مجموعة الرقابة الفلسطينية



PALESTINIAN MONITORING GROUP

DAILY SITUATION REPORT

08:00, 25 October 2008 – 08:00, 26 October 2008

SUMMARY OF EVENTS

EVENT	WEST BANK	GAZA STRIP	TOTAL	NOTES
Arrests (per person)	2	_	2	A civilian in Israel without permit
Detentions	17	_	17	At checkpoints & in residential areas
Raids	20	_	20	Incl. 4 in Nablus & 3 in Qalqiliya
Closure of Checkpoints	18	_	18	Incl. access impeded at 11 checkpoints
Flying Checkpoints	11	_	11	Incl. 5 in Salfit & 5 in Hebron
Attacks	1	1	2	2 by raids & 2 by confrontations
Curfew	1	_	1	On Azzun town in Qalqiliya
House Occupation	1	_	1	A building in Nablus city centre
Confiscation of Property	1	_	1	
Wall Construction	_	_	_	Jer., Raml'h., Qalq., Salfit, Heb., Beth.
Closure (per District)	7	_	7	Incl. Jerusalem, Tulkarm & Hebron
Closure of Main Roads	54	_	54	Incl. 5 in Ramallah & 5 in Salfit
Closure of Crossing Points		6	6	Partial opening of Beit Hanun Crossing
Settler Violence	1	_	1	Incl. attacks on civilians picking olive
TOTAL	134	7	141	

DISTRICT	EVENTS
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WEST BANK

ALL DISTRICTS

JERUSALEM

• The Israeli army continues to intensify its restrictions at checkpoints set up on the main roads connecting the West Bank districts, thereby isolating the northern districts from the southern districts as well as the Jericho district and the Jordan Valley from the remainder of the West Bank.

• Closure of Main Roads:

(i) The Israeli army continues to close with barbed wire and cement blocks the entrance opposite the junction to Dahiyat al-Bareed in the city of Jerusalem, after leveling the area, and to deny civilian access.

the old city of Jerusalem and impede civilian access to the mosque.

<u>Closure</u>: The Israeli army continues to intensify its restrictions at checkpoints located at the entrances to the city of Jerusalem. The Israeli army also continues to close the entrances to al-Aqsa Mosque compound in

(ii) The Israeli army continues to close with cement blocks and dirt barricades the entrance to the village of Jaba'.

• <u>Checkpoint</u>: The Israeli army continues to consider Qalandiya 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:

- (i) The Israeli army continues to close the Wall gate in the town of Abu 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: Wall construction was suspended for Shabbat in the area of al-'Eizariya to al-Shayyah, from Beit Surik village to Biddu, in the areas of al-Judeira, Bir Nabala, and Beit Hanina, west of al-Jib village, 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 Safa 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.
- <u>Checkpoint</u>: The Israeli army continues to intensify restrictions at the checkpoint on the overpass to 'Atara town and impede civilian access.
- <u>Flying Checkpoint</u>: At 19:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint in the area between the town of Silwad and the village of Ein Yabrud and searched civilians and vehicles.

JENIN	 Raid: At 23:00, the Israeli army raided the city of El Bireh and searched a house. Wall Construction: Wall construction was suspended for Shabbat west of 'Abud town and in the areas of al-Midya to Ni'lin and Ni'lin to Deir Qaddis. 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. Flying Checkpoint: At 18:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to Al Mughayyir village and searched civilians and vehicles. Raids: At 12:30, the Israeli army raided the village of Kafr Qud, searched a commercial shop and withdrew at 13:30. At 02:45, the Israeli army raided and patrolled Zububa village. 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.
TOUBAS	 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. Raid: At 23:50, the Israeli army raided Tubas city and Al Far'a refugee camp. Confrontations took place between civilians and the Israeli army while patrolling the area. The Israeli army withdrew at 04:30.
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 Road: The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the western entrance to the village of Shofeh. Checkpoints: The Israeli army continues to intensify restrictions at Einav checkpoint that is set up on Tulkarm-Nablus road and at Jubara checkpoint. Raids: At 01:20, the Israeli army raided and patrolled Tulkarm city and Tulkarm refugee camp in the city. At 02:10, the Israeli army raided and patrolled Nur Shams refugee camp in the city of Tulkarm. Wall Gates: Passage through the wall gates is restricted to civilians granted special Israeli permits.
QALQILYA	 Closure of Roads: The Israeli army continues to close with cement blocks the agricultural roads east of the town of 'Azzun. The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the northern entrance to the town of Azzun. Checkpoint: The Israeli army continues to intensify restrictions at the checkpoint that is set up at the eastern entrance to the city of Qalqiliya and impede civilian access.

Raids:

- (i) At 16:30, the Israeli army raided the town of Azzun, imposed curfew on the area and withdrew at 23:00.
- At 23:00, the Israeli army raided the city of Qalqiliya, set up (ii) a flying checkpoint, patrolled the area and withdrew at 23:20.

Wall Gates:

- (i) Passage through the Wall gates is restricted to civilians granted special Israeli permits.
- The Israeli army continues to intensify its restrictions at 'Azzun 'Atma (ii) Wall gate and to search civilians, including students, with a metal detector.
- **Wall Construction:** Land leveling for Wall construction was suspended for Shabbat in the villages of Immatin and Kafr Laqif as well as east of the towns of Kafr Thulth and 'Azzun.

Closure of Main Roads:

- The Israeli army continues to close with cement blocks the roads of (i) Sarra-Jit, Tel-Burin, Beit Furik-Salem, the road between Agraba 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 Agraba, 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.

Checkpoints: The Israeli army continues to regulate times for crossing checkpoints set up around the city of Nablus:

- At Tur neighborhood checkpoint (set up on Jerzim Mount) is closed on (i) Fridays and Saturdays as well as during Jewish holidays. On all other days, it is open for civilian residents of the neighborhood only.
- Beit Furik checkpoint is open to civilian residents of the town of Beit (ii) Furik and the nearby village of Beit Dajan.
- At 13:00, the Israeli army closed Huwwara checkpoint and prevented (iii) civilian access following the arrest of a civilian for allegedly finding an explosive device in his possession. The Israeli army re-opened the checkpoint at 14:00.

Raids:

- (i) At 21:20, the Israeli army raided and patrolled Al Badhan village.
- At 22:30, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the town of Asira (ii) Ash Shamaliya.
- Arrest: The Israeli army arrested at Huwwara checkpoint the civilian Abbas Hisham As'ad Dhaher.

NABLUS

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. The Israeli army continues to close with cement blocks and iron gates (ii) 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. **Flying Checkpoints**: At 16:40, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the eastern (i) entrance to the village of Yasuf and searched vehicles. **SALFIT** At 16:50, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint in the area (ii) between the villages of Yasuf and Iskaka and searched civilians and vehicles until 18:00. Raids: (i) At 19:30, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the town of Bruqin until 20:00... At 05:30, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the town of Kifl (ii) Hares until 0o7:00... Wall Construction: Wall construction was suspended for Shabbat 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. Closure: 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. **JERICHO** Checkpoints: The Israeli army continues to intensify its restrictions and impede civilian access at al-Hamra checkpoint set up along al-Badhan road 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. **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. Since September 15, 2007, the Israeli army has been preventing (ii) civilian access, according to military order 07.02.S, to the 22dunum land that has been confiscated in accordance with **BETHLEHEM** confiscation order number 07.31.T. The 22-dunum area has been set to construct a passage in the area of Mazmouriyyeh that is located in the cities of Beit Sahur and Bethlehem. Closure of Main Roads: 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. (i) At 03:50, the Israeli army positioned troops in the village of Husan, occupied a house and converted it into a military post, closed the entrance to the town, set up a number of flying checkpoints in the middle of the town, patrolled the area and withdrew at 11:30. At 01:20, the Israeli army raided and patrolled Bethlehem city. (ii) Wall Construction: Wall construction was suspended for Shabbat 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. **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:** The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the following (i) **HEBRON** 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; 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. In accordance with Military Order # 378, the Israeli army continues to (ii) 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. The Israeli army continues to open the iron gate on the junction of (iv) Farsh Al Hawa, which leads to Road # 35 that leads to Tarqumiya Crossing, from 05:00 until 07:00 and from 09:00 until 13:00.

- **Flying Checkpoint:** At 11:15, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the overpass leading to Halhul town and searched civilians and vehicles.
- Raids
- (i) At 08:25, the Israeli army raided and patrolled Beit Ummar town.
- (ii) At 09:30, the Israeli army raided the city of Hebron. Again at 12:00, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the area.
- (iii) At 02:00, the Israeli army raided Al Fawwar refugee camp and searched a house.
- <u>Arrest</u>: At 08:30, the Israeli army arrested in the area of Jabal Karbaj in the old city of Hebron the civilian Mahmoud Shehadeh Qurea after searching his house and confiscating a weapon from it.
- <u>Settler Violence</u>: At 21:10, a group of settlers entered a number of commercial shops near the town of Beit 'Awa. Consequently, the Israeli army intervened and evacuated the settlers from the area.
- Wall Construction: Wall construction was suspended for Shabbat 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.

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.
- The Israeli army violated the cease fire by opening fire from Navy boats towards fishermen boats in the middle of the sea opposite Rafah city beach.

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 Shabbat. Al-Shuja'iya (Nahal 'Oz) Crossing is closed for Shabbat.
CENTRAL GAZA	Activities not reported.
KHAN YOUNIS	Activities not reported.
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 closed for Shabbat. Israeli Violation of the Cease Fire: At 08:00, Israeli Navy boats opened fire towards fishermen boats in the middle of the sea, opposite Rafah city beach, for allegedly entering banned areas.