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PALESTINIAN MONITORING GROUP

DAILY SITUATION REPORT

08:00 2 November 2003 – 08:00 3 November 2003

SUMMARY OF EVENTS

EVENT	WEST BANK	GAZA STRIP	TOTAL	NOTES
Injuries	3	_	3	
Physical Assault	1		1	1 17-year old
Incursions	1	_	1	
Attacks	2	3	5	3 Security Positions
Raids	4	1	5	
Air Patrols	4		4	
Arrests (per person)	1		1	
Wall Land Confiscation	1		1	862 dunums west of Ramallah
Curfews	2		2	
Checkpoints	All	_	All	
Flying Checkpoints	7	_	7	
Closures (per District)	17		17	Incl. Jerusalem, 6 Villages
Closure of Main Roads	All	(3)	All	
Closure of Gates	All		All	
Closure of Crossing Points	_	2	2 ¹	Erez: 8661; Sufa: 27
Damage to Religious Site	1		1	Al Aqsa Mosque
TOTAL	44	6	50	

¹ At Rafah border crossing, more than 1000 individuals were unable to enter the Gaza Strip due to slow Israeli procedures.

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DISTRICT	EVENT	
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WEST BANK

JERUSALEM	 <u>Separation Wall Construction</u>: Israeli authorities continue construction of the separation wall in Al Sawahira, Abu Dis and Al Eizariya areas. <u>Closure</u>: The city of Jerusalem is closed to civilians from the West Bank. All checkpoints and entrances are closed. The Israeli army set up flying checkpoints throughout the area. <u>Attack on Religious Site</u>: An Israeli extremist carrying a bag tried to enter the Al Aqsa Mosque but was restrained by the Mosque's security guards. 	
RAMALLAH & EL BIREH	 Separation Wall Land Confiscation: Israeli authorities confiscated 862 dunums of land in 3 villages west of Ramallah: Rantis, Qibya and Budrus. The stretch of land confiscated is 5280 meters in length and between 68 and 490 meters in width. Closures: Ramallah and El Bireh remain closed areas. The Israeli army sealed off the villages of Arura and Mazari' an Nubani. The Israeli army blocked the entrances to the village of Bani Zeid. Checkpoints: At 07:15, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint between 'Abwein and Sinjil, preventing movement between the two villages. At 09:15, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint between Arura and Al Mazari', preventing the movement of vehicles. The Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint in Beituniya, preventing civilians from reaching the mosque for evening prayers. Raid: At 14:50, the Israeli army, including 3 jeeps, raided the village of Mazari' an Nubani. 	
JENIN	 <u>Closure</u>: Jenin remains a closed military area. <u>Separation Wall Closure</u>: The Israeli army is allowing only Palestinian civilians granted Israeli permits to pass through the gates. 	
JERICHO	<u>Closure</u> : The city of Jericho is a closed military area. Civilians with Jerusalem ID's are not allowed into Jericho.	

Closure: Bethlehem is a closed military area. Physical Assault: At 08:55, the Israeli army physically assaulted civilians at the "container" checkpoint in Al Sawahira ash Sharqiya on Wadi Nar road. Included **BETHLEHEM** amongst those severely beaten is Anas Abdil Hamid, 17 years old. Israeli Restrictions: The Israeli army is preventing gas tanks from entering the city. Closure: The city of Tulkarem remains a closed military area. Separation Wall Closures: (i) All gates along the separation wall remain closed to those not granted a special Israeli permit. The gates of the villages of Baqa ash Sharqiya, Zeita, Jubara, Ar Ras and (ii) Kafr Sur—all located behind the separation wall—are closed to all civilians, including those granted Israeli permits. Farmers are not able to harvest the olive crop. Checkpoint: At 10:45, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to Illar. TULKAREM • Curfew: At 20:25, the Israeli army imposed curfew over the village of Al Jarushiya. Incursion: At 03:40, the Israeli army, heavily reinforced, raided the city of Tulkarem and its refugee camp, where it opened heavy fire. Military aircraft, including two helicopters, patrolled over the city. The Israeli army imposed curfew over the area and fired sound bombs. Attack: At 08:00, the Israeli army positioned at Dewar Al Salam in the city opened random fire. Arrests: The Israeli army arrested Fadi Ismael Odeh, 24 year old resident of the village Izbat Shufa. Air Patrols: At 09:30, 10:10, and until 11:00, Israeli helicopters patrolled over the city at low altitude. Closures: (i) Nablus remains a closed military area. The Israeli army continues to surround Balata refugee camp, Al Dahiya and (ii) Kafr Qalil. **NABLUS** Injuries: As a result of heavy firing in Balata refugee camp, the Israeli army injured 3 civilians: Fadi Mut'ab Al Terawi, 25 years old, who was shot in the arm; (i) (ii) Suweilam Kamil Omar Suweilam, 20 years old, who was shot in the leg; and Mahmoud Ziyad Arabsha, 18 years old, who was shot in the leg. (iii)

HEBRON	 Closures: (i) H1 and H2 areas remain closed military areas. (ii) The Israeli army continues to surround the town of Dura and prevent approximately 300 teachers from traveling from the town to schools in Yatta, Al Samu', Al Rihiya and Al Fawwar refugee camp.
QALQILYA	 <u>Closure</u>: The city of Qalqilya remains a closed military area. <u>Separation Wall Closure</u>: Civilians granted Israeli permits are allowed past the gates. Many farmers were not granted permits and are not allowed to leave their places of residence. <u>Curfew</u>: The Israeli army imposed curfew over the village of Ras Atiya. <u>Raids</u>: Israeli army jeeps raided and searched the city of Qalqilya before withdrawing at 05:00.
SALFIT	 Closure: The city of Salfit is a closed military area. Checkpoints: At 08:00, The Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to the village of Haris, where they searched vehicles. At 09:55, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the dirt secondary road at the entrance of the village of Marda, where vehicles, including ambulances, were searched. At 20:30, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the bridge located at the entrance to the village of Iskaka, where they searched vehicles. Raid: At 14:50, the Israeli army, including 3 jeeps, raided the village of Khirbet Qeis and Salfit city.

GAZA STRIP

NORTHERN GAZA	 <u>Closure</u>: 8661 workers carrying Israeli permits were allowed into Israel, 3532 workers were allowed into the Erez industrial zone, and 400 workers were admitted to obtain magnetic ID cards. <u>Raid</u>: At 19:20, the Israeli army, reinforced by 2 tanks, raided the area of Abu Safiya in Jabaliya and took position near a former Palestinian National Security location. <u>Attack</u>: At 20:00, the Israeli army opened fire at a Palestinian security location north of Beit Lahia.
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GAZA CITY	 Closures: Al Shuhada' junction (Nitsareem) remains closed. Attack: At 15:45, the Israeli army opened fire from the area west of Point 75 near Al Mintar crossing. 		
CENTRAL GAZA	Activity not yet reported.		
KHAN YUNIS	 <u>Closure</u>: Abu Ajin road and the western road remain closed. <u>Attack</u>: At 19:20, the Israeli army, reinforced by 3 tanks and a bulldozer, opened fire from Point 187 towards the Palestinian National Security location near Khuza'a. 		
RAFAH	 Closures: (i) 27 individuals, including 13 workers and 5 businessmen, were allowed past the Sufa crossing. (ii) The Gaza International Airport remains closed. (iii) The Israeli army at the Rafah crossing point is admitting travelers very slowly; around 1000 individuals are stuck on the Egyptian/Palestinian borders. 		