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PALESTINIAN MONITORING GROUP

DAILY SITUATION REPORT

08:00 09 October 2008 – 08:00 10 October 2008

SUMMARY OF EVENTS

EVENT	WEST BANK	GAZA STRIP	TOTAL	NOTES
Attacks	2	4	6	Incl. missile mortars fired by naval boats
Raids	13	_	13	Incl. 3 in Tulkarem and 3 in Hebron
Detentions	17	_	17	At checkpoints and in residential locales
House Occupations	2	_	2	Converted into military posts in Hebron
Closure of Checkpoints	20	_	20	Incl. 4 checkpoints temporarily closed
Flying Checkpoints	5	_	5	Jerusalem (2), Salfit (2), & Hebron (1)
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	_	6	6	Incl. Beit Hanun Crossing partially open
Attack on Religious Site	1	_	1	The Ibrahimi Mosque closed in Hebron
Settler Violence	1	_	1	Fire opened towards civilians in Nablus
Provocation of Pal. Forces	1	_	1	Position near a Police station, Bethlehem
Palestinian Attack	_	1	1	An unidentified mortar fired
Pal. Security Measure	1	_	1	Explosives located in Nuba town, Hebron
TOTAL	123	11	134	

DISTRICT	EVENTS
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WEST BANK 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 on 07 October 2008, the Israeli army has continued **ALL** to impose a complete closure over the West Bank districts on the **DISTRICTS** 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 was lifted on the dawn of 10 October 2008. Closure: Beginning on 08 October 2008, the Israeli army has continued to intensify 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 has also prevented civilians not holding Jerusalem-issued ID cards from entering the city. As a result, classes were disrupted at schools in the city of Jerusalem. **Closure of Main Roads:** The Israeli army continues to close the entrance opposite the junction to (i) Dahiyat al-Bareed in the city of Jerusalem with a barbed wire gate and to deny civilian access. The Israeli army continues to close with cement blocks and dirt (ii) barricades the entrance to the village of Jaba', which connects the village to the cities of Jerusalem, Ramallah, and Jericho. Checkpoint: The Israeli army continues to consider Qalandiya **JERUSALEM** 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:** The Israeli army continues to close the Wall gate in the town of Abu (i) 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. Wall Construction: 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.

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. At 15:30, the Israeli army closed the checkpoint and denied civilian access until 17:30. 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. Raid: At 01:00, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the city of El Bireh.
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.
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 on 08 October 2008, the Israeli army closed the checkpoint and denied civilian access for celebration of the Jewish holiday of Yom Kippur, and reopened it at 18:00 on 09 October 2008.
TULKAREM	 Closure: The Israeli army continues to declare the district of Tulkarm a closed military zone and to impede civilian access to and from the district. Closure of Main Roads: The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the western entrance to the village of Shufa. Checkpoints: The Israeli army continues to intensify its restrictions at Einav checkpoint on Tulkarm-Nablus road and at Jubara checkpoint. Wall Gates: Passage through the wall gates is restricted to civilians granted special Israeli permits. Raids: At 18:30, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the village of Far'un. At 23:00, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the town of Kafr al Labad. At 23:30, the Israeli army raided and patrolled Nur Shams refugee camp in the city of Tulkarem.
QALQILYA	Closure of Roads: The Israeli army continues to close with cement blocks the agricultural roads east of the town of 'Azzun.

• <u>Checkpoints</u>: 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:

- (i) Passage through the Wall gates is restricted to civilians granted special Israeli permits.
- (ii) 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.
- <u>Attack</u>: At 22:00, Israeli troops guarding the Wall section northwest of the city of Qalqiliya fired flares.

• Raids:

- (i) At 12:00, the Israeli army raided the village of Habla and searched 1 house.
- (ii) At 18:30, the Israeli army raided the town of 'Azzun and patrolled the area until 18:50.

• Closure of Main Roads:

- (i) 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 village of Al Lubban Ash Sharqiya, the western 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.
- (ii) 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.
- (iii) The Israeli army continues to close the junction to the town of Beit Furik with cement blocks and dirt barricades.
- <u>Checkpoints</u>: The Israeli army continues to regulate times for crossing checkpoints set up around the city of Nablus:
- (i) 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.
- (ii) Beit Furik checkpoint is open to civilian residents of the town of Beit Furik and the nearby village of Beit Dajan.
- Raids: At 01:20, the Israeli army raided the city of Nablus and 'Ein Beit el Ma' refugee camp and patrolled the area until 04:30.

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	• <u>Settler Violence</u> : At 09:00, a group of Israeli settlers opened fire towards a number of civilians while they were harvesting olive crops in the vicinity of
	the villages of Bizzariya and Ramin.
	Closure of Main Roads:
	 (i) The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the northern entrance to Salfit city and the eastern entrance to the village of Yasuf. (ii) 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.
SALFIT	• <u>Wall Construction</u> : 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.
	• Flying Checkpoints:
	(i) At 13:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to the village of Qarawat Bani Hassan and searched civilians and vehicles until 14:30.
	(ii) At 19:35, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at entrance to the
	village of Marda and searched civilians and vehicles.
	• Raid: At 08:35, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the city of Salfit.
	• <u>Closure</u> : 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: On 09 October 2008, the Israeli army closed Al
	Karamah (Allenby) Bridge due to celebration of the Jewish holiday of Yom
	Kippur.
	• <u>Checkpoints</u> : (i) The Israeli army continues to intensify its restrictions and impede
	civilian access at al-Hamra checkpoint set up along al-Badhan road
JERICHO	connecting the districts of Jericho and Nablus as well as on the
	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.
	(ii) At 14:00 on 08 October 2008, the Israeli army closed Al Hamra checkpoint and denied civilian access due to celebration of the Jewish
	holiday of Yom Kippur. At 18:00 on 09 October 2008, the checkpoint
	was reopened.
	(iii) At 14:00 on 08 October 2008, the Israeli army the Israeli army closed
	the checkpoint set up on the junction to the settlements of Ma'ale
	Ifrayim and Jetit and denied civilian access due to celebration of the Jewish holiday of Yom Kippur. At 18:00 on 09 October 2008, the
	checkpoint was reopened.
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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 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 22-dunum area has been set to construct a passage in the area of Mazmuriya that is located in the cities of Beit Sahur and Bethlehem.

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.
- Wall Construction: 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.
- Raid/Provocation of Palestinian Forces: At 12:05, the Israeli army raided the town of Tuqu', took position in front of the town's Palestinian Police station, and patrolled the area.

• 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;

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- 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.
- (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.
- <u>Flying Checkpoint</u>: At 21:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the overpass to the town of Halhul and searched civilians and vehicles.
- Raids/House Occupations:
- (i) At 09:00, again at 01:20, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the city of Hebron
- (ii) At 04:00, the Israeli army raided the town of Beit Ummar, occupied 2 houses, converted them into military posts, and searched other houses. The Israeli army remains positioned in the area as of 08:00 this morning.
- Attack on Religious Site: On 09 October 2008, the Israeli army closed the Ibrahimi Mosque in the old city of Hebron, allegedly for celebration of the Jewish Holiday of Yom Kippur.
- <u>Palestinian Security Measure</u>: At 01:30 on 09 October 2008, while carrying out their duty of preserving public security, Palestinian security forces located explosives in the town of Nuba.

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, *inter alia*, a complete cessation of all hostilities.
- In violation of the cease fire agreement, the Israeli army opened fire and fired missile mortars towards Palestinian fishing boats. Also violating the cease fire agreement, armed Palestinian individuals fired 1 mortar towards the Green Line.

NORTHERN GAZA	Closure of Crossing Point: Beit Hanun (Erez) Crossing is partially open (for previously coordinated humanitarian cases).		
GAZA	 Closure of Crossing Points: Al-Muntar (Karni) Crossing is closed for celebration of the Jewish holiday of Yom Kippur. Al-Shuja'iya (Nahal 'Oz) Crossing is for celebration of the Jewish holiday of Yom Kippur. 		
CENTRAL GAZA	• Palestinian Violation of the Cease Fire Agreement: In the evening of 09 October 2008, armed Palestinian individuals fired 1 unidentified mortar towards the Green Line.		
KHAN YOUNIS	• <u>Israeli Violation of the Cease Fire Agreement</u> : In the evening of 09 October 2008, Israeli naval boats opened fire and fired a number of missile mortars towards Palestinian fishing boats at sea opposite the beach of the city of Khan Yunis, allegedly because they accessed banned waters.		
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. Israeli Violation of the Cease Fire Agreement: In the evening of 09 October 2008, Israeli naval boats opened fire and fired a number of missile mortars towards Palestinian fishing boats at sea opposite the beach of the city of Rafah, allegedly because they accessed banned waters. 		