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PALESTINIAN MONITORING GROUP

DAILY SITUATION REPORT 08:00 15 October 2010 – 08:00 16 October 2010

SUMMARY OF EVENTS

EVENT	WEST BANK	GAZA STRIP	TOTAL	NOTES
Injuries	5		5	Incl. a female civilian and her son
Attacks	11	_	11	Incl. 2 in raids & 1 from a military post
Raids	13	_	13	Incl. 4 in Jenin and 3 in Qalqiliya
Arrests (per person)	3	_	3	In An Nabi Salih village, Ramallah district
Detentions	12	_	12	Incl. int'l peace activist & Israeli journalist
Wall Construction	19	_	19	Incl. Jer., Raml'h., Salfit, & Hebron
Destruction of Property	4	_	4	Incl. a plant nursery destroyed, Hebron
Attack on Property	1	_	1	Civilians not to harvest olive crops
Closure of Checkpoints	10	_	10	Incl. access impeded at 7 checkpoints
Flying Checkpoints	23	_	23	Incl. 4 in Qalqiliya and 2 in Nablus
Closure (per District)	7	_	7	Incl. Jerusalem & 2 areas in Bethlehem
Closure of Main Roads	42	_	42	Incl. 10 in Nablus and 13 in Hebron
Closure of Crossing Points		5	5	Incl. humanitarian cases allowed access
Settlement Activity	*	_		Tender to construct 238 housing units
Settler Violence	8	_	8	Incl. olive trees burnt and fired opened
Provocation of Pal. Forces	1	_	1	Taking position near a security post
Demonstrations	5	_	5	Incl. against settlement activity & Wall
TOTAL	164	5	169	

DISTRICT EVENTS

WEST BANK

Closure:

- (i) On 15 October 2010, the Israeli army intensified restrictions at checkpoints located at the entrances to Jerusalem city, set up many flying checkpoints in the old city of Jerusalem and around Al Aqsa Mosque compound, and denied access to civilians to perform Friday prayers at the Al Aqsa Mosque.
- (ii) On 05 January 2009, the Israeli authorities issued Military Order # S/02/09 on the closure of the "demarcation area" along the Wall in the area surrounding Jerusalem city. Access would be restricted to residents of the area as well as to civilians holding permits through crossings and gates defined in the military order.
- (iii) The Israeli army continues to impose a blockade and deny civilian access to a hill between Biddu and Beit Iksa villages.

• Closure of Main Roads:

- (i) The Israeli army continues to close with cement blocks and dirt barricades the entrance to the village of Jaba'.
- (ii) The Israeli army continues to close the iron gate along the Wall section, separating the area of Dahiyat al Bareed from the town of Ar Ram.
- (iii) The Israeli army continues to close with an iron gate the eastern entrance to Beit Iksa village and force civilians to access Jerusalem city through Qalandiya checkpoint.

• <u>Checkpoint</u>: The Israeli army continues to consider Qalandiya checkpoint a "border crossing point" and has designated a special crossing lane for holders of Jerusalem IDs and those possessing permits to access the city of Jerusalem.

Attacks/Physical Assaults/Injuries:

- (i) In the evening of 15 October 2010, Israeli troops fired rubber-coated steel bullets as well as sound and tear gas grenades on civilians in Silwan neighbourhood in Jerusalem city, ostensibly for throwing stones. Israeli troops also severely beat three civilians, including a woman and her son, leaving them with contusions:
 - (i) Nahlah Gheith, a female civilian;
 - (ii) Abdullah Gheith; and
 - (iii) Mohammed Mahir Abdul Wahed.
- (ii) In the evening of 15 October 2010, Israeli troops positioned around the checkpoint set up near Shu'fat refugee camp fired rubber-coated steel bullets as well as sound and tear gas grenades on civilians, allegedly for throwing stones. As a result, Israeli troops injured a number of civilians as a result of tear gas inhalation.
- Raid: At 12:30, the Israeli army raided and patrolled Ar Ram town.
- Settlement Activity: On 15 October 2010, and following approval of the Israeli Government, the Israeli Ministry of Housing invited a tender for construction of 238 housing units in Pisgat Ze'ev and Ramot Alon settlements in Jerusalem city.

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• <u>Demonstration</u>: At 12:30, civilians performed Friday prayers in a sit-in tent in Silwan neighbourhood in Jerusalem city in protest against Israeli settler violence and Israeli authorities' threat to evacuate civilian houses for construction of settlement projects. After the prayers, confrontations took place between the Israeli army and civilians, during which the Israeli army injured a number of protestors as a result of tear gas inhalation.

• Wall Gates:

- (i) The Israeli army continues to close with cement blocks the Wall gate in Abu Dis town.
- (ii) The Israeli army continues to deny civilian access through the Wall gate on Ash Shayyah road in the area between As Sawahira ash Sharqiya and As Sawahira al Gharbiya villages, only allowing civilians holding Jerusalem IDs to cross, after subjecting them to thorough searches using electronic devices.
- Wall Construction: Wall construction continues in Al 'Eizariya area to Ash Shayyah, from Beit Surik village to Biddu; in the areas of Al Judeira, Bir Nabala, and Beit Hanina; west of Al Jib village; near Qatanna village; south of Beit Hanina village; and in the area surrounding the checkpoint set up at the entrance to Shu'fat refugee camp.
- <u>Closure of Main Roads</u>: The Israeli army continues to close the entrances to Sinjil town and Saffa village as well as the junction to Kafr Malik and 'Ein Samiya villages.
- Raid: At 23:10, the Israeli army raided the area between Silwad and Al Mazra'a ash Sharqiya towns, set up a checkpoint, searched civilians and vehicles, and combed the area.

• Demonstrations/Raid/Attacks/Injuries/Detentions:

(i) At 12:30, a mass demonstration, including international and Israeli peace activists, took place in An Nabi Salih village in protest against Israeli settler violence and confiscation of civilian land for expansion of Halamish settlement. Having raided the village, confrontations took place between the Israeli army and protestors, during which the Israeli army injured two civilians. Additionally, a number of participants sustained wounds as a result of tear gas inhalation. The Israeli army also arrested three civilians and detained an international peace activist as well as an Israeli journalist.

- (ii) At 12:30, a mass demonstration, including international peace activists, took place in Ni'lin town in protest against Wall construction. Confrontations took place between the Israeli army and protestors, during which the Israeli army injured a number of participants as a result of tear gas inhalation.
- (iii) At 12:30, a mass demonstration, including international peace activists, took place in Bil'in village in protest against Wall construction. Confrontations took place between the Israeli army and protestors, during which the Israeli army wounded a number of participants as a result of tear gas inhalation.

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	 Arrests: The Israeli army arrested three civilians in An Nabi Salih village: Mohammed Atallah at Tamimi; Malek Talal at Tamimi; and Mahdi Abdul Wahhab at Tamimi. Settler Violence: At 10:00, a group of Israeli settlers gathered on civilian land in Silwad town and attempted to assault civilians and prevent them from harvesting olive crops. Subsequently, Israeli troops evacuated settlers from the area. Wall Construction: Wall construction continues west of the town of 'Abud; in the village of Bil'in; and in the areas of Al Midya to Ni'lin and Ni'lin to Deir Qaddis.
JENIN	 Closure of Main Road: The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the road leading to the town of 'Arraba east of Dotan settlement. Flying Checkpoint: At 12:50, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to 'Ajja village and searched civilians and vehicles until 13:20. Raids: At 11:30, the Israeli army raided and patrolled As Suweitat area in Jenin city. At 12:10, the Israeli army raided Kufeirit village and combed surrounding agricultural land. At 12:10, the Israeli army raided and combed the area between Jaba' town and Sanur village. At 18:00, the Israeli army, including a bulldozer, raided the evacuated Ganim settlement east of Jenin city, levelled land, and withdrew at 20:15. Settler Violence: On 15 October 2010, a group of Israeli settlers levelled civilian land near Shaked settlement in preparation for construction works. 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.
TUBAS	Checkpoint: Though allowing civilian access to the Northern Jordan Valley between 06:00 and 22:00, the Israeli army continues to intensify its restrictions at Tayasir checkpoint east of the city of Tubas.
TULKAREM	 Closure of Main Roads: The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the road connecting the town of Kafr al Labad to the village of Shufa as well as the road connecting the villages of Shufa and 'Izbat Shufa. Checkpoint: The Israeli army continues to intensify restrictions at 'Einav checkpoint set up on Tulkarem-Nablus main road. Wall Gates: 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 agricultural roads east of the town of 'Azzun. Flying Checkpoints/Attack: At 10:20, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint near Kafr Laqif village on the Qalqiliya-Nablus main road and searched civilians.

- (ii) At 11:25, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint near the junction to Kedumim settlement on the Qalqiliya-Nablus main road and searched civilians and vehicles.
- (iii) At 12:10, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint near Jinsafut village on the Qalqiliya-Nablus main road and searched civilians and vehicles.
- (iv) At 22:10, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to Hajja village, searched civilians and vehicles, and opened indiscriminate fire.
- Attack: At 21:20, Israeli troops guarding the Wall section isolating 'Azzun 'Atma village opened indiscriminate fire on the area surrounding the village.

• Raids:

- (i) At 10:30, the Israeli army raided and combed the area between 'Azzun town and 'Izbat at Tabib village.
- (ii) At 16:30, the Israeli army raided and combed the area north of 'Azzun town
- (iii) At 22:10, the Israeli army raided and patrolled Jinsafut village.

• Settler Violence:

- (i) At 12:20, a group of Israeli settlers set fire to civilian farmland in Far'ata village, damaging a number of olive trees.
- (ii) At 12:40, a group of Israeli settlers from Kedumim settlement threw stones at civilian vehicles travelling near the junction to the settlement, breaking the windshield of a vehicle belonging to Haytham Abu Na'na'.

• Wall Gates:

- (i) The Israeli army continues to intensify its restrictions at 'Azzun 'Atma Wall gate and to search civilians, including students, with a metal detector.
- (ii) The Israeli army continues close with an iron gate the entrance to the village of Wadi ar Rasha and to deny civilian access. The Israeli army allows residents to access the village through Gate #109. Having removed the iron gate at the entrance to the village of Ras 'Atiya, the Israeli army only allows students to cross to their schools outside the village through the Habla gate.

• Closure of Main Roads:

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- (i) The Israeli army continues to close the roads of Till-Burin and Beit Furik-Salem; the settler bypass road connecting the village of Deir al Hatab to the settlement of Alon Moreh; the road connecting the town of 'Aqraba to the village of Osarin; and the detour road between the town of Qabalan and the village of Osarin.
- (ii) The Israeli army continues to close the northern entrance to the town of Qabalan; the southern entrances to the town of Jamma'in and the villages of Duma and Qaryut; and the western entrance to An Naqura village opposite the settlement of Shavei Shomron.

- <u>Checkpoints</u>: The Israeli army continues to regulate times for crossing checkpoints set up around the city of Nablus:
- (i) At Tur neighbourhood 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 neighbourhood only between 07:00 and 02:00.
- (ii) At 'Awarta commercial checkpoint, civilians are allowed to cross between 05:00 and 20:00, but between 05:00 and 15:00 on Fridays. All civilian vehicles are allowed to access the city of Nablus, but only commercial vehicles and ambulances can leave the city through the checkpoint.
- (iii) At 15:10, the Israeli army intensified restrictions and impeded civilian access at the checkpoint set up on the junction to Shavei Shomron settlement on the Nablus-Jenin main road.
- <u>Flying Checkpoint</u>: At 11:50, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint and searched civilians and vehicles on the junction to the villages of 'Azmut, Salem, and Deir al Hatab.

• Raids:

- (i) At 11:30, the Israeli army raided and patrolled Deir al Hatab village. The Israeli army also prevented civilians from harvesting olive crops on their land on both sides of the settler bypass road leading to Alon Moreh settlement.
- (ii) At 01:15, the Israeli army raided 'Asira ash Shamaliya town and patrolled the area until 02:20.

• Settler Violence:

- (i) At 09:55, a group of Israeli settlers from Alon Moreh settlement opened indiscriminate fire, preventing civilians from harvesting olive crops on their land near the settlement in 'Azmut village. At 10:45, the Israeli army evacuated settlers from the area.
- (ii) At 11:45, a group of Israeli settlers from Gilead settlement outpost set fire to a vast area of olive groves in Sarra and Till villages, damaging many olive trees. Israeli settlers also denied access to Palestinian Civil Defence vehicles to extinguish the fire. Subsequently, Israeli troops evacuated settlers from the area.

Closure of Main Roads:

(i) The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the northern entrance to Salfit city and with cement blocks the northern entrance to the Bruqin town.

- (ii) The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the entrance to two detour roads connecting Marda village to respective farmland.
- <u>Checkpoint</u>: The Israeli army continues to intensify its restrictions and impede civilian access at the Za'tara junction checkpoint.

• Flying Checkpoints:

(i) At 15:30, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to Deir Istiya town and searched civilians and vehicles.

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	(ii) At 17:30, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to Az Zawiya town 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 Kifl Haris north of the settlement of Ariel.
JERICHO	 Closure: The Israeli army continues to close Road # 90 between Jericho city and Al 'Auja village with cement blocks. Checkpoints: The Israeli army continues to intensify restrictions at Al Hamra checkpoint set up along Al Badhan road connecting Jericho and Nablus districts, only allowing access to residents of Jericho district of the Jordan Valley area. The Israeli army continues to intensify restrictions at the checkpoint set up on the junction to Al 'Auja village along Al-Mu'arrajat road connecting Jericho and Ramallah districts, only allowing access to residents of Jericho district as well as to others holding access permits. Flying Checkpoints: At 10:25, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint near Road # 90 in the centre of Al 'Auja village and searched civilians and vehicles until 10:55. At 02:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the southern entrance to Jericho city and searched civilians and vehicles.
BETHLEHEM	 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) According to Military Order # 07/02/S, the Israeli army has continued since 15 September 2007 to deny civilian access to an area measuring 22 dunums (5.436 acres) of land in the area of Mazmuriya in the cities of Beit Sahur and Bethlehem. The land was confiscated pursuant to Military Order # 07/31/T. Closure of Main Roads: The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the road of Beit Jala-Wadi Ahmad; a road east of Beit Fajjar town; and a rural road connecting Tuqu' town to Khirbet al Baq'a village. Checkpoint: At 21:20, the Israeli army intensified restrictions and impeded civilian access at As Sawahira ash Sharqiya (the 'Container') checkpoint. Flving Checkpoints: At 11:50, and again at 07:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on An Nashash junction (the southern entrance to Bethlehem city) and searched civilians and vehicles. Demonstration/Attack/Injury: At 12:00, a mass demonstration, including international peace activists, took place in Al Ma'sara village in protest against Wall construction. Confrontations took place between the Israeli army and protestors, during which a tear gas grenade fired by Israeli troops hit an American peace activist, leaving him with contusions in the head. Also, several participants were injured as a result of tear gas inhalation.

Wall Construction: Wall construction continues in the area northwest of the town of Al Khadr; northwest of the city of Beit Jala; in the area of Wadi Rahhal east of Efrat settlement; and in the area surrounding Al Walaja. **Closure:** (i) The Israeli army continues to close Ash Shuhada' Street, As Sahleh and Khuzq al Far areas, and the old gold market in the old city of Hebron. In addition to closing the entrance to Al Qeisi neighbourhood, the Israeli army continues to close the entrances to the area of Al Hisba (the fruits and vegetables market) with an iron gate and Al Laban Market with iron plates. On 05 January 2009, the Israeli army issued Military Order # 09/06/S (ii)on the closure of the area located along the Green Line south of the town of Yatta, evacuation of civilian residents, and prevention of civilian access to the area. According to Military Orders # 05/03/T and 05/04/T, land in this area was confiscated for Wall construction. **Closure of Main Roads:** (i) The Israeli army continues to close the entrances to As Samoa' and Adh Dhahiriya, Al 'Arrub refugee camp, and At Tuwani village. (ii) The Israeli army continues to prohibit Palestinian vehicles from travelling along Ash Shalala Old Street in the old city of Hebron. The Israeli army continues to close the road between Al Karmil and At (iii) Tuwani villages; all roads leading to Road # 60; and the road connecting Surif town to Al Jab'a village. **HEBRON Flying Checkpoints:** At 08:25, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the overpass to (i) Halhul town and searched civilians and vehicles. At 08:40, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to (ii) Idhna town and searched civilians and vehicles. At 13:15, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on Wadi al Ouff (iii) road leading to Tarqumiya town and searched civilians and vehicles. (iv) At 15:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint in the area between Deir al 'Asal al Foga and Deir al 'Asal at Tahta villages and searched civilians and vehicles. At 16:15, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the northern (v) entrance to Hebron city along Road # 35 and searched civilians and At 17:30, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint in the area between (vi) Beit Ummar town and Al 'Arrub refugee camp and searched civilians and vehicles. (vii) At 18:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the junction to Zif village and searched civilians and vehicles. Raids/Provocation of Palestinian Forces/Attack: At 08:45, the Israeli army raided Halhul town, took position near a (i) Palestinian National Security post, and patrolled the area.

- (ii) At 23:00, the Israeli army raided Adh Dhahiriya town. While searching civilian houses and commercial premises, the Israeli army opened fire and fired sound grenades. Israeli troops also detonated an explosive device, causing damage to a plant nursery. At 02:40, the Israeli army withdrew from the area.
- <u>Settler Violence</u>: At 15:30, a group of Israeli settlers severely Shakir az Zaru and his family members, while they were harvesting olive crops on their land in Johar Mountain area in the old city of Hebron. Subsequently, Israeli troops evacuated settlers from the area.
- <u>Wall Construction</u>: Wall construction continues in the section of Tarqumiya checkpoint terminal; in the area surrounding the settlement of Eshkolot near the town of Adh Dhahiriya; and in the area between the villages of 'Arab ar Ramadin and Imneizil.

GAZA STRIP

ALL DISTRICTS	• At 02:00 on 18 January 2009, the unilateral ceasefire declared by the Israeli authorities came into effect. At a later time on the same day, armed Palestinian groups announced an agreement to cease fire for a week. Later, armed Palestinian groups extended the ceasefire until 05 February 2009. The ceasefire continues to hold.		
NORTHERN GAZA	Closure of Crossing Point: Beit Hanun (Erez) Crossing is partially open to previously-coordinated humanitarian cases, foreign journalists, international organisations staff, merchants, businesspeople, and civilians intending to travel to Jordan through Al Karama (Allenby) Bridge in the West Bank.		
GAZA	 Closure of Crossing Points: Al Muntar (Karnei) Crossing is closed. Ash Shuja'iya (Nahal 'Oz) Crossing is closed. Beginning on 04 January 2010, the Crossing has been closed upon an Israeli unilateral decision. 		
CENTRAL GAZA	Events not reported.		
KHAN YUNIS	Events not reported.		
RAFAH	 Closure of Crossing Points: Yasser 'Arafat International Airport remains closed. Rafah (Al 'Awdah) Crossing was open to allow civilians, patients, students, and civilians holding visas to depart the Gaza Strip. Access was also allowed to civilians and patients, who had received medical treatment at Egyptian hospitals. Sufa Crossing is closed. Karm Abu Salem (Karem Shalom) Crossing is closed. 		