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PALESTINIAN MONITORING GROUP

DAILY SITUATION REPORT

08:00 06 November 2009 – 08:00 07 November 2009

SUMMARY OF EVENTS

EVENT	WEST BANK	GAZA STRIP	TOTAL	NOTES
Physical Assaults	3	_	3	Protestors beaten in Bethlehem
Injuries	2	2	4	2 children and 2 armed individuals
Attacks	5	5	10	Incl. 5 in raids and 1 from a mil. post
Raids	26	3	29	Incl. 4 in Tubas and 6 in Bethlehem
Air Patrols	_	3	3	Reconnaissance over Gaza & C. Gaza
Arrests (per person)	_	2	2	2 civilians in the Central Gaza district
Detentions	13	_	13	Incl. a Palestinian security officer, Jericho
Closure of Checkpoints	9	_	9	Incl. access impeded at 5 checkpoints
Flying Checkpoints	16	_	16	Incl. 3 in Jerusalem and 5 in Hebron
Land Levelling	_	1	1	Agricultural land in Central Gaza
Wall Construction	21	_	21	Incl. Jer., Raml'h., Salfit, & Qalqiliya
Destruction of Property	_	1	1	Crops in the Central Gaza district
Confiscation of Property	2	_	2	Computers and documents, Jerusalem
Attack on Property	*	_		A notice to evacuate a shop, Jerusalem
Closure (per District)	7	_	7	Incl. Jerusalem and 4 areas in Hebron
Closure of Main Roads	41	_	41	Incl. 10 in Nablus and 15 in Hebron
Closure of Crossing Points	_	6	6	Only Rafah Crossing exceptionally
Settler Violence	1	_	1	Civilians stoned in Hebron
Demonstrations	5	_	5	Against the Wall & house evacuations
TOTAL	151	23	174	

WEST BANK

Closure:

- On 06 November 2009, the Israeli army intensified its restrictions at (i) checkpoints located at the entrances to the city of Jerusalem, set up several flying checkpoints in the old city of Jerusalem and around Al Agsa Mosque compound, and denied access to civilians to perform Friday prayers at the mosque.
- On 05 January 2009, the Israeli authorities issued Military Order # (i) 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).
- (ii) The Israeli army continues 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:

- The Israeli army continues to close with cement blocks and dirt (i) barricades the entrance to the village of Jaba'.
- The Israeli army continues to close the iron gate along the Wall section, (ii) separating the area of Dahiyat al Bareed from the town of Ar Ram.
- Checkpoint: 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.
- Confiscation of Property: On 06 November 2009, the Israeli army raided and searched offices of the Jerusalem Commission against Demolition and Displacement, as well as confiscated computers and a number of files and documents.
- Attack on Property: At 19:30, the Israeli army delivered a notice for evacuation of a commercial shop in the village of Beit Safafa, claiming that it is located in a residential locale.
- **Demonstration:** At 12:00, civilians performed Friday prayers in a sit-in tent erected in the Silwan neighbourhood in the city of Jerusalem in protest against evacuation for civilian houses for construction of settlement projects.

Wall Gates:

(i) The Israeli army continues to close the Wall gate in the town of Abu Dis with cement blocks.

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	 (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	 Closure of Main Roads: 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. Flying Checkpoint: At 07:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the overpass to the town of 'Atara, denied civilian access in both directions, and removed it at 08:00. Raids: At 09:00, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the village of 'Ein Yabrud. At 16:30, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the village of Kharbatha al Misbah. Demonstrations/Attacks/Injuries: At 13:00, 2 mass demonstrations, including international peace activists, took place in the village of Bil'in and in the town of Ni'lin against Wall construction. Confrontations took place between the Israeli army and protestors, during which the Israeli army injured a number of participants as a result of tear gas inhalation. Wall Construction: 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. Raid: At 01:40, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the city of Jenin. 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	 Checkpoint: 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. Raids: At 20:30, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the town of 'Aqqaba and the village of Al Far'a. At 01:10, the Israeli army raided and patrolled Al Far'a refugee camp. At 02:00, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the city of Tubas.

TULKAREM	 Closure of Main Roads: 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. Checkpoint: The Israeli army continues to intensify restrictions at 'Einav checkpoint set up on Tulkarem-Nablus main road. At 21:00, the Israeli army closed the checkpoint, denied civilian access in both directions, and reopened it at a later time. Raids: At 11:30, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the city of Tulkarem and the town of 'Anabta. At 12:00, the Israeli army raided and patrolled Nur Shams refugee camp in the city of Tulkarem. 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 agricultural roads east of the town of 'Azzun. Raids: At 14:00, the Israeli army raided the town of Jayyus. While patrolling the area, confrontations took place between the Israeli army and civilians. At 20:10, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the town again. At 14:20, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the town of 'Azzun. At 23:00, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the village of Jit. Wall Gate: The Israeli army continues to intensify its restrictions at 'Azzun 'Atma Wall gate and to search civilians, including students, with a detector. Wall Construction: 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	 Closure of Main Roads: The Israeli army continues to close the roads of Till-Burin and Beit Furik-Salem; the settler bypass road connecting the village of Deir al Hatab to the settlement of Alon Moreh; the eastern entrance to the village of Duma; the western entrances to the town of 'Aqraba and the village of Majdal Bani Fadil; and the northern entrance to the town of Qabalan. 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. Checkpoints: The Israeli army continues to regulate times for crossing checkpoints set up around the city of Nablus: 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. Flying Checkpoint: At 15:20, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to the village of Qusin and searched civilians and vehicles. Raid: At 14:30, the Israeli army raided the town of Beita and searched 1 house. Demonstration: At 13:00, a mass demonstration, including international peace activists, took place in the village of Qaryut in protest against closure of the southern entrance to the village. Participants removed the dirt
	barricade and reopened the road.
SALFIT	 Closure of Main Roads: 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. Checkpoint: The Israeli army continues to intensify its restrictions and impede civilian access at the Za'tara junction checkpoint. At 14:40, the Israeli army closed the checkpoint, denied civilian access, and reopened it at a later time. Flving Checkpoints: At 10:30, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint near the junction to the settlement of Barkan and searched civilians and vehicles until 12:00. At 15:30, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint in the area between the town of Bruqin and the village of Qarawat Bani Zeid and searched civilians and vehicles. Raids/Attack: At 14:45, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the town of Bruqin. At 15:10, the Israeli army raided the town of Kafr ad Dik, set up a checkpoint at its entrance, searched civilians and vehicles, and patrolled the area. At 22:00, the Israeli army raided the village of Qarawat Bani Hassan and fired flares while patrolling the area. Wall Construction: 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	• <u>Closure</u> : 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:

- (i) 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.
- (ii) 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.
- <u>Flying Checkpoint</u>: At 13:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the junction to the Dead Sea and searched civilians and vehicles.
- <u>Detention</u>: At 17:30, Israeli troops positioned at the Al Hamra junction checkpoint detained Abdul Kareem Ahmed Turkman, a Palestinian National Security officer, and released him after coordination with the Israeli authorities (through the DCO).

• 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.
- (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 *dunums* (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 08:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to the village of Husan and searched civilians and vehicles.
- (ii) At 08:10, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to the village of Battir and searched civilians and vehicles.
- Raid: At 11:00, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the evacuated military post of 'Ush Ghurab east of the city of Beit Sahur.
- <u>Demonstration/Physical Assaults/Injuries</u>: At 12:30, a mass demonstration, including international peace activists, took place in the village of Al Ma'sara against Wall construction. Israeli troops beat protestors, leaving 2 children with injuries and contusions.
- Wall Construction: 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.

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• Closure:

- (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.

• Closure of Main Roads:

- (i) The Israeli army continues to close with cement blocks the entrance to the town of As Samoa'; 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 travelling along Ash Shalala Old Street in the old city of Hebron.
- (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.
- (iv) Beginning on 04 November 2009, the Israeli army has continued to close with dirt barricades the entrance to the area of Al Hawawir (the northern entrance to the town of Halhul).

• Flying Checkpoints:

- (i) At 08:30, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to the town of Bani Na'im and searched civilians and vehicles.
- (ii) At 09:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to the town of Beit Ummar and searched civilians and vehicles.
- (iii) At 10:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the junction to the village of Beit 'Einun and searched civilians and vehicles.
- (iv) At 11:20, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the overpass to the town of Halhul and searched civilians and vehicles.

Raids:

- (i) At 10:00, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the town of Kharas.
- (ii) At 11:10, the Israeli army raided the city of Hebron, set up a checkpoint, searched civilians and vehicles, and patrolled the area. at 16:00, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the city again.
- (iii) At 16:00, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the village of At Tabaqa. Confrontations took place between the Israeli army and civilians. At

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17:00, the Israeli army withdrew from the area.

- (iv) At 20:00, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the village of Safa.
- (v) At 02:00, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the town of Beit Ula.
- <u>Settler Violence</u>: At 08:40, a group of Israeli settlers from the settlement of Bat 'Ayin threw stones at civilians while they were working on their land in the village of Safa.
- <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

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. Violation of the Ceasefire: The Israeli army raided Palestinian territory and opened fire towards civilian houses and property in the districts of Gaza and Central Gaza. Israeli troops also opened fire from their locations on the Green Line, injuring 2 armed Palestinian individuals. Additionally, the Israeli army arrested 2 civilians.

NORTHERN GAZA	Closure of Crossing Point: Beit Hanun (Erez) Crossing is closed.
GAZA	 Closure of Crossing Points: Al Muntar (Karnei) Crossing is closed. Ash Shuja'iya (Nahal 'Oz) Crossing is closed. Raid/Air Patrol/Attack/Injuries: In the evening of 06 November 2009, the Israeli army, including several tanks and armoured vehicles covered by reconnaissance aircraft, raided Palestinian territory east of Ash Shuja'iya neighbourhood east of Gaza city. The Israeli army opened intensive fire and fired tank shells, injuring 2 armed Palestinian individuals.
CENTRAL GAZA	 Raids/Air Patrols/Attacks/Land Levelling: In the morning of 06 November 2009, the Israeli army, including several armoured vehicles and bulldozers covered by reconnaissance aircraft, raided Palestinian territory east of Al Bureij refugee camp. The Israeli army opened indiscriminate fire and fired 1 tank shell towards civilian houses and property. In addition, the Israeli army levelled agricultural land.

	 (ii) In the evening of 06 November 2009, the Israeli army, including several armoured vehicles covered by reconnaissance aircraft, raided Palestinian territory east of city of Deir al Balah, opened intensive, and arrested 2 civilians. Arrests: The Israeli army arrested 2 unidentified civilians east of the city of Deir al Balah. 		
KHAN YUNIS	• <u>Attack</u> : In the morning of 06 November 2009, the Israeli army opened fire from its location on the Green Line towards a number of farmers while they were working on their land east of the town of Al Qarara.		
RAFAH	 Closure of Crossing Points: Yasser 'Arafat International Airport remains closed. Rafah (Al 'Awdah) Crossing was open on an exceptional basis to allow 820 civilians to leave for Saudi Arabia to perform pilgrimage. Sufa Crossing is closed. Karm Abu Salim (Karem Shalom) Crossing is closed. 		