlement of Dotan. • <u>Flying Checkpoints:</u> At 23:30, the Israeli army set up a checkpoint between the villages of al-Zawiyyeh and ‘Anza, and searched civilians and vehicles. • <u>Raids:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 19:00, the Israeli army raided the villages of al-Taybeh, ‘Aneen and Ta’nak, and set up a checkpoint at the entrance to the village OF Ta’nak. (ii) At 23:30, the Israeli army raided the city of Jenin and its refugee camp, and patrolled them until 03:30. • <u>Wall Gates:</u> 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. |
| TOUBAS | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Checkpoints:</u> The Israeli army continues to close Tayaseer 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. • <u>Flying Checkpoints:</u> At 12:00, the Israeli army set up a checkpoint near the village of Kishdeh, and searched civilians and vehicles until 13:00. |
| TULKAREM | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Closure:</u> The Israeli army continues to declare the district of Tulkarem a closed military zone and to impede civilian access to and from the district. |

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| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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 its restrictions at Jubara checkpoint (the southern entrance to the city of Tulkarem) as well as at 'Einav checkpoint (the eastern entrance to the city). At 14:50, the Israeli intelligence investigated a number of civilians at 'Einav checkpoint. • Raids: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 13:35, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the suburb of Shweiki in the city of Tulkarem. (ii) At 14:15, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the town of Deir al-Ghusun. (iii) At 22:15, the Israeli army raided the town of Qafin and arrested 2 civilians, including a child. • Arrests: The 2 civilians arrested in the town of Qafin are: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) Wassim Abu Tu'meh, 16; and (b) Nasr Majed Sabbah, 17. • Wall Gates: Passage through the wall gates is restricted to civilians granted special Israeli permits. |
| QALQILYA | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 18:20, the Israeli army raided the town of Jayyous and clashed with civilians during patrol. (ii) At 02:30, the Israeli army raided the city of Qalqilya and patrolled it until 03:00. (iii) The Israeli army raided the village of Ras Atiyyeh, searched a number of houses, and arrested one civilian. • Arrests: The civilian arrested in the village of Ras atiyeh is Mohammad Samara Mara'beh. • 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 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. |
| NABLUS | <p>Closure of Main Roads:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) The Israeli army continues to close the Jenin-Nablus road between the |

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| | <p>junction to the village of Deir Sharaf and the settlement of Shavei Shomron.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (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. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Checkpoints: The Israeli army continues to regulate times for crossing checkpoints set up around the city of Nablus: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (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: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 23:55, the Israeli army raided the village of Burqa and searched one house. (ii) At 00:15, the Israeli army raided the city of Nablus and the refugee camp of 'Askar, searched one building and 3 civilian houses, and handed 2 civilians notifications to report to the Israeli intelligence. |
| SALFIT | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure of Main Roads: <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 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 al-Dik. (iii) 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 02:00, the Israeli army raided the town of Deir Istiyya, imposed curfew, arrested 3 civilians and withdrew at 03:30. • Arrests: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) The Israeli army arrested at the checkpoint that is set up at the junction of Za'tarah civilian Mohammad Daoud al-Haj. (ii) The 3 civilians arrested in the town of Deir Istiyya are: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) Muntaser Qaseem Mansour; (b) Hamadallah Khaled Abu Hijleh; and (c) Firas Tayseer Abdallah. • Detentions: At 17:30, the Israeli army detained at Za'tarah checkpoint |

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| | <p>police officer Mohammad Abdel Majeed Mir'i, and released him at 20:00.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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. |
| JERICHO | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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: 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 connecting the districts of Jericho and Ramallah. • Detentions: At 20:15, the Israeli army detained at the D.C.O. checkpoint that is set up at the southern entrance to the city of Jericho military officer Mahmoud Izzat al-Zaru from the presidential guard. |
| BETHLEHEM | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (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 # 60. • Raids: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 02:00, the Israeli army raided the village of Arab al-Rashaydeh, searched a number of houses, and withdrew at 07:30. (ii) At 03:00, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the cities of Bethlehem, and Beit Sahour, and the towns of al-Obaidiyyeh and Za'tarah. (iii) At 03:45, the Israeli army raided the village of Dar Salah, set up a checkpoint, and handed a number of civilians notifications to report to the Israeli intelligence. • Settler Violence: At 15:00, a bunch of settlers from Daniel settlement set fire to al-Homaidiyyeh Mosque that is located in the area of Faghour south of the town of al-Khader. The mosque is ancient and historical and it has been recently renovated. • 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 |

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| | village of al-Walaja. |
| HEBRON | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (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: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (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 city of Hebron as well as the main entrance to al-'Arroub refugee camp. (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. • Flying Checkpoints: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 16:50, the Israeli army set up a checkpoint between the towns of Yatta and al-Sammou', and searched civilians and vehicles. (ii) At 91:00, the Israeli army set up a checkpoint between the towns of Surif and Kharas, and arrested a university student. • Raids: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 16:50, the Israeli army raided and patrolled Khilet Saleh that is located to the south-east of the town of Yatta. (ii) At 19:30, the Israeli army raided the town of Beit Awwa, and fired illumination bombs during patrol. (iii) At 22:00, the Israeli army raided the town of Bani Na'eem and clashed with civilians during patrol. (iv) At 00:10, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the town of Yatta. • Arrests: The civilian arrested in the towns of Surif and Kharras is Marwan Mohammad Abu Fara. |

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| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Settlement Activities: At 17:00, the Israeli army surveyed and demarcated land near the junction of the village of al-Jab'a that is located between the town of Surif and the village of Al-Jab'a. (The purpose of this has not been revealed). • Wall Construction: 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. |
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| NORTHERN GAZA | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure of Crossing Point: Beit Hanoun (Erez) Crossing is partially open (to allow previously coordinated humanitarian access). • Raids: Since 00:30 on January 1, the Israeli army has been raiding Palestinian area of Abu Safieh and the town of Beit Hanoun. The Israeli army opened fire intensively towards civilians houses, closed Salaheddin street, and clashed with armed individuals. In addition, the Israeli army razed large areas of agricultural land, and withdrew at 12:00. • Palestinian Attacks: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 19:00, two (unidentified) mortars were fired towards the Green Line. (ii) At 20:50, three (unidentified) mortars were fired towards the Green Line. |
| GAZA | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure of Crossing Points: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Al-Muntar (Karni) Crossing is closed. (ii) Al-Shuja'iya (Nahal 'Oz) Crossing is partially open to let in fuel. • Raids: At 00:30, the Israeli army raided Palestinian areas located to the east of al-Shuja'iya neighborhood and opened fire intensively towards civilian houses. In addition, the Israeli army clashed with armed individuals. Furthermore, Israeli combat helicopters fired 5 missiles during three successive air raids, resulting in the death of 6 armed individuals and the injury of eight. Finally, the Israeli army razed agricultural land. • Deaths: The 6 armed individuals killed east of al-Shuja'iya neighborhood east of the city of Gaza are: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) 'Ahed Mahmoud al-Shamali; (b) Youssef Mohammad al-Shamali; (c) Mus'ab Waleed Jundiyyeh; (d) Abdel Karim Ahmad al-Hilu; (e) Hamada Ahmad Abu 'Amireh; and (f) Salem Fuad al-Wadiyyeh. • Palestinian Attacks: In the morning of January 2, one (unidentified) mortar was fired towards the Green Line. |
| CENTRAL GAZA | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Attacks: At 16:00, the Israeli army fired 3 missiles from its posts on the Green Line targeting a spot for armed individuals east of the refugee camp of al-Breij, resulting in the death of one armed individual and the injury of three. |

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| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Deaths: The armed individual killed in the refugee camp of al-Brej is Yihya Sa'eed Jamil Jaber. • Palestinian attacks: At 16:30, armed individuals opened fire towards the Israeli army on the Green Line east of the refugee camp of al-Brej. |
| KHAN YOUNIS | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Air Attacks: At 17:00, Israeli combat helicopters fired one missile towards armed individuals east of the city of Khan Younis. |
| RAFAH | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure of Crossing Points: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Yasser 'Arafat International Airport remains closed. (ii) Rafah (al-Awdah) Crossing is closed. (iii) Sufa Crossing is partially open (to let in goods). (iv) Karm Abu Salim (Karem Shalom) Crossing is partially open (to let in goods). |

Prisoners' Conditions

- On January 1, the Israeli military court at Opher detention camp sentenced prisoners:
 - (a) Hussam Qaissieh to 5 life imprisonments;
 - (b) Youssef Qaissieh to 3 life imprisonments;
 - (c) Ra'fat al-Battat to 3 life imprisonments;
 - (d) Haitham al-Battat to 2 life imprisonments; and
 - (e) Bahjat Qaissieh to 12-years imprisonment.

All the prisoners are from the town of al-Thahiriyyeh in Hebron district.