# مجموعة الرقابة الفلسطينية



# PALESTINIAN MONITORING GROUP

# **DAILY SITUATION REPORT**

08:00 03 October 2004 - 08:00 04 October 2004

## **SUMMARY OF EVENTS**

EVENT	WEST BANK	GAZA STRIP	TOTAL	NOTES
Assassination		(1)	(1)	Failed assassination attempt
Deaths	1	13	14	Incl. 2 children and 1 female civ.
Physical Assaults	2	_	2	Civilians severely beaten
Injuries	12	7	19	Incl. 3 international peace activists
Incursion	_	1	1	Incl. cont. presence in N. Gaza
Air Attacks	_	2	2	In Beit Hanun and Gaza city
Attacks	5	17	22	5 during raids, 16 from mil. posts
Raids	23	2	25	Incl. in search for wanted civilians
Air Patrols	1	2	3	Incl. over Al Far'a and Gaza city
Arrests (per person)	18	_	18	Incl. 1 child and 1 female civilian
Detentions	9	1	10	Incl. in residential compounds
Land Levelling	_	2	2	In Beit Hanun and Northern Gaza
Wall Construction	18	_	18	Jer., Jenin, Ramallah, Beth. Hebron
Destruction of Property	1	_	1	Uprooting olive trees in K. Thulth
House Occupations	2	1	3	Incl. 2 in Silat Ad Dhahr
Checkpoints	All		All	
Flying Checkpoints	(Dozens)	(Dozens)		Closing all districts
Closure (per District)	(All)	(All)	(All)	Several cities closed mil. zones
Closure of Main Roads	(Most)	(6)	(Most)	Esp. connecting cities
Closure of Wall Gates	(All)		(All)	Permits required to cross
Closure of Crossing Points		5	5	1 partially open
Attack on Religious Sites	1	_	1	Closing the Ibrahimi Mosque
Settlement Activities	3	_	3	Constructing 43 housing units
Settler Violence	3		3	Incl. running over 1 female civilian
School Disruptions	1	1	2	Incl. 13 schools in Northern Gaza
Provocation of Pal. Forces	1	_	1	Taking position near 1 Pal. post
Palestinian Attacks		3	3	5 Qassam mortars, 1 mortar
Demonstration	1	_	1	In Beit Awwa against the Wall
TOTAL	102	57	159	

DISTRICT	EVENT		
ALL DISTRICTS	<ul> <li>Since 22 March 2004, the Israeli army has imposed a total closure on the West Bank and Gaza Strip, prevented civilians from crossing the Green Line and entering Jerusalem, and restricted movement between cities in the West Bank.</li> <li>The Israeli army has renewed the closure between the districts of the West Bank and the Green Line due to the Jewish holidays.</li> </ul>		

# **WEST BANK**

### **Closure:** The Israeli army set up dozens of flying checkpoints throughout the district, closing all roads connecting towns and villages, and preventing pedestrians and vehicles from crossing. The Israeli army continues to close the entrances to the villages of Al Mughayyir and Ras Karkar with dirt barricades. The Israeli army also closed the village of Budrus, declared it a closed military zone, and prevented media agencies from entering. RAMALLAH Wall Construction: Wall construction continues in Budrus, Midya, Ni'lin, & Deir Qaddis, Beit Liqya, and Beituniya. **EL BIREH** Raids: (i) At 10:00, an Israeli army patrol raided the town of Beituniya, took position near the town's secondary school, opened fire, and fired sound grenades towards civilians. At 20:15, the Israeli army raided the village of Al Mughayyir and (ii) searched 1 house. At 23:45, the Israeli army raided the city of Ramallah and patrolled (iii) the area. **Closure:** The Israeli army set up flying checkpoints throughout the district, closing all entrances to the city and roads connecting towns and villages, and preventing pedestrians and vehicles from crossing. The Israeli army continues to close all roads leading to the city with dirt barricades and declared it a closed military zone. **Wall Gates:** Passage through the Wall gates is restricted to civilians granted special (i) Israeli permits. The closure continues to negatively impact education, economic and livelihood activities and impedes access to health facilities. (ii) The Israeli army continues to close Al Jalama crossing point, north of the district of Jenin, and prevented civilian access and goods from **JENIN** being transported. Wall Construction: Land levelling for Wall construction continues in Jalbun towards Al Mutilla, Raba, Al Mughayyir, Bardala and 'Ein al Beida, and towards the Jordan River. (i) At 08:30, the Israeli army raided the town of Silat Adh Dhahr, fired tear gas grenades inside the town's secondary school and raided it. The Israeli army also raided the Industrial School and closed the 2 schools after detaining 3 teachers, severely beating them and forcing them to remove rocks from the town's road. The Israeli army also forced owners of commercial shops along the main road to close their shops, occupied 2 houses, and converted them into military posts. At 13:00, the Israeli army withdrew from the area.

(ii)

At 11:00, the Israeli army raided the area of Al Far'a and raided Sumeit

	military camp (which the Israeli army had evacuated 4 years ago), began excavation works, and removed a black-coloured box. An Israeli army helicopter arrived and transported the box.
TULKAREM	<ul> <li>Closure: The Israeli army set up flying checkpoints throughout the district, closing all entrances to the city and roads connecting towns and villages, and preventing pedestrians and vehicles from crossing. The Israeli army continues to declare the city of Tulkarem a closed military zone.</li> <li>Wall Gates: Passage through the Wall gates is restricted to civilians granted special Israeli permits. The closure continues to negatively impact education, economic and livelihood activities and impedes access to health facilities.</li> <li>Flying Checkpoints: The Israeli army continues to set up flying checkpoints, and placed dirt barricades, at the entrances to the city of Tulkarem and its towns, thereby preventing civilians from entering or exiting the city and forcing them to take rough detours.</li> <li>Raids: <ol> <li>At 12:00, an Israeli army patrol raided the city of Tulkarem. At 20:00, the Israeli army raided the city again, arrested 1 civilian, and withdrew at 03:00.</li> <li>At 02:10, the Israeli army raided the town of 'Illar and the village of Seida and patrolled the area until 03:30.</li> <li>At 02:35, the Israeli army raided Tulkarem refugee camp and patrolled the area until 03:30.</li> </ol> </li> <li>Arrests: <ol> <li>On 02 October 2004, the Israeli army arrested Rami Jamal Sabbarin, 17 years old, in the city of Tulkarem.</li> <li>The Israeli army arrested an unidentified civilian in the city of Tulkarem.</li> </ol> </li> </ul>
QALQILYA	<ul> <li>Closure: The Israeli army set up flying checkpoints throughout the district, closing all entrances to the city and roads connecting towns and villages, and preventing pedestrians and vehicles from crossing.</li> <li>Wall Gates: Passage through the Wall gates is restricted to civilians granted special Israeli permits. The closure continues to negatively impact education, economic and livelihood activities and impedes access to health facilities.</li> <li>Arrest: On 16 September 2004, Israeli troops positioned at a checkpoint set up in the area between the cities of Nablus and Qalqiliya arrested Nisreen Ya'qoub Nazzal, a female civilian.</li> <li>Settler Violence: A group of Israeli settlers from the settlement of Ma'ale Shomron attacked civilian property in the village of Kafr Thulth. The Israeli settlers uprooted a large number of olive trees in order to confiscate civilian land and annex it to the settlement. The Israeli settlers also beat a number of civilian farmers and prevented them from accessing their land.</li> </ul>

NABLUS	<ul> <li>Closure: The Israeli army set up dozens of flying checkpoints throughout the district, closing all entrances to the city and roads connecting towns and villages, and preventing pedestrians and vehicles from crossing.</li> <li>Raid: At 08:20, the Israeli army raided the city of Nablus. At 01:00, the Israeli army raided the city again and patrolled the area until 04:00.</li> <li>Detentions: <ol> <li>Israeli troops positioned at a checkpoint set up near the village of Al Lubban Ash Sharqiya detained hundreds of civilians for an extended period of time under the sun and opened fire towards them.</li> <li>Israeli troops positioned at Huwwara checkpoint detained dozens of civilians for several hours before releasing them.</li> </ol> </li> <li>Settlement Activity: Israeli settlers from the settlement outpost of Bruchin constructed 42 new housing units in order to expand the settlement outpost.</li> </ul>
SALFIT	<ul> <li>Closure: The Israeli army set up flying checkpoints throughout the district, closing all entrances to the city and roads connecting towns and villages, and preventing pedestrians and vehicles from crossing. The checkpoint set up at the entrance to the village of Deir Ballut continues to prevent civilians from entering or exiting the village. Access is only permitted at specific times.</li> <li>Wall Construction: Land levelling for Wall construction west of the village of Iskaka, north of the city of Salfit (around the settlement of Ariel) and in the villages of Al Zawiya and Deir Ballut remains suspended due to changes in the Wall route following an Israeli Supreme Court order.</li> <li>Killing: At 09:20, 65-year-old female civilian Lam'iyyeh Qassim Kuleib died in Ar Ramlah Hospital of injuries sustained on 21 July 2004 in the village of Haris.</li> <li>Raid: At 22:40, the Israeli army raided the city of Salfit and patrolled the area until 23:50.</li> </ul>
JERICHO	• <u>Closure</u> : The Israeli army set up dozens of checkpoints throughout the city, closing all entrances to the city and roads connecting towns and villages, and prevented civilians from crossing. The Israeli army continues to declare the city of Jericho a closed military zone and prevented all civilians from entering or exiting the city. However, the Israeli army allowed movement for civilians holding Jericho IDs, civilians arriving from, or leaving to, Jordan, humanitarian cases, and UN vehicles.
BETHLEHEM	Closure:  (i) The Israeli army set up flying checkpoints throughout the district, closing all entrances to the city and roads connecting towns and villages, and preventing civilians from crossing.

- (ii) The Israeli army continues to close the only road leading to the village of Al Nu'man, northeast of the Bethlehem district, isolating the village and placing it, together with the adjacent village of Al Khas, under the jurisdiction of the Jerusalem municipality. The Israeli army considers the civilian presence in the villages illegal.
- <u>Wall Construction</u>: Construction of the Wall continues north of the district of Bethlehem, west of Wadi Hilwa, along 'Ayda refugee camp, along the tunnel road (Gilo), along road # 60 towards the village of Husan, in Bir 'Ona and the village of Al Walaja.

#### • Raids:

- (i) At 10:30, an Israeli army patrol raided the village of Tuqu'.

  Confrontations took place between the Israeli army and students from Tuqu' School. The Israeli army informed the school headmaster that it will close down the school should confrontations take place again.
- (ii) At 14:40, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the town of Al 'Ubeidiya.
- (iii) At 17:50, an Israeli army patrol raided the village of Dar Salah, set up a checkpoint, searched civilians and vehicles, and arrested 1 civilian.
- (iv) At 20:00, the Israeli army raided the town of Al Khadr and searched the area.
- (v) At 20:45, an Israeli army patrol raided 'Ayda refugee camp and patrolled the area.
- (vi) At 21:00, the Israeli army raided the city of Beit Sahur, searched several houses in Mount Bassa located in the area between the city of Beit Sahur and the area of Al 'Ubayyat, and withdrew at 01:00.
- (vii) At 01:30, the Israeli army raided the city of Bethlehem, fired sound grenades, searched several houses after detaining their residents, arrested 4 civilians, and withdrew at 02:50.

#### • Arrests:

(i) Israeli troops positioned at the checkpoint set up in the village of Dar Salah arrested Younis Mustafa Mifdhi.

The Israeli army arrested 4 civilians in the city of Bethlehem:

- (ii) Mohammed Khadr Da'amseh;
- (iii) Raed Mousa Da'amseh;
- (iv) Anas Yasser Ad Dibs; and
- (v) Ibrahim Ahmed Abu Salim.

# HEBRON

- <u>Closure</u>: The Israeli army set up flying checkpoints throughout the district, closing all entrances to the city and roads connecting towns and villages, and preventing pedestrians and vehicles from crossing. The Israeli army declared the city of Hebron a closed military zone.
- Wall Construction: Land levelling for wall construction continues west of the towns of Idhna and Beit 'Awwa in the area between the villages of Khirbet Ba'er, north of the town of Beit 'Awwa, and Khirbet Um Al 'Aqaf, south of the village of As Sikka.

#### • Raids:

- (i) At 10:45, the Israeli army raided the city of Hebron, took position near a Palestinian National Security office for 30 minutes, and patrolled several neighbourhoods in the city.
- (ii) The Israeli army raided the town of Dura and arrested 1 civilian.

#### • Arrests:

- (i) On 02 October 2004, the Israeli army arrested 2 civilians during its raid on the town of Beit Ummar, including 'Ayed Ali 'Aadi.
- (ii) The Israeli army arrested Mu'tassem Al Fasfous in the town of Dura.
- <u>Detentions</u>: The Israeli army detained dozens of civilians and school students in the old city of Hebron and severely beat a number of civilians of students for being in the area neighbouring the Ibrahimi Mosque.
- Attacks on Religious Site: The Israeli army closed the Ibrahimi Mosque in the old city of Hebron due to the Jewish holidays and prevented civilians from performing prayers.
- <u>Settler Violence</u>: At 13:00, an Israeli settler's vehicle intentionally ran over and injured Ibtisam Gheith, a 42-year-old female civilian, near Halhul overpass, after which she was admitted to hospital.
- <u>Demonstration</u>: At 11:00, a mass demonstration, including international and Israeli peace activists, took place in the town of Beit 'Awwa in protest against the construction of the Wall. Confrontations took place between the Israeli army and civilians, during which the Israeli army injured 11 civilians, including 3 peace activists and 1 female civilian. The Israeli army also injured 12 other civilians as a result of tear gas inhalation.

#### **GAZA STRIP**

## NORTHERN GAZA

- Closure: Beit Hanun Crossing remains closed.
- Incursion: Beginning at 22:00 on 28 September 2004, the Israeli army continues its incursion in the areas north and east of the town of Jabalya and north of the town of Beit Lahiya, including the area of Abu Safiyyah, Al Qarya Al Badawiya, the area opposite the former building of the Israeli Civil Administration along Salah Ad Din road, and As Sikka Street east of the town of Jabalya. Israeli army tanks opened intensive fire and fired tank shells towards civilian crowds. The Israeli army levelled vast areas of agricultural land and caused the disruption of classes in 13 schools in the district of Northern Gaza. The Israeli army remains positioned in the area as of 08:00 this morning.
- <u>Air Attack</u>: At 20:10, an Israeli army unmanned aircraft fired 1 missile towards a civilian crowd in the town of Beit Hanun.

#### • Attacks:

(i) At 12:50, the Israeli army opened intensive fire towards Palestinian territory in As Sikka Street east of Jabalya refugee camp, killing 3 civilians, including 2 children. At 06:15, the Israeli army opened fire again, killing 1 civilian.

- (ii) At 13:00, the Israeli army fired 2 tank shells towards a civilian crowd in Zammu Street south of the town of Beit Hanun, killing 1 civilian and injuring 2 civilians, one of whom had to have his leg amputated.
- (iii) At 23:55, the Israeli army opened intensive fire and fired several tank shells towards civilian houses in the area of Al Barawi east of the town of Beit Lahiya. At 04:00, the Israeli army fired 1 tank shell towards a civilian crowd, killing 4 civilians.
- Raid/Land Levelling: At 20:10, the Israeli army, including several tanks, raided the town of Beit Hanun, forced the family of a civilian killed by the Israeli army to evacuate its house, and levelled land.
- <u>Killings</u>: The Israeli army killed 4 civilians on As Sikka Street east of Jabalya refugee camp:
- (i) Nidhal Al Madhoun, 14 years old;
- (ii) Mohammed An Najjar, 13 years old;
- (iii) Raed Suleiman Abu Wadi; and
- (iv) Mohammed Mousa Al Hassi.
- (v) The Israeli army killed Fadi Az Za'anin on Zammu Street south of the town of Beit Lahiya.

The Israeli army killed 4 civilians in the area of Al Barawi east of the town of Beit Lahiya:

- (vi) Romel Mohammed Al Barawi.
- (vii) Faris Omar Al Habl;
- (viii) Isma'il Qumsan; and
- (ix) Mohammed Sabir Al Baba.

#### • Closure:

- (i) Nitsareem junction remains closed.
- (ii) Sheikh 'Ajlin coastal junction is closed.
- (iii) Al Muntar (Karni) crossing is closed.

# • Air Attack: At 00:15, an Israeli army unmanned aircraft fired 2 missiles in an attempt to assassinate 2 civilians near 1 house in the neighbourhood of Ash Shujaiyyah in Gaza city, critically injuring both of them.

# • <u>Killing</u>: At 08:45 on 02 October 2004, confrontations took place between the Israeli army and civilians in the area between Al Muntar (Karni) Crossing and the settlement of Nahal 'Oz, during which the Israeli army killed 4 civilians:

- (i) Imad Ahmed Al Mansi;
- (ii) Abdul Mun'im Ihsan Abu Bark;
- (iii) Mohammed Mousa Ash Shami; and
- (iv) Yasser Mustafa Dahlan.
- <u>Palestinian Attack</u>: At 07:55, 2 Qassam mortars were fired towards the Green Line.

#### **GAZA CITY**

CENTRAL GAZA	Palestinian Attack: At 19:30, 1 mortar was fired towards the settlement of Tall Katif.
KHAN YUNIS	<ul> <li>Closure: <ol> <li>Abu al 'Ajin road (Khan Yunis Al Sharqiya) is closed.</li> <li>Western road (Khan Yunis) remains closed.</li> <li>Al Mawasi/Khan Yunis road (Al Tuffah checkpoint) remains closed.</li> <li>Abu Holi road is closed.</li> <li>Attacks: At 10:50, the Israeli army opened intensive fire and fired a number of tank shells towards civilians in An Namsawi and Al Amal neighbourhoods and West Kahn Yunis refugee camp, injuring 2 children: <ol> <li>5-year-old Jamal Bassim Al Qidrah; and</li> <li>8-year-old female child Fida' Jawad Hamdan.</li> <li>At 22:10, the Israeli army opened intensive fire and fired a number of tank shells from its location at Point 12 towards civilian houses in the area of Al Maqabir near An Namsawi neighbourhood.</li> </ol> </li> <li>Raids/House Occupation: At 06:00, the Israeli army raided the area of Abu Al 'Ajin in the area of Al Qarara, occupied 1 house, converted it into a military post, and withdrew at 07:30.</li> <li>Palestinian Attack: At 11:00, 3 Qassam mortars were fired towards the settlements of Neve Dekalim and Gadid.</li> </ol></li></ul>
RAFAH	<ul> <li>Closure: <ol> <li>Gaza International Airport remains closed.</li> <li>Rafah Crossing is partially open.</li> <li>Sufa Crossing is closed.</li> </ol> </li> <li>Attack: At 12:00, the Israeli army opened intensive fire from its locations at Tall As Sultan checkpoint towards civilian houses in Tall As Sultan, injuring 1 civilian.</li> </ul>