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PALESTINIAN MONITORING GROUP

DAILY SITUATION REPORT 08:00 01 October 2009 – 08:00 02 October 2009

SUMMARY OF EVENTS

EVENT	WEST BANK	GAZA STRIP	TOTAL	NOTES
Attacks	1	4	5	2 in raids and 3 by navy boats
Raids	29	1	30	Incl. 5 in Bethlehem and 8 in Hebron
Air Patrols		2	2	By helicopters & reconnaissance aircraft
Arrests (per person)	18	—	18	Incl. a child and a Police officer
Detentions	14	—	14	At checkpoints and in residential areas
Closure of Checkpoints	8	—	8	Incl. access impeded at 5 checkpoints
Flying Checkpoints	18	—	18	Incl. 3 in Qalqiliya and 4 in Hebron
Land Levelling		1	1	In the district of Khan Yunis
Wall Construction	21	—	21	Incl. Jer., Raml'h., Salfit, & Qalqiliya
Closure (per District)	7		7	Incl. 4 areas in the city of Hebron
Closure of Main Roads	42		42	Incl. 2 in Qalqiliya and 3 in Bethlehem
Closure of Crossing Points		4	4	3 crossing points open partially
Settlement Activity	1		1	A barbed wire fence erected, Beit Jala
Settler Violence	3	—	3	Incl. land levelled & civilians assaulted
Provocation of Pal. Forces	1		1	A Palestinian Police vehicle detained
Palestinian Attacks		2	2	3 mortars fired towards the Green Line
TOTAL	163	14	177	

DISTRICT

EVENTS

WEST BANK

ALL DISTRICTS	• At 24:00 on 01 October 2009, the Israeli army imposed a complete closure on the West Bank districts on the occasion of Jewish Sukkot holiday. Only allowing access to diplomatic missions, international organisations, and previously-coordinated humanitarian cases, the Israeli army prevented civilians and workers, including those holding permits, from entering the city of Jerusalem and areas inside the Green Line. The closure will last until 24:00 on 10 October 2009.
JERUSALEM	 Closure: At 24:00 on 01 October 2009, the Israeli army intensified its restrictions at checkpoints located at the entrances to the city of Jerusalem on the occasion of the Jewish Sukkot holiday. Only allowing access to diplomatic missions, international organisations, and previously-coordinated humanitarian cases, the Israeli army prevented civilians and workers, including those holding permits, from entering the city of Jerusalem. On 05 January 2009, the Israeli authorities issued Military Order # S/02/09 on the closure of and denial of civilian access to the "demarcation area" along the Wall in the area surrounding the city of Jerusalem. Accordingly, local residents and civilians holding permits can access this area through crossings and gates set up at the entrances to the city of Jerusalem. (The demarcation area is defined by a set of military orders relating to land confiscation for Wall construction). Beginning on 02 April 2009, the Israeli army has continued to impose a blockade and deny civilian access to a hill located in an area between the village of Biddu and Beit Iksa due it its geographical significance as it overlooks the city of Jerusalem. Closure of Main Roads:

	 (ii) The Israeli army continues to deny civilian access through the Wall gate on Ash Shayyah road in the area between the villages of As Sawahira ash Sharqiya and As Sawahira al Gharbiya, only allowing civilians holding Jerusalem IDs to cross, after subjecting them to thorough searches using electronic devices. Wall Construction: Wall construction continues in the area of Al 'Eizariya to Ash Shayyah, from Beit Surik village 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; south of the village of Beit Hanina; and in the area surrounding the checkpoint set up at the entrance to Shu'fat refugee camp.
RAMALLAH & EL BIREH	 <u>Closure of Main Roads</u>: The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades and cement blocks the entrances to the town of Sinjil, the village of Saffa; and the junction to the villages of Kafr Malik – 'Ein Samiya. <u>Raids</u>: (i) At 08:30, the Israeli army raided the town of Abu Shukheidim, set up a checkpoint, searched civilians and vehicles, and patrolled the area until 09:20. (ii) At 08:50, the Israeli army raided the village of Abu Qash and patrolled the area until 09:45. (iii) At 10:35, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the village of Surda. <u>Wall Construction</u>: Wall construction continues west of 'Abud town and in the areas of Al Midya to Ni'lin and Ni'lin to Deir Qaddis.
JENIN	 Closure of Main Road: The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the road leading to the town of 'Arraba east of the settlement of Dotan. Flving Checkpoints: At 14:40, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the junction to the village of Al Jarba and searched civilians and vehicles until 16:30. At 15:30, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint near the junction to the town of 'Arraba, searched civilians and vehicles, and impeded civilian access until 16:50. Raids: At 02:30, the Israeli army raided the village of Misliya, searched 2 houses, and arrested 1 Palestinian Police officer. At 04:10, the Israeli army raided the town of Qabatiya and patrolled the area until 05:00. Arrest: The Israeli army arrested Ayman, Faraj Abu Na'im, a Palestinian Police officer, in the village of Misliya. 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	• <u>Checkpoint</u> : Though allowing civilian access to the Northern Jordan Valley between 06:00 and 22:00, the Israeli army continues to intensify its restrictions at Tayasir checkpoint east of the town of Tubas.

	 <u>Raids/Air Patrol:</u> At 18:20, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the city of Tubas. At 00:40, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the town of Tammun.
TULKAREM	 <u>Closure of Main Roads</u>: The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the western entrance to the village of Shufa. The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the road connecting the town of Kafr al Labad to the village of Shufa. <u>Checkpoint</u>: The Israeli army continues to intensify restrictions at 'Einav checkpoint set up on Tulkarem-Nablus main road. <u>Flying Checkpoint</u>: At 22:45, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on Al Kafriyat road connecting the districts of Tulkarem and Qalqiliya and searched civilians and vehicles. <u>Raid</u>: At 22:40, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the village of Saffarin. <u>Wall Gates</u>: Passage through the wall gates is restricted to civilians granted special Israeli permits.
QALQILYA	 <u>Closure of Roads</u>: The Israeli army continues to close with cement blocks agricultural roads east of the town of 'Azzun. <u>Flying Checkpoints/Detentions</u>: (i) At 17:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint near the entrance to the village of 'Izbat at Tabib, detained 4 civilians, and released them at a later time. At 20:35, the Israeli army set up another flying checkpoint and searched civilians and vehicles. (ii) At 20:40, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the eastern entrance to the city of Qalqiliya and searched civilians and vehicles. <u>Raid</u>: At 13:15, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the city of Qalqiliya. <u>Wall Gates</u>: (ii) The Israeli army continues to intensify its restrictions at 'Azzun 'Atma Wall gate and to search civilians, including students, with a detector. <u>Wall Construction</u>: Wall construction continues south of the town of Jayyus as well as near the settlement of Alfe Menashe in the villages of Ras Tira, Magharet ad Dab'a, and Wadi ar Rasha south of the city of Qalqiliya.
NABLUS	 <u>Closure of Main Roads</u>: The Israeli army continues to close the roads of Till-Burin and Beit Furik-Salem; the southern entrances to the villages of Qaryut and Duma; the eastern entrance to the village of Al Lubban Ash Sharqi; the western entrances to the town of 'Aqraba and the village of Majdal Bani Fadil; the northern entrance to the town of Qabalan; and the settler bypass road connecting the village of Deir al Hatab to the settlement of Alon Moreh.

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	 (ii) Beginning at 12:10 on 27 August 2009, the Israeli army has continued to close with an iron gate the western entrance to the village of An Naqura opposite the settlement of Shavei Shomron. It should be noted that the Israeli army had removed the dirt barricade set up at the entrance to the village. Checkpoints: The Israeli army continues to regulate times for crossing checkpoints set up around the city of Nablus: (i) At Tur neighbourhood 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 neighbourhood only between 07:00 and 02:00. (ii) At 'Awarta commercial checkpoint, civilians are allowed to cross between 05:00 and 20:00, but between 05:00 and 15:00 on Fridays. All civilian vehicles are allowed to access the city of Nablus, but only commercial vehicles and ambulances can leave the city through the checkpoint. Flving Checkpoint: At 15:50, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the western entrance to the village of Sabastiya and searched civilians and vehicles. Maids: (i) At 08:30, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the town of Beit Furik and the village of Beit Dajan. (ii) At 02:40, the Israeli army raided the village of Madama and arrested 4 civilians. Arrests: The Israeli army arrested 4 civilians in the village of Madama: (i) Thabet Nassar Nassar; (ii) Omar Abdul Kareem Nassar; and (iv) Asadullah Wajeeh Qitt.
SALFIT	 <u>Closure of Main Roads</u>: The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the northern entrance to the city of Salfit. The Israeli army continues to close with cement blocks and iron gates the northern entrance to the town of Bruqin and the western entrance to the town of Kafr Ad Dik. <u>Checkpoint</u>: The Israeli army continues to intensify its restrictions and impede civilian access at the Za'tara junction checkpoint. <u>Flying Checkpoint</u>: At 10:45, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint near the entrance to the village of Mas'ha and searched civilians and vehicles. <u>Raids/Detentions</u>: At 09:30, the Israeli army raided the towns of Az Zawiya and Biddya as well as the village of Mas'ha. An Israeli Intelligence officer detained a number of civilians, recorded numbers of their ID cards, offered help to them.

	• <u>Settler Violence</u> : At 12:40, a group of Israeli settlers from the settlement
	 of Rivava levelled land belonging to 2 civilian residents of the town of Deir Istiya. The affected land is located near the Israeli settlement. <u>Wall Construction</u>: Wall construction continues in the area northwest of the city of Salfit, and in the village of Marda and the town of Kifl Haris north of the settlement of Ariel.
JERICHO	 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. Checkpoints: The Israeli army continues to intensify its restrictions at Al Hamra checkpoint set up along Al Badhan road connecting the districts of Jericho and Nablus. However, the Israeli army allows civilian access between 06:00 and 22:00. The Israeli army continues to intensify its restrictions at 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, only allowing access to civilians whose IDs indicate that their place of residence of the district of Jericho as well as to others holding access permits. Raid: At 05:50, the Israeli army raided As Sultan refugee camp in the city of Jericho: Majdi Abdul Qader Mahmoud 'Uweidat, 17 years old; and Ziyad Abdul Qader Mahmoud 'Uweidat. Provaction of Palestinian Forces: At 11:20, Israeli troops positioned at the checkpoint set up on the junction to the village of Al 'Auja detained a Palestinian Police vehicle until 12:00, denying access to the vehicle to depart the city of Jericho.
BETHLEHEM	 <u>Closure</u>: 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) According to Military Order # 07/02/S, the Israeli army has continued since 15 September 2007 to deny civilian access to an area measuring 22 <i>dunum</i>s (5.436 acres) of land in the area of Mazmuriya in the cities of Beit Sahur and Bethlehem. The land was confiscated pursuant to Military Order # 07/31/T. <u>Closure of Main Roads</u>: The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the road of Beit Jala-Wadi Ahmad as well as a detour road east of the town of Beit Fajjar.

	 Flying Checkpoints: (i) At 17:40, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to the town of Jannata and searched civilians and vehicles. (ii) At 20:20, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint near the entrance to the town of Beit Fajjar and searched civilians and vehicles.
	• <u>Raids</u> : (i) At 09:20, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the town of Beit Fajjar.
	(ii) At 11:10, the Israeli army raided the area of Khirbet Um al 'Amad near the town of Tuqu' and searched 1 house.
	 (iii) At 01:30, the Israeli army raided the village of Husan and patrolled the area until 03:30. (iii) At 01:25, the Israeli arms raided the sites of Dethlehem seconds of 1
	(iv) At 01:35, the Israeli army raided the city of Bethlehem, searched 1 house, and served a summons to a civilian to report to the Israeli Intelligence agency.
	(v) At 01:55, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the town of Al Khadr.
	• <u>Settlement Activity</u> : At 10:15, the Israeli army erected a barbed wire fence along the tunnel street (Road # 60) in the vicinity of the city of Beit Jala.
	• <u>Wall Construction</u> : Wall construction continues in the area northwest of the town of Al Khadr; northwest of the city of Beit Jala; in the area of Wadi Rahhal east of Ifrat settlement; and in the area surrounding the village of Al Walaja.
HEBRON	 <u>Closure</u>: (i) The Israeli army continues to close the following locales in the old city of Hebron: Ash Shuhada' Street and the area of As 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 As 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) On 05 January 2009, the Israeli army issued Military Order # 09/06/S for closure of the area located along the Green Line south of the town of Yatta, evacuation of civilian residents, and prevention of civilian access to the area. According to Military Orders # 05/03/T and 05/04/T, land in this area was confiscated for Wall construction.
	 <u>Closure of Main Roads</u>: The Israeli army continues to close with cement blocks the entrance to the town of As Samoa'; the area of Al Hawawir leading to the town of Halhul; the road connecting the town of Surif to the village of Al Jab'a; the eastern entrance to the village of Kharsa; the entrance to the Al Qeisi neighbourhood in the old city of Hebron; as well as the entrances

to Al 'Arrub refugee camp, the village of At Tuwani, and the town of Adh Dhahiriya.
(ii) The Israeli army continues to prohibit Palestinian vehicles from
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(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 Road # 60.
<u>Flying Checkpoints</u> :
(i) At 15:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to the town of Beit Jala and searched civilians and vehicles.
(ii) At 20:50, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint near the town of
Ash Shuyukh and searched civilians and vehicles.
• Raids/Attack:
(i) At 04:50 on 01 October 2009, the Israeli army raided Al Fawwar refugee camp and arrested 1 civilian.
(ii) At 10:55, the Israeli army raided the town of Tarqumiya, patrolled
the area, and pursued a civilian vehicle. At 15:20, the Israeli army
raided the town again, set up a checkpoint, searched civilians and
vehicles, and patrolled the area.
(iii) At 13:30, the Israeli army raided the village of Wadi ash Shajina,
searched a number of houses, and withdrew at 14:00.
(iv) At 15:00, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the city of Hebron.
(v) At 20:55, the Israeli army raided the villages of Kharsa and At
Tabaqa and opened indiscriminate fire while patrolling the area.
(vi) At 01:00, the Israeli army raided the town of Surif, searched 1
house, and withdrew at 03:00.
Arrests:
(i) At 03:15 on 01 October 2009, the Israeli army arrested Ala' Ahmed
Ibrahim Irzeigat during its raid into the town of Taffuh, as was
reported yesterday.
(ii) The Israeli army arrested Mahmoud Is'haq Hash'hash in Al Fawwar
refugee camp.
<u>Settler Violence</u> :
(i) At 12:45, Israeli settlers threw garbage and verbally assaulted
civilians along Ash Shalala Street in the old city of Hebron.
(ii) A group of Israeli settlers assaulted civilians in the area of Qizun in
the city of Hebron.
<u>Wall Construction</u> : Wall construction continues in the section of Tarqumiya
checkpoint terminal; in the area surrounding the settlement of Eshkolot
near the town of Adh Dhahiriya; and in the area between the villages of
'Arab ar Ramadin and Imneizil.

GAZA STRIP

ALL DISTRICTS	 At 02:00 on 18 January 2009, the unilateral ceasefire declared by the Israeli authorities came into effect. At a later time on the same day, armed Palestinian groups announced an agreement to cease fire for a week. Later, armed Palestinian groups extended the ceasefire until 05 February 2009. Despite the fact that the extension period expired, the ceasefire continues to hold pending negotiations carried out by Egypt. <u>Violations of the Ceasefire:</u> The Israeli army raided Palestinian territory and opened intensive fire towards civilian houses and property in the district of Khan Yunis. Israeli navy boats opened fire intensively towards Palestinian fishing boats at sea. Armed Palestinian individuals fired 3 unidentified mortars towards the Green Line.
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NORTHERN GAZA	 <u>Closure of Crossing Point</u>: Beit Hanun (Erez) Crossing is partially open for previously-coordinated humanitarian cases and foreign nationals. <u>Attack</u>: In the morning of 01 October 2009, Israeli navy boats opened intensive fire towards Palestinian fishing boats at sea off the As Sudaniya beach west of the town of Beit Lahiya. <u>Palestinian Attacks/Israeli Attack</u>: (i) At 13:00, 1 unidentified mortar was fired towards the Green Line. (ii) At 06:30, 2 unidentified mortars were fired towards the Green Line.
GAZA	 <u>Closure of Crossing Points</u>: Al Muntar (Karnei) Crossing is partially open for transportation of wheat and animal feed. Ash Shuja'iya (Nahal 'Oz) Crossing is closed. <u>Attack</u>: In the morning of 01 October 2009, Israeli navy boats opened intensive fire towards Palestinian fishing boats at sea off the Gaza city's beach.
CENTRAL GAZA	Activities not reported.
KHAN YUNIS	 <u>Attack</u>: On 01 October 2009, Israeli navy boats opened intensive fire towards Palestinian fishing boats at sea off the beach of the city of Khan Yunis. <u>Raid/Air Patrol/Attack/Land Levelling</u>: At 12:00, the Israeli army, including 3 armoured vehicles and 2 bulldozers covered by combat helicopters and reconnaissance aircraft, raided 450 metres into Palestinian territory east of the town of A1 Qarara, opened intensive fire towards civilian houses and property, and levelled land.

RAFAH	 <u>Closure of Crossing Points</u>: Yasser 'Arafat International Airport remains closed. Rafah (Al 'Awdah) Crossing is closed. Sufa Crossing is closed. Karm Abu Salim (Karem Shalom) Crossing is partially open for transportation of food supplies and humanitarian aid.
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