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PALESTINIAN MONITORING GROUP

DAILY SITUATION REPORT

08:00 20 January 2006 – 08:00 21 January 2006

SUMMARY OF EVENTS

EVENT	WEST BANK	GAZA STRIP	TOTAL	NOTES
Attacks	2	4	6	1 in a raid and 5 from military posts
Raids	17	—	17	Incl. 4 in Bethlehem & 7 in Hebron
Arrests	6	—	6	Incl. 2 children in Al Khadr, Beth.
Detentions	13	—	13	At checkpoints & in residential areas
Destruction of Property	1	—	1	1 suspected vehicle destroyed
House Occupations	3	—	3	In Sinjir, As Sarra, and Hebron
Flying Checkpoints	5	—	5	Incl. 1 in Ramallah & 3 in Hebron
Closure of Checkpoint	1	—	1	'Einav checkpoint, Tulkarem district
Closure (per District)	9	1	10	Incl. the district of Tulkarem partially
Closure of Main Roads	26	—	26	Incl. Road # 60 leading to Jerusalem
Closure of Crossing Points	—	6	6	Incl. Beit Hanun & Rafah partially
Obstruction of Elections	1	—	1	Elections candidates detained, Yatta
Pal. Security Measure	—	1	1	1 civilian arrested near Green Line
TOTAL	84	12	96	

DISTRICT	EVENT
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<p style="text-align: center;">ALL DISTRICTS</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> At 07:00 on 21 January 2006, the Palestinian legislative elections' polling process began for Palestinian security forces throughout Palestinian districts. Over the following 3 days, polling begins at 07:00 and ends at 19:00.
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WEST BANK

<p style="text-align: center;">JERUSALEM</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Closure: The Israeli army intensified its restrictions at checkpoints located at the entrances to the city of Jerusalem and set up several checkpoints in the old city of Jerusalem and in the area surrounding Al Aqsa Mosque compound, obstructing civilian access to Al Aqsa Mosque to perform Friday prayers. 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 suspended for the weekend 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.
<p style="text-align: center;">RAMALLAH & EL BIREH</p>	<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 was suspended for the weekend 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, searched civilian vehicles, and impeded civilian access. Raids: At 02:50, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the cities of Ramallah and El Bireh.
<p style="text-align: center;">JENIN</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wall Gates: Passage through the Wall gates is restricted to civilians granted special Israeli permits. • Raid: At 01:00, the Israeli army, including 7 jeeps, raided Jenin refugee camp, searched a number of houses, and withdrew at 04:00. • Arrests: At 22:00, Israeli troops positioned at Tayasir checkpoint east of the town of Tubas arrested 2 civilians: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Ahmed Joudeh al Jaddou'; and (ii) Abdallah Rafeeq Abu Salah.
TULKAREM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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: 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. • 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.
QALQILIYA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wall Gates: <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. • Wall Construction: Land levelling for Wall construction was suspended for the weekend in the village of Immatin and east of the towns of Kafr Thulth and 'Azzun.
NABLUS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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: 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. • Attack: At 23:00, Israeli troops positioned on At Tur Mountain opened fired towards civilian houses in Balata refugee camp.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Raids:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 23:00, the Israeli army, including 4 jeeps, raided the city of Nablus, searched 1 house, and withdrew at 03:00. (ii) At 00:30, the Israeli army raided the village of Burqa and opened fire while it was patrolling the area. • <u>Destruction of Property:</u> At 13:45, the Israeli army suspected and, consequently, destroyed 1 civilian vehicle (using explosives) at the entrance to the village of Beita.
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 was suspended for the weekend 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.
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. • <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 Checkpoint:</u> At 11:30, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to the village of 'Ein ad Duyuk, searched civilian vehicles, and impeded civilian access until 17:00. • <u>Raid:</u> At 16:10, an Israeli army patrol raided the village of Al 'Auja and patrolled the area.
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 was suspended for the weekend 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.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Raids:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 12:45, an Israeli army patrol raided the city of Beit Jala and patrolled the area. (ii) At 15:25, an Israeli army patrol raided the town of Al Khadr and arrested 2 children. (iii) At 17:00, an Israeli army patrol raided the city of Bethlehem and patrolled the area. (iv) At 21:55, the Israeli army raided and patrolled 'Ayda refugee camp. • <u>Arrests:</u> The Israeli army arrested 2 children in the town of Al Khadr: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Mahmoud Massri Salah, 17 years old; and (ii) Mohammed Is'haq Salah, 16 years old.
<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 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. • <u>Closure of Main Roads:</u> 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. • <u>Wall Construction:</u> Wall construction was suspended for the weekend 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'. • <u>Flying Checkpoints:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 14:15, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to the area of An Nabi Yunis and searched civilians and vehicles. (ii) At 21:30, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to the town of Beit Kahil and prevented civilians from entering or exiting the town. (iii) The Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the overpass to the town of Halhul and searched civilians and vehicles.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Raids/House Occupations/Detentions/Obstruction of Elections:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 10:15, the Israeli army raided the area of Sinjir near the town of Dura, occupied 1 house, and converted it into a military post after detaining residents in 1 room. (ii) At 11:15, the Israeli army raided the village of As Sarra, occupied 1 house, and converted it into a military post after detaining residents in 1 room. (iii) At 11:45, the Israeli army raided the town of Beit Ummar and arrested 1 civilian. (iv) At 16:00, an Israeli army patrol raided the town of Dura and searched a number of houses. (v) At 18:00, the Israeli army raided the town of Yatta and detained candidates running for the upcoming legislative elections, after they held a rally on the electoral campaign. (vi) At 19:45, the Israeli army raided Abu Sneineh neighbourhood in the city of Hebron, searched a number of houses after detaining residents outside, and arrested 1 civilian. (vii) At 23:40, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the area of Ras al Jora in the city of Hebron. • <u>Arrests:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) The Israeli army arrested Ibrahim Ahmed Khamees in the town of Beit Ummar. (ii) The Israeli army arrested Fahed Ibrahim Wazwaz in Abu Sneineh neighbourhood in the city of Hebron. • <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.
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GAZA STRIP

ALL DISTRICTS	<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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NORTHERN GAZA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <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.
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Closure of Crossing Point:</u> Beit Hanun (Erez) Crossing is partially open to foreign nationals, VIPs, and humanitarian cases only.
GAZA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Closure of Crossing Points:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Al Muntar (Karnei) Crossing is closed. (ii) Nahal 'Oz Crossing is closed.
CENTRAL GAZA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Attacks:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 13:00, the Israeli army opened fire from Point 112 on the Green Line towards Palestinian territory east of Al Bureij refugee camp. (ii) At 16:15, the Israeli army opened fire from the area between Points 116 and 120 on the Green Line towards Palestinian territory east of Al Bureij refugee camp.
KHAN YUNIS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Attacks:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 15:00, the Israeli army opened fire from Point 154 on the Green Line towards Palestinian territory east of the area of Al Qarara. (ii) At 17:55, the Israeli army opened fire from Point 188 on the Green Line towards Palestinian territory east of the area of Khuza'a, claiming that a civilian approached the Green Line. A Palestinian National Security patrol then arrested the civilian, who was later discovered to be mentally challenged.
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.