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PALESTINIAN MONITORING GROUP

DAILY SITUATION REPORT

08:00 18 January 2007 – 08:00 19 January 2007

SUMMARY OF EVENTS

EVENT	WEST BANK	GAZA STRIP	TOTAL	NOTES
Deaths	2	—	2	Incl. a 10-year-old female child, Jerusalem
Injuries	8	—	8	In the city of Nablus, incl. 3 children
Attacks	3	1	4	Incl. 2 in raids & 1 during confrontations
Raids	19	3	22	Incl. 8 in Ramallah & 3 in Nablus
Air Patrols	1	2	3	1 by combat aircraft & 2 by helicopters
Arrests	11	—	11	Incl. 3 in Ramallah and 3 in Jenin
Detentions	15	—	15	Incl. 1 journalist in Ar Ram, Jerusalem
Land Levelling	—	1	1	East of the town of Jabalya, N. Gaza
Wall Construction	26	—	26	Jer., Raml'h., Qalq., Salfit, Hebron, Beth.
Destruction of Property	2	—	2	Incl. a bakery damaged in Jenin district
Confiscation of Property	1	—	1	3 computers in the district of Jerusalem
House Occupations	2	—	2	Converted into military posts in Nablus
Closure of Checkpoints	14	—	14	Incl. access impeded at 7 checkpoints
Flying Checkpoints	10	—	10	Incl. 3 in Ramallah and 3 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	—	3	3	4 mortars fired towards the Green Line
Demonstration	1	—	1	Int'l peace activists denied access, Hebron
TOTAL	153	15	168	

DISTRICT	EVENT
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WEST BANK

<p style="text-align: center;">ALL DISTRICTS</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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.
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<p style="text-align: center;">JERUSALEM</p>	<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, in the old city of Jerusalem, and around Al Aqsa Mosque compound. • Closure of Main Roads: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (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: <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 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 continues 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 08:30, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the junction to the town of Ar Ram and searched civilians and vehicles. • Death: 'Abeer Bassam 'Aramin, a 10-year-old female pupil, died of critical injuries sustained on 16 January 2006 due to a sound grenade that hit her in the head during confrontations between civilians and the Israeli army in the town of 'Anata. As was reported on 17 January 2007, 3 other children were also injured during the confrontations.
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Raid/Confiscation of Property/Detention:</u> At 10:20, the Israeli army raided the town of Ar Ram, searched 1 building, confiscated 3 computers, and arrested 1 civilian. The Israeli army also detained a journalist, while he was covering the incident. • <u>Arrest:</u> The Israeli army arrested As'ad ash Shami in the town of Ar Ram.
<p style="text-align: center;">RAMALLAH & EL BIREH</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Closure of Main Roads:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (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. • <u>Checkpoint:</u> 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. • <u>Wall Construction:</u> Wall construction continues 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. • <u>Flying Checkpoint:</u> The Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the junction to the village of 'Ein Yabrud, searched civilians and vehicles, and arrested 1 civilian. • <u>Raids/Attack:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 18:10, the Israeli army, including 2 jeeps, raided the village of Qarawat Bani Zeid and patrolled the area until 18:30. (ii) At 18:55, an Israeli army patrol raided the town of Beituniya, fired sound grenades, and searched 1 building. The Israeli army also threatened the building's owner that it would demolish it if armed Palestinian individuals open fire towards Israeli troops from it again. At 03:20, the Israeli army, including 11 jeeps, raided the town again, searched 1 building, arrested 1 civilian, and withdrew at 04:15. (iii) At 21:55, the Israeli army raided the city of El Bireh and searched 1 house. At 02:05, the Israeli army raided the city again, set up a checkpoint, searched civilians and vehicles, and patrolled the area until 05:45. (iv) At 00:30, the Israeli army, including 2 jeeps, raided the villages of An Nabi Salih and Kafr 'Ein and patrolled the area until 01:05. (v) The Israeli army raided the village of Kafr Malik, set up a checkpoint, searched civilians and vehicles, and arrested 1 civilian. • <u>Arrests:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Israeli troops positioned at the flying checkpoint set up on the junction to the village of 'Ein Yabrud arrested an unidentified civilian. (ii) The Israeli army arrested Mohammed Mousa al Froukh in the town of Beituniya. (iii) The Israeli army arrested Yihya Mohammed 'Uday in the village of Kafr Malik. • <u>Air Patrol:</u> At 13:00, an Israeli combat helicopter patrolled the skies over the city of Ramallah.

<p style="text-align: center;">JENIN</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 08:30, the Israeli army set up 2 flying checkpoints on the junctions to the towns of ‘Arraba and Az Zababida and searched civilians and vehicles. (ii) At 12:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the junction to the village of Sanur and searched civilians and vehicles. • Raids/Destruction of Property: At 12:00, the Israeli army, including 10 jeeps, raided the town of Jaba’, searched 1 house, and arrested 1 civilian. At 01:00, the Israeli army, including 7 jeeps, raided the town again, searched a number of houses, damaged a bakery, and arrested 2 other civilians. • Arrests The Israeli army arrested 3 civilians in the town of Jaba’: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Sa’eed ‘Awni Fashafsheh; (ii) Rami Fat’hi Khaliliyyeh; and (iii) Jawad Saleem Malaysheh.
<p style="text-align: center;">TULKAREM</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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. • Raid: At 10:00, an Israeli army patrol raided the city of Tulkarem and patrolled the area.
<p style="text-align: center;">QALQILIYA</p>	<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. • Wall Gates: <ol 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.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Wall Construction:</u> Land levelling for Wall construction continues in the villages of Immatin and Kafr Laqif as well as east of the towns of Kafr Thulth and 'Azzun. • <u>Flying Checkpoint:</u> At 21:30, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the eastern entrance to the city of Qalqiliya and searched civilians and vehicles.
NABLUS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Closure of Main Roads:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (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. • <u>Checkpoints:</u> The Israeli army continues to regulate times for crossing checkpoints set up around the city of Nablus: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (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. • <u>Death:</u> At 18:10, Tayseer Mahmoud Qeisi, a civilian resident of 'Ein Beit el Ma' refugee camp, died at Huwwara checkpoint, after Israeli troops prevented a civilian vehicle transporting him from crossing the checkpoint to the city of Nablus, claiming that it did not possess an access permit. Qeisi used to receive medical treatment for liver cancer at Augusta Victoria Hospital in the city of Jerusalem. • <u>Raids/House Occupations/Destruction of Property/Attack/Injuries:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Beginning at 20:20 on 18 January 2007, the Israeli army remained positioned in the city of Nablus and continued to occupy a number of buildings, which it converted into military posts. In addition, the Israeli army searched several houses and demolished the wall of 1 house. Confrontations also took place between the Israeli army and civilians, during which the Israeli army injured 8 civilians, including 3 children. Additionally, the Israeli army arrested 1 civilian and withdrew at 10:30. (ii) At 02:30, the Israeli army raided the city of Nablus and 'Ein Beit el Ma' refugee camp and arrested 1 child in the refugee camp. At 04:45, the Israeli army withdrew from the area. • <u>Arrests:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) The Israeli army arrested Iyad al Libdawi in the city of Nablus.

	<p>(ii) The Israeli army arrested 17-year-old Mohammed Hani Wakid in 'Ein Beit el Ma' refugee camp.</p>
SALFIT	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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 <i>Intifada</i> (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 continues 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. • Raid: At 11:00, an Israeli army patrol raided the city of Salfit and patrolled the area until 11:10.
JERICHO	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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: 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.
BETHLEHEM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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 continues 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. • Raids/Attack: (i) At 15:30, an Israeli army patrol raided 'Ayda refugee camp and patrolled the area. (ii) At 19:00, the Israeli army raided the town of Tuqu' and opened indiscriminate fire, while searching a number of houses. The Israeli army also set up a checkpoint at the town's entrance and searched civilians and vehicles.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Arrest:</u> Israeli troops positioned at a checkpoint set up in the area between the cities of Jerusalem and Bethlehem arrested Taha Mohammed Sha'lan.
<p style="text-align: center;">HEBRON</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Closure:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (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. • <u>Closure of Main Roads:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (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 continues 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. • <u>Flying Checkpoint:</u> At 09:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on Al Fawwar junction, searched civilians and vehicles, and arrested 1 civilian. • <u>Raid:</u> At 20:00, the Israeli army raided the city of Hebron and searched 1 house as well as a number of commercial shops. • <u>Arrest:</u> Israeli troops positioned the flying checkpoint set up on Al Fawwar junction arrested Ya'qoub Hasan Ghattasheh. • <u>Demonstration:</u> At 11:00, a group of international peace activists attempted to access the city of Hebron to protest against the Israeli army's continued closure of Ash Shuhada' Street in the old city of Hebron. However, the Israeli army denied access to peace activists and dispersed them.

GAZA STRIP

<p style="text-align: center;">ALL DISTRICTS</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The ceasefire agreement that entered into force at 06:00 on 26 November 2006 remains effective. However, the Israeli army carried out 3 raids into Palestinian territory, during one of which it levelled land. In addition, Israeli combat aircraft patrolled the skies over Palestinian territory. Armed Palestinian individuals also fired 4 mortars towards the Green Line.
<p style="text-align: center;">NORTHERN GAZA</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure of Crossing Point: Beit Hanun (Erez) Crossing is partially open only to foreign nationals, VIPs, and humanitarian cases. • Raids/Air Patrol/Land Levelling: In violation of the Israeli-Palestinian ceasefire agreement, the Israeli army carried out 2 raids into Palestinian territory, as follows: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 10:30, the Israeli army, including a number of armoured vehicles covered by combat helicopters, raided Palestinian territory near the Green Line east of the eastern cemetery east of the town of Jabalya and levelled land. At 22:10, the Israeli army detonated explosives, claiming to be destroying tunnels near the eastern cemetery. (ii) At 10:40, the Israeli army, including a number of armoured vehicles, raided Palestinian territory east of the town of Beit Hanun. • Air Patrol: At 10:15, Israeli combat aircraft patrolled the skies over the district of Northern Gaza. • Palestinian Attack: At 06:30, armed Palestinian individuals fired 2 unidentified mortars towards the Green Line, thereby violating the Israeli-Palestinian ceasefire agreement.
<p style="text-align: center;">GAZA</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Palestinian Attacks: In violation of the Israeli-Palestinian ceasefire agreement, armed Palestinian individuals fired 2 mortars towards the Green Line, as follows: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 17:15, 1 unidentified mortar was fired towards the Green Line. (ii) At 23:30, 1 unidentified mortar was fired towards the Green Line.
<p style="text-align: center;">CENTRAL GAZA</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Activities not reported.
<p style="text-align: center;">KHAN YUNIS</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Raid: At 10:20, in violation of the Israeli-Palestinian ceasefire agreement, the Israeli army, including a number of trucks, raided Palestinian territory near Point 147 on the Green Line east of the area of Al Qarara and transported sand as well as cement blocks.
<p style="text-align: center;">RAFAH</p>	<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 Crossing is closed. (iii) Sufa Crossing is closed. (iv) Karm Abu Salim (Karem Shalom) Crossing is closed.