

PALESTINIAN MONITORING GROUP

DAILY SITUATION REPORT

08:00 8 November 2003 – 08:00 9 November 2003

SUMMARY OF EVENTS

EVENT	WEST BANK	GAZA STRIP	TOTAL	NOTES
Deaths	3	2	5	2 Under 16 years old
Injuries	10	_	10	1 woman; 8, 13, 16 year-olds
Physical Assaults	2	_	2	
Attacks	13	7	20	
Raids	25	_	25	
Air Patrols	1	_	1	
Arrests (per person)	8	_	8	17 and 13 year-olds
Detentions	4	_	4	
Occupation of Property	1	_	1	1 Building
House Demolition	1	_	1	
Curfews	6	_	6	
Checkpoints	All	_	All	
Flying Checkpoints	11	_	11	
Closures (per District)	12	_	12	Incl. 3 villages
Closure of Main Roads	Most	(3)	\mathbf{Most}^1	
Closure of Gates	All	_	All	
Closure of Crossing Points		3	3	2 Part-time ²
TOTAL	97	12	109	

¹ The following roads were open: Jerusalem-Jericho; Beit Jala-Western; and Bethlehem/Eizariya (Wadi Nar). ² 220 workers entered Israel.

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JERUSALEM	 Checkpoints: (i) Despite Israeli announcements regarding the easing of movement restrictions, Israeli soldiers at Qalandiya checkpoint detained in the rain dozens of civilians entering Ramallah. The Israeli army prevented many civilians from crossing on grounds that they did not possess Israeli permits. (ii) The Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to the village of Al Nabi Samuel, preventing the residents of 9 villages (north Jerusalem) from reaching Ramallah. (iii) The Israeli army tightened travel restrictions at the Abu Dis-Western checkpoint. (iv) The Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance of Bir Nabala, preventing vehicles from Jerusalem to travel to Ramallah. Separation Wall Construction: Israeli authorities continue construction of the separation wall in the areas of Al Eizariya, Abu Dis and Al Sawahira. 	
RAMALLAH & EL BIREH	 Closures: Ramallah and El Bireh remain closed areas. Curfews: At 14:50, the Israeli army imposed curfew over the town of Deir Ghassana. At 20:50, the Israeli army imposed curfew over the village of Kafr 'Ein. At 05:15, the Israeli army imposed curfew over the town of Beit Rima. Checkpoints: At 16:20, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to the American Palestinian School in El Bireh city, where they detained and searched vehicles. At 23:10, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the road between Qarawat Bani Zeid and Mazari' An Nubani. At 00:50, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the road between Qarawat Bani Zeid and Kafr 'Ein. After removing the 'Ein Arik checkpoint yesterday, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint 50 meters from where the permanent checkpoint used to be, and stopped, searched and deliberately detained vehicles. Attacks: At 21:00, the Israeli army opened fire and fired sound bombs at the entrance of the village of Abud. At 01:15, the Israeli army opened fire and fired sound bombs at the entrance of Deir Ghassana. 	

• Raids:

- (i) At 11:00, the Israeli army, including 2 jeeps, raided the village of Kafr 'Ein, where they opened fire. This occurred again at 20:50, 03:00, and 05:40.
- (ii) At 14:20, the Israeli army raided the town of Beit Rima, where they detained vehicles and physically assaulted several civilians. The Israeli army raided the town again at 18:15 and 20:40.
- (iii) At 14:50 and again at 20:45, the Israeli army raided the town of Deir Ghassana.
- (iv) At 16:15, the Israeli army raided the village of Qarawat Bani Zeid, where they opened fire randomly.
- (v) At 22:35, the Israeli army, including 3 jeeps, raided the town of Sinjil and the village of 'Abwein.
- (vi) The Israeli army raided the neighborhood of Al Jinan in El Bireh.
- (vii) The Israeli army raided the village of Deir Dibwan, injuring a civilian who had to be hospitalized.

• Arrest/Assault:

- (i) The Israeli army arrested 13 year old Jamil Kamal Al Rifa'I from the village of Kafr 'Ein.
- (ii) The Israeli army severely beat Mahmoud Ata Al Rimawi before arresting him.

• <u>Closure</u>: Jenin remains a closed military area.

• <u>Curfew</u>: At 05:30, the Israeli army imposed curfew over the city and its refugee camp. The curfew was lifted at 18:00.

• Raids:

- (i) Since 05:30, the Israeli army has occupied the city of Jenin and its refugee camp, imposing curfew and opening heavy fire randomly towards civilians, killing one and injuring another.
- (ii) At 12:00, the Israeli army raided the town of Birqin, where they opened fire randomly, killed a boy and injured 4 others.
- (iii) The Israeli army raided the town of Tubas, where they searched houses.

• Killings:

- (i) At 09:45, the Israeli army killed Muhammad Abdil Rahman Salah, a 19 year old, in Jenin refugee camp.
- (ii) At 12:00, the Israeli army killed Mu'taz Wasif Amudi, a 16 year old boy in the town of Birqin.

• <u>Injuries</u>:

The Israeli army in Jenin refugee camp injured 2 children:

- (i) Ahmad Nafe', 8 years old, was shot in the head and is in critical condition; and
- (ii) Mithqal Azayza, 13 years old, was shot in the leg.

The Israeli army injured 4 civilians in Birqin:

(iii) Riyad Masad, 30 years old, was shot in the stomach;

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	 (iv) Laeith Subih, 18 years old, was shot in the back; (v) Fatma Mustafa, 50 year old lady, was shot in the hand; and (vi) Abdallah Khluf, 18 years old, was hit by shrapnel in the body. House Demolition: At 10:15, the Israeli army demolished the house of Khitam Mura'ba in the Jenin refugee camp. Arrest: The Israeli army arrested Mus'ab Ayoub, a civilian and resident of the town of Burqin, during their raid on the town.
JERICHO	 Checkpoints: (i) Despite Israeli announcements of easing movement restrictions in Jericho, the Israeli army set up a number of flying checkpoints on roads leading to the city of Jericho, at which they detained vehicles and obstructed the flow of traffic. (ii) The Israeli army continues to obstruct traffic at the southern DCO entrance.
BETHLEHEM	 Closures: (i) Bethlehem is a closed military area. (ii) The Bethlehem/ Eizariya road (Wadi Nar) is open. (iii) All other roads remain closed. Checkpoints: (i) The DCO checkpoint on the DCO/Beit Jala road is open. (ii) After opening the Bethlehem/Husan (and western villages) road, the Israeli army located at the northern entrance of Al Khadr town detained dozens of civilians and prevented them from reaching Bethlehem city. The Israeli army provoked and verbally assaulted several civilians. Raids: (i) At 03:15, the Israeli army raided Ayda refugee camp located in Palestinian territory (Area A) and arrested 3 civilians before it withdrew at 04:30. (ii) At 03:30, the Israeli army raided the area of Dahiyat ad Doha located in Palestinian territory (Area A) and detained 4 civilians, 3 of whom were later released. Arrests: The Israelis arrested 3 civilians from 'Ayda refugee camp. (i) Samir Ahmad Al Amir; (ii) Shadi Al Barmil; and (iii) Amir Ahmad Amir. The Israeli army arrested 1 civilian from Dahiyat ad Doha: (iv) Amir Mahmoud Fararja.
TULKAREM	<u>Closure</u> : The city of Tulkarem remains a closed military area.

	 Checkpoints: At 09:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on route 57, where they detained and searched pedestrians and vehicles. At 09:10, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint near Dhinnaba mosque, where they searched pedestrians and vehicles. At 09:20, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint in the village of Far'un, where they searched vehicles and passengers. At 09:20, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint in the village of Dahiyat Irtah, where they searched vehicles and passengers. Raids: At 20:20, The Israeli army raided the town of Anabta, where they opened heavy fire randomly and provoked confrontations with civilians. At 01:00, the Israeli army raided the area of Dahiyat Shuweika, where they opened fire randomly.
NABLUS	 Closure: Nablus remains a closed military area. Despite Israeli announcements of easing movement restrictions, the Israeli army continues to prevent civilians from crossing Israeli checkpoints in the city of Nablus. Attack: At 20:20, the Israeli army opened fire randomly from their locations at the entrance of Balata refugee camp towards the camp, injuring 3 civilians. Injuries: The Israeli army injured 3 civilians in Balata refugee camp: Imad Khaled, 16 years old, who was shot in his arm and leg; Muhammad Abu Al Kheir, who was hit by shrapnel in his arm; and Ala' Al Isawi, who was injured in his head. Killing: At 08:06, Samir Muhammad Abu Al Asab died of injuries the Israeli army inflicted upon him 4 days ago during their raid in Balata refugee camp. Occupation of Private Property: At 20:20, the Israeli army occupied a building near the entrance to the village of 'Azmut belonging to Jamal Alawna and turned it into an Israeli military post.
HEBRON	<u>Closure</u> : H1 and H2 areas remain closed military areas.
QALQILYA	 <u>Separation Wall Checkpoint</u>: The Israeli army moved the Israeli checkpoint from the junction of 'Azzun 'Atma to the east of the town of Mas-ha and closed the iron gate enclosing and isolating the town of 'Azzun 'Atma. <u>Separation Wall Gates</u>: At 13:35, the Israeli army closed the gate of Ras al Tira/Al Dab'a, which was previously opened 3 times a day for periods of 15 minutes. Now the gate is not opened at all isolating the villages.

SALFIT	 Closure: The city of Salfit is a closed military area. Curfew: At 19:00, the Israeli army imposed curfew on the village of Kafr ad Dik. Air Patrol: At 21:40, Israeli helicopters patrolled over the city of Salfit. Attack: At 19:40 and again at 22:00, the Israeli army opened fire sporadically from their location on Tel Irsal towards the area of Wadi Abdul Rah-man. Checkpoints: At 08:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the junction of Marda, where they detained and searched vehicles. At 17:50, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the road connecting Zeita Jamma'in and Kifl Haris, obstructing the traffic flow. Raids: At 19:00, the Israeli army, including 5 jeeps, raided the village of Kafr ad Dik, where they opened random fire. At 10:00, the Israeli army raided the village of Marda, and arrested a 17 year old boy. At 22:00, the Israeli army raided the entrance to the city of Salfit. Arrest: The Israeli army arrested Amir Ahmad Ibdah, a 17 year old boy.

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NORTHERN GAZA	 <u>Closure</u>: 220 workers were allowed past the Erez crossing. 1737 workers were allowed into the Erez industrial zone. <u>Attack</u>: At 09:55, the Israeli army opened fire at a group of civilians in the area of Abu Safiya, west of Jabaliya, killing 2 civilians. <u>Killings</u>: The Israeli army shot and killed the following civilians: Shadi Rafiq Habub, 16 years old; and Mahmoud Husein Abu Shakil, 19 years old.
GAZA CITY	 Closures: (i) Al Shuhada' junction (Nitsareem) remains closed. (ii) Al Mintar crossing was opened from 08:15 until 15:30.
CENTRAL GAZA	Activity not yet reported.
KHAN YUNIS	Closure: Abu Ajin road and the western road remain closed.

	Attacks: At 20:00, the Israeli army opened fire at civilian houses in Al Nimsawi neighborhood. At 23:05, the Israeli army fired from Point 7 towards civilian houses in the neighborhood of Al Amal and the western refugee camp as well as Al Tuffah checkpoint.
RAFAH	 Closures: Sufa crossing was opened from 05:30 until 07:00; 8 workers and 1 businessman were allowed through. The Gaza International Airport remains closed. Attacks: At 07:45, the Israeli army opened fire from the settlement of Morag in all directions. At 19:35, the Israeli army opened fire from Point 8 towards Yebna refugee camp.