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PALESTINIAN MONITORING GROUP

DAILY SITUATION REPORT

08:00 06 January 2006 – 08:00 07 January 2006

SUMMARY OF EVENTS

EVENT	WEST BANK	GAZA STRIP	TOTAL	NOTES
Attacks	4	5	9	Incl. 3 in raids & 5 from mil. posts
Raids	13	—	13	Incl. 2 in Ramallah & 3 in Hebron
Arrests	5	—	5	3 in Tulkarem and 2 in Nablus
Detentions	17	—	17	At checkpoints & in residential areas
Destruction of Property	1	—	1	Over 100 olive trees cut down
Attack on Property	1	—	1	Commercial shops closed in Al 'Auja
House Occupations	4	—	4	Incl. 3 houses in Hebron
Flying Checkpoints	11	—	11	Incl. 4 in Tulkarem & 2 in Jericho
Closure of Checkpoints	2	—	2	'Einav & Jubara checkpoints
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 Crossing Points	—	6	6	Incl. Beit Hanun Crossing partially
Settler Violence	1	—	1	Over 100 olive trees cut down
Obstruction of Elections	1	—	1	Pal. protection to observers restricted
Palestinian Attacks	—	2	2	3 unidentified mortars fired
Pal. Security Measure	1	—	1	1 illegal vehicle handed over
Demonstrations	2	—	2	Incl. in Bil'in against the Wall
TOTAL	101	14	115	

DISTRICT	EVENT
WEST BANK	
JERUSALEM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure: The Israeli army intensified its restrictions at checkpoints located at the entrances to the city of Jerusalem and set up several checkpoints in the old city of Jerusalem and in the area surrounding Al Aqsa Mosque compound, obstructing civilian access to Al Aqsa Mosque to perform Friday prayers. • 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 suspended for the weekend 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.
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 was suspended for the weekend 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. • Raids: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 09:00, the Israeli army, including 7 jeeps, raided and patrolled the city of Ramallah. (ii) At 14:45, the Israeli army, including 3 jeeps, raided and patrolled the city of El Bireh. • Demonstration: A mass demonstration, 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 a number of civilian protestors and international peace activists as a result of tear gas inhalation.
JENIN	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure of Main Road: 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. • Checkpoint: The Israeli army continues to intensify its restrictions at Tayasir checkpoint east of the town of Tubas and to impede civilian access.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wall Gates: Passage through the Wall gates is restricted to civilians granted special Israeli permits. • Raid/House Occupations/Detention: Beginning at 01:20 on 03 January 2006, the Israeli army has remained positioned in Jenin refugee camp and continues to occupy a number of houses in the area surrounding Jenin refugee camp, which it has converted into military posts after detaining residents. The Israeli army also opened indiscriminate fire while it was patrolling the area. The Israeli army remains positioned in the area surrounding Jenin refugee camp as of 08:00 this morning. • Obstruction of Elections: At 15:30, Palestinian security forces coordinated with the Israeli authorities (through the DCO) to allow a Palestinian security patrol, comprised of 1 officer and 6 soldiers, to accompany and provide protection to European observers of the upcoming Palestinian legislative elections. However, the Israeli authorities allowed the Palestinian security patrol to be only comprised of 1 officer and 4 soldiers with 2 pieces of weaponry to escort the European observers. Consequently, Palestinian security forces announced that the Israeli authorities will bear responsibility for any security deficiency that would ensue as a result of disallowing all Palestinian security officers to carry weapons.
TULKAREM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure: 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. • Closure of Main Roads: <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. • Checkpoints: <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. • Wall Gates: Passage through the Wall gates is restricted to civilians granted special Israeli permits. • Flying Checkpoints: <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 civilians and vehicles, and impeded civilian access in all directions. (ii) At 08:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint in the area between the towns of 'Illar and Baqa ash Sharqiya and searched civilian vehicles.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Raids/Detention:</u> At 04:00, the Israeli army raided the town of ‘Illar, set up a checkpoint at its entrance, and searched civilians and vehicles. The Israeli army also arrested 3 civilians and detained 3 others. • <u>Arrests:</u> The Israeli army arrested 3 civilians in the town of ‘Illar: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Ribhi Salameh Shadeed; (ii) Ali Salameh Shadeed; and (iii) Omar Fakhri Yaseen.
QALQILIYA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Wall Gates:</u> <ol 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 was suspended for the weekend continues in the village of Immatin and east of the towns of Kafr Thulth and ‘Azzun. • <u>Flying Checkpoints:</u> At 00:20, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the eastern entrance to the city of Qalqiliya and prevented civilians from entering or exiting the city until 01:15. • <u>Raid:</u> At 23:35, the Israeli army raided the town of ‘Azzun and fired sound grenades while it was patrolling the area.
NABLUS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Closure of Main Roads:</u> <ol 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 entrance to the village of Beita with dirt barricades. • <u>Checkpoints:</u> <ol 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. (ii) At 18:00, the Israeli army announced that it has reopened Huwwara checkpoint between 06:00 and 08:00, thereby detaining civilians on both sides of the checkpoint. Israeli troops positioned at the checkpoint provoked civilians by calling Police dogs with Arabic names, such as <i>Mohammed</i> and <i>Ahmed</i>. • <u>Raid/Detention:</u> At 21:25, the Israeli army raided the city of Nablus, searched 1 house, and detained 1 civilian. An armed confrontation took place between the Israeli army and armed Palestinian individuals in the area surrounding Balata refugee camp. • <u>Arrests:</u> At 21:25, the Israeli army arrested 2 unidentified civilians along the settler bypass road adjacent to the village of Salim.

<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 the Za'tara junction checkpoint, impeding civilian access. • <u>Wall Construction:</u> Wall construction was suspended for the weekend 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/Detention:</u> At 07:15, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint in the area between the villages of Khirbet Qeis and Mazari' an Nubani, searched civilian vehicles, and detained 1 female civilian until 09:30. • <u>Raid:</u> At 18:30, the Israeli army, including 3 jeeps, raided and patrolled the town of Deir Istiya until 20:00.
<p style="text-align: center;">JERICHO</p>	<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> At 15:30, and again 23:20, 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. • <u>Raid:</u> At 16:35, an Israeli army armoured vehicle raided and patrolled the village of Al 'Auja. • <u>Attack on Property:</u> The Israeli army continues to implement a military order to close commercial shops on both sides of Road # 90 in the centre of the village of Al 'Auja. The order is valid until 08 January 2006.
<p style="text-align: center;">BETHLEHEM</p>	<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.

	<p>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.</p> <p>(ii) The Israeli army continues to close the entrances to the villages of Husan and Nahhalin with cement blocks.</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 # 60. • Wall Construction: Wall construction was suspended for the weekend 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. • Flying Checkpoint: The Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to the town of Beit Fajjar, searched civilian vehicles, and impeded civilian access. • Raids: <p>(i) At 08:55, an Israeli army patrol raided the village of Dar Salah, set up a checkpoint, and searched civilians and vehicles until 09:55.</p> <p>(ii) At 13:50, an Israeli army patrol raided the town of Al Khadr and patrolled the area.</p> • Demonstration: At 11:20, families of political prisoners held a sit-in demonstration in front of the Nativity Church in the city of Bethlehem, demanding that their relatives be released from Israeli prisons.
<p style="text-align: center;">HEBRON</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure: <p>(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.</p> <p>(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 Ibrahim 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.</p> <p>(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.</p> <p>(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.</p> • Closure of Main Roads: <p>(i) The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the entrances to the village of Beit 'Einun, the area of Al Hawawir leading to the town of Halhul, the area of Al Fahs south of the city of Hebron, Al Fawwar refugee camp, and the village of 'Arab ar Ramadin. The Israeli army also continues to close with dirt barricades the junction to the area of Farsh al Haw leading to Road # 35 northwest of the city of Hebron.</p>

	<p>(ii) The Israeli army continues to close the entrance to Al 'Arrub refugee camp with an iron gate.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wall Construction: Wall construction was suspended for the weekend 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'. • Raids/House Occupations/Detention: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 12:00, the Israeli army raided the city of Hebron, occupied 1 house opposite the settlement of Hagai, and converted it into a military post. (ii) At 14:15, the Israeli army raided the town of Adh Dhahiriya, set up a checkpoint in the town's centre, and searched civilians and vehicles. (iii) At 20:40, the Israeli army raided the area of Sinjir between the city of Hebron and the town of Dura, occupied 1 house, and converted it into a military post, after detaining residents in 1 room and disconnecting telephone lines. • House Occupation: The Israeli army continues to implement Military Order # T/02/05 to seize control of the roof of 1 house in the city of Hebron and to use it as a military point from 29 December 2005 until 11 February 2006. • Settler Violence/Destruction of Property: At 23:00, a group of Israeli settlers from the settlement of Ma'on east of the town of Yatta uprooted and broke over 100 olive trees on civilian land near the settlement. • Palestinian Security Measure: At 16:50, Palestinian security forces handed over 1 illegal vehicle, seized in the city of Hebron, to the Israeli authorities (through the DCO).
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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 flyers 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. • Attacks: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 09:00, the Israeli army opened fire from Point 57 on the Green Line towards the area of Abu Safiya southeast of the town of Beit Hanun.
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	<p>(ii) At 18:35, the Israeli army fired 5 mortars from its location inside the Green Line towards the area of Abu Safiya southeast of the town of Beit Lahiya.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Palestinian Attacks:</u> <p>(i) At 20:55, 1 unidentified mortar was fired towards the Green Line but exploded in the area where it was launched.</p> <p>(ii) At 03:30, 2 unidentified mortars were fired towards the Green Line.</p>
GAZA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Closure of Crossing Points:</u> <p>(i) Al Muntar (Karnei) Crossing is closed.</p> <p>(ii) Nahal 'Oz Crossing is closed.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Attack:</u> At 09:50, the Israeli army opened fire from Point 93 on the Green Line towards the area of the solid waste dump in the area of Juhor ad Dik south of Gaza city.
CENTRAL GAZA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Activities not reported.
KHAN YUNIS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Attack:</u> At 11:10, the Israeli army opened fire from Point 151 on the Green Line towards a number of farmers east of the area of Al Qarara.
RAFAH	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Closure of Crossing Points:</u> <p>(i) Yasser Arafat International Airport remains closed.</p> <p>(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.</p> <p>(iii) Sufa Crossing is closed.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Attack:</u> At 16:10, the Israeli army opened fire from Point 216 on the Green Line towards Palestinian territory south of the Sufa Crossing.