مجموعة الرقابة الفلسطينية



PALESTINIAN MONITORING GROUP

DAILY SITUATION REPORT 08:00 18 October 2005 – 08:00 19 October 2005

SUMMARY OF EVENTS

| EVENT | WEST BANK | GAZA STRIP | TOTAL | NOTES |
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| Physical Assaults | 3 | | 3 | Incl. 1 female civilian run over |
| Injuries | 5 | _ | 5 | Incl. 2 children and 1 female civilian |
| Attacks | 5 | 6 | 11 | 4 in confrontations & 7 from posts |
| Raids | 23 | 3 | 26 | Incl. 7 in Hebron & 1 in N. Gaza |
| Arrests | 7 | _ | 7 | Incl. 2 children and 2 security officers |
| Detentions | 16 | _ | 16 | At checkpoints & in residential areas |
| Land Levelling | | 2 | 2 | Incl. south of Wadi Gaza in C. Gaza |
| Destruction of Property | 1 | _ | 1 | 1 civilian vehicle damaged |
| House Occupations | 4 | _ | 4 | Incl. in Kharsa and Beit 'Einun |
| Checkpoints | 3 | _ | 3 | Incl. 'Atara checkpoint closed |
| Flying Checkpoints | 26 | _ | 26 | Incl. 5 in Qalqiliya & 8 in Hebron |
| Closure (per District) | 18 | _ | 18 | Incl. Turmus'ayya and Sinjil |
| Closure of Main Roads | 10 | _ | 10 | Incl. Road # 60 leading to Jerusalem |
| Closure of Wall Gates | (All) | _ | (All) | Incl. searches at 'Azzun 'Atma gate |
| Closure of Crossing Points | | 3 | 3 | Incl. Rafah Crossing closed |
| School Disruption | 1 | _ | 1 | Students denied access in At Tuwani |
| Provocation of Pal. Forces | 1 | _ | 1 | Position near 1 Pal. Police station |
| Pal. Security Measure | 1 | _ | 1 | 2 homemade bombs handed over |
| TOTAL | 124 | 14 | 138 | |

| DISTRICT | EVENT | | |
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| ALL DISTRICTS | Beginning on 16 October 2005 in the evening, the Israeli army has reimposed a complete closure on the West Bank and Gaza Strip districts and declared them closed military zones after armed Palestinian individuals opened fired towards a number of Israeli settlers near the settlement of Kfar 'Etzion. The Israeli army also prevented civilians and workers from accessing the city of Jerusalem or crossing the Green Line | | |

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| | Closure: The Israeli army continues to intensify its restrictions at checkpoints located at the entrances to the city of Jerusalem and to set up checkpoints in the old city of Jerusalem and around Al Aqsa Mosque compound. Israeli troops positioned at checkpoints also prevented hundreds of civilians from accessing the city of Jerusalem to perform prayers in Al |
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| JERUSALEM | Aqsa Mosque. Checkpoint: The Israeli army continues to intensify its restrictions at Qalandiya checkpoint and to impede civilian access. Wall Gates: The Israeli army continues to close the Wall gate in the town of Abu Dis with cement blocks. Wall Construction: Wall construction was suspended for the Jewish holidays 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. Flying Checkpoint: The Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the junction to the village of Jaba', searched civilian vehicles, and denied access to private ones. |
| RAMALLAH & EL BIREH | Closure of Main Road: The Israeli army continues to close the entrances to the town of Turmus' ayya and the villages of Sinjil, An Nabi Salih, and Deir Nidham with dirt barricades. Wall Construction: Wall construction was suspended for the Jewish holidays 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. Flying Checkpoints: At 11:45, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the Ramallah-Bir Zeit main road and searched civilians and vehicles. |

| | (ii) At 18:55, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to Al Jalazun refugee camp and prevented civilians from entering or exiting the refugee camp. (iii) The Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the overpass to the town of 'Atara and denied civilian access in both directions, only allowing buses to cross. • Raids: (i) At 11:25, the Israeli army, including 4 jeeps, raided the town of Beituniya, set up a checkpoint, searched civilians and vehicles, and arrested 1 child. (ii) At 17:35, the Israeli army, including 5 jeeps, raided and patrolled the city of El Bireh. (iii) At 19:40, the Israeli army raided the village of Al Mughayyir. Confrontations took place between the Israeli army and civilians, during which the Israeli army injured 1 civilian. • Arrest: The Israeli army arrested Ahmed Jameel Dar ash Sheikh, 16 years old, in the town of Beituniya. • Palestinian Security Measure: At 16:20, Palestinian security forces handed over 2 homemade bombs, located in the city of El Bireh near the settlement of Psagot, to the Israeli authorities (through the DCO). |
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| JENIN | Checkpoint: The Israeli army continues to intensify its restrictions at Tayasir checkpoint east of the town of Tubas and to impede civilian access. Wall Gates: Passage through the Wall gates is restricted to civilians granted special Israeli permits. Flying Checkpoint: The Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint between the towns of Tubas and Tammun and searched civilians and vehicles. Raid: At 23:30, the Israeli army, including 20 jeeps, raided and patrolled the city of Jenin. |
| TULKAREM | Closure of Main Road: 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. Wall Gates: Passage through the Wall gates is restricted to civilians granted special Israeli permits. Flying Checkpoint: At 19:20, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the southern entrance to Dahiyat Shuweika in the city of Tulkarem and searched civilians and vehicles. Attack: At 23:30, Israeli troops positioned at the checkpoint set up on the road leading to the village of Bizzariya opened indiscriminate fire towards the outskirts of the town of 'Anabta. Raids/Physical Assault: At 18:15, the Israeli army, including 2 jeeps, raided and patrolled the town of 'Anabta. |

| | (ii) At 20:00, the Israeli army raided Dahiyat Shuweika in the city of Tulkarem and searched 3 houses. Confrontations took place between the Israeli army and civilians, during which the Israeli army injured 1 civilian. (iii) At 20:45, an Israeli army patrol raided Dahiyat Irtah in the city of Tulkarem and severely beat Mohammed Ahmed Balhawi, after which he was transported to hospital for treatment of injuries sustained. (iv) At 24:00, the Israeli army raided the town of 'Attil and searched 1 house. Arrest: At 19:45, Israeli troops positioned at Jubara checkpoint south of the city of Tulkarem arrested Ali Mohammed 'Asrawi. |
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| QALQILIYA | Wall Gates: Passage through the Wall gates is restricted to civilians granted special Israeli permits. 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: Land levelling for Wall construction was suspended for the Jewish holidays in the village of Immatin and in the area east of the towns of Kafr Thulth and 'Azzun. Flying Checkpoints: At 09:40, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to the village of 'Izbat at Tabib on the Qalqiliya-Nablus road and searched civilians and vehicles. At 22:40, the Israeli army set up 2 flying checkpoints at the northern and southern entrances to the town of Kafr Thulth and searched civilians and vehicles. Raids: At 18:20, an Israeli army patrol raided the village of Kafr Laqif, searched a number of houses, set up a checkpoint in the village's centre, and searched civilians and vehicles. At 21:00, the Israeli army, including 3 jeeps, raided the town of 'Azzun, set up a checkpoint in the town's centre, searched civilians and vehicles, and patrolled the area. |
| NABLUS | Closure of Main Roads: 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. The Israeli army continues to close the road connecting the city of Nablus and the town of 'Asira ash Shamaliya. Checkpoints: The Israeli army continues to intensify its restrictions at Huwwara checkpoint and impede civilian access, allegedly to conduct thorough searches. |

| | (ii) The Israeli army continues to close 'Awarta commercial checkpoint and require prior coordination for the entry of goods and essential food supplies to the city of Nablus. • Flying Checkpoints: (i) At 11:55, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on Al Badhan road east of the city of Nablus, searched civilian vehicles, impeded civilian access, and arrested 1 Palestinian National Security officer. (ii) At 20:45, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint in the vicinity of Balata refugee camp at the entrance to the city of Nablus and searched civilians and vehicles. • Arrest: Israeli troops positioned at the flying checkpoint set up on Al Badhan road east of the city of Nablus arrested Ayman Mohammed Sawalmeh, a Palestinian National Security officer. |
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| SALFIT | Closure of Main Roads: The Israeli army continues to close the main north-western entrance to the city of Salfit with dirt barricades. The road has been closed since the beginning of the current Intifada (Uprising). The Israeli army continues to close the entrance to the village of Qarawat Bani Hassan with an iron gate. The Israeli army continues to close the northern entrance to the town of Deir Istiya with dirt barricades. The Israeli army continues to close the entrances to the towns of Jamma'in and Kafr ad Dik with cement blocks. Checkpoints: The Israeli army continues to close Deir Ballut checkpoint overnight and open it at various times in the morning, impeding civilian movement. Beginning at 22:20 on 16 October 2005, the Israeli army continues to close the Za'tara junction checkpoint and deny civilian access in both directions, only allowing buses to cross. Wall Construction: Wall construction was suspended for the Jewish holidays 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. Flying Checkpoint: At 13:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint in the area between the city of Salfit and the village of Iskaka and searched civilians and vehicles. Raid: At 23:20, the Israeli army, including 2 jeeps, raided and patrolled the village of Bruqin. |
| JERICHO | Closure: Road # 90 between the city of Jericho and the village of Al 'Auja is closed with cement blocks. The Israeli army prevents farmers not holding Jericho ID cards from reaching their land, forcing them to apply for access permits. The Israeli army also sporadically impedes civilian movement into the city of Jericho, except for Jerusalem and Jericho ID holders. |

• Checkpoints:

- (i) The Israeli army continues to intensify its restrictions at Al Hamra checkpoint on the road connecting the districts of Jericho and Nablus and to impede civilian access.
- (ii) At 10:35, the Israeli army intensified its restrictions at the DCO checkpoint set up at the southern entrance to the city of Jericho, searched civilians and vehicles travelling in both directions, and impeded civilian access, thereby violating the protocol by which security responsibility over the city of Jericho and the village of Al 'Auja was transferred to the Palestinian Authority. The protocol allows the Israeli army to search civilian vehicles on a selective basis only, without impeding civilian movement.

• Flying Checkpoints:

- (i) At 15:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to the village of 'Ein ad Duyuk and searched civilians and vehicles.
- (ii) At 23:45, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the junction to the village of Al 'Auja on Al Mu'arrajat road connecting the districts of Jericho and Ramallah and searched civilians and vehicles.

• Arrests:

- (i) Israeli troops positioned at Al Karama (Allenby) Bridge arrested Bassam Safwat Ghanem while he was travelling to Saudi Arabia to perform *Al 'Umrah* (the "minor pilgrimage") in Mecca.
- (ii) Israeli troops positioned at Al Karama (Allenby) Bridge arrested Fadhel Mirshed Bushnaq while he was returning from Jordan.
- <u>Closure</u>: 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.

• Closure of Main Roads:

- (i) The Israeli army continues to close Road # 60 leading to the city of Jerusalem, denying civilian access, except for a number of taxis which are allowed access but forbidden from stopping along the main road.
- (ii) The Israeli army continues to close all roads to Road # 60 leading to the city of Jerusalem, thereby isolating the city of Bethlehem from its towns and villages located west of Road # 60.
- (iii) The Israeli army continues to close the entrances to the villages of Husan and Nahhalin with cement blocks.
- <u>Wall Construction</u>: Wall construction was suspended for the Jewish holidays north of 'Ayda refugee camp towards the area north of the city of Beit Jala.
- <u>Physical Assault</u>: At 15:00, an Israeli army jeep ran over 55-year-old Haleemah Taqatqah in the vicinity of the town of Beit Fajjar, after which she sustained critical injuries in the head.

• Raids:

(i) At 12:00, an Israeli army patrol raided the village of Dar Salah, set up a checkpoint, and searched civilians and vehicles.

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- At 12:40, Israeli army infantry forces raided 'Ayda refugee camp and (ii) searched the cemetery therein and its vicinity. At 22:50, the Israeli army raided the refugee camp again and patrolled the area.
 - At 22:55, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the town of Al Khadr. (iii)
 - At 02:00, the Israeli army raided Ad Duheisha refugee camp and (iv) arrested 1 Palestinian Civil Defence officer.
 - Arrest: The Israeli army arrested Wisam Mohammed 'Odeh, a Palestinian Civil Defence officer, in Ad Duheisha refugee camp.

Closure:

- (i) 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.
- The Israeli army continues to close the entrances to the city of Hebron (ii) with checkpoints and dirt barricades.

Closure of Main Roads:

- Beginning on 17 October 2005, the Israeli army continues to close the roads to the city of Hebron and its towns and villages with dirt barricades (including Beit 'Einun, Al Fahs road, the area of An Nabi Yunis, Bani Na'im, Zif junction, Al Fawwar refugee camp, the towns of Tarqumiya and Idhna, and the village of 'Arab ar Ramadin and 'Arab al Fureijat). Civilians are also forced to cross the checkpoints set up by the Israeli army on foot before taking taxis to their final destinations.
- At 17:00, the Israeli army closed the entrances to the village of Khirbet (ii) as Simiya with dirt barricades.

Wall Construction: Wall construction was suspended for the Jewish holidays 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 Checkpoints/Detentions:

- At 08:00, the Israeli army set up 2 flying checkpoints, one on the (i) overpass to town of Halhul and the other on the junction to the village of Kharsa, and searched civilians and vehicles.
- At 11:30, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to (ii) the town of Dura, searched civilian vehicles, and detained a number of civilians. At 20:20, the Israeli army set up another flying checkpoint and searched civilians and vehicles.
- The Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint in the area between the (iii) towns of Surif and Beit Ummar, searched civilian vehicles, and detained a number of civilians for several hours.

Raids/House Occupations/Detention/Provocation of Palestinian Forces:

(i) At 08:00, the Israeli army raided the city of Hebron, set up a checkpoint in the area of Ras al Jora, and searched civilians and vehicles. At 16:20,

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- the Israeli army raided the city again, set up 2 checkpoints on 'Ein Sarah Street and on the junction to Hebron University, and searched civilians and vehicles.
- (ii) At 10:30, the Israeli army raided the town of Bani Na'im, occupied 1 house belonging to Fat'hi al 'Adrah, and converted it into a military post, after detaining its residents in 1 room.
- (iii) At 17:00, the Israeli army raided the village of Kharsa, arrested 1 civilian, occupied 1 house belonging to Hasan ash Shahatit, and converted it into a military post. The Israeli army remains positioned in the house as of 08:00 this morning.
- (iv) At 21:30, the Israeli army raided the town of Yatta, took position near the town's Palestinian Police station, and patrolled the area.
- (v) At 21:50, the Israeli army raided Al 'Arrub refugee camp. Confrontations took place between the Israeli army and civilians.
- (vi) At 22:20, the Israeli army raided the town of Beit 'Awwa. Confrontations took place between the Israeli army and civilians, during which the Israeli army injured 2 children. The Israeli army also damaged 1 civilian vehicle after severely beating its driver.
- Arrest: The Israeli army arrested Jawad Hussein Ali in the village of Kharsa.
- **<u>Detention</u>**: At 18:20, the Israeli army intensified its restrictions in the old city of Hebron and detained a number of civilians for several hours.
- House Occupations/Detention:
- (i) The Israeli army occupied 1 house in the village of Beit 'Einun northeast of city of Hebron and converted it into a military post.
- (ii) The Israeli army occupied 1 house in the area of Kanar affiliated with the town of Dura and converted it into a military post, after detaining its residents.
- School Disruption: The Israeli army prohibited students from the village of At Tuwani east of the town of Yatta from accessing their schools, claiming that they were travelling near a settlement one of whose settlers had been killed near the settlement of Kfar 'Etzion on 16 October 2005.

GAZA STRIP

NORTHERN GAZA

- <u>Closure of Crossing Point</u>: Beit Hanun (Erez) Crossing is partially open to humanitarian cases and VIPs only.
- Attacks:
- (i) At 11:50 on 17 October 2005, the Israeli army opened fire from its location on the Green Line towards 1 civilian in the area of Abu Safiya.
- (ii) At 21:30 on 17 October 2005, the Israeli army opened fire and fired 1 flare from its location on the Green Line towards Palestinian territory east of the town of Beit Hanun and Beit Hanun (Erez) Industrial Zone.

| | (iii) At 03:00 on 18 October 2005, the Israeli army fired 1 tank shell from |
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| | Point 38 on the Green Line towards Palestinian territory east of the |
| | town of Beit Hanun. |
| | (iv) At 16:00, the Israeli army opened fire from Point 34 on the Green Line |
| | towards Palestinian territory east of the town of Beit Hanun. |
| | • Raid: At 09:30, an Israeli army armoured vehicle raided 100 meters into |
| | Palestinian territory west of Beit Hanun (Erez) Industrial Zone. |
| GAZA | Activities not reported. |
| CENTRAL GAZA | • Raid/Land Levelling: At 09:45, an Israeli army bulldozer raided 200 meters into Palestinian territory opposite Points 98 and 102 on the Green Line south of Wadi Gaza, levelled land, and withdrew at 14:30. |
| KHAN YUNIS | Attack: At 23:20 on 17 October 2005, the Israeli army fired 1 flare from Point 134 on the Green Line towards Palestinian territory east of the area of Al Qarara. Raid/Land Levelling: At 07:10, the Israeli army, including 1 armoured vehicle and 2 bulldozers, raided Palestinian territory near Point 146 on the |
| | Green Line east of the village of 'Abasan as Saghira and levelled land. |
| DAEAH | Closure of Crossing Points: (i) Vassar Arafat International Airport ramains alosed |
| RAFAH | (i) Yasser Arafat International Airport remains closed.(ii) Rafah Crossing is closed. |

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| POLITICAL PRISONERS | Administrative Detention Orders: The Israeli authorities issued orders of administrative detention (arrest without charge or trial) for 3 political prisoners for a period of 6 months: (i) Ziyad Mustafa az Za'al; (ii) Amin Rushdi ash Shweiki; and (iii) Amjad ash Shami. | |
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| WORK PERMITS | West Bank: Israeli authorities cancelled all previously-issued access permits for work inside the Green Line due to the complete closure imposed by the Israeli army on the West Bank districts. Gaza Strip: (iv) Israeli authorities renewed 285 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. | |