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PALESTINIAN MONITORING GROUP

DAILY SITUATION REPORT

08:00, 17 January 2011 – 08:00, 18 January 2011

SUMMARY OF EVENTS

EVENT	WEST BANK	GAZA STRIP	TOTAL	NOTES
Injury	1	—	1	14-year-old child in Ramallah district
Physical Assault	1	—	1	Beating a civilian at Qalandiya checkpoint
Arrests (per person)	5	—	5	Incl. 2 children
Expulsion	1	—	1	A civilian expelled from Jericho to Gaza
Detentions	12	—	12	At checkpoints & in residential locales
Raids	17	—	17	Incl. 2 in Salfit & 1 in Nablus
Checkpoints	9	—	9	Access impeded at 6 checkpoints
Flying Checkpoints	26	—	26	Incl. 3 in Jericho & 1 in Bethlehem
Attacks	4	1	5	Incl. 4 in confrontations & 1 by boats
Air Patrol	1	—	1	copter during airborne operation in Beth
Provocation of Pal. Forces	1	—	1	Detain 5 Presidential Guard vehicles
Wall Construction	13	—	13	Jer., Raml'h., Qalq., Salfit, Heb., Beth.
Closure (per District)	7	—	7	Incl. Jerusalem city & 4 areas in Hebron
Closure of Main Roads	43	—	43	Incl. 10 in Nablus & 1 in Qalqiliya
Closure of Crossing Points	—	4	4	Partial opening of 3 crossings
Settlement Activities	*	—	—	Approve construction of 32 housing units
TOTAL	141	5	146	

DISTRICT	EVENTS
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WEST BANK

JERUSALEM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) The Israeli army continues to intensify restrictions at checkpoints set up at entrances to the occupied city of Jerusalem and Al Aqsa Mosque, and prevent civilians from other districts from entering the city, except those possessing Israeli permits. (ii) On 05 January 2009, the Israeli army issued military order # S/02/09 closing the seam line area, an extension of the Wall. (iii) The Israeli army continues to impose a blockade and deny civilian access to a hill between the villages of Biddu and Beit Ikka. • Closure of Main Roads: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (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 separating the area of Dahiyat Al Bareed in Jerusalem city from the town of Ar Ram. (iii) The Israeli army continues to close the eastern entrance to the village of Beit Ikka, which leads to the city of Jerusalem, by an iron gate, and allows civilians access to occupied Jerusalem city through Qalandiya checkpoint only. • Checkpoint: The Israeli army continues to consider Qalandiya checkpoint a "border crossing point" and only allows holders of Jerusalem IDs to access the city of Jerusalem. • Attack: At 21:40, the Israeli army in Silwan neighborhood in occupied Jerusalem city fired rubber coated steel bullets, stun grenades and tear gas bombs towards civilians under the pretext of throwing stones while storming the neighborhood. • Physical Assault: At 16:00, the Israeli army at Qalandiya checkpoint severely beat the civilian Bilal Said Suwwan from the village of Immatin in Qalqiliya district causing him contusions. • Settlement Activity: On 17 January 2011, the Israeli planning committee of the Israeli municipality of Jerusalem city approved the construction of 32 housing units in the settlement of Pisgat Ze'ev that is built on land belonging to the town of Beit Hanina and the village of Hizma northeast of Jerusalem city. • Wall Gates: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (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 al-Shayyah road in the area between the villages of al-Sawahira al-Sharqiya and al-Sawahira al-Gharbiya, only allowing civilians holding Jerusalem IDs to cross, after subjecting them to thorough searches using electronic devices.
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wall Construction: Wall construction continues north of Qalandiya village, south of Az-Za'im village and al-'Eizariya Valley and west of the settlement of Ma'ale Adumim.
RAMALLAH & EL BIREH	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure of Main Roads: The Israeli army continues to close the entrances to Sinjil village, Safa village and the junction to the villages of Kafr Malik – Ein Samiya. • Raids: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 00:10, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the village of Qarawat Bani Zaid. (ii) At 00:30, the Israeli army raided the village of An Nabi Salih where confrontations took place with civilians while searching a number of houses. The Israeli army withdrew at 01:00. • Attack: At 10:55, the Israeli army near Ofar military camp, east of Beituniya town, fired rubber coated steel bullets and tear gas bombs towards a number of children under the pretext of throwing stones. Again at 16:30, the Israeli army opened fire injuring 14-year-old child Muhammad Raja'I Ahmad An-Najjar. • Wall Construction: Wall construction continues west of the town of 'Abud, in the periphery of the settlement of Ofarim and north of the villages of Al Lubban Al Gharbi and Rantis.
JENIN	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure of Main Roads: The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the road leading to 'Arraba town, east of the settlement of Dotan. • Raids: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 11:00, the Israeli army raided the town of Birqin, stormed a number of commercial shops, questioned a number of civilians on the economic conditions and withdrew at 14:30. (ii) At 22:45, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the village of Beit Qad until 23:00. • 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.
TOUBAS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Checkpoint: The Israeli army continues to intensify restrictions at Tayasir checkpoint, allowing civilian access from 06:00 to 22:00.
TULKAREM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure of Main Roads: The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the road between the town of Kafr Al Labad and the village of Shofeh and the road between the villages of Shofeh and Izbat Shofeh. • Checkpoints: The Israeli army continues to intensify restrictions at Einav checkpoint that is set up on Tulkarm-Nablus main road and impede civilian access. • Raid: At 01:30, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the city of Tulkarm. • Wall Gates: Passage through the wall gates is restricted to civilians granted

	<p>special Israeli permits, which affects the educational and health conditions of civilians living behind the Wall.</p>
QALQILYA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure of Roads: The Israeli army continues to close with cement blocks the agricultural roads east of the town of 'Azzun. • Flying Checkpoints: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 08:45, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint in the area between the town of Azzun and the village of Izbat At-Tabib. (ii) At 12:15, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to the town of Azzun. Again at 07:30, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint and searched civilians and vehicles. (iii) At 15:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the junction leading to the village of Jit and searched civilians and vehicles. (iv) At 15:15, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint near the village of Azzun Atma and searched civilians and vehicles. (v) At 16:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to the village of Ras Atiya. (vi) At 17:55, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to the village of Izbat At-Tabib. (vii) At 19:30, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to the city of Qalqiliya and searched civilians and vehicles. • Raids: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 16:00, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the town of Habla. (ii) At 17:00, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the village of Ad Dab'a. (iii) At 18:30, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the village of Azzun Atma. • Wall Gates: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) The Israeli army continues to intensify its restrictions at 'Azzun 'Atma Wall gate and search civilians, including students, with a detector. (ii) The Israeli army continues to close with an iron gate the entrance to the village of Wadi Ar-Rasha and prevent the access of its inhabitants. The Israeli army only allows the passage of students to their schools outside the village through Habla town gate, while allowing the passage of civilians through gate # 109. • Wall Construction: Wall construction continues on land belonging to the village of Kafr Laqif, north of the settlement of Karni Shomron, on land belonging to the village of Immatin, northeast of the settlement of 'Amano'el, and east of the town of Kafr Thulth near the settlement of Ma'aleh Shomron.
NABLUS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure of Main Roads: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (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.

	<p>(ii) The Israeli army continues to close the northern entrance to the town of Qabalan; the southern entrances to the villages of Duma and Qaryut; and the western entrance to An Naqura village opposite Shavei Shomron settlement.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Checkpoints:</u> <p>(i) At Tur neighborhood checkpoint (set up on Jerzim Mount) is closed on Fridays and Saturdays as well as during Jewish holidays. On other days, it is open for civilian residents of the neighborhood only from 07:00 until 02:00.</p> <p>(ii) Awarta commercial checkpoint is open for civilians from 05:00 until 20:00 and on Friday from 05:00 until 15:00.</p> <p>(iii) At 08:00, the Israeli army intensified its restrictions at Shavi Shomron checkpoint and impeded civilian access.</p> • <u>Flying Checkpoints:</u> <p>(i) At 11:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to the town of Beit Furik and searched civilians and vehicles until 12:00.</p> <p>(ii) At 14:55, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint in the area between the city of Nablus and the town of Asira Ash Shamaliya and searched civilians and vehicles until 15:40.</p> <p>(iii) At 16:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the junction leading to the village of Qusin. Again at 18:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint and searched civilians and vehicles.</p> <p>(iv) At 16:25, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the junction leading to the town of Qabalan and searched civilians and vehicles.</p> <p>(v) At 01:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the junction leading to the village of Sarra (on Nablus – Qalqiliya main road) and searched civilians and vehicles until 01:40.</p> • <u>Raid:</u> At 16:35, the Israeli army raided the town of Beita and patrolled the area. • <u>Arrest:</u> At 18:35, the Israeli army arrested the civilian Isma'il Abdulkareem Isma'il from the town of Beit Iba while working in Israel.
SALFIT	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Closure of Main Roads:</u> <p>(i) The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the northern entrance to the city of Salfit, and continues to close with cement blocks and iron gates the northern entrance to the town of Bruqin.</p> <p>(ii) The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the entrances of 2 side roads between the village of Marda and its agricultural land.</p> <p>(iii) On 14 November 2011, the Israeli army opened the northern entrance to the city of Salfit (that has been closed for 7 years) and allowed the access of passenger buses only.</p> • <u>Checkpoint:</u> The Israeli army continues to intensify its restrictions at Za'tara checkpoint and impede civilian access. • <u>Flying Checkpoint:</u> At 09:30, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the eastern entrance to the village of Yasuf and searched civilians and vehicles until 11:10.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Raids:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 18:40, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the village of Hares until 19:40. (ii) At 01:00, the Israeli army raided the town of Bidya, searched a house and arrested a civilian. • <u>Arrest:</u> The Israeli army arrested in the town of Bidya the civilian Adham Ibrahim Dawoud Sarsour. • <u>Wall Construction:</u> Wall construction continues in the area north of the town of Deir Istiya (southeast of the settlement of ‘Amanu’el).
JERICHO	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Closure of Main Roads:</u> The Israeli army continues to close Road # 90 between the city of Jericho and the village of al-‘Auja with cement blocks. • <u>Checkpoints:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) The Israeli army continues to intensify its restrictions at al-Hamra checkpoint and allow civilian access from 06:00 until 22:00. (ii) The Israeli army continues to intensify its restrictions on the checkpoint set up on the junction to the village of al-‘Auja and allow access only to civilians holding Jericho and Jordan Valley IDs and those with permits. • <u>Flying Checkpoint:</u> At 10:40, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the southern entrance to Jericho city. Again at 13:45, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint, detained Presidential Guard officer Rami Jamal Hussein and Preventive Security officer Raed Hamdan and released them following DCO intervention. Again at 20:05, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint, detained 5 Presidential Guard vehicles and allowed them to pass following DCO intervention. • <u>Expulsion:</u> On 17 January 2011, the Israeli army expelled the civilian Mahmoud Yousef Yassin Dweik from Jericho city (after arresting him while working in Israel for not possessing entry permit) to Gaza Strip through Beit Hanun (Erez) Crossing under the pretext of holding a Gaza Strip ID, although he is married, has children and his parents have been residing in Jericho city for 22 years. His expulsion comes in the context of military order # 1650 expelling civilians who do not hold residence permit in the West Bank or hold Gaza Strip ID.
BETHLEHEM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Closure:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) 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. (ii) As of 15 September 2007, the Israeli army continues to prevent civilian access, pursuant to military order # 07/02, to 22 <i>dunum</i> area confiscated according to military order # 07/31 to establish a crossing point in the area of Al Mazmuriya between the cities of Beit Sahur and Bethlehem. • <u>Closure of Main Roads:</u> The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the roads of Beit Jala-Wadi Ahmad, the sideway east of Beit Fajjar town and the agricultural road that is located between the town of Taqu’a and the village of Khirbet Al Baq’a.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Raid:</u> At 09:50, Israeli army helicopter airborne infantry troops raided the village of Khalayel Al Louz, set up a flying checkpoint at its entrance, patrolled the area and withdrew at 11:15. • <u>Wall Construction:</u> Wall construction continues in the area northwest of the town of al-Khadr and Beit Jala city; in the area of Wadi Rahhal east of Ephrata settlement; and in the area surrounding al-Walaja village.
HEBRON	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Closure:</u> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (i) The Israeli army continues to close the following locales in the old city of Hebron: al-Shuhada' Street and the area of al-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 al-Sahleh. The Israeli army continues to close the entrance to al Laban Market by iron boards. The Israeli army also continues to install an iron gate at the entrance to the area of al-Hisba (the fruit and vegetable market) in the old city of Hebron, thereby controlling civilian access in the area. (ii) On 05 January 2009, the Israeli army issued military order # 09/06 closing the area located along the Green Line south of the town of Yatta, evacuating those inside it and preventing civilians from accessing it. This is the land seized for military purposes for the construction of the Wall. • <u>Closure of Main Roads:</u> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (i) The Israeli army continues to close with cement blocks the following locales: the entrance to the town of al-Samoa'; the area of al-Hawawir leading to the town of Halhoul; the road connecting the town of Surif to the village of al-Jab'a; and the eastern entrance to the village of Kharsa; the entrance to al-Qeisi neighborhood in the old city of Hebron; the main entrance to al-'Arrub refugee camp; the village of At Tuwani as well as the entrance to the town of Adh Dhahiriya. (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 with dirt barricades the road between the villages of Al Karmil and At Tuwani and all roads leading to bypass Road # 60. (iv) The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the side roads off the bypass road leading to the town of Yatta. • <u>Flying Checkpoints:</u> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 14:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to the town of Beit Ummar and searched civilians and vehicles. (ii) At 14:20, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to the town of Idhna and searched civilians and vehicles. (iii) At 17:10, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the junction leading to the village of Khursa and searched civilians and vehicles.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> (iv) At 17:25, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on Al Fawwar junction and searched civilians and vehicles. (v) At 17:50, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to the town of As-Samoa' and searched civilians and vehicles. • <u>Raids:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 11:20, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the town of Adh Dhahiriya. Again at dawn on 18 January 2011, the Israeli army raided the area, searched a house and arrested a civilian. (ii) At 11:30, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the town of Halhul. (iii) At 13:00, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the village of Shuyukh Al Arroub. (iv) At dawn on 18 January 2011, the Israeli army raided the town of Beit Ummar, searched a number of houses and arrested 2 children. • <u>Arrests:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) The Israeli army arrested in the town of Adh Dhahiriya the civilian As'ad Abbas Sha'ban. (ii) The Israeli army arrested in the town of Beit Ummar Mu'taz Khaled Sabri Awad, 17-year-old, and Mahab Ibrahim Bahr, 17-year-old. • <u>Wall Construction:</u> Wall construction continues in the section of Tarqumiya checkpoint terminal, in the periphery of Eshkolot settlement southwest of Adh Dhahiriya town and between southwest of Arab Ar Ramadin village and the village of Imneizil.
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GAZA STRIP

<p style="text-align: center;">ALL DISTRICTS</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • At 02:00 on 18 January 2009, the Israeli army declared a unilateral ceasefire. In the meantime, armed Palestinian groups declared a one-week-long ceasefire. Meanwhile, the ceasefire was extended until 05 February 2009. The ceasefire is holding despite the end of the specified period. • The Israeli army violated the ceasefire when Israeli navy boats opened fire towards Palestinian fishing boats at sea in Khan Yunis district.
<p style="text-align: center;">NORTHERN GAZA</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Closure of Crossing Point:</u> Beit Hanun (Erez) Crossing is partially open for the passage of critically ill civilians, foreign journalists, the staff of international humanitarian organizations, traders, businessmen and civilians travelling through Al Karama Crossing who have prior coordination.
<p style="text-align: center;">GAZA</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Closure of Crossing Points:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Al-Muntar (Karni) Crossing is closed. (ii) Al-Shuja'iya (Nahal 'Oz) Crossing for fuel transport is closed since 04 January 2010 by an Israeli unilateral decision.

CENTRAL GAZA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Events not reported.
KHAN YOUNIS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Attack: In the evening of 17 January 2011, Israeli navy boats opened fire intensively towards Palestinian fishing boats at sea in front of Khan Yunis city beach.
RAFAH	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure of Crossing Points: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Yasser 'Arafat International Airport remains closed. (ii) Rafah (Al Awdah) Crossing is open for the departure of sick civilians, students and visa holders, and for the entry of civilians and patients who received treatment at Egyptian hospitals. (iii) Sufa Crossing is closed. (iv) Karm Abu Salim (Karem Shalom) Crossing is partially open for the entry of food, humanitarian assistance, a quantity of diesel for the electricity plant, cooking gas, 20 imported vehicles and for the export of a truckload of strawberries and flowers.

GENERAL

POLITICAL PRISONERS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Israeli military court passed prison sentences against the following political prisoners: Mahmoud Abdulaziz As-Suwaiti to 22 and a half years; Thaer Abu Karda to 20 years; and Mahmoud Isma'il As-Suwaiti to 11 and a half years.
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