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PALESTINIAN MONITORING GROUP

DAILY SITUATION REPORT
08:00 12 January 2007 – 08:00 13 January 2007

SUMMARY OF EVENTS

EVENT	WEST BANK	GAZA STRIP	TOTAL	NOTES
Physical Assault	1	—	**1**	1 civilian beaten at a checkpoint, Hebron
Attacks	3	—	**3**	1 in a raid & 2 during confrontations
Raids	24	1	**25**	Incl. 4 in Ramallah & 5 in Nablus
Air Patrol	1	—	**1**	Israeli troops dispatched by a helicopter
Arrests	7	—	**7**	Incl. 2 university students in Hebron
Detentions	16	—	**16**	At checkpoints & in residential areas
Closure of Checkpoints	15	—	**15**	Incl. access impeded at 8 checkpoints
Flying Checkpoints	23	—	**23**	Incl. 4 in Jerusalem and 5 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	—	5	**5**	Incl. Beit Hanun (Erez) partially
Palestinian Attacks	1	5	**6**	Incl. 5 unidentified mortars fired
Demonstration	1	—	**1**	In protest against Wall construction, Bil'in
TOTAL	**130**	**11**	**141**	

DISTRICT	EVENT
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.
JERUSALEM	• **Closure:** 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.
	• **Checkpoint:** 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.
	• **Flying Checkpoints:**
	(i) The Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the junction to the town of Beit Hanina and searched civilians and vehicles.
	(ii) The Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to the village of Beit Iksa, searched civilians and vehicles, and impeded civilian access.

RAMALLAH & EL BIREH	• **Closure of Main Roads:** (i) The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the eastern entrance to the village of Sinjil. (ii) The Israeli army continues to close with cement blocks the western 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 northern districts of the West Bank. • **Wall Construction:** Wall construction was suspended for the weekend in the area west of the town of 'Abud, in the areas of Al Midya to Ni'lin, Ni'lin to Deir Qaddis, and in the town of Beituniya. • **Flying Checkpoints:** (i) At 15:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint in the area between the town of Silwad and the village of Yabrud and searched civilians and vehicles. (ii) At 22:35, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the junction to the village of Surda along the Ramallah-Bir Zeit road and searched civilians and vehicles. • **Raids/Attack:** (i) At 10:30, the Israeli army, including 9 jeeps, raided the village of Kafr 'Ein and arrested 1 civilian. At 19:00, the Israeli army raided the village again and patrolled the area until 19:20. (ii) At 10:45, the Israeli army, including 2 jeeps, raided and patrolled the city of El Bireh. (iii) At 02:50, the Israeli army, including 9 jeeps, raided the city of Ramallah and opened indiscriminate fire, while patrolling the area. • **Arrests:** (i) Israeli troops positioned at the checkpoint set up on the overpass to the town of 'Atara arrested Ayman Jarrar. (ii) The Israeli army arrested Zaher Ahmed Dughrah in the village of Kafr 'Ein. • **Demonstration:** At 12:40, 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.
JENIN	• **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: (i) At 09:00, and again at 19:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the junction to the town of 'Arraba and searched civilians and vehicles. (ii) At 15:00, the Israeli army set up 2 flying checkpoints, one on the junction to the town of Az Zababida and the other at the northern entrance to the town of Tubas, and searched civilians and vehicles. (iii) At 20:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint near Haddad Tourist Complex along the Israeli settler bypass road east of the city of Jenin and searched civilians and vehicles. **Raids:** (i) At 10:00, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the area of As Suweitat east of the city of Jenin. (ii) At 14:00, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the village of Misliya. (iii) The Israeli army raided the town of Tammun and searched a sheep pen.
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. **Flying Checkpoints:** (i) At 12:05, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint in the area between the town of Bal'a and the village of Al 'Attara and searched civilians and vehicles until 14:25. (ii) At 12:20, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the junction to the village of Bizzariya and searched civilians and vehicles until 14:30. (iii) At 15:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to the town of Baqa ash Sharqiya, searched civilians and vehicles, and arrested 1 civilian. **Raids/Air Patrol:** (i) At 09:20, Israeli troops, dispatched by a combat helicopter, raided and combed the area of Byar 'Ashur between the towns of Bal'a and 'Anabta. (ii) At 16:40, the Israeli army raided the city of Tulkarem and searched 1 house. (iii) At 22:30, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the village of Far'un. (iv) At 23:40, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the town of 'Attil. **Arrest:** Israeli troops positioned at the flying checkpoint set up at the entrance to the town of Baqa ash Sharqiya arrested Shadi Jalal Nawahdhah.

QALQILIYA	• **Closure of Roads:** The Israeli army continues to close with cement blocks the agricultural roads east of the town of 'Azzun. • **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 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. • **Flying Checkpoints:** (i) At 10:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the eastern entrance to the city of Qalqiliya and searched civilians and vehicles. (ii) The Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint in the area between the towns of 'Azzun and Kafr Thulth and searched civilians and vehicles. • **Palestinian Attack:** At 15:10, armed Palestinian individuals opened fire towards Israeli troops positioned at the checkpoint set up on the Green Line north of the city of Qalqiliya.
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. • **Checkpoints:** 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. • **Raids:** (i) At 16:00, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the village of Sabastiya. (ii) At 23:15, the Israeli army, including 4 jeeps, raided the village of Salim. While patrolling the area, confrontations took place between the Israeli army and civilians.

	(iii) At 01:20, the Israeli army, including 7 jeeps, raided and patrolled the city of Nablus. (iv) At 01:30, the Israeli army raided the village of 'Azmut and searched 1 house. (v) The Israeli army raided and patrolled the town of Jamma'in.
SALFIT	• **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. • **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. • **Flying Checkpoint:** At 11:20, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the eastern entrance to the village of Bruqin and searched civilians and vehicles. • **Raids:** (i) At 10:00, the Israeli army, including 10 jeeps, raided the town of Az Zawiya and the village of Rafat and patrolled the area until 11:00. (ii) The Israeli army raided and patrolled the town of Kifl Haris.
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. • **Checkpoints:** (i) The Israeli army continues to intensify its restrictions 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. The Israeli army has also installed computers at the 2 checkpoints to examine civilians' IDs, thereby impeding civilian access. (ii) At 15:30, the Israeli army intensified its restrictions at the DCO checkpoint set up at the southern entrance to the city of Jericho and impeded civilian access. • **Flying Checkpoint:** At 10:25, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint near the junction to the village of Al 'Auja along Al Mu'arrajat road connecting the districts of Jericho and Ramallah.

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, northwest of the city of Beit Jala, and in the area of Wadi Rahhal east of the settlement of Efrat. • **Raid:** At 23:20, an Israeli army patrol raided the village of Al Khadr and patrolled the area.
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. • **Wall Construction:** 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. • **Flying Checkpoints/Physical Assault:** (i) At 09:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the junction to the village of Beit 'Einun and searched civilians and vehicles.

	(ii) At 14:30, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to the town of Idhna, searched civilians and vehicles, and beat 1 civilian. (iii) At 23:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the junction to the town of Adh Dhahiriya and searched civilians and vehicles. (iv) At 00:30, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the junction to the village of Sussia between the towns of Yatta and As Samoa' and searched civilians and vehicles. • **Raids:** (i) At 14:35, the Israeli army raided the town of Beit Kahil, arrested 1 university student, and served summons to 2 civilians to report to the Israeli Intelligence Agency. (ii) At 16:30, the Israeli army raided the city of Hebron, set up a checkpoint in the area of Al Fahs, searched civilians and vehicles, and patrolled the area. (iii) The Israeli army raided the town of As Samoa' and arrested 1 civilian. (iv) The Israeli army raided the town of Yatta and arrested 2 civilians, including 1 university student. • **Arrests:** (i) The Israeli army arrested Khalil Kamel al 'Atawneh in the town of Beit Kahil. (ii) The Israeli army arrested Nidhal Mahmoud az Za'arir in the town of As Samoa'. The Israeli army arrested 2 civilians in the town of Yatta: (iii) Zakariya Mohammed Abu Samrah; and (iv) Suleiman Jihad Mohammed.

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. Armed Palestinian individuals also fired 5 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:** At 14:35, in violation of the Israeli-Palestinian ceasefire agreement, the Israeli army, including 4 armoured vehicles, raided and combed Palestinian territory near Point 14 on the Green Line opposite a Palestinian National Security location north of the town of Beit Lahiya. The Israeli army also detonated an explosive device. • **Palestinian Attacks:** In violation of the Israeli-Palestinian ceasefire agreement, armed Palestinian individuals fired 2 mortars towards the Green Line, as follows: (i) At 13:15, 1 unidentified mortar was fired towards the Green Line, but it exploded in the area from which it was launched. (ii) At 15:20, 1 unidentified mortar was fired towards the Green Line.

GAZA	• **Palestinian Attacks:** In violation of the Israeli-Palestinian ceasefire agreement, armed Palestinian individuals fired 2 mortars towards the Green Line, as follows: (i) At 12:20, 1 unidentified mortar was fired towards the Green Line. (ii) At 20:15, 1 unidentified mortar was fired towards the Green Line.
CENTRAL GAZA	• Activities nor reported.
KHAN YUNIS	• **Palestinian Attack:** At 14:15, armed Palestinian individuals fired 1 unidentified mortar towards the Green Line, thereby violating the Israeli-Palestinian ceasefire agreement.
RAFAH	• **Closure of Crossing Points:** (i) Yasser 'Arafat International Airport remains closed. (ii) Rafah Crossing is closed. (iii) Sufa Crossing is closed. (iv) Karm Abu Salim (Karem Shalom) Crossing is closed.