# مجموعة الرقابة الفلسطينية



### PALESTINIAN MONITORING GROUP

## DAILY SITUATION REPORT 08:00 14 October 2005 – 08:00 15 October 2005

#### **SUMMARY OF EVENTS**

EVENT	WEST BANK	GAZA STRIP	TOTAL	NOTES
Physical Assaults	3	_	3	3 vehicle drivers severely beaten
Injuries	5	_	5	In Ramallah & Qalqiliya
Attacks	4	_	4	3 in raids & 1 during a confrontation
Raids	15	_	15	Incl. 4 in Ramallah & 4 in Hebron
Arrests	10	_	10	Incl. 1 child
Detentions	12	_	12	Incl. 2 international peace activists
Land Levelling	1	_	1	In Northern Jordan Valley in Jenin
Curfew	1	_	1	Over Beit Rima in Ramallah
Checkpoints	(All)	_	(All)	Access restricted to permit holders
Flying Checkpoints	17	_	17	Incl. 1 in Jerusalem & 5 in Hebron
Closure (per District)	4	_	4	Incl. Jerusalem & Jericho (partially)
Closure of Main Roads	*	_		*Incl. the Tulkarem-Nablus road
Closure of Wall Gates	(All)	_	(All)	Incl. searches at 'Azzun 'Atma gate
Closure of Crossing Points	_	6	6	Incl. Rafah Crossing closed
Settlement Activity	1	_	1	Land levelled to expand a settlement
Pal. Security Measure	1	_	1	An attempt to open fire blocked
Demonstration	1	_	1	In Bil'in against Wall construction
TOTAL	75	6	81	

DISTRICT	EVENT	
ALL DISTRICTS	• The Israeli army began easing the closure imposed on the West Bank and Gaza Strip districts since 24 September 2005. The Israeli army partially opened Beit Hanun (Erez) Crossing to humanitarian cases and VIPs only and Al Muntar (Karnei) Crossing for the entry of goods. Additionally, the Israeli army allowed civilians above the age of 45 to enter the city of Jerusalem to perform prayers in Al Aqsa Mosque.	

## **WEST BANK**

JERUSALEM	<ul> <li>Closure: The Israeli army intensified its restrictions at checkpoints located at the entrances to the city of Jerusalem and set up several checkpoints in the old city of Jerusalem and in the area surrounding Al Aqsa Mosque compound, preventing civilians under the age of 45 from accessing Al Aqsa Mosque to perform Friday prayers.</li> <li>Checkpoint: The Israeli army continues to intensify its restrictions at Qalandiya checkpoint and to impede civilian access.</li> <li>Wall Gates: The Israeli army continues to close the Wall gate in the town of Abu Dis with cement blocks.</li> <li>Wall Construction: Wall construction was suspended for the weekend in Dahiyat al Aqbat, from the village of Hizma to 'Anata, along the Hizma-Jaba' road, the area of Al 'Eizariya to Ash Shayyah, near Al Quds University, in the town of As Sawahira ash Sharqiya, from the village of Beit Surik to Biddu, and in the areas of Al Judeira, Bir Nabala, and Beit Hanina.</li> <li>Flying Checkpoint: The Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to the village of Beit 'Anan and searched civilians and vehicles.</li> </ul>
RAMALLAH & EL BIREH	<ul> <li>Wall Construction: Wall construction was suspended for the weekend in the areas of Al Midya to Budrus, Al Midya to Ni'lin, Bil'in to Saffa, in the village of Beit Liqya, and in the town of Beituniya.</li> <li>Flying Checkpoint: At 22:45, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the Ramallah-Bir Zeit and searched civilians and vehicles.</li> <li>Raids/Curfew/Detention: <ol> <li>At 21:45, the Israeli army, including 6 jeeps, raided and patrolled the town of Beit Rima and the village of Kafr 'Ein until 23:50.</li> <li>At 03:00, the Israeli army, including 24 jeeps and 2 bulldozers, raided the town of Beit Rima, opened fire, fired sonic bombs, imposed curfew, and searched a number of houses after detaining and interrogating residents. The Israeli army also arrested 7 civilians, including 1 child.</li> <li>The Israeli army raided the village of Khirbet Abu Falah and searched 2 houses.</li> </ol> </li> </ul>

	<ul> <li>Arrests: The Israeli army arrested 7 civilians in the town of Beit Rima: <ol> <li>Mohammed Thabet Ahmed ar Rimawi, 15 years old;</li> <li>Hammam Matar ar Rimawi;</li> <li>Zahed Abdul Ra'ouf ar Rimawi;</li> <li>Azzam Matar;</li> <li>Iyad Farah Isma'il;</li> <li>Thabet Mohammed Thabet; and</li> <li>Mohammed Tahseen Subhi 'Atiyyeh.</li> </ol> </li> <li>Demonstration/Detention: A mass demonstration, including international peace activists, took place in the village of Bil'in in protest against Wall construction. Confrontations took place between the Israeli army and protestors, during which the Israeli army injured 2 civilian protestors and detained 2 international peace activists.</li> </ul>
JENIN	<ul> <li>Checkpoint: The Israeli army continues to intensify its restrictions at Tayasir checkpoint east of the town of Tubas and to impede civilian access.</li> <li>Wall Gates: Passage through the Wall gates is restricted to civilians granted special Israeli permits.</li> <li>Flying Checkpoints/Detention: <ol> <li>At 13:45, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the junction to the village of Jarba, searched civilian vehicles, and impeded civilian access.</li> <li>At 15:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to the village of Al Kufeir, searched civilians and vehicles, arrested 2 civilians, and detained 3 individuals, including 1 Palestinian National Security officer. The detained civilians were released at a later time.</li> <li>Raids: <ol> <li>At 22:00, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the village of Kafr Dan.</li> <li>An Israeli army patrol raided the town of Tubas and patrolled the area.</li> <li>Arrests: Israeli troops positioned at the flying checkpoint set up at the entrance to the village of Al Kufeir arrested 2 civilians:</li> <li>Ali al Qneidi; and</li> <li>Ali Abdul Lateef Sayes.</li> </ol> </li> <li>Settlement Activity/Land Levelling: The Israeli army levelled land in the area surrounding the settlement of Hemdat, located in the Northern Jordan Valley, to expand the settlement.</li> </ol></li></ul>
TULKAREM	<ul> <li>Closure of Main Roads:         <ul> <li>(i) The Israeli army continues to close the iron gate set up on the junction to the settlement of 'Einav along the Tulkarem-Nablus road, preventing civilians from crossing in both directions.</li> <li>(ii) At 08:55, the Israeli army closed Ras Rummana road leading to the town of Baqa ash Sharqiya, denying civilian access in both directions.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Wall Gates: Passage through the Wall gates is restricted to civilians granted special Israeli permits.</li> </ul>

	Palestinian Security Measure: At 24:00, a Palestinian security patrol blocked an attempt by armed Palestinian individuals to open fire towards Israeli troops positioned at the DCO offices west of the city to Tulkarem and pursued them. However, the armed Palestinian individuals fled.
QALQILIYA	<ul> <li>Wall Gates: <ol> <li>Passage through the Wall gates is restricted to civilians granted special Israeli permits.</li> <li>The Israeli army continues to intensify its restrictions at 'Azzun 'Atma Wall gate and to search civilians, including students, with a metal detector.</li> <li>Wall Construction: Land levelling for Wall construction was suspended for the weekend in the village of Immatin and in the area east of the towns of Kafr Thulth and 'Azzun.</li> <li>Flying Checkpoints/Physical Assaults:</li> <li>At 08:30, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the eastern entrance to the city of Qalqiliya and searched civilians and vehicles until 10:30.</li> <li>The Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the junction to the village of Jit, searched civilians and vehicles, and severely beat 3 vehicle drivers, leaving them with injuries.</li> <li>The Israeli army set up 2 flying checkpoints, one at the entrance to Habla tunnel south of the city of Qalqiliya and the other at the entrance to the village of Immatin, and searched civilians and vehicles.</li> </ol> </li> </ul>
NABLUS	<ul> <li>Closure of Main Roads: <ol> <li>The Israeli army continues to close the main road leading to the district of Jenin between the junction to the village of Deir Sharaf and the settlement of Shavei Shomron.</li> <li>The Israeli army continues to close the road connecting the city of Nablus and the town of 'Asira ash Shamaliya.</li> <li>The Israeli army continues to close the road connecting the villages of Till and Sarra with cement blocks.</li> </ol> </li> <li>Flying Checkpoints: <ol> <li>At 11:35, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint in the area between the town of 'Asira ash Shamaliya and the village of Talluza, searched civilian vehicles, and impeded civilian access.</li> <li>At 12:40, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint in the area of Al Maslakh (the "slaughterhouse") east of city of Nablus and searched civilians and vehicles until 15:00.</li> <li>The Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to the village of Jurish and searched civilians and vehicles.</li> </ol> </li> <li>Raid: At 23:30, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the city of Nablus.</li> </ul>

SALFIT	<ul> <li>Closure of Main Road: The Israeli army continues to close the main northwestern entrance to the city of Salfit with dirt barricades. The road has been closed since the beginning of the current <i>Intifada</i> (Uprising).</li> <li>Checkpoints: <ol> <li>The Israeli army continues to close Deir Ballut checkpoint overnight and open it at various times in the morning, impeding civilian movement.</li> <li>The Israeli army continues to close the entrance to the village of Qarawat Bani Hassan with an iron gate.</li> <li>Wall Construction: Wall construction was suspended for the weekend near the Green Line in the town of Deir Ballut and the villages of Az Zawiya and Rafat, northwest of the city of Salfit, and in the villages of Marda and Kifl Haris north of the settlement of Ari'el.</li> <li>Raid: At 16:30, the Israeli army, including 2 jeeps, raided the town of Marda, set up a checkpoint in the town's centre, searched civilians and vehicles, and withdrew at 16:50.</li> </ol> </li></ul>
JERICHO	<ul> <li>Closure: The road between the city of Jericho and the village of Al 'Auja (Road # 90) is closed with cement blocks. The Israeli army continues to prevent farmers not holding Jericho ID cards from reaching their agricultural land, forcing them to apply for access permits. The Israeli army also sporadically impedes civilian movement into the city of Jericho, except for holders of Jerusalem and Jericho ID cards.</li> <li>Checkpoint: The Israeli army intensified its restrictions at Al Hamra checkpoint on the road connecting the districts of Jericho and Nablus and impeded civilian access.</li> </ul>
BETHLEHEM	<ul> <li>Closure: The Israeli army continues to close the road to the village of An Nu'man, in the north-eastern Bethlehem district, isolating the village. The Israeli army considers the civilians' residence in the village illegal.</li> <li>Wall Construction: Wall construction was suspended for the weekend north of 'Ayda refugee camp towards the area north of the city of Beit Jala.</li> <li>Raids: <ol> <li>At 13:00, Israeli army infantry forces raided 'Ayda refugee camp and fired sonic bombs and tear gas grenades towards civilians while patrolling the area. At 20:20, the Israeli army raided the refugee camp again, fired sonic bombs and tear gas grenades towards civilian houses, and withdrew at 21:05.</li> <li>At 20:05, the Israeli army, including 2 jeeps, raided and patrolled the city of Beit Jala.</li> </ol> </li></ul>
HEBRON	• <u>Closure</u> : The Israeli army continues to close with cement blocks and barbed wire Ash Shuhada' Street and the area of As Sahleh and with an iron gate the old gold market, all in the H2 section of the city of Hebron, denying access to civilians and vehicles.

- <u>Wall Construction</u>: Wall construction was suspended for the weekend west of the town of Surif to Beit Ula, in the town of Idhna, from the village of Deir Samit to the village of Beit 'Awwa, from Beit 'Awwa to the village of Al Burj, and south of the towns of Adh Dhahiriya and As Samoa'.
- **Flying checkpoint:** At 14:30, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the overpass to the town of Halhul and searched civilians and vehicles.
- Raids/Detention:
- (i) At 09:30, the Israeli army raided the city of Hebron, set up 2 checkpoints in the areas of Ras al Jora and Bir al Mahjar, and searched civilians and vehicles. At 19:00, the Israeli army raided the city again, set up another 2 checkpoints in the areas of As Sihha Roundabout and Bab az Zawiya, and patrolled the area.
- (ii) At 19:00, the Israeli army raided town of Bani Na'im and arrested 1 civilian.
- (iii) At 23:50, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the town of Dura.
- <u>Arrest</u>: The Israeli army arrested Omar Mahmoud al Khdour in the town of Bani Na'im.
- <u>Detention</u>: The Israeli army intensified its restrictions at the entrances to the Ibrahimi Mosque in the old city of Hebron and impeded worshippers' access to the mosque to perform Friday prayers, allegedly to conduct thorough searches.

#### **GAZA STRIP**

NORTHERN GAZA	Closure of Crossing Point: Beit Hanun (Erez) Crossing is partially open to humanitarian cases and VIPs only.
GAZA	<ul> <li>Closure of Crossing Points:</li> <li>(i) Al Muntar (Karnei) Crossing is closed.</li> <li>(ii) Nahal 'Oz Crossing is closed.</li> </ul>
CENTRAL GAZA	Activities not reported.
KHAN YUNIS	Activities not reported.
RAFAH	<ul> <li>Closure of Crossing Points:</li> <li>(i) Yasser Arafat International Airport remains closed.</li> <li>(ii) Rafah Crossing is closed.</li> <li>(iii) Sufa Crossing closed.</li> </ul>

#### **GENERAL**

WORK	West Bank: Israeli authorities cancelled previously-issued access
PERMITS	permits for work inside the Green Line due to the complete closure imposed by the Israeli army on the West Bank and Gaza Strip districts.

### • Gaza Strip:

- (i) Israeli authorities renewed 285 work permits for workers to cross the Green Line. However, none of those possessing work permits were allowed to access areas inside the Green Line due to the closure imposed on all districts.
- (i) Israeli authorities issued 135 permits for Gaza Strip workers to stay overnight inside the Green Line.