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PALESTINIAN MONITORING GROUP

DAILY SITUATION REPORT

08:00 16 January 2006 – 08:00 17 January 2006

SUMMARY OF EVENTS

EVENT	WEST BANK	GAZA STRIP	TOTAL	NOTES
Death	1	—	1	In an armed confrontation, Tulkarem
Physical Assault	1	—	1	Civilians severely beaten, Nablus
Attacks	1	3	4	1 in a raid and 3 from military posts
Raids	26	—	26	Incl. 5 in Ramallah & 5 in Bethlehem
Air Patrol	1	—	1	Helicopters over 'Ein Duyuk, Jericho
Arrests	18	—	18	Incl. 2 children & 1 university student
Detentions	9	—	9	Incl. 2 Palestinian security officers
House Demolitions	3	—	3	In the city of Jerusalem
Wall Construction	28	—	28	Incl. Jer., Raml'h., Qalq., Salfit, Beth.
Destruction of Property	3	—	3	Incl. greenhouses damaged, Qalqiliya
House Occupations	3	—	3	In Beita, Al Fawwar RC, & Hebron
Curfew	1	—	1	Al Fawwar refugee camp, Hebron
Flying Checkpoints	14	—	14	Incl. 2 in Jericho & 6 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	26	—	26	Incl. Road # 60 leading to Jerusalem
Closure of Crossing Points	—	5	5	Incl. Beit Hanun & Rafah partially
Obstruction of Elections	2	—	2	Incl. 2 elections candidates detained
Provocation of Pal. Forces	1	1	2	Incl. 1 Pal. security office raided
Palestinian Attacks	—	3	3	4 unidentified mortars fired
Pal. Security Measures	2	—	2	Incl. 2 Knesset members protected
TOTAL	150	13	163	

DISTRICT	EVENT
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WEST BANK

JERUSALEM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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 continues 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. • House Demolitions: The Israeli army demolished 3 houses in the neighbourhoods of Al Mukabbir Mountain, Silwan, and Beit Hanina in the city of Jerusalem, claiming that they were built without the required construction licenses. The house demolished in the neighbourhood of Beit Hanina belongs to Zakariya Hjeij. • Obstruction of Elections: The Israeli army disrupted a meeting, which was scheduled to take place in the offices of the African Community in the old city of Jerusalem, for candidates running for the upcoming Palestinian legislative elections in the electoral constituency of Jerusalem.
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 continues 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 on the overpass to the town of 'Atara and searched civilians and vehicles. • Raids: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 23:25, the Israeli army, including 2 jeeps, raided and patrolled the town of Deir Ghassana and the village of An Nabi Salih until 00:15. (ii) At 24:00, the Israeli army, including 3 jeeps, raided and patrolled the village of Kafr 'Ein until 02:30. (iii) At 02:05, the Israeli army, including 7 jeeps, raided the city of El Bireh, set up a checkpoint, searched civilians and vehicles, and patrolled the area.

	<p>(iv) At 02:25, the Israeli army, including 3 jeeps, raided and patrolled the city of Ramallah until 04:00.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Palestinian Security Measure:</u> At 11:10, Palestinian security forces handed over 1 illegal vehicle, seized in the city of Ramallah, to the Israeli authorities (through the DCO).
<p style="text-align: center;">JENIN</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Closure of Main Road:</u> 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. • <u>Checkpoint:</u> The Israeli army continues to intensify its restrictions at Tayasir checkpoint east of the town of Tubas and to impede civilian access. • <u>Wall Gates:</u> Passage through the Wall gates is restricted to civilians granted special Israeli permits. • <u>Flying Checkpoint:</u> At 08:30, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the junction to the village of Al 'Attara and arrested 1 university student. • <u>Raids/Destruction of Property:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 08:30, the Israeli army, including 3 jeeps, raided the village of Tura al Gharbiya and distributed notices to owners of 4 barracks used for poultry to remove them within 48 hours, claiming that they are 100 metres near the Wall. Otherwise, the Israeli army will demolish the 4 barracks. At 10:00, the Israeli army withdrew from the area. (ii) At 13:00, the Israeli army, including 3 jeeps, raided the village of Jalbun, searched a number of houses, and withdrew at 14:00. (iii) At 01:00, the Israeli army, including 7 jeeps, raided and patrolled the city of Jenin until 02:00. • <u>Arrest:</u> Israeli troops positioned at the flying checkpoint set up on the junction to the village of Al 'Attara arrested Yousef Kathem Sa'abneh.
<p style="text-align: center;">TULKAREM</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Closure:</u> 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. • <u>Closure of Main Roads:</u> The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the entrance to the village of 'Izbat Abu Khmeish and the roads connecting the town of Kafr al Labad to the village of Al Hafasa, the town of Bal'a and the village of Al 'Attara, Bal'a to Dahiyat Iktaba, Al Mahjar to Al Jarushiya, Iktaba to Deir al Ghusun, Al Masqufa to Deir al Ghusun and Shuweika, Al Hafasa to Dhinnaba, 'Attil to 'Illar, and 'Attil to Deir al Ghusun. • <u>Checkpoint:</u> 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. • <u>Wall Gates:</u> Passage through the Wall gates is restricted to civilians granted special Israeli permits. • <u>Flying Checkpoint:</u> At 02:40, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to Nur Shams refugee camp and searched civilians and vehicles.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Raids/Provocation of Palestinian Forces:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 04:00 on 16 January 2006, the Israeli army raided the town of ‘Illar and arrested 1 civilian. (ii) At 02:30, the Israeli army raided the city of Tulkarem and Tulkarem refugee camp, searched a number of houses, arrested 3 civilians, and raided 1 office belonging to the Palestinian National Security forces. An armed confrontation took place between the Israeli army and armed Palestinian individuals in Tulkarem refugee camp, during which the Israeli army killed 1 civilian. At 05:50, the Israeli army withdrew from the area. • <u>Killing:</u> The Israeli army killed Thabet Salah ad Din ‘Ayyadeh in Tulkarem refugee camp. • <u>Arrests:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) The Israeli army arrested Ihab Mohammed Younes in the town of ‘Illar. The Israeli army arrested 3 civilians in the city of Tulkarem and Tulkarem refugee camp: (ii) Shathi Hussein Suleiman; (iii) ‘Amer ‘Afeef Shadeed; and (iv) Husam Khaled at Tammam.
QALQILIYA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Wall Gates:</u> <ul 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 construction continues in the village of Immatin and east of the towns of Kafr Thulth and ‘Azzun. • <u>Raids/Destruction of Property:</u> Beginning at 01:55 on 16 January 2006, the Israeli army remained positioned in the city of Qalqiliya, arrested 4 civilians, and damaged a number of greenhouses. At 12:45, the Israeli army withdrew from the area. • <u>Arrests:</u> The Israeli army arrested 4 civilians in the city of Qalqiliya: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Mohammed Salah Abu Tabeekh; (ii) Seif ad Din ‘Adnan J’eidi; (iii) Mohammed ‘Adel Shihadeh; and (iv) Ayman Mohammed Taha.
NABLUS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Closure of Main Road:</u> 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. • <u>Checkpoints:</u> <ul 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

	<p>of Nablus. The Israeli army closes the checkpoints overnight and reopens them at various morning hours.</p> <p>(ii) The Israeli army continues to limit the time for crossing Huwwara checkpoint to the period between 06:00 and 23:00.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Flying Checkpoints/Detention/Destruction of Property/Physical Assault:</u> <p>(i) At 15:30, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on Al Badhan road east of the city of Nablus, searched civilian vehicles, and detained a number of civilians.</p> <p>(ii) The Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint near the settlement of Yitzhar, searched civilians and vehicles, broke the windshields of 10 civilian vehicles, and severely beat a number of civilians.</p> • <u>Raids/House Occupation:</u> <p>(i) At 12:05, and again at 00:05, an Israeli army patrol raided the city of Nablus and patrolled the area.</p> <p>(ii) At 23:40, the Israeli army raided the village of Beita, occupied 1 house, and converted it into a military post.</p> <p>(iii) At 03:00, the Israeli army raided the town of ‘Asira ash Shamaliya, searched a number of houses, and arrested 6 civilians, including 2 children. At 05:55, the Israeli army withdrew from the area.</p> • <u>Arrests:</u> The Israeli army arrested 6 civilians in the town of ‘Asira ash Shamaliya: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Bakr Abdul Qader Jawabreh, 17 years old; (ii) Usamah Bilal Kassab, 17 years old; (iii) Nidhal ‘Awwad Shouli; (iv) Mahmoud Mirshed Yaseen; (v) Sameh Bilal Kassab; and (vi) Dhirar Nitham Shouli.
SALFIT	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Closure of Main Road:</u> 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). • <u>Checkpoint:</u> The Israeli army continues to close Deir Ballut checkpoint overnight and open it at various morning hours, impeding civilian access. • <u>Wall Construction:</u> Wall construction continues 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>Raid:</u> At 01:30, the Israeli army, including 3 jeeps, raided and patrolled the villages of Farkha and Khirbet Qeis.
JERICHO	<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.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <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 17:00, and again at 23:30, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to the village of 'Ein ad Duyuk and searched civilians and vehicles. • <u>Air Patrol:</u> At 23:50, Israeli army combat helicopters patrolled the skies over the village of 'Ein ad Duyuk. • <u>Arrests:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 17:50, Israeli troops positioned at the DCO checkpoint set up at the southern entrance to the city of Jericho arrested Rami Hussein Ali. (ii) At 20:30, Israeli troops at the DCO checkpoint set up at the southern entrance to the city of Jericho also arrested Majdi Mohammed Fheidat. (iii) Israeli troops positioned at Al Karama (Allenby) Bridge arrested 'Uthman 'Urabi Nakhleh on his way back from Saudi Arabia where he performed Hajj (pilgrimage) in the city of Mecca. • <u>Detention:</u> At 14:15, Israeli troops positioned at the DCO checkpoint set up at the southern entrance to the city of Jericho detained 2 Palestinian National Security officers until 15:35. • <u>Palestinian Security Measure:</u> At 06:35, Palestinian security forces accompanied and provided protection to 2 members of the Knesset as well as several other Jewish worshippers while they were visiting a synagogue in the city of Jericho.
BETHLEHEM	<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. 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. • <u>Closure of Main Roads:</u> 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. • <u>Wall Construction:</u> Wall construction continues 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. • <u>Raids:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 13:30, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the city of Bethlehem and 'Ayda refugee camp until 14:55. (ii) At 20:55, an Israeli army patrol raided the town of Al Khadr and patrolled the area. (iii) At 02:30, the Israeli army, including 2 jeeps, raided and patrolled the cities of Beit Jala and Bethlehem.

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 continues 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/Obstruction of Elections:**
 - (i) At 22:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on Al Fawwar junction and detained 2 candidates running for the upcoming Palestinian legislative elections. At 23:00, Israeli troops released the 2 candidates after coordinating with the DCO.
 - (ii) At 22:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the overpass to the town of Halhul and searched civilians and vehicles until 23:30.
- **Raids/Destruction of Property/Curfew/House Occupations:**
 - (i) At 10:30, the Israeli army raided the city of Hebron, set up a checkpoint at the entrance to Ash Shallala Street, and searched civilians and vehicles. At 23:00, the Israeli army raided the city again, set up a checkpoint in Ash Sheikh neighbourhood, and searched civilians and vehicles.
 - (ii) At 03:00, the Israeli army raided Al Fawwar refugee camp, set up 2 checkpoints at its entrances, and searched 10 houses after destroying their doors. The Israeli army also imposed curfew, occupied a number of houses, and converted them into military posts. The Israeli army remains positioned in the area as of 08:00 this morning.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Arrests: The 2 children reported yesterday to have been arrested by the Israeli army at the entrance to Al 'Arrub refugee camp were identified as: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Fahed Jaber Abu Sill, 11 years old; and (ii) Wisam Khaled Miqbel, 11 years old. • 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.
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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. • Attack/Provocation of Palestinian Forces: At 22:50, the Israeli army fired 4 artillery shells from Point 64 on the Green Line towards Palestinian territory near 1 Palestinian National Security location north of the town of Beit Lahiya. • Palestinian Attacks: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 22:00, 1 unidentified mortar was fired towards the Green Line. (ii) At 23:00, 2 unidentified mortars were fired towards the Green Line. (iii) At 24:00, 1 unidentified mortar was fired towards the Green Line.
<p style="text-align: center;">GAZA</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure of Crossing Point: Al Muntar (Karnei) Crossing is closed.
<p style="text-align: center;">CENTRAL GAZA</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Attack: At 16:55, the Israeli army opened fire from Point 120 on the Green Line towards 2 civilians, claiming that they approached the Green Line east of Al Maghazi refugee camp.
<p style="text-align: center;">KHAN YUNIS</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Activities not reported.

RAFAH	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• <u>Closure of Crossing Points:</u><ul style="list-style-type: none">(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.(iii) Sufa Crossing is closed.• <u>Attack:</u> At 10:05, the Israeli army opened fire from Point 217 on the Green Line towards Palestinian territory south of Sufa Crossing.
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