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PALESTINIAN MONITORING GROUP

DAILY SITUATION REPORT

08:00, 26 January 2009 – 08:00, 27 January 2009

SUMMARY OF EVENTS

EVENT	WEST BANK	GAZA STRIP	TOTAL	NOTES
Killing	—	1	1	1 civilian died of critical injuries in Gaza
Injuries	5	—	5	Incl. 3 children, incl. 2 injured by settlers
Arrests (per person)	20	—	20	Incl. 9 in Hebron & 4 in Bethlehem
Detentions	15	—	15	At checkpoints & in residential locals
Raids	28	—	28	Incl. 7 on Ramallah & 5 on Nablus
Closure of Checkpoints	18	—	18	Incl. access impeded at 12 checkpoints
Flying Checkpoints	9	—	9	Incl. 4 in Ramallah & 2 in Jerusalem
Attacks	4	—	4	2 in confrontations & 2 during raids
Air Patrols	1	1	2	Copters in Tubas & F16 above Gaza
Curfew	2	—	2	Over Husan village & Silwad town
House Occupation	2	—	2	The roofs of 2 houses in Husan village
Wall Construction	23	—	23	Jer., Raml'h., Salfit, Heb., Beth.
Closure (per District)	8	—	8	Incl. Jerusalem, Tulkarm & Hebron
Closure of Main Roads	53	—	53	Incl. 2 in Tulkarm & 2 in Qalqiliya
Closure of Crossing Points	—	3	3	Partial opening of 4 crossings
Attack on Religious Site	1	—	1	Searching a mosque in Husan village
Settler Violence	1	—	1	Throwing stones towards civilian houses
Palestinian Attack	1	—	1	Opening fire towards a settler bus
TOTAL	191	5	196	

DISTRICT	EVENTS
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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. The Israeli army also continues to close the entrances to al-Aqsa Mosque compound in the old city of Jerusalem and impede civilian access to the mosque. Closure of Main Roads: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) The Israeli army continues to close with barbed wire and cement blocks the entrance opposite the junction to Dahiyat al-Bareed in the city of Jerusalem, after leveling the area, and to deny civilian access. (ii) The Israeli army continues to close with cement blocks and dirt barricades the entrance to the village of Jaba'. 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. Arrests: The Israeli army arrested 2 civilians, including a child, after searching their houses in Silwan neighborhood in Jerusalem city. They are 14-year-old child Abdallah Jamal Ghaith and Firas Sami Ar Rajabi. 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 al-Shayyah road in the area between the villages of al-Sawahira al-Sharqiya and al-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 the area of al-'Eizariya to al-Shayyah, from Beit Surik village to Biddu, in the areas of al-Judeira, Bir Nabala, and Beit Hanina, west of al-Jib village, in the vicinity of the village of Qatanna, and south of Beit Hanina village.
<p style="text-align: center;">RAMALLAH & EL BIREH</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Closure of Main Roads: The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades and cement blocks the eastern entrance to the village of Sinjil; the western entrances to the villages of Safa and Ein Yabrud; the road between the villages of Ras Karkar and Kharbatha Bani Harith and the junction to the villages of Kafr Malik – Ein Samiya.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Checkpoint:</u> The Israeli army continues to intensify restrictions at the checkpoint on the overpass to 'Atara town and impede civilian access. • <u>Flying Checkpoints:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 17:50, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to the village of Um Safa and searched civilians and vehicles. (ii) At 18:40, the Israeli army set up 2 flying checkpoints at the entrances to the villages of Dura Al Qar' and Ein Siniya. (iii) At 20:10, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint in the area between the town of Silwad and the village of Yabrud and arrested 2 civilians. • <u>Raids:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 16:25, the Israeli army raided the city of El Bireh. Again at 04:30, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the area. (ii) At 19:00, the Israeli army raided the town of Silwad and imposed curfew on the area after armed Palestinian individuals opened fire towards a settler bus travelling on the bypass road near the town. Confrontations took place between civilians and the Israeli army injuring 1 child. The Israeli army withdrew at 22:15. (iii) At 19:25, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the villages of Al Mughayyir and Khirbet Abu Falah. (iv) At 01:15, the Israeli army raided the village of Sinjil and fired sound grenades while patrolling the area. (v) At 01:50, the Israeli army raided Turmus'ayya town and searched a number of houses. • <u>Arrest:</u> The Israeli army arrested in the area between the town of Silwad and the village of Yabrud the civilians Ahmad Abdallah Bu'airat and Raed Sulaiman Bu'airat. • <u>Wall Construction:</u> Wall construction continues west of 'Abud town and in the areas of al-Midya to Ni'lin and Ni'lin to Deir Qaddis.
JENIN	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Closure of Main Roads:</u> The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the road leading to 'Arraba town, east of the settlement of Dotan. • <u>Flying Checkpoint:</u> At 09:30, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the junction leading to Arraba town and searched civilians and vehicles until 11:00. • <u>Wall Gates:</u> Passage through the Wall gates is restricted to civilians granted special Israeli permits, which affects the educational and health conditions of civilians living behind the Wall.
TOUBAS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <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>Raids:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 03:20, the Israeli army raided Al Far'a refugee camp, opened fire intensively injuring 2 civilians and withdrew at 05:30.

	<p>(ii) At 21:50, Israeli army helicopter airborne infantry troops raided and combed the area located between Al Far'a and Yasid villages.</p>
<p>TULKAREM</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure: The Israeli army continues to declare the district of Tulkarm a closed military zone and to impede civilian access to and from the district. • Closure of Main Road: The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the western entrance to the village of Shofeh. • Checkpoints: The Israeli army continues to intensify restrictions at Einav checkpoint that is set up on Tulkarm-Nablus road and at Jubara checkpoint. • Flying Checkpoints: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 11:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to the town of Illar and searched civilians and vehicles. (ii) At 22:30, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint in the area between the towns of Bal'a and Deir Al Ghusun. • Raids: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 00:15, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the towns of Baqa Ash Sharqiya and Illar. (ii) At 03:00, the Israeli army raided the city of Tulkarm, searched a number of shops selling vehicle spare parts, arrested 2 civilians and withdrew at 05:40. • Arrest: The Israeli army arrested the city of Tulkarm the civilians Yousef Khaled Mousa and Bassam Al Attar. • Wall Gates: Passage through the wall gates is restricted to civilians granted special Israeli permits.
<p>QALQILYA</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure of Roads: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) The Israeli army continues to close with cement blocks the agricultural roads east of the town of 'Azzun. (ii) The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the northern entrance to the town of Azzun. • Checkpoint: The Israeli army continues to intensify restrictions at the checkpoint that is set up at the eastern entrance to the city of Qalqiliya and impede civilian access. • Flying Checkpoint: At 10:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to the town of Azzun and searched civilians and vehicles. • Raids: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 10:20, the Israeli army raided the town of Azzun. Again at 03:05, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the area. (ii) At 11:00, the Israeli army raided and patrolled Kafr Thulth town. (iii) At 20:35, the Israeli army raided the town of Jayyus where confrontations took place between civilians and the Israeli army who withdrew at 21:35. • 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 detector.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wall Construction: Having completed the Wall-related infrastructure, land leveling for Wall construction ceased in the towns of Azzun and Kafr Thulth as well as in the villages of Immatin and Kafr Laqif.
NABLUS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure of Main Roads: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (i) The Israeli army continues to close with cement blocks the roads of Sarra-Jit, Tel-Burin, Beit Furik-Salem, the road between Aqraba town and the main road and the eastern entrance to the village of Al Lubban Ash Sharqiya; and with dirt barricades the road between the villages of Tel and Madama, the southern entrance to the village of Qaryut, the eastern entrance to the village of Al Lubban Ash Sharqiya, the western entrance to the town of Aqraba, the southern entrance to the village of Duma, the northern entrance to the town of Qabalan, the western entrance to the village of Majdal Bani Fadil as well as the settler bypass road connecting the village of Deir al-Hatab to Alon Moreh settlement. (ii) On 10 August 2008, the Israeli army re-opened the Jenin-Nablus road between the junction to Deir Sharaf village and the settlement of Shavei Shomron, allowing daily passage from 06:00 until 17:00. • Checkpoints: The Israeli army continues to regulate times for crossing checkpoints set up around the city of Nablus: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At Tur neighborhood checkpoint (set up on Jerzim 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 neighborhood only. (ii) Beit Furik checkpoint is open to civilian residents of the town of Beit Furik and the nearby village of Beit Dajan. • Raids: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 08:50, the Israeli army raided and patrolled Yasid village. (ii) At 08:50, the Israeli army raided and patrolled Al Badhan village. (iii) At 10:30, the Israeli army raided and patrolled An Nassariya village. (iv) At 14:20, the Israeli army raided and patrolled Nablus city. (v) At 00:30, the Israeli army raided and patrolled Beit Furik town. • Arrest: At 20:00, the Israeli army arrested at Huwwara checkpoint the civilian Riyadh Muhammad Kayid Sarhan.
SALFIT	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure of Main Roads: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (i) The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the northern entrance to Salfit city and the eastern entrance to the village of Yasuf. (ii) The Israeli army continues to close with cement blocks and iron gates the northern entrances to the town of Bruqin and the village of Qarawat Bani Hassan and the western entrance to the town of Kafr Ad Dik. • Checkpoints: The Israeli army continues to intensify its restrictions at Deir Ballut and Za'tara checkpoints and prevent civilian vehicles from heading towards the village of Kafr Ad Dik. • Flying Checkpoint: At 15:50, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to the town of Deir Istiya and searched civilians and vehicles.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wall Construction: Wall construction continues in the area northwest of the city of Salfit, and in the village of Marda and the town of Kafr Hares north of the settlement of Ariel.
<p style="text-align: center;">JERICHO</p>	<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 and impede civilian access 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 that connects the districts of Jericho and Ramallah. • Raid: At 19:00, the Israeli army raided and patrolled Jericho city.
<p style="text-align: center;">BETHLEHEM</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (i) 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. (ii) Since September 15, 2007, the Israeli army has been preventing civilian access, according to military order 07.02.S, to the 22-dunum land that has been confiscated in accordance with confiscation order number 07.31.T. The 22-dunum area has been set to construct a passage in the area of Mazmouriyyeh that is located in the cities of Beit Sahur and Bethlehem. • Closure of Main Roads: The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the two sideways east and south of Al Walaja village and the roads of Beit Jala-Wadi Ahmad, Talita-Nazlet As Sidr in the city of Beit Jala, Al Khadr town-Road # 60, Al Khadr town-Beit Jala housing, Wadi Rahal-Efrat and the sideways east of Beit Fajjar town. • Raids: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Since 00:30 on 26 January 2009, the Israeli army was positioned in the village of Husan and continued to impose curfew on the area and occupy the roofs of 2 houses after converting them into military posts. The Israeli army searched a mosque and a number of houses, arrested a civilian, in addition to what was mentioned in the previous report, and withdrew at 15:25. (ii) At 02:00, the Israeli army raided Beit Jala city and arrested a Preventive Security officer. (iii) At 02:40, the Israeli army raided Bethlehem city and Aza refugee camp in the city, and arrested 2 civilians. • Arrests: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (i) The Israeli army arrested in the village of Husan the civilian Saber Ismail Hamamrah. (ii) The Israeli army arrested in Beit Jala city officer Ali Fouzi.

	<p>(iii) The Israeli army arrested in Bethlehem city and Aza refugee camp in the city the civilians Ayesh Ibrahim Nawawrah and Maher Muhammad Issa Zaboun.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wall Construction: Wall construction continues in the area northwest of al-Khadr town; northwest of Beit Jala city; in the area of Wadi Rahhal east of Ephrata settlement; and in the area surrounding al-Walaja village.
HEBRON	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) The Israeli army continues to close the following locales in the old city of Hebron: al-Shuhada' Street and the area of al-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 al-Sahleh. The Israeli army also continues to install an iron gate at the entrance to the area of al-Hisba (the fruits and vegetables market) in the old city of Hebron, thereby controlling civilian access in the area. (ii) Although it expired on 07 May 2006, the Israeli army continues to implement a military order stipulating the prohibition of civilian vehicles from traveling along the road connecting the settlement of Kiryat Arba' to the Ibrahimi Mosque in the old city of Hebron unless they possess access permits. (iii) On 05 January 2009, the Israeli army issued military order # 06/09 closing the area located near the Green Line south of Yatta town, evacuating the area of those inside it and preventing civilians from entering it. This is the land confiscated for military purposes for Wall construction according to military orders # 03/05 and # 04/05. • Closure of Main Roads: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the following locales: the entrance to the town of al-Samoa'; the area of al-Hawawir leading to the town of Halhoul; the area of al-Fahs south 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 neighborhood 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 traveling 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. (iii) The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the road between the villages of Al Karmil and At Tuwani and all roads leading to bypass Road # 60. (iv) The Israeli army continues to open the iron gate on the junction of Farsh Al Hawa, which leads to Road # 35 that leads to Tarqumiya Crossing, from 05:00 until 07:00 and from 09:00 until 13:00.

	<p>(v) The Israeli army continues to close with cement blocks the entrance to the town of Adh Dhahiriya that leads to the bypass road.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Raids:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 15:40, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the city of Hebron. (ii) At 03:00, the Israeli army raided the town of Adh Dhahiriya, searched a number of houses and shops and arrested 8 civilians. • <u>Arrests:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 15:40, the Israeli army arrested near Al Ibrahimi Mosque in the old city of Hebron the civilian Mu'ayyad Abdulaheem Abdulsattar An Natshah for allegedly attempting to stab a soldier. (ii) The Israeli army arrested in the town of Adh Dhahiriya the civilians: Mahmoud Hasan Ashinyour; Ahmad Issa Mansiyah; Jihad Abu Dayyeh; Misbah Azmi Al Hawwarin; Mahmoud Shaker Ashinyour; Ibrahim Issa As Samamrah; Abbas Ash Shab'an; and Younes Tamim. • <u>Settler Violence:</u> At 18:50, a group of settlers threw stones toward civilian houses in the old city of Hebron injuring 2 children (brothers). • <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 al-Ramadin, and near the village of Imneizil southeast of the town of Yatta.
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GAZA STRIP

<p>ALL DISTRICTS</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> At 02:00 on 18 January 2009, the Israeli army declared a unilateral ceasefire. In the meantime, armed Palestinian groups declared a one-week-long ceasefire. Meanwhile, the ceasefire was extended until 05 February 2009.
<p>NORTHERN GAZA</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Closure of Crossing Point: Beit Hanun (Erez) Crossing is closed.
<p>GAZA</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Closure of Crossing Points: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Al-Muntar (Karni) Crossing is partially open to allow entry of food and humanitarian supplies. (ii) Al-Shuja'iya (Nahal 'Oz) Crossing is partially open to allow entry of limited amounts of fuel. Killing: On 26 January 2009, civilian Muhammad Mahmoud Al Bura'i died in an Egyptian hospital of critical injuries sustained during Israeli army attacks on Gaza. Air Patrol: At 11:50, Israeli F-16 warplanes carried out false sorties and infiltrated the sound barrier above Gaza city.
<p>CENTRAL GAZA</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Activities not reported.
<p>KHAN YOUNIS</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Activities not reported.
<p>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 (Al Awdah) Crossing is open on exceptional basis (to allow the entry of medical equipment and medicine, and for the departure of injured civilians to receive treatment at Egyptian hospitals). (iii) Sufa Crossing is closed. (iv) Karm Abu Salim (Karem Shalom) Crossing is partially open to allow entry of food and humanitarian supplies.