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PALESTINIAN MONITORING GROUP

DAILY SITUATION REPORT

08:00 20 January 2007 – 08:00 21 January 2007

SUMMARY OF EVENTS

EVENT	WEST BANK	GAZA STRIP	TOTAL	NOTES
Physical Assaults	4	—	4	Incl. family members beaten in Hebron
Injuries	2	3	5	Ramallah (2) and Northern Gaza (3)
Attacks	4	5	9	Incl. 2 in raids & 6 from military posts
Raids	12	—	12	Incl. 3 in Nablus & 2 in Salfit
Arrests	7	—	7	Incl. 1 mentally challenged female civilian
Detentions	15	—	15	At checkpoints & in residential areas
Wall Construction	26	—	26	Jer., Raml'h., Qalq., Salfit, Hebron, Beth.
Curfew	1	—	1	Over the village of Al 'Auja, Jericho
Closure of Checkpoints	14	—	14	Incl. access impeded at 7 checkpoints
Flying Checkpoints	16	—	16	Incl. 5 in Jenin and 5 in Tulkarem
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	—	7	7	Incl. Beit Hanun (Erez) partially
Settlement Activity	1	—	1	A synagogue constructed in Jerusalem
Settler Violence	1	—	1	1 Pal. security officer beaten, Qalqiliya
Palestinian Attack	—	1	1	2 mortars fired towards the Green Line
Pal. Security Measure	1	—	1	2 Israeli citizens handed over, Qalqiliya
TOTAL	142	16	158	

DISTRICT	EVENT
WEST BANK	
ALL DISTRICTS	<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.
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, 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 was resumed 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. • Settlement Activity: The Israeli army began constructing a 4-storey synagogue near Al Aqsa Mosque compound in the Muslim Quarter of the old city of Jerusalem.
RAMALLAH & EL BIREH	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure of Main Roads: <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.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <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 was resumed 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> At 19:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the junction to the village of Surda along the Ramallah-Bir Zeit road and searched civilians and vehicles until 20:00. • <u>Raid/Attack/Injuries:</u> At 16:50, the Israeli army raided the village of Beit Liqya. Confrontations took place between the Israeli army and civilians, during which the Israeli army injured 2 children. Of these, 14-year-old Jihad Ni’mān ‘Assi sustained bullet wounds to the chest.
JENIN	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Closure of Roads:</u> 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. • <u>Checkpoint:</u> 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. • <u>Wall Gates:</u> Passage through the Wall gates is restricted to civilians granted special Israeli permits. • <u>Flying Checkpoints:</u> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 08:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the junction to the town of Az Zababida and searched civilians and vehicles. (ii) At 09:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the junction to the town of ‘Arraba and searched civilians and vehicles. (iii) At 09:30, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to the village of Al Jarba and searched civilians and vehicles. (iv) At 13:50, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint in the area between the town of Az Zababida and the village of ‘Aqqaba and searched civilians and vehicles. (v) At 22:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint in the area between the towns of Qabatiya and Az Zababida and searched civilians and vehicles. • <u>Raid:</u> At 22:00, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the village of Al Jalama.
TULKAREM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Closure:</u> The Israeli army continues to declare the district of Tulkarem a closed military zone and 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 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.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Checkpoints:</u> 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). • <u>Wall Gates:</u> Passage through the Wall gates is restricted to civilians granted special Israeli permits. • <u>Flying Checkpoints:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 13:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint in the area between the town of Deir al Ghusun and the village of Al Jarushiya and searched civilians and vehicles. (ii) At 07:10, the Israeli army set up 2 flying checkpoints at the entrances to the town of Qaffin and the village of An Nazla al Gharbiya and searched civilians and vehicles. • <u>Physical Assault:</u> At 18:05, Israeli troops positioned at Jubara checkpoint severely beat Ahmed Yousef Salman, after which he was transported to hospital for medical treatment. • <u>Raid:</u> At 14:00, an Israeli army patrol raided the city of Tulkarem and patrolled the area.
QALQILIYA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Closure of Roads:</u> The Israeli army continues to close with cement blocks the agricultural roads east of the town of 'Azzun. • <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 was resumed 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 09:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the eastern entrance to the city of Qalqiliya and searched civilians and vehicles. • <u>Settler Violence/Physical Assault:</u> At 17:00, a group of Israeli settlers severely beat Riyadh Siddiq Birri, a Palestinian National Security officer, while he was present on his land in the area between the villages of Jit and Immatin, leaving him with contusions. Siddiq was transported to Qalqiliya Public Hospital for medical treatment. • <u>Palestinian Security Measure:</u> At 03:40, Palestinian security forces handed over to the Israeli authorities (through the DCO) 2 female Israeli citizens, located in the city of Qalqiliya: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Raveta Sakira; and (ii) Nova Mor.
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.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Checkpoints:</u> The Israeli army continues to regulate times for crossing checkpoints set up around the city of Nablus: <ol 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>Flying Checkpoint:</u> At 14:15, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to the town of Jamma'in and searched civilians and vehicles. • <u>Raids/Attacks:</u> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 11:00, the Israeli army raided the village of Burqa and opened indiscriminate fire, while patrolling the area. (ii) At 02:50, the Israeli army, including 7 jeeps, raided 'Askar refugee camp in the city of Nablus and opened indiscriminate fire, while patrolling the area. (iii) At 03:45, the Israeli army raided the city of Nablus and patrolled the area until 05:30.
SALFIT	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Closure of Main Roads:</u> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (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. • <u>Checkpoints:</u> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (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. • <u>Wall Construction:</u> Wall construction was resumed 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. • <u>Flying Checkpoint:</u> At 09:35, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint in the area between the towns of Deir Istiya and Kifl Haris and searched civilians and vehicles. • <u>Raids:</u> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 18:45, the Israeli army, including 3 jeeps, raided the village of Marda, set up a checkpoint at its entrance, and searched civilians and

	<p>vehicles. The Israeli army also patrolled the area and withdrew at 20:30.</p> <p>(ii) At 24:00, the Israeli army, including 2 jeeps, raided the town of Kafr ad Dik and patrolled the area until 01:00.</p>
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. • Flying Checkpoint: At 08:45, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the junction to the village of Al 'Auja and searched civilians and vehicles. • Attack: At 02:30, Israeli troops positioned on Quruntul Mount fired flares over the city of Jericho. • Raid/Curfew/Detentions: At 20:30, the Israeli army, including 20 jeeps, raided the village of Al 'Auja and imposed curfew, after stones were thrown at an Israeli settler bus. The Israeli army also detained as well as interrogated a number of civilians. • Arrest: At 18:00, Israeli troops positioned at Al Hamra checkpoint arrested Raja Jum'ah al Kharraz, a mentally challenged female civilian, claiming that she provoked Israeli soldiers at the checkpoint.
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 was resumed 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: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At dawn on 20 January 2007, the Israeli army raided the town of Beit Fajjar and arrested 2 children. (ii) At 16:00, an Israeli army patrol raided the city of Beit Jala and patrolled the area. • Arrests: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 02:15 on 20 January 2007, the Israeli army arrested Yousef Sabri ad Da'rah, a university student, during its raid on the city of Beit Sahur. <p>The Israeli army arrested 2 children in the town of Beit Fajjar:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (ii) Shakib Abdul Jamil Taqatqah, 17 years old; and (iii) Anas Kathem Thawabteh, 17 years old.

HEBRON

- **Closure:**

- (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.

- **Closure of Main Roads:**

- (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.

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

- **Flying Checkpoints:**

- (i) At 11:20, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the overpass to the town of Halhul and searched civilians and vehicles.
- (ii) At 16:10, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to the town of Idhna and searched civilians and vehicles.

- **Raid/Physical Assaults:** At 21:10, the Israeli army raided the city of Hebron, searched 1 house, and assaulted residents, including women and children.

- **Arrests:**

- (i) At 13:20, the Israeli army arrested Hanan Mohammed ad Dababseh, a 15-year-old female child, near the Ibrahimi Mosque in the old city of Hebron, allegedly for locating a sharp tool in her possession.

At 20:10, the Israeli army arrested 2 children from the village of Kharsa near the Ibrahimi Mosque in the old city of Hebron, claiming that they attempted to stab an Israeli soldier:

- (ii) Salah Yousef al 'Awawdeh, 16 years old; and
- (iii) Munther Khaled Abu Ras, 16 years old.

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 opened fire towards Palestinian territory on 5 occasions. In addition, armed Palestinian individuals fired 2 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. • Attacks/Injuries: In violation of the Israeli-Palestinian ceasefire agreement, the Israeli army opened fire towards Palestinian territory, as follows: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) On 19 January 2007, the Israeli army opened fire from one of its locations on the Green Line north of the town of Beit Hanun, injuring 1 civilian. (ii) At 11:55, the Israeli army opened fire from one of its locations on the Green Line towards Beit Hanun (Erez) Industrial Zone north of the town of Beit Hanun, injuring 2 children. • Palestinian Attack: At 11:20, 2 unidentified mortars were fired towards the Green Line.
<p style="text-align: center;">GAZA</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure of Crossing Points: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Al Muntar (Karnei) Crossing is closed. (ii) Ash Shuja'iya (Nahal 'Oz) Crossing is closed. • Attack: At 09:30, the Israeli army opened fire from the area between Points 70 and 74 on the Green Line towards Palestinian territory east of Gaza city.
<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"> • Attack: At 14:30, the Israeli army opened fire from the area near Point 152 on the Green Line towards Palestinian territory east of the area of Al Qarara.
<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. • Attack: At 21:25, the Israeli army fired flares from the area near Point 235 on the Green Line over Palestinian territory south of Sufa Crossing.