مجموعة الرقابة الفلسطينية

PALESTINIAN MONITORING GROUP

DAILY SITUATION REPORT
08:00 14 January 2006 – 08:00 15 January 2006

SUMMARY OF EVENTS

EVENT	WEST BANK	GAZA STRIP	TOTAL	NOTES
Deaths	2	1	**3**	Incl. 1 female civilian & 1 Pal. officer
Physical Assault	1	—	**1**	1 civilian severely beaten in Hebron
Injuries	4	—	**4**	Incl. 3 civilians in critical condition
Attacks	2	3	**5**	2 in raids and 3 from military posts
Raids	17	—	**17**	Incl. 4 in Bethlehem & 6 in Hebron
Arrests	5	—	**5**	Incl. 1 in Tulkarem and 2 in Hebron
Detentions	11	—	**11**	Incl. 7 Palestinian security officers
Wall Construction	28	—	**28**	Incl. Jer., Raml'h., Qalq., Salfit, Beth.
Destruction of Property	1	—	**1**	Vehicle windshields broken, Hebron
House Occupations	4	—	**4**	1 in Nablus and 3 in Hebron
Flying Checkpoints	11	—	**11**	Incl. 3 in Qalqiliya & 4 in Hebron
Closure of Checkpoint	1	—	**1**	'Einav checkpoint, Tulkarem district
Closure (per District)	9	1	**10**	Incl. a buffer zone in Northern Gaza
Closure of Main Roads	27	—	**27**	Incl. eastern entrance to Bir Nabala
Closure of Crossing Points	—	4	**4**	Incl. Beit Hanun & Rafah partially
Medical Obstruction	1	—	**1**	Ambulance denied access in Rujeib
Settler Violence	2	—	**2**	Incl. houses raided in Yanun, Nablus
Obstruction of Elections	1	—	**1**	Taking position near an electoral rally
Provocation of Pal. Forces	1	—	**1**	Checkpoint near 1 Pal. Police station
Palestinian Attacks	—	13	**13**	16 unidentified mortars fired
TOTAL	**128**	**22**	**150**	

DISTRICT	EVENT

WEST BANK

JERUSALEM	• **Closure:** The Israeli army continues to intensify its restrictions at checkpoints located at the entrances to the city of Jerusalem and has set up checkpoints in the old city of Jerusalem and around Al Aqsa Mosque compound. • **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 and to impede 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 resumed 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. • **Detention:** At 16:25, Israeli troops positioned at Qalandiya checkpoint detained Shadi Mahmoud Hammad, a Palestinian National Security officer, until 18:00.
RAMALLAH & EL BIREH	• **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 resumed 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. • **Flying Checkpoint:** The Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to the village of Deir Abu Mash'al and searched civilians and vehicles. • **Raid/Detention:** The Israeli army raided the city of El Bireh, set up a checkpoint, searched civilian vehicles, and detained a number of civilians for an extended period of time. The Israeli army also patrolled the area.
JENIN	• **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. • **Wall Gates:** Passage through the Wall gates is restricted to civilians granted special Israeli permits. • **Raid/Detention:** At 23:00, the Israeli army, including 15 jeeps, raided the city of Jenin, opened indiscriminate fire, searched 1 building after detaining residents outside, and withdrew at 01:30.

	• **Arrest:** At 02:00 on 14 January 2006, the Israeli army arrested Mohammed Khalil Tawalbeh during its raid on the city of Jenin.
TULKAREM	• **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:** (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. The Israeli army also continues to close with dirt barricades the roads connecting Al Mahjar to Al Jarushiya, Iktaba to Deir al Ghusun, Al Masqufa to Deir al Ghusun and Shuweika, Bal'a to Deir al Ghususn, 'Attil to 'Illar, 'Attil to Deir al Ghusun, and Al Hafasa to Dhinnaba. (ii) 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. • **Checkpoint:** 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. • **Wall Gates:** Passage through the Wall gates is restricted to civilians granted special Israeli permits. • **Raids:** (i) At 14:05, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the village of Dhinnaba. (ii) At 19:00, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the city of Tulkarem until 20:40. • **Arrest:** On 03 January 2006, the Israeli army arrested Mu'awiyah Abdul Lateef Shalabi from the town of 'Attil in Salim Military Detention Centre. • **Detention:** At 11:30, Israeli troops positioned at Jubara checkpoint south of the city of Tulkarem detained 6 Palestinian National Security officers for an extended period of time.
QALQILIYA	• **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 resumed in the village of Immatin and east of the towns of Kafr Thulth and 'Azzun. • **Flying Checkpoints:** (i) At 10:50, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint near the village of An Nabi Elyas on the Qalqiliya-Nablus main road and searched civilians and vehicles. (ii) At 16:20, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint in the area between the town of Jayyus and the village of Sir and searched civilians and vehicles.

	(iii) At 19:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint near the village of 'Izbat at Tabib and searched civilians and vehicles. • **Raid:** At 08:20, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the city of Qalqiliya.

NABLUS	• **Closure of Main Road:** 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.
	• **Checkpoints:**
	(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) The Israeli army limited the time for crossing Huwwara checkpoint to the period between 06:00 and 23:00.
	• **Raids/House Occupation/Medical Obstruction:**
	(i) At 15:30, the Israeli army raided the city of Nablus, occupied 1 house, and converted it into a military post.
	(ii) At 04:20, Israeli Special Forces raided the village of Rujeib and surrounded 1 house. Believing that thieves were surrounding the house, its residents opened fire. In response, Israeli Special Forces opened intensive fire, killing 2 of the house residents, including 1 female civilian, and injuring 4 others, including 3 civilians in critical condition:
	    (i) Rawand Munjed al Halabi;
	    (ii) Fozan Munjed al Halabi; and
	    (iii) Fawwaz Munjed al Halabi.
	The Israeli army also prevented ambulances from accessing the area to transport the injured civilians. At 06:20, the Israeli army withdrew from the area.
	• **Killings:** The Israeli army killed 2 civilians in the village of Rujeib:
	(i) Nawal Ahmed al Halabi, a female civilian; and
	(ii) Fawzi Munjed al Halabi.
	• **Settler Violence:** At 10:10, a group of Israeli settlers raided the village of Yanun and raided a number of civilian houses. The Israeli army later evacuated the settlers from the village.

SALFIT	• **Closure of Main Road:** 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 *Intifada* (Uprising). • **Checkpoint:** The Israeli army continues to close Deir Ballut checkpoint overnight and open it at various morning hours, impeding civilian access. • **Wall Construction:** Wall construction was resumed 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.

	• **Flying Checkpoint:** At 13:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint in the area between the villages of Farkha and Qarawat Bani Zeid and searched civilians and vehicles until 14:20.
JERICHO	• **Closure:** 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. • **Checkpoints:** (i) 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. (ii) At 19:30, the Israeli army intensified its restrictions at the DCO checkpoint set up at the southern entrance to the city of Jericho, impeding civilian access in both directions. • **Flying Checkpoint:** At 10:30, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the junction to the village of Al 'Auja on Al Mu'arrajat road connecting the districts of Jericho and Ramallah and searched civilians and vehicles until 12:45.
BETHLEHEM	• **Closure:** (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. 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. (ii) The Israeli army continues to close the entrances to the villages of Husan and Nahhalin with cement blocks. • **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 resumed 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. • **Raids:** (i) At 13:30, and again at 15:20, an Israeli army patrol raided the town of Al Khadr and patrolled the area. (ii) At 16:30, an Israeli army patrol raided the town of Al 'Ubeidiya and the village of Dar Salah and patrolled the area. • **Arrest:** On 13 January 2006, the Israeli army arrested Amjad Ahmed Taqatqah at the Interrogation and Detention Centre in the settlement of Kfar 'Etzion.
HEBRON	• **Closure:** (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.

(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 Ibrahimi 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.

(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.

(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.

- **Closure of Main Roads:** The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the entrances to the area of Al Hawawir leading to the town of Halhul, the village of 'Arab ar Ramadin, and the area of Al Fahs south of the city of Hebron. The Israeli army has also continued to close with dirt barricades the junction to the area of Farsh al Hawa leading to Road # 35 northwest of the city of Hebron and the entrance to the town of Idhna.

- **Wall Construction:** Wall construction was resumed 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'.

- **Flying Checkpoints:**

(i)   At 09:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on Al Fawwar junction and searched civilians and vehicles until 11:00.

(ii)   At 11:20, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the overpass to the town of Halhul and searched civilians and vehicles until 14:00.

- **Physical Assault:** At 11:00, Israeli troops severely beat Bilal Shawar in the old city of Hebron, breaking his arm. Shawar was transported to hospital for treatment of injuries sustained.

- **Raids/House Occupations/Provocation of Palestinian Forces/Obstruction of Elections:**

(i)   At 02:00 on 14 January 2006, the Israeli army raided the town of Yatta and arrested 2 civilians.

(ii)   At 11:20, an Israeli army patrol raided the city of Hebron and patrolled the area.

(iii)   At 14:30, the Israeli army raided the area of Sinjir, occupied 1 house, and converted it into a military post.

(iv)   At 15:00, the Israeli army raided the town of Yatta, set up a checkpoint in front of the town's Palestinian Police station, searched civilians and vehicles, and patrolled the area.

(v)   At 15:00, the Israeli army raided the town of Adh Dhahiriya, took position near an electoral campaign rally for candidates running for the upcoming Palestinian legislative elections, and patrolled the area.

(vi)   At 19:00, the Israeli army raided the town of Dura, occupied 1 house, and converted it into a military post. The Israeli army also set up a

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<u>Arrests:</u> The Israeli army arrested 2 civilians in the town of Yatta:

(i)   Ziyad an Nawaj'ah; and
(ii)   Ayman an Najjar.

<u>House Occupation:</u> 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.
<u>Settler Violence/Destruction of Property:</u> At 23:30, a group of Israeli settlers broke windshields of civilian vehicles in Jaber neighbourhood in the old city of Hebron.

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GAZA STRIP

ALL DISTRICTS	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, only allowing a few workers to cross.

NORTHERN GAZA	<u>Closure:</u> 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. <u>Closure of Crossing Point:</u> Beit Hanun (Erez) Crossing is partially open to foreign nationals, VIPs, and humanitarian cases only. <u>Attacks:</u> (i) At 12:45, the Israeli army opened fire from Point 64 on the Green Line towards Palestinian territory east of the town of Jabalya. (ii) At 14:05, the Israeli army fired 1 artillery shell from Point 64 on the Green Line east of the town of Jabalya towards Palestinian territory (The place where the artillery shell landed is unknown). <u>Palestinian Attacks:</u> (i) At 14:15 on 10 January 2006, 1 unidentified mortar was fired towards the Green Line. (ii) At 22:30 on 10 January 2006, armed Palestinian individuals failed to fire 1 unidentified mortar towards the Green Line. The mortar exploded in the area from which it was launched. (iii) At 16:40 on 11 January 2006, 1 unidentified mortar was fired towards the Green Line. (iv) At 20:00 on 12 January 2006, 1 unidentified mortar was fired towards the Green Line.

	(v) At 01:55 on 13 January 2006, 2 unidentified mortars were fired towards the Green Line, of which 1 exploded in the area from which it was launched. (vi) At 09:50 on 13 January 2006, 2 unidentified mortars were fired towards the Green Line. (vii) At 13:05 on 13 January 2006, 1 unidentified mortar was fired towards the Green Line. (viii) At 18:15 on 13 January 2006, 1 unidentified mortar was fired towards the Green Line. (ix) At 17:15, 1 unidentified mortar was fired towards the Green Line. (x) At 20:20, 2 unidentified mortars were fired towards the Green Line, of which 1 exploded in the area from which it was launched.
GAZA	• **Closure of Crossing Point:** Al Muntar (Karnei) Crossing is closed.
CENTRAL GAZA	• **Palestinian Attacks:** (i) At 16:00 on 13 January 2006, 1 unidentified mortar was fired towards the Green Line. (ii) At 17:50 on 13 January 2006, 1 unidentified mortar was fired towards the Green Line.
KHAN YUNIS	• **Palestinian Attack:** At 17:00 on 09 January 2006, 1 unidentified mortar was fired towards the Green Line.
RAFAH	• **Closure of Crossing Points:** (i) Yasser Arafat International Airport remains closed. (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. • **Attack:** At 11:25, the Israeli army opened fire from Point 216 on the Green Line towards Palestinian territory south of Sufa Crossing. • **Death:** On 13 January 2006, Kamal Ijmei'an Sheikh al 'Eid, a Palestinian National Security officer, died in a hospital in Egypt of injuries sustained at the beginning of the current *Intifada* (Uprising).

GENERAL

WORK PERMITS	• **West Bank:** The Israeli authorities renewed 6,809 work permits for crossing the Green Line. However, the number of permit-holding workers who were allowed to access areas inside the Green Line is unknown. • **Gaza Strip:** The Israeli authorities renewed 183 work permits for workers to cross the Green Line. However, and despite the closure imposed by the Israeli army over the Gaza Strip districts, 39 workers (approximately 22% of those possessing work permits) were allowed to access areas inside the Green Line.