

## مجموعة الرقابة الفلسطينية



## PALESTINIAN MONITORING GROUP

## DAILY SITUATION REPORT

08:00 28 October 2003 – 08:00 29 October 2003

## SUMMARY OF EVENTS

EVENT	WEST BANK	GAZA STRIP	TOTAL	NOTES
Deaths	—	2	2	
Assassinations	1	—	1	
Injuries	3	1	4	
Physical Assault	1	—	1	
Attacks	6	5	11	
Raids	11	—	11	
Air Patrols	2	—	2	
Arrests (per person)	18	1	19	2 Under 16 years old
Detentions	5	—	5	1 Released w/ US assistance
Destruction of Property	—	1	1	House demolition
Land Leveling	—	1	1	
Confiscation of Property	1	—	1 <sup>1</sup>	
Checkpoints	All	—	All	
Flying Checkpoints	3	—	3	
Closures (per District)	11	—	11	Incl. 1 village
Closure of Main Roads	All	(3)	All	
Closure of Gates	All	—	All	
Closure of Crossing Points	—	4	4	2 Not open full-time
School Disruption	5	—	5	
Ambulance Obstruction	3	—	3	
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>70</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>85</b>	

<sup>1</sup> Including 7 houses, 1 mosque, 1 kindergarten, and 1 electrical generator.

DISTRICT	EVENT
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**WEST BANK**

<p><b>JERUSALEM</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <u>Construction of Separation Wall</u>: Israeli authorities continue construction of the separation wall in Abu Dis, Al Eizariya and Al Sawahira areas.</li> <li>• <u>Closures</u>:               <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) The city of Jerusalem remains closed to all civilians from other districts.</li> <li>(ii) The gate between Abu Dis and Jerusalem is closed.</li> </ol> </li> <li>• <u>Arrests</u>: The Israeli army arrested 2 civilians from Al Eizariya.</li> </ul>
<p><b>RAMALLAH &amp; EL BIREH</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <u>Closures</u>:               <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) Ramallah and El Bireh remain closed areas.</li> <li>(ii) The Israeli army isolated the village of 'Ein Yabrud from other villages by erecting dirt barricades.</li> </ol> </li> <li>• <u>Checkpoints</u>: At 01:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on Al Irsal road (near Al Muqata'a) in Ramallah city, where they fired sound bombs at civilians.</li> <li>• <u>Denial of Basic Services</u>: The villages of west Ramallah, including Qibya, Shabtin, Budrus, and Deir Abu Mash'al, were cut off from their water supply originating at the well in Shabtin village. Near-by settlements were not cut off from water supplies.</li> <li>• <u>Raid</u>: The Israeli army raided the village of Al Maghayir, where they searched houses.</li> <li>• <u>Detentions</u>:               <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) The Israeli army detained civilians at the Atara checkpoint at the time of the daily breaking of the Ramadan fast.</li> <li>(ii) The Israeli army detained dozens of people at the Surda checkpoint during the early hours of the morning.</li> <li>(iii) The Israeli army detained civilians in Silwad for a period of time and then withheld their ID's.</li> </ol> </li> </ul>
<p><b>JENIN</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <u>Closure</u>: Jenin remains a closed military area.</li> <li>• <u>School Attack/Disruption</u>: During their raid on the town of Tubas, the Israeli army opened fire at a school injuring one student.</li> <li>• <u>Ambulance Obstruction</u>: The Israeli army detained ambulances at the checkpoint of Janat, south of Jenin city, preventing them from exiting.</li> <li>• <u>Eastern Separation Wall Demolition Orders</u>: The Israeli army delivered to the</li> </ul>

	<p>head of the municipality of Al Aqaba village demolition orders for 7 houses, 1 kindergarten (with 60 children registered), the only mosque in the village, and the electricity generator room, all in order to construct the eastern part of the separation wall.</p>
<b>JERICHO</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <u>Closure</u>: The city of Jericho is a closed military area.</li> </ul>
<b>BETHLEHEM</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <u>Closure</u>: Bethlehem is a closed military area.</li> <li>• <u>Physical Assault</u>: At 15:45, Israeli soldiers physically assaulted a number of Palestinian civilians attempting to cross dirt barricades (erected by the Israeli army) near the town of Al Khadr al Qadima.</li> <li>• <u>Attacks</u>:             <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) At 21:10, the Israeli army opened fire in the air near Al Khadr Mosque in the presence of civilians.</li> <li>(ii) At 02:00, the Israeli army opened fire from Al Nafaq/Beit Jala checkpoint.</li> </ol> </li> </ul>
<b>TULKAREM</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <u>Closure</u>: The city of Tulkarem remains a closed military area.</li> <li>• <u>Separation Wall Closure</u>: All gates along the separation wall remain closed to those not granted a special Israeli permit.</li> <li>• <u>Separation Wall School Disruption</u>: It is difficult for teachers to reach the schools located in Baqa ash Sharqiya and Nazlat Isa (located behind the separation wall). The Palestinian DCO has failed to resolve this situation with the responsible Israeli authorities.</li> <li>• <u>Raids</u>:             <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) At 11:55, the Israeli army, reinforced by 2 tanks + 2 jeeps + a helicopter, raided the town of Seida.</li> <li>(ii) At 14:00, the Israeli army, including a civilian vehicle and reinforced by 2 tanks + 4 jeeps, raided the city of Tulkarem, where they opened heavy fire.</li> <li>(iii) At 14:05, the Israeli army raided Tulkarem refugee camp from the north, where they opened fire randomly.</li> </ol> </li> <li>• <u>Checkpoint</u>: At 11:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the junction of Bal'a and Anabta.</li> <li>• <u>Assassination</u>: During their raid on Tulkarem, the Israeli army assassinated Ibrahim Arif Al Na'nish, a 28 year old resident of the city.</li> <li>• <u>Injuries</u>: During their raid on Tulkarem refugee camp, the Israeli army injured 17 year old Mu'ath Abu Jum'a, who was shot in both legs.</li> <li>• <u>Detention</u>: At 18:30, the Israeli army detained a large number of students on the Tulkarem/Nablus road.</li> </ul>
<b>NABLUS</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <u>Closure</u>: Nablus remains a closed military area.</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <u>Raids:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) At 03:50, the Israeli army raided the city of Nablus, concentrating their presence in the old town area, Ras el 'Ein and Rafeedia neighborhoods, and the area near Al Najah University.</li> <li>(ii) The Israeli army raided the village of Bizzariya, where they searched houses and arrested 2 brothers.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <u>Arrests:</u> The Israeli army arrested 5 civilians from the city of Nablus: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) Amir Ghazal, 26 years old;</li> <li>(ii) Hamdi Abdo, 39 years old;</li> <li>(iii) Amjad Al Aziz;</li> <li>(iv) Khaled Al Sani'; and</li> <li>(v) Adnan Al Shami.</li> </ul> The Israeli army arrested 2 brothers from Bizzariya: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(vi) Fuad Lutfi Nasir; and</li> <li>(vii) Murad Lutfi Nasir.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <u>Detention:</u> At 16:50, the Israeli army detained dozens of civilians on the Nablus Asira ash Shamaliya road. 4 hours later, after the US Consulate and international peace activists intervened, the civilians were escorted by the peace activists to their villages.</li> <li>• <u>Attack on School:</u> The Israeli army fired tear gas grenades at Al Fatimiya Elementary School for Girls in the city of Nablus injuring dozens of students.</li> <li>• <u>Injuries:</u> The Israeli army fired at Husam Jamal Subih, a 20 year old resident of Al Fari'a village, injuring him in the head and arms, while he was traveling from his village towards Nablus city on the dirt road.</li> <li>• <u>Air Raid:</u> Israeli military aircraft maneuvered over the skies of Nablus breaking the sound barrier and spreading fear amongst civilians.</li> <li>• <u>Ambulance Obstruction:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) The Israeli army detained an ambulance from the Medical Care Union on October 27, 2003, for over 2 hours at Iba checkpoint on grounds of examining the vehicle's license, and then forced the ambulance to return to Nablus.</li> <li>(ii) The Israeli army detained an ambulance on its way to Asira al Gharbiya for nearly 2 hours on grounds of examining the registration papers.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>HEBRON</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <u>Closure:</u> H1 and H2 areas remain closed military areas.</li> <li>• <u>Checkpoint:</u> The Israeli army set up a checkpoint between the village of Halhul and the western villages.</li> <li>• <u>Raids:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) The Israeli army raided the area of Issa, south Hebron city, where they searched the houses and arrested both children of Izzat Al Shobaki, who had been previously arrested.</li> <li>(ii) The Israeli army raided the town of Yatta, where they searched houses and</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

	<p>arrested one civilian.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <u>School Disruption</u>: Israeli settlers continue acts of provocation against students of Qurtuba School for Girls in H2 area of Hebron city, despite complaints lodged at the DCO to stop these assaults.</li> <li>• <u>Arrests</u>: The Israeli army arrested 2 brothers, sons of Izzat Al Shobaki, previously arrested by the Israeli army, from the area of Issa: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) Abdil Qadir Al Shobaki, 35 years old; and</li> <li>(ii) Akram Al SHobaki, 32 years old.</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p>The Israeli army arrested 1 civilian from the town of Yatta:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(iii) Jibril Abu Samra, 24 years old.</li> </ul>
<p><b>QALQILYA</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <u>Closure</u>: The city of Qalqiliya remains a closed military area.</li> <li>• <u>Separation Wall Closure</u>: All gates along the separation wall remain closed to all those not granted a special Israeli permit.</li> <li>• <u>Raid</u>: At 03:30, the Israeli army raided the city of Qalqiliya, where they searched houses and arrested 5 residents.</li> <li>• <u>Arrests</u>: The Israeli army arrested 5 civilians from Qalqiliya city: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) Ahmad Hasayin, 50 years old;</li> <li>(ii) Iyad HAsayin, 24 years old;</li> <li>(iii) Ahmad Daoud;</li> <li>(iv) Muhammad Adnan Lalami, 25 years old; and</li> <li>(v) Murad Sueidan, 27 years old.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
<p><b>SALFIT</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <u>Closure</u>: The city of Salfit is a closed military area. The Israeli army closed the area located between Iskaka and the settlement of Ariel, near the Israeli military post, and prevented Palestinian civilians from reaching their land to harvest the olive crop.</li> <li>• <u>Air Patrol</u>: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) At 09:30, Israeli military aircraft patrolled over the city of Salfit.</li> <li>(ii) At 16:00, Israeli helicopters patrolled the skies over the city at low altitude.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

**GAZA STRIP**

<p><b>NORTHERN GAZA</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <u>Closure</u>: Beit Hanoun (Erez) crossing is closed. 3701 workers were allowed into the Erez industrial zone, in addition to 210 individuals issued with Israeli magnetic ID's.</li> <li>• <u>Attack</u>: At 15:30, the Israeli army, reinforced by 5 tanks located on east Jabaliya, opened fire randomly towards the west.</li> </ul>
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<b>GAZA CITY</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <u>Closures</u>: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) Al Shuhada' junction (Nitsareem) remains closed.</li> <li>(ii) Al Mintar crossing (Karni) was opened from 08:00 until 15:15.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <u>Death</u>: The Israeli army shot and killed Muhammad Subhi Awad, 29 years old. Another individual was injured and arrested.</li> </ul>
<b>CENTRAL GAZA</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <u>Death</u>: At 08:10, Salah As'ad, a 16 year old Palestinian individual died due to injuries inflicted upon him by the Israeli army on October 20, 2003, when they targeted his vehicle.</li> </ul>
<b>KHAN YUNIS</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <u>Closure</u>: Abu Ajin road and the western road remain closed.</li> <li>• <u>Attacks</u>: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) At 19:20, the Israeli army opened heavy fire from Al Tuffah towards civilians.</li> <li>(ii) At 01:00, the Israeli army opened heavy fire from Point 5 towards civilian houses in the east.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <u>Destruction of Property</u>: At 15:10, Israeli bulldozers leveled land at Point 6 in the area of Delta.</li> <li>• <u>House Demolition</u>: At 17:00, the Israeli army, reinforced by 2 tanks + 5 jeeps, demolished the house of Ziyad Abdil Al Ghafur at Point 6 in the area of Delta.</li> </ul>
<b>RAFAH</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <u>Closures</u>: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) Sufa crossing was opened from 07:00 until 13:00 to specific kinds of cargo.</li> <li>(ii) The Gaza International Airport remains closed.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <u>Attacks</u>: At 23:00, the Israeli army opened fire at Point 6 towards civilian houses in Al Salam neighborhood, and from the settlement of east Morag towards the north.</li> </ul>

### **ISRAELI SETTLEMENT CONSTRUCTION**

- Financing of Settlement Activity: The Israeli Knesset Finance Committee confirmed that it approved on 27 October, 2003, NIS 126.7 million for various settlement activities, including the construction of housing units, rural construction and infrastructure development.