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PALESTINIAN MONITORING GROUP

DAILY SITUATION REPORT

08:00 08 October 2008 – 08:00 09 October 2008

SUMMARY OF EVENTS

EVENT	WEST BANK	GAZA STRIP	TOTAL	NOTES
Attacks	1	1	2	1 in Jenin and 1 in Northern Gaza
Raids	21	_	21	Incl. 4 in Jenin and 5 in Hebron
Arrests (per person)	4		4	Incl. 2 Palestinian security officers
Detentions	19	1	20	Incl. a sick female civilian in N. Gaza
Attack on Property	1		1	Iron gate & camera installed near a house
Closure of Checkpoints	21	_	21	Incl. access impeded at 12 checkpoints
Flying Checkpoints	11	_	11	Incl. 2 in Qalqiliya and 3 in Hebron
Closure (per District)	7	_	7	Incl. Jerusalem and Tulkarem
Closure of Main Roads	53	_	53	Incl. 14 in Nablus & 9 in Bethlehem
Closure of Crossing Points	1	6	7	Allenby & Beit Hanun partially open
Settler Violence	1	_	1	Civilian vehicles stoned in Jerusalem
Provocation of Pal. Forces	1	_	1	Position near a Police station, Hebron
Pal. Security Measure	1		1	Explosives and ammunition located
TOTAL	142	8	150	

DISTRICT	EVENTS
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WEST BANK

ALL DISTRICTS

- The Israeli army continues to intensify its restrictions at checkpoints set up on the main roads connecting the West Bank districts, thereby isolating northern districts from southern districts as well as the district of Jericho and Jordan Valley from the remainder of the West Bank.
- Beginning at 24:00, the Israeli army has continued to impose a complete closure over the West Bank districts on the occasion of the Jewish holiday of Yom Kippur. The Israeli army has also prevented civilians, including workers, from accessing the city of Jerusalem and areas inside the Green Line, only allowing previously coordinated humanitarian cases. The closure will last until the dawn of 10 October 2008.

• <u>Closure</u>: On 08 October 2008, the Israeli army intensified its restrictions at checkpoints located at the entrances to the city of Jerusalem as well as to the Al Aqsa Mosque compound in the old city of Jerusalem. Due to the closure imposed on the West Bank districts on the occasion of the Jewish holiday of Yom Kippur, the Israeli army also prevented civilians not holding Jerusalem-issued ID card from entering the city.

• Closure of Main Roads:

- (i) The Israeli army continues to close the entrance opposite the junction to Dahiyat al-Bareed in the city of Jerusalem with a barbed wire gate 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', which connects the village to the cities of Jerusalem, Ramallah, and Jericho.
- <u>Checkpoint</u>: 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.

• Wall Gates:

- (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.
- <u>Wall Construction</u>: Due to celebration of the Jewish holiday of Yom Kippur, Wall construction was suspended in the area of al-'Eizariya to al-Shayyah, from the village of Beit Surik to Biddu, in the areas of al-Judeira, Bir Nabala, and Beit Hanina, west of the village of al-Jib, in the vicinity of the village of Qatanna, and south of Beit Hanina village.

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	 Attack on Property: On 08 October 2008, the Israeli army installed an iron gate as well as a surveillance camera at the entrance to a house belonging to Sabri Ghareeb, a civilian resident of the village of Beit Ijza, near the settlement of Ha Hadashah. Thereby, the Israeli army will control the opening and closing of the gate leading to the house. Settler Violence: At 21:25, a group of Israeli settlers from the settlement of Giv'at Binyamin-Adam threw stones at civilian vehicles travelling along the main road to the city of Jerusalem in the vicinity of the village of Jaba'.
RAMALLAH & EL BIREH	 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 Saffa 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. Checkpoint: The Israeli army continues to intensify restrictions at the checkpoint on the overpass to 'Atara town and impede civilian access. Wall Construction: Due to celebration of the Jewish holiday of Yom Kippur, Wall construction was suspended west of 'Abud town and in the areas of al-Midya to Ni'lin and Ni'lin to Deir Qaddis. Flying Checkpoint: At 10:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the overpass to the village of Yabrud and searched civilians and vehicles. Raids: At 21:50, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the village of Um Saffa. Arrests: At 09:00, Israeli troops positioned at the checkpoint set up on the overpass to the town of 'Atara arrested Bassam Mteir ar Rimawi, a Palestinian National Security officer. At 20:00, sraeli troops positioned at the checkpoint set up on the overpass to the town of 'Atara arrested Omar Hussein Omar, a Palestinian National Security officer.
JENIN	 Closure of Main Roads: The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the road leading to 'Arraba town, east of the settlement of Dotan. 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. Flying Checkpoint: At 15:30, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the junction to the town of 'Arraba and searched civilians and vehicles. Raids/Attack: At dawn on 08 October 2008, the Israeli army raided the town of Qabatiya, opened fire, fired sound grenades, and arrested 2 civilians. At 15:20, the Israeli army raided the village of Zububa and patrolled the area until 16:00. At 15:30, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the village of Ti'innik. At 18:40, the Israeli army raided and combed an area between the villages of Rummana and At Tayba.

	 Arrests: The Israeli army arrested 2 civilians in the town of Qabatiya: (i) Maysarah Mohammed Abu Zeid; and (ii) Hani Hasan Nasser Kmeil.
TUBAS	 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. At 14:00, the Israeli army closed the checkpoint and denied civilian access for celebration of the Jewish holiday of Yom Kippur. The closure will last until 18:00 on 09 October 2008. Raid: At 22:00, the Israeli army raided the village of Al Far'a, patrolled the area, and withdrew at 23:00.
TULKAREM	 <u>Closure</u>: The Israeli army continues to declare the district of Tulkarm a closed military zone and to impede civilian access to and from the district. <u>Closure of Main Roads</u>: The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the western entrance to the village of Shufa. <u>Checkpoints</u>: The Israeli army continues to intensify its restrictions at Einav checkpoint on Tulkarm-Nablus road and at Jubara checkpoint. <u>Wall Gates</u>: Passage through the wall gates is restricted to civilians granted special Israeli permits.
QALQILYA	 Closure of Roads: The Israeli army continues to close with cement blocks the agricultural roads east of the town of 'Azzun. Checkpoints: The Israeli army continues to intensify its restrictions at checkpoints set up at the eastern entrance to the city of Qalqiliya as well as at the entrance to the village of 'Izbat Jal'ud and to impede civilian access. Wall Gates: Passage through the Wall gates is restricted to civilians granted special Israeli permits. The Israeli army continues to intensify its restrictions at 'Azzun 'Atma Wall gate and to search civilians, including students, with a metal detector. Wall Construction: Due to celebration of the Jewish holiday of Yom Kippur, land leveling Wall construction was suspended in the villages of Immatin and Kafr Laqif as well as east of the towns of Kafr Thulth and 'Azzun. Flving Checkpoint: The Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint in the area between the towns of 'Azzun and Kafr Thulth and searched civilians and vehicles. Raids: At 15:00, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the town of 'Azzun. At 19:30, the Israeli army raided the city of Qalqiliya, set up a checkpoint, searched civilians and vehicles, and patrolled the area until 20:30.

	Closure of Main Roads:
NABLUS	 Closure of Main Roads: 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 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. 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. At 18:10, the Israeli army closed the junction to the town of Beit Furik with cement blocks and dirt barricades. Checkpoints: The Israeli army continues to regulate times for crossing checkpoints set up around the city of Nablus: 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. Beit Furik checkpoint is open to civilian residents of the town of Beit Furik and the nearby village of Beit Dajan. At 08:10, the Israeli army installed electric gates in the new area, which it had recently leveled at Huwwara checkpoint. At 12:00, the Israeli army intensified its restrictions and impeded civilian access at the checkpoint set up in the area between the city of Nablus and the town of 'Asira ash Shamaliya. Raids: At 17:00, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the city of Nablus. At 17:00, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the town of 'Asira ash Shamaliya.
SALFIT	 Closure of Main Roads: The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the northern entrance to Salfit city and the eastern entrance to the village of Yasuf. 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. Wall Construction: Due to celebration of the Jewish holiday of Yom Kippur, Wall construction was suspended 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.

Raids: (i) At 08:20, the Israeli army raided the town of Deir Ballut and the village of Rafat and patrolled the area until 09:30. At 15:40, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the town of Bruqin. (ii) 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. Closure of Crossing Point: Al Karamah (Allenby) Bridge is partially open. Until 09:00 on 08 October 2008, the Bridge was open to previously coordinated humanitarian cases only due to celebration of the Jewish holiday of Yom Kippur. **Checkpoints:** The Israeli army continues to intensify its restrictions and impede (i) civilian access at al-Hamra checkpoint set up along al-Badhan road connecting the districts of Jericho and Nablus as well as on the **JERICHO** 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. At 14:00, the Israeli army closed Al Hamra checkpoint and denied (ii) civilian access due to celebration of the Jewish holiday of Yom Kippur. The closure will last until 18:00 on 09 October 2008. At 12:30, the Israeli army intensified its restrictions at the DCO (iii) checkpoint set up at the southern entrance to the city of Jericho and impeded civilian access. At 14:00, the Israeli army closed the checkpoint set up on the junction (iv) to the settlements of Ma'ale Ifrayim and Jetit and denied civilian access due to celebration of the Jewish holiday of Yom Kippur. The checkpoint will be closed until 18:00 on 09 October 2008. Raid: At 12:25, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the village of Al 'Auja. **Closure:** (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) Beginning on 15 September 2007, the Israeli army has been **BETHLEHEM** preventing civilian access, according to military order 07.02.S, to an area of 22 dunums of land that has been confiscated in accordance with the Israeli Military Order No. 07.31.T. The 22dunum area has been set to construct a passage in the area of Mazmuriya 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 sideway east of Beit Fajjar town.
- <u>Wall Construction</u>: Due to celebration of the Jewish holiday of Yom Kippur, Wall construction was suspended 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.

• Flying Checkpoints:

- (i) At 18:15, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint in the area of An Nashash (the southern entrance to the city of Bethlehem) and searched civilians and vehicles.
- (ii) At 18:20, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to the town of Husan and searched civilians and vehicles.

• Raids:

- (i) At 12:30, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the town of Al Khadr.
- (ii) At 14:10, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the village of Dar Salah.

• Closure:

- (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.

• Closure of Main Roads:

- (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.

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- (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 junction of Farsh Al Hawa north of Hebron city, which leads to Road # 35 that leads to Tarqumiya Crossing. The Israeli army installed an iron gate instead of the dirt barricade. The Israeli army designated the following times for the daily opening the gate: from 05:00 until 07:00 and from 09:00 until 13:00.
- <u>Wall Construction</u>: Due to celebration of the Jewish holiday of Yom Kippur, Wall construction was suspended 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.

• Flying Checkpoints:

- (i) At 12:30, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the junction to the village of Kharsa and searched civilians and vehicles.
- (ii) At 13:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to the town of Yatta and searched civilians and vehicles.

• Raids/Detention/Provocation of Palestinian Forces:

- (i) At 08:45, the Israeli army raided the city of Hebron, searched 2 houses as well as a commercial shop, detained 1 civilian, and released him at a later time. The Israeli army also served summons to a number of civilians to report to the Israeli Intelligence agency. In addition, the Israeli army set up a checkpoint and searched civilians and vehicles. At 22:05, the Israeli army raided the city again and searched 1 house.
- (ii) At 09:30, the Israeli army raided the town of Idhna and took position near the town's Palestinian Police station. The Israeli army raided offices of the Idhna Municipality and patrolled the area.
- (iii) At 22:05, the Israeli army raided the town of As Samoa' and searched 2 houses.
- (iv) At 01:40, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the village of Khallet al Maya east of the town of Yatta.
- <u>Palestinian Security Measure</u>: At 12:50, while carrying out their duty of preserving public security, Palestinian security forces located explosives and ammunition in the city of Hebron.

GAZA STRIP

ALL DISTRICTS	• Entering into force at 06:00 on 19 June 2008, the cease fire agreement has continued to hold. The agreement includes, <i>inter alia</i> , a complete cessation of all hostilities.
NORTHERN GAZA	 Closure of Crossing Point: Beit Hanun (Erez) Crossing is partially open (for previously coordinated humanitarian cases). Attack/Detention: Israeli troops positioned in the area surrounding Beit Hanun (Erez) Crossing opened indiscriminate fire, forcing Hala Yousef, a female civilian suffering from pregnancy complications, to return to the Gaza Strip. Despite the fact that they possessed access permits, the Israeli troops did not allow Yousef and her attendant to cross to the Al Maqassed Hospital in the city of Jerusalem.
GAZA	 Closure of Crossing Points: (i) Al-Muntar (Karni) Crossing is closed for celebration of the Jewish holiday of Yom Kippur. (ii) Al-Shuja'iya (Nahal 'Oz) Crossing is for celebration of the Jewish holiday of Yom Kippur.
CENTRAL GAZA	Activities not reported.
KHAN YOUNIS	Activities not reported.
RAFAH	 Closure of Crossing Points: Yasser 'Arafat International Airport remains closed. Rafah (Al Awdah) Crossing is closed. Sufa Crossing is closed. Karm Abu Salim (Karem Shalom) Crossing is for celebration of the Jewish holiday of Yom Kippur.