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PALESTINIAN MONITORING GROUP

DAILY SITUATION REPORT

08:00 05 January 2007 – 08:00 06 January 2007

SUMMARY OF EVENTS

EVENT	WEST BANK	GAZA STRIP	TOTAL	NOTES
Physical Assault	1	_	1	A security officer beaten in Nablus
Injuries	11	_	11	Civilian protestors in Bil'in, Ramallah
Attacks	2	1	3	2 in raids and 1 from a military post
Raids	12	1	13	Incl. 3 in Jenin & 3 in Nablus
Arrest	1	_	1	1 civilian in the district of Jerusalem
Detentions	3	_	3	During a raid on 'Attil town, Tulkarem
Destruction of Property	2	_	2	Doors of commercial shops destroyed
Closure of Checkpoints	12	_	12	Incl. access impeded at 5 checkpoints
Flying Checkpoints	21	_	21	Incl. 2 in Jerusalem & 7 in Jenin
Closure (per District)	6	_	6	Incl. Jerusalem and Tulkarem partially
Closure of Main Roads	32	_	32	Incl. 2 in Bethlehem & 11 in Hebron
Closure of Crossing Points		4	4	Incl. Beit Hanun (Erez) partially
Settler Violence	2	_	2	Surif town attacked & property stoned
Palestinian Attacks	_	4	4	6 mortars fired towards the Green Line
TOTAL	105	10	115	

DISTRICT	EVENT
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WEST BANK

ALL DISTRICTS

• The Israeli army continues to intensify its restrictions at checkpoints set up on the main roads connecting the West Bank districts, thereby isolating the northern districts from the southern districts as well as the Jericho district and the Jordan Valley from the remainder of the West Bank.

• <u>Closure</u>: The Israeli army intensified its restrictions at checkpoints located at the entrances to the city of Jerusalem, set up several checkpoints in the old city of Jerusalem and around Al Aqsa Mosque compound, and prevented civilians under 45 years of age from accessing Al Aqsa Mosque to perform Friday prayers.

• Closure of Main Roads:

- (i) The Israeli army continues to close the entrance opposite the junction to Dahiyat al Bareed in the city of Jerusalem with a barbed wire gate and to deny civilian access.
- (ii) The Israeli army continues to close the road connecting Dahiyat al Bareed to the town of Ar Ram in order to complete Wall construction in the area.
- (iii) The Israeli army continues to close with cement blocks the entrance to the village of Jaba', which connects the village to the cities of Jerusalem, Ramallah, and Jericho.
- <u>Checkpoint</u>: The Israeli army continues to consider Qalandiya checkpoint a "border crossing point" and has designated a special crossing for holders of Jerusalem IDs and those possessing permits to access the city of Jerusalem.

Wall Gates:

- (i) The Israeli army continues to close the Wall gate in the town of Abu Dis with cement blocks.
- (ii) The Israeli army continues to deny civilian access through the Wall gate on Ash Shayyah road in the area between the villages of As Sawahira ash Sharqiya and As Sawahira al Gharbiya, only allowing civilians holding Jerusalem IDs to cross, after subjecting them to thorough searches using electronic devices.
- Wall Construction: Wall construction was suspended for the 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 Ash Shayyah, from the village of Beit Surik to Biddu, in the areas of Al Judeira, Bir Nabala, and Beit Hanina, west of the village of Al Jib, and in the vicinity of the village of Qatanna.
- Raid: The Israeli army raided the town of Ar Ram and arrested 1 civilian.
- Arrest: The Israeli army arrested an unidentified civilian in the town of Ar Ram.

JERUSALEM

Closure of Main Roads: The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the eastern (i) entrance to the village of Sinjil. The Israeli army continues to close with cement blocks the western (ii) entrance to the village of Saffa. Checkpoint: The Israeli army continues to intensify its restrictions at the checkpoint set up on the overpass to the town of 'Atara and to impede access to the city of Ramallah for civilians holding IDs issued in the RAMALLAH northern districts of the West Bank. & Wall Construction: Wall construction was suspended for the weekend in the **EL BIREH** area west of the town of 'Abud, in the areas of Al Midya to Ni'lin, Ni'lin to Deir Oaddis, and in the town of Beituniya. Raids: At 02:40, an Israeli army patrol raided the villages of An Nabi Salih and Kafr 'Ein and patrolled the area until 03:00. **Demonstration/Attack/Injuries:** demonstration, Α mass including international peace activists, took place in the village of Bil'in in protest against Wall construction. Confrontations took place between the Israeli army and protestors, during which the Israeli army injured 14 civilian protestors. Closure of Roads: The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the unpaved detour road leading to the town of 'Arraba east of the settlement of Dotan as well as the road connecting the town of Qabatiya to the village of Misliya. Checkpoint: The Israeli army continues to close Tayasir checkpoint east of the town of Tubas, denying civilian access to the Northern Jordan Valley, except for civilians whose IDs indicate that their place of residence is the Northern Jordan Valley. Wall Gates: Passage through the Wall gates is restricted to civilians granted special Israeli permits. **Flying Checkpoints:** At 09:00, the Israeli army set up 3 flying checkpoints on the junctions (i) to the towns of 'Arraba and Az Zababida as well as the village of Al Mansura and searched civilians and vehicles. **JENIN** At 22:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint near the junction to (ii) the village of Al 'Aqaba and searched civilians and vehicles. (iii) The Israeli army set up 2 flying checkpoints, one on the junction to the village of Az Zawiya along the Jenin-Nablus main road and the other in the area between the town of 'Arraba and the village of Fahma. Israeli troops positioned at these 2 flying checkpoint searched civilians and vehicles. (iv) The Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the junction to the town of Tammun and searched civilians and vehicles. Raids/Attack: At 22:30, the Israeli army raided the town of Tubas, set up a checkpoint (i) at its northern entrance, and patrolled the area. At 07:45, the Israeli army raided the town again. Confrontations took place between the Israeli army and students, while they were going to school.

	(ii) At 01:30, the Israeli army, including 10 jeeps, raided the town of Al Yamun. While surrounding and searching 2 houses, the Israeli army opened intensive fire. At 04:30, the Israeli army withdrew from the area.
TULKAREM	 Closure: The Israeli army continues to declare the district of Tulkarem a closed military zone and to impede civilian access to and from the district. Closure of Main Roads: The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the Dahiyat Iktaba-Bal'a road, the entrance to the village of Saffarin, the road connecting the town of Deir al Ghusun to 'Attil plain, and the road connecting the town of Kafr al Labad to the village of Shufa. Checkpoints: The Israeli army continues to intensify its restrictions at 'Einav checkpoint (the eastern entrance to the city) and Jubara checkpoint (the southern entrance to the city). Wall Gates: Passage through the Wall gates is restricted to civilians granted special Israeli permits. Flving Checkpoint: At 17:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to the town of Qaffin and searched civilians and vehicles. Raid/Detentions: Beginning at 05:30 on 05 January 2007, the Israeli army remained positioned in the town of 'Attil, detained 3 civilians, and released them at a later time. At 09:30, the Israeli army withdrew from the area.
QALQILIYA	 Closure of Roads: The Israeli army continues to close with cement blocks the agricultural roads east of the town of 'Azzun. Wall Gates: Passage through the Wall gates is restricted to civilians granted special Israeli permits. 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 suspended for the weekend in the villages of Immatin and Kafr Laqif as well as east of the towns of Kafr Thulth and 'Azzun. Flving Checkpoints: At 17:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the eastern entrance to the city of Qalqiliya and searched civilians and vehicles. At 17:15, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the northern entrance to the town of 'Azzun and searched civilians and vehicles.
NABLUS	 Closure of Main Roads: (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 southern entrance to the village of Qaryut.

- <u>Checkpoints</u>: The Israeli army continues to regulate times for crossing checkpoints set up around the city of Nablus:
- (i) Huwwara and Beit Iba checkpoints (set up at the southern and western entrances to the city of Nablus respectively) are closed at 23:00. The Israeli army only allows civilian vehicles possessing access permits to cross these checkpoints.
- (ii) At Tur neighbourhood checkpoint (set up on Jirzim Mount) is closed on Fridays and Saturdays as well as during Jewish holidays. On all other days, it is open for civilian residents of the neighbourhood only.
- (iii) Beit Furik checkpoint is open to civilian residents of the town of Beit Furik and the village of Beit Dajan until 17:30.
- (iv) Beginning on 23 November 2006, the Israeli army continues to close the checkpoint set up in the area between the city of Nablus and the town of 'Asira ash Shamaliya and to prevent civilians from crossing, only allowing access to humanitarian cases.
- <u>Flying Checkpoints</u>: The Israeli army set up 3 flying checkpoints at the entrances to the villages of Nisf Jubeil, Beit Imrin, and Sabastiya and searched civilians and vehicles.
- <u>Physical Assault/Injury</u>: Israeli troops positioned at Huwwara checkpoint severely beat Ala' Mohammed 'Uweiss, a Palestinian Preventive Security officer, leaving him with injuries to the head. 'Uweiss was admitted to Nablus Public Hospital for medical treatment.

• Raids/Destruction of Property:

- (i) At 12:00, the Israeli army, including 2 jeeps, raided the city of Nablus, set up a checkpoint along the road to the village of Till, searched civilians and vehicles, and patrolled the area. At 15:15, the Israeli army, including 15 jeeps, raided the city again and patrolled the area until 17:00.
- (ii) At 02:00, the Israeli army, including 6 jeeps and 1 bulldozer, raided Balata refugee camp, destroyed the doors of a number of commercial shops, and withdrew at 04:30.

• Closure of Main Roads:

- (i) The Israeli army has continued to close the main north-western entrance to the city of Salfit with dirt barricades since the beginning of the current *Intifada* (Uprising).
- (ii) The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the western entrance to the village of Marda and, with cement blocks, the western entrance to the town of Kafr ad Dik.

• Checkpoints:

- (i) The Israeli army continues to intensify its restrictions at Deir Ballut checkpoint and to deny civilian access to the town of Kafr ad Dik.
- (ii) The Israeli army continues to intensify its restrictions at the Za'tara junction checkpoint and to impede civilian access.
- (iii) At 15:00, the Israeli army intensified its restrictions at Deir Ballut checkpoint and prevented civilians from crossing, only allowing access to those holding permits.

SALFIT

	 Wall Construction: Wall construction was suspended for the weekend in the area northwest of the city of Salfit, and in the village of Marda and the town of Kifl Haris north of the settlement of Ari'el. Raid: At 14:20, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the town of Kafr ad Dik. 			
JERICHO	 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. Flying Checkpoint: At 11:25, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to the village of 'Ein ad Duyuk and searched civilians and vehicles. 			
BETHLEHEM	 Closure: The Israeli army continues to close the roads to the village of An Nu'man, with the exception of the road leading to the Wall gate in the south-eastern area of the village. Closure of Main Roads: The Israeli army continues to close all roads to Road # 60 leading to the city of Jerusalem, thereby isolating the city of Bethlehem from its towns and villages located west of Road # 60. Wall Construction: Wall construction was suspended for the weekend in the area northwest of the town of Al Khadr, north of 'Ayda refugee camp, northwest of the city of Beit Jala, and in the area of Wadi Rahhal east of the settlement of Efrat. 			
HEBRON	Closure: (i) The Israeli army continues to close the following locales in the old city of Hebron: Ash Shuhada' Street and the area of As Sahleh with cement blocks and barbed wire; the old gold market with an iron gate; the area of Khuzq al Far near the settlement of Abraham Avino with a dirt barricade and an iron gate; and the entrance to the area of Al Khan with an electronic gate, isolating the area from Al Laban Market and the area of As Sahleh. (ii) Although it expired on 07 May 2006, the Israeli army continues to implement a military order stipulating the prohibition of civilian vehicles from travelling along the road connecting the settlement of Kiryat Arba' to the Ibrahimi Mosque in the old city of Hebron unless they possess access permits. Closure of Main Roads: (i) The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the following locales: the area of Al Hawawir leading to the town of Halhul; the area of Al Fahs south of the city of Hebron; the junction to the area of Farsh al Hawa leading to Road # 35 northwest of the city of Hebron; the road connecting the town of Surif to the village of Al Jab'a; the entrance to the village of Beit 'Einun; and the eastern entrance to the village of Kharsa. The Israeli army also continues to close with cement blocks the entrance to Al Qeisi neighbourhood in the old city of Hebron as well as the main entrance to Al 'Arrub refugee camp.			

- (ii) In accordance with Military Order # 378, the Israeli army continues to prohibit Palestinian vehicles from travelling along Shalala Old Street that leads to the old city of Hebron, only allowing Israeli vehicles as well as Israeli army vehicles to travel along this street.
- <u>Wall Construction</u>: Wall construction was suspended for the 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 Ar Ramadin, and near the village of Imneizil southeast of the town of Yatta.
- Raid: At 19:30, the Israeli army raided the city of Hebron, set up 4 checkpoints in the areas of Ras al Jora, As Salaam Street, 'Ein Sara, and Wadi Abu Kteila, and searched civilians and vehicles. The Israeli army also patrolled the area.
- <u>Settler Violence</u>: A group of Israeli settlers from the settlements of Kfar 'Etzion and Bat 'Ayin attacked the town of Surif as well as threw stones at civilian vehicles and houses.

GAZA STRIP

ALL DISTRICTS	• The ceasefire agreement that entered into force at 06:00 on 26 November 2006 remains effective. However, the Israeli army carried out 1 raid into Palestinian territory, during which it opened fire. In addition, armed Palestinian individuals fired 6 mortars towards the Green Line.
NORTHERN GAZA	 Closure of Crossing Point: Beit Hanun (Erez) Crossing is partially open only to foreign nationals, VIPs, and humanitarian cases. Raid/Attack: At 19:00, in violation of the Israeli-Palestinian ceasefire agreement, the Israeli army, including a number of tanks and armoured vehicles, raided Palestinian territory near Beit Hanun (Erez) Industrial Zone north of the town of Beit Lahiya towards the area located between Beit Hanun (Erez) Industrial Zone and the area of Abu Safiya east of the town of Jabalya. The Israeli army also opened indiscriminate fire. Palestinian Attacks: In violation of the Israeli-Palestinian ceasefire agreement, armed Palestinian individuals fired 3 mortars towards the Green Line as follows: (i) At 09:05, 2 unidentified mortars were fired towards the Green Line. (ii) At 16:45, 1 unidentified mortar was fired towards the Green Line.
GAZA	Activities not reported.
CENTRAL GAZA	Activities not reported.
KHAN YUNIS	 Palestinian Attacks: In violation of the Israeli-Palestinian ceasefire agreement, armed Palestinian individuals fired 3 mortars towards the Green Line as follows: (i) At 14:00, 2 unidentified mortars were fired towards the Green Line. (ii) At 16:20, 1 unidentified mortar was fired towards the Green Line.

RAFAH

- <u>Closure of Crossing Points</u>:
- (i) Yasser 'Arafat International Airport remains closed.
- (ii) Sufa Crossing is closed.
- (iii) Karm Abu Salim (Karem Shalom) Crossing is closed.

GENERAL

POLITICAL PRISONERS

• <u>Administrative Detentions</u>: The Israeli authorities renewed orders of administrative detention (arrest without charge or trial) against 16 political prisoners held in An Naqab (Ketziot) Military Detention Camp for periods ranging from 3 to 6 months.