# مجموعة الرقابة الفلسطينية



## PALESTINIAN MONITORING GROUP

## **DAILY SITUATION REPORT**

08:00 13 January 2007 – 08:00 14 January 2007

### **SUMMARY OF EVENTS**

EVENT	WEST BANK	GAZA STRIP	TOTAL	NOTES
Physical Assaults	2	_	2	1 civilian & 1 taxi driver beaten
Injury	1	_	1	A taxi driver at Qalandiya checkpoint
Attacks	4	3	7	Incl. 1 in a raid & 5 from military posts
Raids	14	_	14	Incl. 3 in Tulkarem & 2 in Bethlehem
Arrests	4	_	4	Incl. an injured taxi driver in Jerusalem
Detentions	15	_	15	At checkpoints & in residential areas
Wall Construction	26	_	26	Jer., Raml'h., Qalq., Salfit, Hebron, Beth.
Destruction of Property	1	_	1	Furniture of a house damaged, Bethlehem
Closure of Checkpoints	14	_	14	Incl. 1 checkpoint completely closed
Flying Checkpoints	16	_	16	Incl. 4 in Jenin and 4 in Tulkarem
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	<del>_</del>	7	7	Incl. Beit Hanun (Erez) partially
Palestinian Attacks	1	1	2	Incl. fire opened at DCO offices, Qalqiliya
Demonstration	1	_	1	In solidarity with prisoners, Bethlehem
TOTAL	137	11	148	

DISTRICT	EVENT
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### WEST BANK The Israeli army continues to intensify its restrictions at checkpoints set up **ALL** on the main roads connecting the West Bank districts, thereby isolating the northern districts from the southern districts as well as the Jericho district **DISTRICTS** and the Jordan Valley from the remainder of the West Bank. Closure: The Israeli army continues to intensify its restrictions at checkpoints located at the entrances to the city of Jerusalem, in the old city of Jerusalem, and around Al Agsa Mosque compound. **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. The Israeli army continues to close the road connecting Dahiyat al (ii) 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: JERUSALEM** The Israeli army continues to close the Wall gate in the town of Abu (i) Dis with cement blocks. The Israeli army continues to deny civilian access through the Wall (ii) 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 resumed 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 Checkpoint:** At 14:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to the village of Beit Iksa and searched civilians and vehicles.
- <u>Attack/Injury</u>: Israeli troops positioned at Qalandiya checkpoint opened fire towards and injured a taxi driver, after he quarreled with an Israeli soldier. Israeli troops also arrested the injured taxi driver.
- <u>Arrest</u>: Israeli troops positioned at Qalandiya checkpoint arrested Mohammed al Joulani.

### **Closure of Main Roads:** (i) The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the eastern 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 northern districts of the West Bank. Wall Construction: Wall construction was resumed in the area west of the town of 'Abud, in the areas of Al Midya to Ni'lin, Ni'lin to Deir Qaddis, **RAMALLAH** and in the town of Beituniya. & **Flying Checkpoints: EL BIREH** (i) At 09:35, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint in the area between the villages of Kharbatha al Misbah and Beit Liqya and searched civilians and vehicles. (ii) At 12:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to the village of Rantis, searched civilians and vehicles, and arrested 2 civilians. • Raid: At 01:20, the Israeli army, including 3 jeeps, raided the city of El Bireh, searched 1 house, and withdrew at 03:30. Arrests: Israeli troops positioned at the flying checkpoint set up at the entrance to the village of Rantis arrested 2 civilians: Tareq Majed Khalaf; and (i) Jihad Hasan Dannoun. (ii) 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 **JENIN** special Israeli permits. **Flying Checkpoints:** (i) At 08:30, the Israeli army set up 2 flying checkpoints on the junctions to the town of Az Zababida and the village of Al Jarba and searched civilians and vehicles. At 19:30, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the junction to (ii) the village of Deir Ghazala and searched civilians and vehicles. The Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint in the area of Bir al Jammal (iii) at the southern entrance to the city of Jenin and searched civilians and vehicles.

### Raids: At 20:00, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the area of As Suweitat (i) east of the city of Jenin as well as the village of Ash Shuhada'. At 21:30, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the town of Qabatiya. (ii) The Israeli army also combed the mountainous area surrounding the town. 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. **TULKAREM Flying Checkpoints:** (i) At 09:30, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the junction to the town of Deir al Ghusun and searched civilians and vehicles. At 15:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the junction to (ii) the village of Bizzariya and searched civilians and vehicles. Raids: (i) At 10:10, the Israeli army raided the town of 'Attil, set up 2 checkpoints, and searched civilians and vehicles. The Israeli army also patrolled the area until 13:50. (ii) At 23:50, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the city of Tulkarem. At 00:30, the Israeli army raided the city again and searched 1 house. 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 (i) 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 **QALQILIYA** detector. Wall Construction: Land levelling for Wall construction was resumed in the villages of Immatin and Kafr Laqif as well as east of the towns of Kafr Thulth and 'Azzun. Palestinian Attack/Israeli Attack: At 23:00, armed Palestinian individuals opened fire towards Israeli troops positioned at the DCO offices near the eastern entrance to the city of Qalqiliya. Consequently, Israeli troops opened indiscriminate fire.

### **Closure of Main Roads:** The Israeli army continues to close the Jenin-Nablus road between the (i) junction to the village of Deir Sharaf and the settlement of Shavei Shomron. The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the southern (ii) entrance to the village of Qaryut. Checkpoints: The Israeli army continues to regulate times for crossing checkpoints set up around the city of Nablus: Huwwara and Beit Iba checkpoints (set up at the southern and western (i) 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. At Tur neighbourhood checkpoint (set up on Jirzim Mount) is closed (ii) on Fridays and Saturdays as well as during Jewish holidays. On all other days, it is open for civilian residents of the neighbourhood only. **NABLUS** (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. Physical Assault: Israeli troops positioned at Huwwara checkpoint beat Fawzi Omar Hussein, leaving him with contusions. At 13:50, Hussein was admitted to Nablus Public Hospital for medical treatment. Attack: Israeli troops positioned on At Tur Mount south of the city of Nablus opened fire towards civilian houses in the area of Ad Dahiyat in the city of Nablus. Raids/Attack: At 16:00, the Israeli army raided the village of Burga and opened fire, (i) while patrolling the area. At 02:25, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the city of Nablus. (ii) **Closure of Main Roads:** The Israeli army has continued to close the main north-western (i) entrance to the city of Salfit with dirt barricades since the beginning of the current *Intifada* (Uprising). The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the western (ii) entrance to the village of Marda and, with cement blocks, the western entrance to the town of Kafr ad Dik. **SALFIT 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. The Israeli army continues to intensify its restrictions at the Za'tara (ii) junction checkpoint and to impede civilian access. Wall Construction: Wall construction was resumed 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.

	<ul> <li>Flying Checkpoint: At 21:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint in the area between the towns of Kifl Haris and Deir Istiya and searched civilians and vehicles.</li> <li>Raid: The Israeli army raided and patrolled the town of Deir Istiya.</li> </ul>
JERICHO	<ul> <li>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.</li> <li>Checkpoints: 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.</li> <li>Flying Checkpoints/Detention/Physical Assault:         <ul> <li>At 09:45, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint near the junction to the settlement of Vered Yericho and searched civilians and vehicles.</li> <li>At 20:30, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to the village of 'Ein ad Duyuk and searched civilians and vehicles. Israeli troops positioned at the flying checkpoint also detained and beat a taxi driver.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
BETHLEHEM	<ul> <li>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.</li> <li>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.</li> <li>Wall Construction: Wall construction was resumed 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.</li> <li>Flving Checkpoint: At 16:55, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint near the town Jannata south of the city of Bethlehem and searched civilians and vehicles.</li> <li>Raids/Destruction of Property: <ol> <li>At 01:30, the Israeli army raided the city of Bethlehem and arrested 1 university student.</li> <li>At 01:40, the Israeli army raided the village of Artas, searched 1 house thoroughly, and damaged furniture. At 02:55, the Israeli army withdrew from the area.</li> <li>Arrest: The Israeli army arrested Mohammed Usamah Hirmas in the city of Bethlehem.</li> <li>Demonstration: At 12:00, families of political prisoners held a sit-in demonstration in front of the offices of the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) in solidarity with their relative prisoners held in Israeli prisons. Families also demanded that political prisoners be released.</li> </ol> </li> </ul>

### 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 resumed 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.
- Raids: At 13:00, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the city of Hebron. At 16:50, the Israeli army raided the city again, set up a checkpoint in the area of Al Fahs, searched civilians and vehicles, and patrolled the area.

### **GAZA STRIP**

# The ceasefire agreement that entered into force at 06:00 on 26 November 2006 remains effective. However, the Israeli army and navy opened fire towards Palestinian territory on 3 occasions. In addition, armed Palestinian individuals attempted to fire 1 mortar towards the Green Line, but it exploded in the area from which it was launched. NORTHERN GAZA Closure of Crossing Point: Beit Hanun (Erez) Crossing is partially open only to foreign nationals, VIPs, and humanitarian cases.

**HEBRON** 

	<ul> <li>Attacks: In violation of the Israeli-Palestinian ceasefire agreement, the Israeli army and navy opened fire towards Palestinian territory, as follows: <ol> <li>At 10:25, the Israeli army opened fire from the area near Point 23 on the Green Line towards Palestinian territory north of the town of Beit Hanun.</li> <li>At 22:00, Israeli navy boats opened fire towards Palestinian fishing boats at sea opposite As Sudaniya beach northwest of the town of Beit Lahiya.</li> </ol> </li> <li>Palestinian Attack: At 09:10, in an attempt to violate the Israeli-Palestinian ceasefire agreement, armed Palestinian individuals fired 1 unidentified mortar towards the Green Line, but it exploded in the area from which it was launched.</li> </ul>		
GAZA	<ul> <li>Closure of Crossing Points:         <ul> <li>(i) Al Muntar (Karnei) Crossing is closed.</li> <li>(ii) Ash Shuja'iya (Nahal 'Oz) Crossing is closed.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>		
CENTRAL GAZA	• Attack: In violation of the Israeli-Palestinian ceasefire agreement, the Israeli army opened fire from the area near Point 120 on the Green Lien towards a number of shepherds at a distance of 200 metres from the border fence east of Al Bureij refugee camp.		
KHAN YUNIS	Activities not reported.		
RAFAH	<ul> <li>Closure of Crossing Points:</li> <li>(i) Yasser 'Arafat International Airport remains closed.</li> <li>(ii) Rafah Crossing is closed.</li> <li>(iii) Sufa Crossing is closed.</li> <li>(iv) Karm Abu Salim (Karem Shalom) Crossing is closed.</li> </ul>		