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PALESTINIAN MONITORING GROUP

DAILY SITUATION REPORT

08:00, 27 January 2009 – 08:00, 28 January 2009

SUMMARY OF EVENTS

EVENT	WEST BANK	GAZA STRIP	TOTAL	NOTES
Killings	—	2	2	Incl. a child of critical injuries in Egypt
Injuries	—	7	7	Incl. 4 children sustained serious injuries
Arrests (per person)	19	—	19	Incl. 6 children & a university student
Detentions	18	—	18	At checkpoints & in residential locals
Raids	34	1	35	Incl. 9 on Hebron & 1 on Central Gaza
Closure of Checkpoints	17	—	17	Incl. access impeded at 9 checkpoints
Flying Checkpoints	9	—	9	Incl. 2 in Hebron & 2 in Salfit
Attacks	5	6	11	Incl. firing tank shells
Air Attacks	—	2	2	1 missile by UAV & 3 missiles by F-16
Air Patrols	1	4	5	By copters, F16, UAV, reconnaissance
Curfew	1	—	1	Over Zububa village in Jenin district
House Occupation	1	1	2	1 in Jenin district & 1 in Central Gaza
Destruction of Property	2	5	7	Incl. damaging the contents of an office
Land Leveling	—	1	1	Agricultural land in Central Gaza
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. 1 in Jericho & 1 in Jenin
Closure of Crossing Points	—	6	6	Only Rafah open on exceptional basis
Demonstrations	2	—	2	Incl. against the Wall in Ramallah district
Palestinian Attack	—	1	1	Roadside bomb near the Green Line
TOTAL	193	36	229	

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. • Raid: The Israeli army raided the town of Abu Dis and arrested a civilian. • Arrest: The Israeli army arrested in the town of Abu Dis the civilian Kamal Ad Dibghi. • 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 Checkpoint:</u> At 17:30, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint in the area between the town of Silwad and the village of Yabrud and searched civilians and vehicles. • <u>Raids:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 03:00 on 27 January 2009, the Israeli army raided the village of Badras and arrested 3 civilians, including 2 children. (ii) At 17:50, the Israeli army raided and patrolled Um Safa village. (iii) At 00:25, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the town of Silwad. (iv) At 00:30, the Israeli army raided and patrolled Surda village. (v) At 00:40, the Israeli army raided the village of Kobar and searched a number of houses. (vi) At 02:00, the Israeli army raided the village of Ramon and arrested a university student. (vii) At 05:50, the Israeli army raided and patrolled El Bireh city. • <u>Arrests:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 09:30, the Israeli army arrested at Atara checkpoint the civilian Abdulsalam Fathi Daaghar. (ii) The Israeli army arrested in the village of Badras 17-year-old Yousef Muhammad Yousef Shahin and 15-year-old Ahmad Hasan Awad. (iii) The Israeli army arrested in the village of Ramon the civilian Husam Farah Abdulqader Kahlah. • <u>Detention:</u> At 09:30, the Israeli army detained 3 civilians, including a General Intelligence officer, at the overpass leading to Atara town and released them at a later time. They are officer Rami Muhammad Salem Az Zain; Iyhab Zuahir Salem Az Zain; and Mahmoud Munir Hammad. • <u>Demonstration:</u> At 15:00, a mass demonstration set about in the town of Ni'lin against the Wall with the participation of international peace activists. Confrontations took place between civilians and the Israeli army causing suffocation to a number of demonstrators as a result of tear-gas inhalation. • <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 10:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to Silat Ad Dhaher town and searched civilians and vehicles. • <u>Raids:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 23:00, the Israeli army raided the village of Zububa, occupied a house and converted it into a military post after detaining its residents in one room, imposed curfew on the area, searched a number of houses, detained a police officer, arrested 9 civilians, including 4 children, and continued to maintain presence in the town at the time of reporting.

	<p>(ii) At 23:45, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the town of Qabatiya until 04:30.</p> <p>(iii) At 23:45, Israeli army helicopter airborne infantry troops raided the periphery of Raba village and carried out training exercises.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Arrests: The Israeli army arrested in the village of Zububa the civilians: Mubdi Mahmoud Maqaldah, 16-year-old; Hasan Muhammad Atatrah, 16-year-old; Obadah Fadeel Za'al, 16-year-old; Muhammad Emad Amarnah, 17-year-old; Hussein Abu Zeitoun; Said Muhammad Jaradat; Thaer Bassam Maqaldah; Said Emad Mahmoud Amarnah; and Hussein Muhammad Atatrah. • Wall Gates: 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"> • Checkpoint: 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. • Raid: At 03:20, the Israeli army raided and patrolled Tayasir village.
TULKAREM	<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. • Raid: At 22:40, the Israeli army raided and patrolled Far'un village. • Arrests: At 03:00 on 27 January 2009, the Israeli army arrested 3 civilians, including 2 brothers, during a raid on the the city of Tulkarm, in addition to what has been mentioned in the previous report. They are Zaid and Emad Nayef Al Karmi and Yousef Ibrahim Al Hamshari. • Demonstration: At 11:30, a sit in demonstration took place in the city of Tulkarm opposite the ICRC in solidarity with prisoners in Israeli jails and demanding their release. • Wall Gates: Passage through the wall gates is restricted to civilians granted special Israeli permits.
QALQILYA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure of Roads: The Israeli army continues to close with cement blocks the agricultural roads east of 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. At 04:00, the Israeli army closed the checkpoint, prevented civilian access and re-opened it at 05:10. • Raids: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 14:00, the Israeli army raided Immatin village. Confrontations took place with civilians while searching a number of houses. (ii) At 02:20, the Israeli army raided and patrolled Qalqiliya city.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Wall Gates:</u> <ol 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. • <u>Wall Construction:</u> 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"> • <u>Closure of Main Roads:</u> <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 21:00. • <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) 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. (iii) At 09:35, the Israeli army closed the checkpoint set up in the area between the city of Nablus and the town of Asira Ash Shamaliya, prevented civilian access and re-opened it at 10:30. • <u>Raids:</u> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 09:15, the Israeli army raided Beit Dajan village, stormed an office and damaged and destroyed its contents. (ii) At 20:00, the Israeli army raided and patrolled Sebastia village. (iii) At 22:30, the Israeli army raided and patrolled Nablus city.
SALFIT	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Closure of Main Roads:</u> <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. • <u>Checkpoints:</u> The Israeli army continues to intensify its restrictions at Deir

	<p>Ballut and Za'tara checkpoints and prevent civilian vehicles from heading towards the village of Kafr Ad Dik.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Flying Checkpoints:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 14:30, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to Deir Ballut town and searched civilians and vehicles until 15:40. (ii) At 14:35, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to the village of Yasuf and searched civilians and vehicles. • <u>Wall Construction:</u> 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.
JERICHO	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Closure:</u> 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. • <u>Checkpoints:</u> 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. • <u>Flying Checkpoint:</u> At 21:45, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the Dead Sea junction and searched civilians and vehicles. • <u>Raid:</u> At 10:20, the Israeli army raided and patrolled Al Auja village. • <u>Destruction of Property:</u> At 22:40, the Israeli army demolished by bulldozers vendors' kiosks set up on both sides of road # 90 near the village of Marj Ghazal.
BETHLEHEM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Closure:</u> <ul 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. • <u>Closure of Main Roads:</u> 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. • <u>Raids:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 10:10, the Israeli army raided and patrolled Al Khadr town. (ii) At 19:20, the Israeli army raided the town of Janata and searched a number of houses.

	<p>(iii) At 20:00, the Israeli army raided the town of Taqu'a where confrontations took place with civilians while patrolling the area.</p> <p>(iv) At 00:20, the Israeli army raided and patrolled Bethlehem city and Aza and Ayda refugee camps in the city.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Arrest: At 05:00, the Israeli army arrested at Al Container checkpoint the civilian Ayman Ali Abu Arqoub. • 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.

	<p>(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> <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>Flying Checkpoint:</u> At 21:50, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to Kharas town and searched civilians and vehicles. • <u>Raids:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 09:00, the Israeli army raided the city of Hebron, set up a flying checkpoint and patrolled the area. (ii) At 09:30, the Israeli army raided Idhna town, besieged the municipality building and patrolled the area. (iii) At 10:00, the Israeli army raided and patrolled Yatta town. Again at 21:50, the Israeli army raided the area and issued summon to a civilian to report to the Israeli Intelligence Agency. (iv) At 12:25, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the town of Halhul. (v) At 13:00, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the town of Sair. (vi) At 20:40, the Israeli army raided the town of Beit Ummar and Al Arrub refugee camp, opened fire indiscriminately after 2 Molotov cocktail bombs were thrown towards the Israeli army near the refugee camp and searched a number of houses. (vii) At 22:30, the Israeli army raided the town of Kharas and searched a house. • <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 style="text-align: center;">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. • <u>Killing</u>: After the death of a child of injuries sustained during Israeli attacks on Gaza and shooting dead a civilian east of Khan Yunis city, the death toll since the Israeli aggression started against Gaza districts has risen to 1341 according to medical sources. • The Israeli army violated the ceasefire by raiding Palestinian areas, opening fire, firing tank shells and launching airstrikes killing a civilian and injuring 7 others, including 1 civilian who sustained serious injuries and 4 other children. Armed Palestinian groups violated the ceasefire by detonating a roadside bomb near an Israeli army patrol near the Green Line.
<p style="text-align: center;">NORTHERN GAZA</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Closure of Crossing Point</u>: Beit Hanun (Erez) Crossing is closed. • <u>Killing</u>: On 27 January 2009, 12-year-old child Muhammad Yahya Said Al Baba died in an Egyptian hospital of critical injuries sustained in Beit Lahiya town during Israeli army attacks on Gaza districts.
<p style="text-align: center;">GAZA</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Closure of Crossing Points</u>: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Al-Muntar (Karni) Crossing is closed after detonating a roadside bomb near an Israeli army patrol near the Green Line. (ii) Al-Shuja'iyah (Nahal 'Oz) Crossing is closed after detonating a roadside bomb near an Israeli army patrol near the Green Line.
<p style="text-align: center;">CENTRAL GAZA</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Raid</u>: At 11:30, the Israeli army, including a number of tanks, armored vehicles and bulldozers, with the cover of helicopter gunships and reconnaissance aircrafts, raided the areas of Abu Hamam and Wadi As Salaqa located southeast of Deir Al Balah city, opened fire intensively, occupied a house belonging to a civilian from the family of Abu Mughaiseeb and converted it into a military post and leveled areas of agricultural land. • <u>Palestinian Attack</u>: At 08:00, armed Palestinian individuals detonated an explosive device near an Israeli army patrol driving near the Green Line. Consequently, the Israeli army opened fire intensively and fired a number of tank shells towards Palestinian areas in the periphery of Kissufim gate east of Rafah city injuring 2 children and damaging a house.

<p style="text-align: center;">KHAN YOUNIS</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Attack:</u> At 08:00, the Israeli army opened fire intensively and fired tank shells from its locations on the Green Line towards farmers and civilian houses in Al Qarara area killing 1 civilian and injuring 2 others. • <u>Air Attack:</u> At 16:00, an Israeli UAV fired a missile destroying a motorcycle in Al Aghad area in the middle of Khan Yunis city, seriously injuring the civilian Hussein Shamiyah, and also injuring 2 children who were in the area.
<p style="text-align: center;">RAFAH</p>	<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 (Al Awdah) Crossing is open on exceptional basis (to allow the entry of 19 civilians stranded on the Egyptian side, 6 injured civilians and their 4 companions who received treatment at Egyptian hospitals, a number of physicians, medical equipment and medicine, and for the departure of injured civilians to receive treatment at Egyptian hospitals, 10 Egyptian women and their Palestinian children). (iii) Sufa Crossing is closed. (iv) Karm Abu Salim (Karem Shalom) Crossing is closed after detonating a roadside bomb near an Israeli army patrol near the Green Line. • <u>Air Attack:</u> At 02:00, Israeli F-16 warplanes fired 3 missiles towards smuggling tunnels on the borders with Egypt causing damages to a number of houses.