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PALESTINIAN MONITORING GROUP

DAILY SITUATION REPORT

08:00 24 January 2004 – 08:00 25 January 2004

SUMMARY OF EVENTS

EVENT	WEST BANK	GAZA STRIP	TOTAL	NOTES
Death	1	_	1	Due to Sep. Wall Gate closure
Physical Assaults	_	5	5	Workers at Erez crossing
Injuries	3	1	4	Incl. 15 yr. old & 17 yr. old
Attacks	6	9	15	Incl. 4 tank shells at house
Raids	16	2	18	
Arrests (per person)	12	_	12	Incl. Nat. Security officer
Detentions	3	_	3	At checkpoints & during raids
House Demolition	1	_	1	Jerusalem
Separation Wall Const.	3	_	3	Jerusalem, Jenin & Ramallah
Destruction of Property	1	_	1	Bird sanctuary in Jerusalem
Land Confiscation	1	_	1	4 areas of land in Hebron
Checkpoints	All	_	All	
Flying Checkpoints	3		3	
Closures (per District)	5	_	5	Incl. Qalq., Tulk. & Heb. isol.
Closure of Main Roads	Most	(5)	Most	Part. roads connecting districts
Closure of Wall Gates	All	_	All	Permits required to cross
Closure of Crossing Points	_	3	3	2 Partially open to workers
Settler Violence	2	_	2	
TOTAL	57	20	77	

WEST BANK

JERUSALEM	 Closure: The old city of Jerusalem remains closed to all civilians from other districts. The Israeli authorities continue to intensify restrictions on the city. Separation Wall Construction: Construction of the separation wall in Al Eizariya, Abu Dis and Al Sawahira was resumed. House Demolition / Destruction of Property: The Israeli army demolished 1 house and 1 bird sanctuary belonging to a civilian in Dahiyat Beit Hanina.
RAMALLAH & EL BIREH	 Separation Wall Construction: Construction of the western portion of the separation wall in Budrus and Rantis was resumed. Attack: At 23:55, the Israeli army opened fire from the settlement of Pesagot towards Al Hashimiya secondary school in the city of El Bireh. Raids: At 12:00, the Israeli army raided the village of Turmus'ayya, searched 3 houses and arrested 3 civilians, including 2 brothers. At 15:10, the Israeli army raided the town of Beituniya, searched several houses and arrested 3 civilians. At 17:00, the Israeli army raided the city of El Bireh and set up a flying checkpoint in the neighborhood of Um ash Sharayit, obstructing movement of traffic. At 02:00, 4 Israeli army jeeps raided the village of An Nabi Salih, detained male civilians over the age of 15 and photographed each individual. Arrests: The Israeli army arrested 3 civilians in the village of Turmus'ayya: Walid Abu Aysha; Jum'a Abu Aysha; and Nasim Abu Muhsin.
JENIN	 <u>Separation Wall Gates</u>: Passage through the separation wall gates is restricted to civilians granted special Israeli permits. The closure continues to negatively impact education, economic and livelihood activities and impedes access to health facilities. <u>Separation Wall Construction</u>: Construction in the northern valleys (Bardala, and 'Ein al Beida) and east of Tubas (Al Mutilla, Al Mughayyir,

	 Raba, and Al Buqei' plateau) was resumed. Raid: At 15:00, the Israeli army raided the town of Jaba', searched 1 house and arrested 2 brothers before withdrawing from the town at 16:00. Arrest: The Israeli army arrested 2 brothers in the town of Jaba: Radi Muhammad Ghannam, 25 years old; and Ghazi Muhammad Ghannam, 23 years old.
JERICHO	• Attack: Israeli army soldiers at the southern checkpoint in Jericho fired tear gas grenades towards civilians, injuring several civilians as a result of tear gas suffocation.
ветніенем	 Closure: (i) The Beit Jala/Al Walaja road remains closed by dirt and rock mounds. (ii) The southern entrance to the city was opened only to pedestrians.
TULKAREM	 Closure: The Israeli army opened Al Kafriyat separation wall gate and the Enav iron gate to pedestrians only. Flying Checkpoint: At 10:25, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the junction of Al Jarushiya, searched civilian vehicles and examined passenger IDs. Separation Wall Gates / Death: Israeli army soldiers stationed at the separation wall gate near Nazlat Isa prevented an ambulance transporting civilians injured in a traffic accident from crossing the gate. As a result of delays due to having to take an alternative road to Jenin, rather than driving directly to Tulkarem hospital, Diyab Jabir died before reaching the hospital. Attack: At 10:45, the Israeli army, located at a checkpoint set up near the village of Jubara, fired tear gas grenades at civilians, injuring several civilians as a result of tear gas suffocation. 1 17-year-old boy was transferred to hospital for medical treatment. Raids: At 07:40, Israeli Special Forces, supported by 4 Israeli army jeeps, raided the city and searched 1 civilian apartment compound. At 23:50, 2 Israeli army jeeps raided the city and took up positions. At 01:00, the Israeli army raided Tulkarem refugee camp, opened indiscriminate fire and fired sound bombs as they searched houses.
NABLUS	 <u>Closure</u>: Nablus remains a closed military area. Civilians are prohibited from leaving or entering the city. <u>Flying Checkpoint</u>: The Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint near the village of Al Lubban ash Sharqiya, stopped vehicles with West Bank

	 license plates and detained passengers for several hours. Attack: Israeli army soldiers located in Jabal Al Tur opened fire towards civilian houses in the city, injuring 2 civilians. Raids: At 22:00, the Israeli army raided the village of Beita, searched several houses and arrested several civilians. At 24:00, the Israeli army raided the village of Burqa, searched several houses and detained 1 civilian. Injuries: The Israeli army injured 2 civilians in Jabal Al Tur: Rami Suleiman; and Muayad Shteyya.
HEBRON	 Closure: The Israeli army closed the iron gate at Al Fawwar junction, south of the city. Land Confiscation: The Israeli army issued confiscation orders for 4 areas of land in the city of Hebron, in close proximity to the Ibrahimi Mosque. Raid: At 12:00, the Israeli army raided the town of Al Samoa', searched 1 house and arrested 1 Palestinian National Security officer. Arrest: The Israeli army arrested Salah Al Bulbul, a Palestinian National Security officer, in the town of Al Samoa'. Settler Violence: Israeli settlers attacked civilians in the city of Hebron while on their way to the Ibrahimi Mosque to pray, injuring several civilians. Israeli settlers from the settlement of Suseya, east of the town of Yatta, raided Palestinian agricultural land and allowed their livestock to graze on the pastureland.
QALQILYA	 Closure: The Israeli army continues to close the entrances to the town of 'Azzun and the iron gate at the northern entrance cutting access from Qalqilya to all villages located in the north, south, and east and completely isolating the district from Tulkarem. Separation Wall Gates: Passage through the separation wall gates is restricted to civilians granted special Israeli permits. The closure continues to negatively impact education, economic and livelihood activities and impedes access to health facilities. Raid: At 08:30, the Israeli army raided the town of 'Azzun, searched several houses and the office of the Agricultural Cooperation Association, and arrested 5 civilians before withdrawing at 10:40. Arrests: The Israeli army arrested 5 civilians in the town of 'Azzun: Nidal Salamah, 22 years old; Ammar Sabah; Khaled Hussein; Muayyad Al Akhras; and

	(v) 1 civilian from Balata refugee who has not yet been identified.
SALFIT	 Attack: At 19:20, the Israeli army opened fire from its location on Tel Irsal towards Wadi Abdul Rahman. Raids: At 07:40, an Israeli army jeep raided the city of Salfit. At 08:30, an Israeli army jeep raided the villages of Mazari' an Nubani, Khirbet Qeis and the city of Salfit.

GAZA STRIP

NORTHERN GAZA	 Closure: The Erez crossing was partially open to workers. Physical Assault: Israeli army soldiers at the Erez crossing severely beat several Palestinian workers, seriously injuring 5 workers. Attack: At 20:45, the Israeli army opened fire from the settlement of Dokeet towards Palestinian territory.
GAZA CITY	Closure: Al Shuhada' junction (Nitsareem) remains closed.
CENTRAL GAZA	• Raid: At 20:55, the Israeli army, including 3 jeeps, raided the area of Al Baraka, south Deir Al Balah, at 300 meters into Point 2.
KHAN YUNIS	 Closure: Abu al Ajin road (Khan Yunis Al Sharqiya) remains closed. Western road (Khan Yunis) remains closed. Abu Holi road is partially open. Al Tuffah checkpoint, connecting the city of Khan Younis to Al Mawasi, is closed for the 7th consecutive day. Attacks: At 19:40, and again at 22:40, the Israeli army opened intensive fire from Points 10, 11, and 12 towards civilian houses in Al Nimsawi neighborhood and at West Khan Yunis refugee camp. At 21:15, Israeli army tanks positioned at Point 12 fired 2 tank shells towards Al Nimsawi neighborhood. At 00:45, the Israeli army, located at Point 12, opened fire towards civilian houses in Al Nimsawi neighborhood and fired 2 tank shells.

Closure: (i) The Gaza International Airport remains closed. (ii) Sufa crossing was partially open to workers. RAFAH Raid: At 11:10, the Israeli army, including 1 military personnel carrier, entered Palestinian Territory from Point 9, raided the neighborhood of Al Barahma and opened intensive fire, injuring 1 child. Injury: The Israeli army injured 15-year-old Sa'ed Abu Shawish in Al Barahma.