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PALESTINIAN MONITORING GROUP

DAILY SITUATION REPORT

08:00 11 January 2011 – 08:00 12 January 2011

SUMMARY OF EVENTS

EVENT	WEST BANK	GAZA STRIP	TOTAL	NOTES
Assassination	_	1	1	An armed Palestinian individual
Injury		1	1	Civilian during air attack, Khan Yunis
Air Attacks	_	5	5	4 by F16 aircraft and 1 by a UAV
Attacks	2	5	7	Incl. 2 in raids and 2 by navy boats
Raids	23	_	23	Incl. 4 in Ramallah and 6 in Hebron
Air Patrols	1	7	8	Incl. 4 by helicopters & 1 by a UAV
Arrests (per person)	4	2	6	Incl. a child and 2 fishermen
Detentions	17	_	17	Incl. a PLC member and security officer
House Demolitions	1*	_	1	Incl. a house in Qalqiliya district
Wall Construction	13	_	13	Incl. in Jerusalem, Qalqiliya, & Hebron
Destruction of Property	1*	1	2	A building and motorcycle destroyed
Confiscation of Property	_	1	1	A fishing boat in Gaza district
Closure of Checkpoints	9	_	9	Incl. access impeded at 6 checkpoints
Flying Checkpoints	30	_	30	Incl. 9 in Nablus and 7 in Hebron
Closure (per District)	7	_	7	Incl. Jerusalem & 2 areas in Bethlehem
Closure of Main Roads	43	_	43	Throughout the West Bank districts
Closure of Crossing Points	_	4	4	3 crossing points partially open
Settler Violence	1	_	1	Tent erected on civilian land, Qalqiliya
Provocation of Pal. Forces	1	_	1	Taking position near a Police station
Palestinian Attack	_	1	1	A mortar fired towards the Green Line
Demonstration	_	1	1	Against the seam zone, Northern Gaza
TOTAL	153	29	182	

DISTRICT EVENTS

WEST BANK

	 Closure: The Israeli army continues to intensify restrictions at checkpoints located at the entrances to Jerusalem city and to prevent civilians from other districts from entering the city, only allowing access to civilians holding special permits. On 05 January 2009, the Israeli authorities issued Military Order # S/02/09 on the closure of the "demarcation area" along the Wall in the area surrounding Jerusalem city. Access would be restricted to residents of the area as well as to civilians holding permits through crossings and gates defined in the military order. The Israeli army continues to impose a blockade and deny civilian access to a hill between Biddu and Beit Iksa villages. Closure of Main Roads:
	(i) The Israeli army continues to close with cement blocks and dirt barricades the entrance to the village of Jaba'.
	(ii) The Israeli army continues to close the iron gate along the Wall section,
JERUSALEM	separating the area of Dahiyat al Bareed from the town of Ar Ram. (iii) The Israeli army continues to close with an iron gate the eastern
	entrance to Beit Iksa village and force civilians to access Jerusalem city through Qalandiya checkpoint.
	• <u>Checkpoint</u> : The Israeli authorities continues to consider Qalandiya checkpoint a "border crossing point" and designates a special crossing lane for holders of Jerusalem IDs and those possessing permits to access Jerusalem city.
	Arrest: At 09:30, the Israeli army arrested Bilal Mahmoud Abdul Salah Masalmeh, a 13-year-old boy from Bethlehem city, while he was present in Jerusalem, claiming that he did not possess an access permit. W. N. C. A.
	Wall Gates: (i) The Israeli army continues to close with cement blocks the Wall gate in Abu Dis town.
	(ii) The Israeli army continues to deny civilian access through the Wall gate on Ash Shayyah road in the area between As Sawahira ash Sharqiya and As Sawahira al Gharbiya villages, only allowing civilians holding Jerusalem IDs to cross, after subjecting them to thorough searches using electronic devices.
	Wall Construction: Wall construction continues in the area north of Qalandiya village; south of Az Za'ayyem village; and in Wadi al 'Eizariya west of Ma'ale Adumim settlement.
DAMALIAU	Closure of Main Roads: The Israeli army continues to close the entrances to Sinjil town and
RAMALLAH &	Saffa village as well as the junction to Kafr Malik and 'Ein Samiya
EL BIREH	villages. (ii) Although it removed the dirt barricade, the Israeli army continues to close with an iron gate the eastern entrance to An Nabi Salih village.

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	• Flying Checkpoints/Detention:
	(i) At 08:40, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to
	'Ein 'Arik village and searched civilians and vehicles until 08:55.
	(ii) At 11:15, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the overpass to
	'Atara town and searched civilians and vehicles. Israeli troops also
	detained Mohammed Salem, a Palestinian National Security officer,
	and released him after coordination with the Israeli authorities (through
	the DCO).
	(iii) At 21:30, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to
	An Nabi Salih village and searched civilians and vehicles until 22:30.
	• Raids:
	(i) At 10:30, the Israeli army raided and patrolled Beit Rima and Deir
	Ghassana towns.
	(ii) At 21:15, the Israeli army raided Ras Karkar village and patrolled
	the area until 22:30.
	(iii) At 23:40, the Israeli army raided Ramallah and El Bireh cities and
	patrolled these areas until 02:00.
	Wall Construction: Wall construction continues in the area west of 'Abud
	town in the area surrounding 'Ofarim settlement and north of Al Lubban al
	Gharbi and Rantis villages.
JENIN	 Closure of Main Road: The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the road leading to the town of 'Arraba east of Dotan settlement. Flying Checkpoint: At 14:35, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the junction to the Arab-American University and searched civilians and vehicles until 15:50. Raids: At 13:50, the Israeli army raided the area between Az Zababida and Qabatiya towns and patrolled it until 14:25. At 24:00, the Israeli army raided and patrolled Kafr Dan village. 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.
TUBAS	Checkpoint: Though allowing civilian access to the Northern Jordan Valley between 06:00 and 22:00, the Israeli army continues to intensify its restrictions at Tayasir checkpoint east of the city of Tubas.
	Closure of Main Roads: The Israeli army continues to close with dirt
	barricades the road connecting Kafr al Labad town to Shufa village as well
	as the road connecting Shufa and 'Izbat Shufa villages.
	• <u>Checkpoint</u> : The Israeli army continues to intensify restrictions and impede
TULKAREM	civilian access at 'Einav checkpoint on the Tulkarem-Nablus main road.
	• Flying Checkpoint: At 11:05, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on
	the junction to Qaffin town and searched civilians and vehicles until 15:25.
	• Wall Gates: Passage through the wall gates is restricted to civilians granted
	special Israeli permits.

- <u>Closure of Roads</u>: The Israeli army continues to close with cement blocks agricultural roads east of the town of 'Azzun.
- Flying Checkpoints:
- (i) At 12:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to Immatin village and searched civilians and vehicles.
- (ii) At 14:15, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the junction to 'Izbat at Tabib village and searched civilians and vehicles until 14:40.
- (iii) At 17:15, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to 'Azzun town and searched civilians and vehicles.
- (iv) At 18:15, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint in the area between 'Izbat at Tabib and 'Asla villages and searched civilians and vehicles.
- Attack/Detentions: At 23:00, Israeli troops positioned at the Wall gate near Habla town opened indiscriminate fire and fired flares. Israeli troops also detained three civilians, including a child, and released them at a later time:
- (i) Baha' Yasser Qar'an, 17 years old;
- (ii) Mahmoud Ramzi Na'im; and
- (iii) Sami Fat'hi Abu Steiti.

• Raids/Detention/Destruction of Property:

- (i) At 09:00, the Israeli army raided Qalqiliya city and took photographs of a building housing governmental offices and civil society organisations. The Israeli army also arrested two civilians, detained Yousef Sabri Hilal, and released him at a later time. Additionally, the Israeli army served summonses on two civilians to report to the Israeli Intelligence:
 - (i) Majdi Majed Musallam Qar'an; and
 - (ii) Wael Ahmed Musallam Qar'an.

At 13:30, the Israeli army withdrew from the area.

- (ii) At 09:15, the Israeli army raided 'Azzun 'Atma village. Having forced residents to evacuate within one hour, the Israeli army demolished a 140-square-metre house, allegedly because it had been built without the required construction licence. Under the same pretext, the Israeli army demolished an agricultural facility, measuring 100 square metres and including two rooms. The facility belonged to Hatem Amin Ahmed Younes, a Palestinian Preventive Security officer. At 12:10, the Israeli army withdrew from the village.
- (iii) At 13:20, the Israeli army raided and patrolled An Nabi Elyas village.
- (iv) At 01:20, the Israeli army raided and patrolled Jayyus town.
- Arrests: The Israeli army arrested two civilians in Qalqiliya city:
- (i) Rami Yousef Sabri Hilal; and
- (ii) Jihad Marwan 'Innabi.
- <u>House Demolition</u>: The Israeli army demolished a house belonging to Samer Mohammed Salah Younes in 'Azzun 'Atma village.
- <u>Settler Violence/Detention</u>: At 12:30, a group of Israeli settlers, protected by Israeli troops, erected a tent on a piece of land in Mohammed Mountain area near Kafr Qaddum village. Having challenged settler violence, Israeli troops detained Yasser Hasan Isma'il, the landlord, and released him at a later time.

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• Wall Gates:

- (i) The Israeli army continues to intensify its restrictions at 'Azzun 'Atma Wall gate and to search civilians, including students, with a metal detector.
- (ii) The Israeli army continues close with an iron gate the entrance to the village of Wadi ar Rasha and to deny civilian access. The Israeli army allows residents to access the village through Gate #109. Having removed the iron gate at the entrance to the village of Ras 'Atiya, the Israeli army only allows students to cross to their schools outside the village through the Habla gate.
- Wall Construction: Wall construction continues in Kafr Laqif village north
 of Karnei Shomron settlement; in Immatin village northeast of Imanuel
 settlement; and east of Kafr Thulth town near Ma'ale Shomron settlement.

• Closure of Main Roads:

- (i) The Israeli army continues to close the roads of Till-Burin and Beit Furik-Salem; the settler bypass road connecting the village of Deir al Hatab to the settlement of Alon Moreh; the road connecting the town of 'Aqraba to the village of Osarin; and the detour road between the town of Qabalan and the village of Osarin.
- (ii) The Israeli army continues to close the northern entrance to the town of Qabalan; the southern entrances to the town of Jamma'in and the villages of Duma and Qaryut; and the western entrance to An Naqura village opposite the settlement of Shavei Shomron.
- <u>Checkpoints</u>: The Israeli army continues to regulate times for crossing checkpoints set up around the city of Nablus:
- (i) At Tur neighbourhood 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 neighbourhood only between 07:00 and 02:00.

(ii) At 'Awarta commercial checkpoint, civilians are allowed to cross between 05:00 and 20:00, but between 05:00 and 15:00 on Fridays. All civilian vehicles are allowed to access the city of Nablus, but only commercial vehicles and ambulances can leave the city through the checkpoint.

(iii) At 11:35, the Israeli army intensified restrictions at Shavei Shomron checkpoint and impeded civilian access.

• Flying Checkpoints/Detention:

- (i) At 08:20, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to Beit Furik town and impeded civilian access.
- (ii) At 09:25, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the junction to Qusin village. At 15:50, the Israeli army set up another checkpoint and searched civilians and vehicles until 16:10.
- (iii) At 10:20, and again at 22:10, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the junction to 'Asira ash Shamaliya town and Talluza village and searched civilians and vehicles.

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	(iv) At 11:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the junction to the villages of Salem, Deir al Hatab, and 'Azmut and searched civilians and vehicles until 11:30.
	(v) At 12:15, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to Qusra village and searched civilians and vehicles.
	(vi) At 12:30, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint in the area between 'Asira ash Shamaliya town and Ijnisinya village and searched civilians and vehicles.
	(vii) At 19:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint near the junction to Deir Sharaf village on the Nablus-Tulkarem main road, searched civilians and vehicles, detained Abdul Rahman Zeidan, a member of the Palestinian Legislative Council (PLC), and released him at a later time.
	Raids/Air Patrol:
	(i) At 09:35, the Israeli army raided Sabastiya village and provided protection to a group of Israeli settlers, who visited the archaeological site in the village.
	(ii) At 09:40, Israeli infantry troops, dispatched by a combat helicopter, raided and combed the area between 'Asira ash Shamaliya town and Talluza and Yasid villages.
SALFIT	Closure of Main Roads: The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the northern entrance to Salfit city and with cement blocks the northern entrance to the Bruqin town.
	 (ii) The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the entrance to two detour roads connecting Marda village to respective farmland. (iii) The Israeli army continues to open the northern entrance to Salfit city to civilian buses only. The entrance had been closed for seven years. Checkpoint: The Israeli army continues to intensify restrictions and impede
	 <u>Wall Construction</u>: Wall construction continues in the area north of Deir Istiya town southeast of Emmanuel settlement.
	 Closure of Main Road: The Israeli army continues to close Road # 90 between Jericho city and Al 'Auja village with cement blocks. Checkpoints:
JERICHO	(i) The Israeli army continues to intensify restrictions at Al Hamra checkpoint set up along Al Badhan road connecting Jericho and Nablus districts, only allowing access to residents of Jericho district of the Jordan Valley area.
	(ii) The Israeli army continues to intensify restrictions at the checkpoint set up on the junction to Al 'Auja village along Al-Mu'arrajat road connecting Jericho and Ramallah districts, only allowing access to residents of Jericho district as well as to others holding access permits.
	Flying Checkpoints: At 09:15, and again at 13:50, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the southern entrance to Jericho city, searched civilian vehicles, and arrested a civilian.

	 (ii) At 10:20, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint near 'Ein ad Duyuk village (the northern entrance to Jericho city) and searched civilians and vehicles. • Raids: (i) At 15:25, the Israeli army raided Al Jiftlik village and distributed notices for the demolition of three houses belonging to: (i) Mit'eb Abdul 'Aziz al 'Atawneh; (ii) Mohammed Suleiman Abu Sa'dah; and (iii) Omar Suleiman Abu Rizq. The Israeli army also distributed notices for the demolition of three barracks and a commercial premise. The Israeli authorities claimed that all affected structures had been built without the required construction licences. At 21:50, the Israeli army raided the village again and
	patrolled the area. (ii) At 21:50, the Israeli army raided and patrolled Fasayil village. • Arrest: Israeli troops positioned at the flying checkpoint set up at the southern entrance to Jericho city arrested Ahmed Abu Dahouk.
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. According to Military Order # S/02/07, the Israeli army has continued since 15 September 2007 to deny civilian access to an area measuring 22 dunums of land in the area of Mazmuriya in the cities of Beit Sahur and Bethlehem. The land was confiscated pursuant to Military Order T/31/07. Closure of Main Roads: The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the road of Beit Jala-Wadi Ahmad; a road east of Beit Fajjar town; and a rural road connecting Tuqu' town to Khirbet al Baq'a village. Raids/Attack: At 03:00 on 11 January 2011, the Israeli army raided 'Ayda refugee camp in Bethlehem city and served a summons on Iyad Salameh al Bis to report to the Israeli Intelligence agency. At 23:40, the Israeli army raided Tuqu' town, opened fire, fired sound grenades, and patrolled the area until 03:35. Wall Construction: Wall construction continues in the area northwest of Beit Jala city; around Al Walaja village; and east of Efrat settlement.
HEBRON	Closure: (i) The Israeli army continues to close Ash Shuhada' Street, As Sahleh and Khuzq al Far areas, and the old gold market in the old city of Hebron. In addition to closing the entrance to Al Qeisi neighbourhood, the Israeli army continues to close the entrances to the area of Al Hisba (the fruits and vegetables market) with an iron gate and Al Laban Market with iron plates.

(ii) On 05 January 2009, the Israeli army issued Military Order # 09/06/S on the closure of the area located along the Green Line south of the town of Yatta, evacuation of civilian residents, and prevention of civilian access to the area. According to Military Orders # 05/03/T and 05/04/T, land in this area was confiscated for Wall construction.

• Closure of Main Roads:

- (i) The Israeli army continues to close the entrances to As Samoa' and Adh Dhahiriya, Al 'Arrub refugee camp, and At Tuwani village.
- (ii) The Israeli army continues to prohibit Palestinian vehicles from travelling along Ash Shalala Old Street in the old city of Hebron.
- (iii) The Israeli army continues to close the road between Al Karmil and At Tuwani villages; all roads leading to Road # 60; and the road connecting Surif town to Al Jab'a village.
- (iv) The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades detour roads along the settler bypass road leading to Yatta town.

• Flying Checkpoints:

- (i) At 08:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on Al Fawwar junction and searched civilians and vehicles.
- (ii) At 11:20, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to An Nabi Yunis area on the Hebron-Bethlehem main road and searched civilians and vehicles.
- (iii) At 15:30, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to Al Majd village and searched civilians and vehicles.
- (iv) At 16:40, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to As Sikka village and searched civilians and vehicles.
- (v) At 17:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to Idhna town and searched civilians and vehicles.
- (vi) At 18:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint and searched civilians and vehicles at the northern entrance to Hebron city (along Road # 35 near the overpass to Halhul town).
- (vii) At 19:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the junction to As Samoa' town and searched civilians and vehicles until 22:20.

• Raids/Provocation of Palestinian Forces:

- (i) At 11:00, the Israeli army raided Hebron city. At 19:00, the Israeli army raided the city again and patrolled the area until 22:10.
- (ii) At 19:00, the Israeli army raided Nuba town and patrolled the area until 23:35.
- (iii) At 00:15, the Israeli army raided and patrolled Idhna town.
- (iv) At 01:30, the Israeli army raided Adh Dhahiriya town and searched a civilian house.
- (v) At 01:30, the Israeli army raided Halhul town, took position near the town's Palestinian Police station, and patrolled the area.
- <u>Wall Construction</u>: Wall construction continues in the area surrounding Eshkolot settlement west of Adh Dhahiriya town.

GAZA STRIP

At 02:00 on 18 January 2009, the unilateral ceasefire declared by the Israeli authorities came into effect. At a later time on the same day, armed Palestinian groups announced an agreement to cease fire for a week. Later, armed Palestinian groups extended the ceasefire until 05 February 2009. The ceasefire continues to hold. **Violations of the Ceasefire:** ALL (i) The Israeli army opened fire from its location on the Green Line on Palestinian territory in Khan Yunis and Rafah. Israeli naval boats **DISTRICTS** opened fire on Palestinian fishing boats at sea off the beaches of Central Gaza and Khan Yunis. Israeli F16 combat aircraft and a UAV carried out five aerial attacks on Gaza, Central Gaza, and Khan Yunis. During an air raid, an armed Palestinian individual was assassinated and a civilian passer-by wounded. Armed Palestinian individuals fired a mortar towards the Green Line. (ii)

Closure of Crossing Point: Beit Hanun (Erez) Crossing was partially open to critically previously-coordinated ill civilians, foreign international organisations staff, merchants, businesspeople, and civilians intending to travel to Jordan through Al Karama (Allenby) Bridge in the West Bank **Demonstration/Air Patrol:** In the morning of 11 January 2011, a mass **NORTHERN** demonstration, including peace activists, took place near Beit Hanun (Erez) GAZA Crossing north of the Beit Hanun town in protest against the Seam Zone along the Border Fence. The Israeli army prevents farmers and landlords from accessing and tending their land in this area. Meantime, Israeli combat helicopters patrolled the skies over the area. Palestinian Attack: In the morning of 11 January 2011, an unidentified mortar was fired towards the Green Line. **Closure of Crossing Points:** Al Muntar (Karnei) Crossing is closed. (i) Ash Shuja'iya (Nahal 'Oz) Crossing is closed. Beginning on 04 January (ii) 2010, the Crossing has been closed upon an Israeli unilateral decision. Air Attack: In the evening of 11 January 2011, Israeli F16 combat aircraft **GAZA** fired two missiles (during two consecutive air raids) on a site belonging to an armed Palestinian group south of Gaza city. Arrests/Confiscation of Property: At noon on 11 January 2011, Israeli navy boats pursued and intercepted a Palestinian fishing boat at sea off the Gaza city's beach. In addition to confiscating their boat, Israeli navy officers arrested two fishermen:

	(i) Mohammed Khaled Abu 'Amireh; and(ii) Usamah Nasser Abu 'Amireh.
CENTRAL GAZA	 Air Attack: At dawn on 12 January 2011, Israeli F16 combat aircraft fired two missiles on a site belonging to an armed Palestinian group west of An Nuseirat refugee camp. Attack: At dawn on 12 January 2011, the Israeli navy opened fire intensively on Palestinian fishing boats at sea off the Deir al Balah city's beach.
KHAN YUNIS	 Air Attacks/Injury/Destruction of Property: In the afternoon of 11 January 2011, an Israeli UAV fired a missile on and extra-judicially killed an armed Palestinian individual, while he was riding a motorcycle east of Khan Yunis city. In addition to destroying the motorcycle, the Israeli air attack resulted in the injury of a civilian passer-by. In the evening of 11 January 2011, Israeli F16 combat aircraft fired a missile on a site belonging to an armed Palestinian group west of Khan Yunis city. Assassination: The Israeli air force extra-judicially killed Mohammed Jamil an Najjar east of Khan Ynis city. Attacks: In the morning of 11 January 2011, the Israeli army opened intensive fire from its location on the Green Line on farmland and civilian houses east of Al Qarara town. At dawn on 12 January 2011, Israeli navy boats opened fire intensively on Palestinian fishing boats at sea off the beach of Khan Yunis city. Air Patrol: In the morning of 11 January 2011, Israeli combat helicopters patrolled the skies over the eastern Khan Yunis district.
RAFAH	 Closure of Crossing Points: Yasser 'Arafat International Airport remains closed. Rafah (Al 'Awdah) Crossing was open to allow civilians, patients, and civilians holding visas to depart the Gaza Strip. Access was also allowed to civilians and patients, who had received medical attention at Egyptian hospitals. Sufa Crossing is closed. Karm Abu Salem (Karem Shalom) Crossing was partially open for transportation of food supplies, humanitarian aid, diesel designated for Gaza Electricity Generation Plant, and cooking gas. Also, six truckloads of strawberries and flowers were exported through the Crossing. Attack: In the morning of 11 January 2011, the Israeli army opened intensive fire from its location in the area surrounding Sufa Crossing on the Green Line on agricultural land in the areas of Karm Abu Mu'ammar and Al Fakhari northeast of Rafah city.

• <u>Air Patrol</u>: In the morning of 11 January 2011, Israeli combat helicopters patrolled the skies over the eastern Rafah district.

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• Sentence: In response to the Israeli Military Prosecution's appeal, the Israeli military court at 'Ofar Detention and Interrogation Centre sentenced Abdullah Abu Rahmeh, Coordinator of the Popular Committee against the Wall in Bil'in village in Ramallah district, to an additional jail term of four months. The Israeli Military Prosecutor challenged that the Abu Rahmah's previous prison term of one year was too low. Furthermore, the court sentenced Abu Rahmah to six months in prison, three years with the stay of execution, and a fine of NIS 5,000 (approximately USD 1,400). Abu Rahmah was charged with organising protests against Wall construction. The trial session was held in presence of 24 European diplomats and consuls, including the French Consul General, as well as Israeli and international peace activists. Luisa Morgantini, former Deputy Speaker of the European Parliament was among those who attended the trial session.