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PALESTINIAN MONITORING GROUP

DAILY SITUATION REPORT

08:00, 04 January 2008 – 08:00, 05 January 2008

SUMMARY OF EVENTS

EVENT	WEST BANK	GAZA STRIP	TOTAL	NOTES
Injuries	14	---	14	Incl. 11 civilians in Ramallah
Physical Assaults	3	---	3	Israeli army attack civilians with clubs
Arrests	11	---	11	Incl. 9 civilians in Nablus
Detentions	20	---	20	At checkpoints & in residential areas
Raids	21	1	22	Incl. 4 in Jenin; 2 in Bethlehem
Checkpoints	19	---	19	Closure of checkpoints, stricter measures
Flying Checkpoints	11	---	11	Incl. 2 in Jerusalem; 3 in Hebron
Attacks	8	7	15	During 6 raids; 5 from military posts
Air Patrols	---	2	2	Incl. 1 combat helicopters
Curfews	1	---	1	In the old city of Nablus
Provocation of Pal. Forces	2	---	2	Tear gas bombs towards security post
House Occupation	4	---	4	Incl. one house in Jenin
Demolition of Property	4	---	4	Incl. fire set to commercial store
Wall construction	---	---	---	Suspended for Jewish weekend
Closures	7	---	7	Partial in Jerusalem, 3 areas in Jenin
Closure of Main Roads	35	---	35	Incl. 12 in Hebron
Closure of Crossing Points	---	3	3	Partial opening of 4 crossing points
Medical Obstruction	3	---	3	Israeli army besieges hospital in Rafidya
Demonstrations	3	---	3	In protest of apartheid wall
Palestinian Attacks	---	7	7	Incl. 35 mortars fired towards Green Line
TOTAL	166	20	186	

DISTRICT	EVENTS
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WEST BANK

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"> <p>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.</p> <p>Closure of Main Roads:</p> <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. <p>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.</p> <p>Raids:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 15:00, the Israeli raided the village of Qatannah and arrested one civilian. (ii) At 02:30, the Israeli army raided the refugee camp of Qalandya and patrolled it until 02:50. <p>Arrests: The civilian who was arrested in the village of Qatannah is Ashraf Jamal Shamasneh.</p> <p>Wall Gates:</p> <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. <p>Wall Construction: Wall construction was suspended for the Jewish</p>
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	<p>weekend 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.</p>
RAMALLAH	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Closure of Main Roads:</u> The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the eastern entrance to the village of Sinjil. • <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> At 23:50, the Israeli army set up a checkpoint at the junction of the village of Surda, and searched civilians and vehicles until 00:10. • <u>Raids:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 23:50, the Israeli army raided the city of Ramallah, and patrolled it until 00:10. (ii) At 01:40, the Israeli army raided the town of Beitunia, searched one house, and handed a civilian a notification to report to the Israeli intelligence. The Israeli army withdrew at 03:30. • <u>Demonstrations:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 13:00, a public march set out, with the participation of international peace activists and supporters, in the village of Bil’in in protest of the apartheid wall construction. Clashes broke out between the Israeli army and civilian protestors, resulting in the injury 4 civilians with rubber bullets. A number of civilians were asphyxiated as a result of inhaling tear gas. (ii) At 13:00, a public c march set out in the town of Beit Luqya and the villages of Beit Sira, Beit ‘Ur al-Tahta, Beit ‘Ur al-Foqa, al-Tira, Safa, and Kharbatha al-Misbah that is located to the west of Ramallah district, with the participation of international peace activists and supporters, towards the passageway between the villages of Beit ‘Ur al-Tahta and Kharbatah al-Misbah, in protest of the Israeli discriminatory policy that forbids Palestinian from traveling on road #443 that connects the village to the city of Ramallah. Clashes broke out between the Israeli army and civilian protestors, resulting in the injury of 7 civilians. In addition, the Israeli army beat a number of civilians with clubs injuring and bruising them. • <u>Wall Construction:</u> Wall construction was suspended for the Jewish weekend 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 08:00, the Israeli army set up a checkpoint between the town of al-Zabadeh and the village of Misliyyeh, and searched civilians and vehicles. • <u>Raids:</u>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 14:15, the Israeli army raided the town of Kafr Rai and occupied a house and converted it into a military post. The Israeli army withdrew at 16:00. (ii) At 00:15, the Israeli army raided the city of Jenin and its refugee camp and opened fire indiscriminately during patrol. The Israeli army withdrew at 04:00. (iii) At 02:00, the Israeli army raided the town of al-Yamoun and opened fire indiscriminately during patrol. The Israeli army withdrew at 04:30. • Wall Gates: Passage through the Wall gates is restricted to civilians granted special Israeli permits, which affects the educational and health conditions of civilians living behind the Wall.
TOUBAS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Checkpoints: 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.
TULKAREM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure: The Israeli army continues to declare the district of Tulkarem a closed military zone and to impede civilian access to and from the district. • Closure of Main Roads: The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the Dahiyat Iktaba-Bal'a road; the entrance to the village of Saffarin; the road connecting the town of Deir al Ghusun to 'Attil's plain; the road to the town of Deir al-Ghusun's plain; and the entrance to the village of 'Izbat Abu Khamish. • Checkpoints: The Israeli army continues to intensify 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: At 15:15, the Israeli army raided village of Far'on and patrolled it until 15:15. • 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: (i) 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. (ii) At 16:30, the Israeli army closed the eastern entrance to the town of 'Azzun with cement blocks. • 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: At 08:45, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the town of Kafr thulth and the village of Habla, Izbet Salman, Ras Atiyyeh and Sinirya. • Wall Gates: (i) Passage through the Wall gates is restricted to civilians granted special Israeli permits. (ii) The Israeli army continues to intensify its restrictions at 'Azzun 'Atma Wall gate and to search civilians, including students, with a metal

	<p>detector.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wall Construction: Land leveling for Wall construction was suspended for the Jewish weekend in the villages of Immatin and Kafr Laqif as well as east of the towns of Kafr Thulth and 'Azzun.
<p>NABLUS</p>	<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 junction to the village of Deir Sharaf and the settlement of Shavei Shomron. (ii) The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the settler bypass road connecting the village of Deir al-Hatab to the settlement of Alon Moreh as well as the southern entrance to the village of Qaryut. (iii) The Israeli army continues to close the entrance to the village of al-Lubban al-Sharqiya with dirt barricades and cement blocks. <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. (iv) At 08:00, the Israeli army intensified restrictions at the checkpoints that are set up around the city of Nablus and impeded traffic. • Raids: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Since 01:00 on January 3, the Israeli army has been raiding the city of Nablus. In addition, the Israeli army imposed curfew on the old city of Nablus and occupied a number of buildings and converted them into military posts. Clashes broke out between the Israeli army and civilians during house search, resulting in the injury of 3 civilians, including civilian Ahmad Mohammad Abu Hantash who was seriously injured. Additionally, the Israeli rmy stormed into a hospital and besieged the National hospital and Rafidya Government Hospital, and denied civilian access to them. Furthermore, the Israeli army set up a number of checkpoints, set fire to one commercial store, and damaged doors of a number of other stores. Moreover, the Israeli army arrested 9 civilians, including 2 military officers, closed the gate of the headquarters of the Palestinian National Forces and fired tear gas bombs towards it. The Israeli army remains in Nablus until the time this report is being prepared. (ii) The Israeli army raided the refugee camp of Balata and opened fire intensively during house search. • Arrests: The 9 who were civilians arrested in the city of Nablus are:

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) Military officer Mohammad Khader Khafafsheh; (b) Military officer Shadi Sbeih al-Sakhel; (c) Ala' Hamamah; (d) Youssef Awad; (e) Suleiman Fatayer; (f) Amjad Fatayer; (g) Ayman Hisham Arafat; (h) Ashraf Kamal Amayer; and (i) Fouad al-Masri.
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 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. • <u>Checkpoints:</u> The Israeli army continues to intensify its restrictions at Deir Ballut and Za'tarah checkpoints and to deny civilian access. • <u>Raids:</u> At 15:20, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the village of Qarawa Bani Hassan. • <u>Wall Construction:</u> Wall construction was suspended for the Jewish weekend 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"> • <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 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. • <u>Checkpoints:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) The Israeli army continues to intensify its restrictions and impede civilian access at al-Hamra checkpoint set up along al-Badhan road connecting the districts of Jericho and Nablus as well as on the checkpoint set up on the junction to the village of al-'Auja along al-Mu'arajat road connecting the districts of Jericho and Ramallah. (ii) At 16:10, the Israeli army intensified restrictions at the D.C.O. checkpoint that is set up at the southern entrance to the city of Jericho. • <u>Flying Checkpoints:</u> At 11:30, the Israeli army set up a checkpoint at the entrance to the village of Ein al-Dyouk and impeded traffic.
BETHLEHEM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Closure:</u> <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.

	<p>(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.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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. • Raids: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 11:10, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the town of al-Obaidiyyeh. (ii) At 00:55, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the city of Bethlehem. • Demonstrations: At 13:00, a public march set out, with the participation of international peace activists and supporters, in the villages of al-Ma'sara and Um Salmounah that are located to the south of Bethlehem district in protest of the apartheid wall construction. • Wall Construction: Wall construction was suspended for the Jewish weekend in the area northwest of the town of al-Khader; northwest of the city of Beit Jala; in the area of Wadi Rahhal east of the settlement of Ephrata; and in the area surrounding the village of al-Walaja.
<p style="text-align: center;">HEBRON</p>	<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

	<p>al-‘Arroub refugee camp.</p> <p>(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.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Flying Checkpoints:</u> <p>(i) At 10:00, the Israeli army set up a checkpoint at the entrance to the town of Beit Ummar, and searched civilians and vehicles.</p> <p>(ii) At 15:30, the Israeli army set up a checkpoint near the village of al-Seemya, and searched civilians and vehicles.</p> • <u>Raids:</u> <p>(i) At 10:10, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the town of Beit Ummar.</p> <p>(ii) At 13:20, the Israeli army raided the city of Hebron and clashed with civilians during patrol. In addition, the Israeli army set up a checkpoint in the area of al-Mahjar and impeded traffic.</p> • <u>Wall Construction:</u> Wall construction was suspended for the Jewish weekend 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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GAZA STRIP

<p>NORTHERN GAZA</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Closure of Crossing Point:</u> Beit Hanoun (Erez) Crossing is partially open (to allow previously coordinated humanitarian access). • <u>Raids:</u> Since 02:00 on January 1, the Israeli army has been raiding Palestinian areas located to the east of the town of Beit Hanoun. In addition, the Israeli army opened fire towards civilian houses and clashed with arms civilians. • <u>Attacks:</u> At 21:00, the Israeli army fired 2 missiles from its posts on the Green Line that fell in an empty area opposite the city of Sheikh Zayed north-east of the town of Beit Lahia. • <u>Palestinian Attacks:</u> <p>(i) At 11:55, two (unidentified) mortars were fired towards the Green Line.</p> <p>(ii) At 13:00, two (unidentified) mortars were fired towards the Green Line.</p> <p>(iii) At 16:00 four (unidentified) mortars were fired towards the Green Line.</p>
<p>GAZA</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Closure of Crossing Points:</u> <p>(i) Al-Muntar (Karni) Crossing is closed.</p> <p>(ii) Al-Shuja’iya (Nahal ‘Oz) Crossing is partially open to let in fuel.</p> • <u>Palestinian Attacks:</u> <p>(i) At 19:00, armed individuals fired a number of mortars towards al-Shuja’iya – Nahal ‘Oz Crossing on the Green Line east of the city of Gaza.</p> <p>(ii) At 04:10, armed individuals fired 12 mortars towards the</p>

	<p>Israeli army on the Green Line east of the city of Gaza. (iii) At 04:45, armed individuals fired 9 mortars towards the Israeli army on the Green Line east of the city of Gaza.</p>
CENTRAL GAZA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Palestinian attacks:</u> At 16:00, armed individuals fired 3 mortars towards the Israeli army at Kisofim Gate on the Green Line north-east of the area of al-Qarara.
RAFAH	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Closure of Crossing Points:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Yasser 'Arafat International Airport remains closed. (ii) Rafah (al-Awdah) Crossing is partially open (a number of pilgrims stuck on the Egyptian side in their return from Mecca were allowed into Gaza). (iii) Sufa Crossing is partially open (to let in goods). (iv) Karm Abu Salim (Karem Shalom) Crossing is partially open (the cargo of 74 trucks was allowed in).