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PALESTINIAN MONITORING GROUP

DAILY SITUATION REPORT

08:00 21 January 2006 – 08:00 22 January 2006

SUMMARY OF EVENTS

EVENT	WEST BANK	GAZA STRIP	TOTAL	NOTES
Death	—	1	1	1 civilian in Beit Hanun, N. Gaza
Physical Assaults	2	—	2	Incl. 1 Pal. security officer beaten
Injuries	—	2	2	Incl. 1 child east of Beit Hanun
Attacks	2	6	8	Inc. 1 in a raid & 6 from mil. posts
Raids	18	—	18	Incl. 4 in Jenin & 5 in Hebron
Arrests	5	7	12	Incl. 1 child and 1 Pal. security officer
Detentions	15	—	15	Incl. a number of security officers
Wall Construction	28	—	28	Incl. Jer., Raml'h., Qalq., Salfit, Beth.
Destruction of Property	1	—	1	Furniture of 1 house damaged
House Occupations	2	—	2	In Beit Qad, Jenin, and in Hebron
Flying Checkpoints	10	—	10	Incl. 1 in Jerusalem & 2 in Ramallah
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. north-western entrance to Salfit
Closure of Crossing Points	—	4	4	Incl. Beit Hanun & Rafah partially
Obstruction of Elections	4	—	4	Incl. electoral posters removed
Pal. Security Measure	—	1	1	1 child arrested in Central Gaza
TOTAL	123	22	145	

DISTRICT	EVENT
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<p style="text-align: center;">ALL DISTRICTS</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Palestinian legislative elections' early polling process, which began on 21 January 2006, continues for Palestinian security forces throughout Palestinian districts. Over a period of 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 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 was resumed 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. Flying Checkpoint: At 16:30, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint near the settlement of Ma'ale Adumim and searched civilians and vehicles. Arrest: At 22:20, Israeli troops positioned at Qalandiya checkpoint arrested Ala' Mahmoud 'Adarbeh.
<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 resumed 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 Checkpoints: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 10:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the junction to the village of Surda on the Ramallah-Bir Zeit main road and searched civilians and vehicles. (ii) At 15:40, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the junction to the settlement of Haramish, searched civilian vehicles, and arrested 1 civilian. Raids: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 14:30, and again at 01:45, the Israeli army, including 2 jeeps, raided and patrolled the city of Ramallah until 03:30.

	<p>(ii) At 20:00, the Israeli army raided the village of Qarawat Bani Zeid. Confrontations took place between the Israeli army and civilians. At 22:00, the Israeli army withdrew from the area.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Arrest: Israeli troops positioned at the flying checkpoint set up on the junction to the settlement of Halamish arrested Karim Abdul Jaber Shakir.
JENIN	<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. • Wall Gates: Passage through the Wall gates is restricted to civilians granted special Israeli permits. • Flying Checkpoint: At 16:45, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to the village of Sanur and searched civilians and vehicles. • Raids/House Occupation/Detention: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 10:00, the Israeli army raided the village of Beit Qad, occupied 1 house, and converted it into a military post after detaining residents. At 00:30, the Israeli army withdrew from the area. (ii) At 24:00, the Israeli army, including 7 jeeps, raided the town of Qabatiya and patrolled the area until 00:30. (iii) At 02:00, the Israeli army, including 8 jeeps, raided and patrolled the city of Jenin and Jenin refugee camp until 03:00.
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. • Flying Checkpoints: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 11:30, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint near the village of Ar Ras south of the city of Tulkarem, searched civilian vehicles, and impeded civilian access. (ii) At 14:10, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint in the area between the towns of Deir al Ghusun and 'Attil and searched civilians and vehicles.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Raid:</u> At 01:30, the Israeli army raided the village of Qaffin and searched 2 houses. • <u>Arrest:</u> At 23:40, 15-year-old Mjahed Mohammed Khashan from the village of Qaffin was reported to have been arrested by the Israeli army (after inquiry through DCO). The Israeli army claims that Khashan was in possession of an explosive device.
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 was resumed in the village of Immatin and east of the towns of Kafr Thulth and ‘Azzun. • <u>Flying Checkpoint:</u> At 15:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the eastern entrance to the city of Qalqiliya, searched civilian vehicles, and impeded civilian access.
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> 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. • <u>Raid/Obstruction of Elections:</u> At 11:40, the Israeli army, including 2 jeeps, raided the town of ‘Asira ash Shamaliya and opened fire towards electoral campaign posters while it was patrolling the area. • <u>Detentions/Obstruction of Elections/Physical Assault:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 11:30, Israeli troops positioned at Beit Iba checkpoint detained 1 bus transporting Palestinian National Security officers positioned in the district of Qalqiliya, while they were travelling to vote in the early polling process for Palestinian security forces in the city of Nablus. Israeli troops also severely beat 1 Palestinian security officer. At 12:30, Israeli troops released the detained security officers. (ii) At 14:30, Israeli troops positioned at Huwwara checkpoint detained 1 bus transporting Palestinian National Security officers, while they were travelling to vote in the early polling process for Palestinian security forces in the city of Ramallah. (iii) At 21:00, Israeli troops positioned at the checkpoint set up at the entrance to the town of Beit Furik detained a number of civilians, including the Chairman of Beit Dajan Village Council, claiming that the checkpoint is closed at 20:00.

<p style="text-align: center;">SALFIT</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure of Main Road: 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). • Checkpoint: The Israeli army continues to close Deir Ballut checkpoint overnight and open it at various morning hours, impeding civilian access. • Wall Construction: Wall construction was resumed 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. • Arrest: At 18:00, Israeli troops positioned at the Za'tara junction checkpoint arrested Sa'id Hisham Kayed, a Palestinian National Security officer. • Detention: At 20:00, Israeli troops positioned at the Za'tara junction checkpoint detained 1 bus transporting Palestinian security officers, while they were returning from the district of Jenin where they voted in the early polling process for Palestinian security forces.
<p style="text-align: center;">JERICHO</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure: 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. • Checkpoint: 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. • Flying Checkpoint: At 05:15, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the junction to the settlement of Vered Yericho and searched civilians and vehicles until 05:45.
<p style="text-align: center;">BETHLEHEM</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure: <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. • 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 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. • Raids: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 15:30, an Israeli army patrol raided the village of Dar Salah and patrolled the area.

	<p>(ii) At 18:10, Israeli army patrols raided the cities of Bethlehem and Beit Jala and the town of Al Khadr and patrolled these areas until 00:30.</p>
<p>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 resumed 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 19:30, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to Al Fawwar refugee camp, searched civilian vehicles, and impeded civilian access. (ii) At 20:45, 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. • <u>Raids/Destruction of Property/Detention/Physical Assault:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 11:00, the Israeli army raided the town of Adh Dhahiriya and searched 1 house, causing damage to the furniture. (ii) At 16:30, the Israeli army raided the town of Dura and searched 1 house. (iii) At 21:30, the Israeli army raided the village of Beit ar Rush al Foqa and searched a number of houses after detaining residents behind the Wall. Israeli troops also severely beat a number of civilians, claiming that they had removed the barbed wire fence near the Wall.

	<p>(iv) At 00:50, the Israeli army raided the city of Hebron and removed electoral campaign posters in the area of Bab az Zawiya. At 08:00, the Israeli army raided the city again and set up a checkpoint in the area of Ras al Jora.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Arrest: On 18 January 2006, Mohammed Mahmoud Abu Farah was reported to have been arrested by the Israeli army (after inquiry through the DCO). • 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

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"> • 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. • Attacks: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 19:05, the Israeli army fired 3 flares from Point 42 on the Green Line towards Palestinian territory east of the town of Beit Hanun. (ii) At 19:35, the Israeli army opened fire from the area between Points 39 and 40 on the Green Line towards Palestinian territory east of the town of Beit Hanun, killing 1 civilian and injuring 2 others, including 1 child. The Israeli army claimed that the civilians had attempted to gain access into areas inside the Green Line. • Killing: The Israeli army killed Mu'men Washah east of the town of Beit Hanun.
GAZA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure of Crossing Point: Nahal 'Oz Crossing is closed.

CENTRAL GAZA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Attacks:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 14:05, the Israeli army opened fire from Point 120 on the Green Line towards Palestinian territory east of Al Maghazi refugee camp. (ii) At 16:15, the Israeli army opened fire from the area between Points 116 and 120 on the Green Line towards a group of 8 civilians east of Al Bureij refugee camp and arrested 7 civilians, claiming that they had attempted to gain access into areas inside the Green Line. Palestinian security forces also arrested 1 child from the same group of civilians. (iii) At 15:45, the Israeli army opened fire from Kessufim gate on the Green Line towards Palestinian territory. (iv) At 21:45, the Israeli army fired flares from Point 114 on the Green Line towards Palestinian territory east of Al Bureij refugee camp. • <u>Arrests:</u> The Israeli army arrested 7 unidentified civilians east of Al Bureij refugee camp.
KHAN YUNIS	<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.

GENERAL

WORK PERMITS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>West Bank:</u> The Israeli authorities renewed 6,809 work permits for crossing the Green Line. However, the number of permit-holding workers who were allowed to access areas inside the Green Line is unknown. • <u>Gaza Strip:</u> The Israeli authorities renewed 5,227 work permits for workers to cross the Green Line. However, only 1,390 workers (approximately 27% of those possessing work permits) were allowed to access areas inside the Green Line.
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