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PALESTINIAN MONITORING GROUP

DAILY SITUATION REPORT

08:00 08 October 2009 – 08:00 09 October 2009

SUMMARY OF EVENTS

EVENT	WEST BANK	GAZA STRIP	TOTAL	NOTES
Physical Assault	1	—	1	A child severely beaten in Hebron
Air Attacks	—	3	3	3 missiles fired by F16 aircraft, Rafah
Attacks	3	7	10	Incl. 6 from posts and 2 by navy boats
Raids	15	—	15	Incl. 4 in Nablus and 4 in Hebron
Air Patrol	—	1	1	By F16 combat aircraft over Rafah
Arrests (per person)	17	—	17	Incl. 14 in Jerusalem and 2 in Hebron
Detentions	14	—	14	At checkpoints and in residential locales
Closure of Checkpoints	8	—	8	Incl. access impeded at 5 checkpoints
Flying Checkpoints	11	—	11	Incl. 4 in Jerusalem and 2 in Ramallah
Wall Construction	21	—	21	Incl. Jer., Raml'h., Salfit, & Qalqiliya
Destruction of Property	1	—	1	Foundations of a barracks demolished
Closure (per District)	7	—	7	Incl. 4 areas in the city of Hebron
Closure of Main Roads	45	—	45	Incl. 2 in Qalqiliya and 14 in Nablus
Closure of Crossing Points	—	5	5	4 crossing points partially open
Attacks on Religious Sites	2	—	2	Incl. siege on Al Aqsa Mosque
Settler Violence	1	—	1	Gaining access to an area in Hebron
Demonstrations	2	—	2	Incl. against siege on Al Aqsa Mosque
TOTAL	148	16	164	

DISTRICT	EVENTS
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WEST BANK

ALL DISTRICTS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Beginning at 24:00 on 01 October 2009, the Israeli army has continued to impose 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 has 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.
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JERUSALEM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Closure: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Beginning at 24:00 on 01 October 2009, the Israeli army has continued to intensify 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 previously-coordinated humanitarian cases, the Israeli army prevented civilians and workers, including those holding permits, from entering the city of Jerusalem. The Israeli army also set up flying checkpoints in the old city of Jerusalem and around Al Aqsa Mosque compound and denied access to civilians to perform noon prayers at the mosque. Access was only allowed to women and civilians holding Israeli ID cards and who are above 50 years of age, ostensibly to provide protection to Israeli settlers who performed Jewish religious ritual near the Western Wall. 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 to its geographical significance as it overlooks the city of Jerusalem. Closure of Main Roads: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> The Israeli army continues to close with cement blocks and dirt barricades the entrance to the village of Jaba'. The Israeli army continues to close the iron gate along the Wall section, separating the area of Dahiyat al Bared 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.
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Attack:</u> At 17:50, Israeli troops positioned near Qalandiya checkpoint opened fire and fired rubber-coated steel bullets as well as tear gas grenades towards a number of civilians, allegedly for throwing stones. • <u>Arrests:</u> On 08 October 2009, the Israeli army arrested 14 unidentified civilians in the Silwan neighbourhood in the city of Jerusalem, allegedly for throwing stones. • <u>Attack on Religious Site/Detentions:</u> Beginning on 03 October 2009, the Israeli army has continued to surround the Al Aqsa Mosque compound in the old city of Jerusalem, set up checkpoints on roads and at entrances leading to the mosque, and denied access to worshippers, only allowing access to women and civilians holding Israeli ID cards and who are above 50 years of age. The Israeli army have also designated 3 gates to enter the mosque. These are closed following the afternoon prayers. Later, only the Remission Gate is open to Muslim worshippers. After the evening prayers, Israeli troops forced worshippers to leave the mosque and closed its gates. Additionally, Israeli troops denied access to the mosque guards and detained them at the Chain Gate. • <u>Wall Gates:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (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 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. • <u>Wall Construction:</u> 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.
<p style="text-align: center;">RAMALLAH & EL BIREH</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <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>Flying Checkpoints:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 11:20, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to the village of Rafat and searched civilians and vehicles. (ii) At 17:10, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the overpass to the town of 'Atara and searched civilians and vehicles. • <u>Raids/Attack on Religious Site:</u> At 10:45, the Israeli army raided the city of El Bireh as well as raided and searched a mosque. The Israeli army also patrolled the area until 13:00. • <u>Demonstration:</u> At 12:15, a mass demonstration took place in the city of Ramallah in protest against the Israeli authorities' measures and siege on the Al Aqsa Mosque compound in the old city of Jerusalem.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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. • 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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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. • Raid: At 16:20, the Israeli army raided the village of ‘Ein al Beida, searched 1 house, and arrested 1 civilian. • Arrest: The Israeli army arrested Salah Sayel Mohammed Fuqaha in the village of ‘Ein al Beida.
TULKAREM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure of Main Roads: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (i) The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the western entrance to the village of Shufa. (ii) 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. • Wall Gates: Passage through the wall gates is restricted to civilians granted special Israeli permits.
QALQILYA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure of Roads: The Israeli army continues to close with cement blocks agricultural roads east of the town of ‘Azzun. • Flying Checkpoints: At 12:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint in the area between the town of ‘Azzun and the village of ‘Izbat at Tabib and searched civilians and vehicles. • Raids/Destruction of Property: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 15:20, the Israeli army raided the village of Khirbet Sir and demolished foundations of a barracks under construction. The affected property belongs to ‘Adnan Amin Hindi. (ii) At 16:45, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the town of ‘Azzun. • Wall Gates: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Passage through the Wall gates is restricted to civilians granted special Israeli permits. (ii) The Israeli army continues to intensify its restrictions at ‘Azzun ‘Atma Wall gate and to search civilians, including students, with a detector. (iii) At 07:00, the Israeli army closed the Wall gate leading to civilian farmland of the town of Jayyus and prevented civilians from accessing their land to harvest olive crops. • 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.

<p style="text-align: center;">NABLUS</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Closure of Main Roads:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) 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. (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. (iii) The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades a number of detour roads leading to the Nablus-Jenin main road. • <u>Checkpoints:</u> The Israeli army continues to regulate times for crossing checkpoints set up around the city of Nablus: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (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. • <u>Flying Checkpoint:</u> At 13:40, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint in the area between the city of Nablus and the town of ‘Asira ash Shamaliya and searched civilians and vehicles. • <u>Raids:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 11:15, the Israeli army raided the village of Burqa and searched 1 house. (ii) At 13:45, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the town of ‘Asira ash Shamaliya. (iii) At 14:00, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the villages of Talluza and Beit Imrin.
<p style="text-align: center;">SALFIT</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Closure of Main Roads:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the northern entrance to the city of Salfit. (ii) 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.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Demonstration:</u> At 09:00, residents of the town of Az Zawiya held a sit-in demonstration in front of the Wall gate leading to agricultural land north of the town in protest against preventing farmers from accessing their land and harvesting olive crops. • <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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <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. • <u>Checkpoints:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (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 Checkpoints:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 08:15, 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 02:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the southern entrance to the city of Jericho and searched civilians and vehicles. • <u>Raid:</u> At 01:50, the Israeli army raided the village of Al 'Auja and patrolled the area until 03:15.
BETHLEHEM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Closure:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (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 <i>dunums</i> (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. • <u>Flying Checkpoint:</u> At 13:05, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the junction to the area of An Nashash (the southern entrance to the city of Bethlehem) and searched civilians and vehicles. • <u>Attack:</u> At 20:40, the Israeli army fired flares over the area of Um Rukba in the vicinity of the town of Al Khadr.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Raids:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 14:30, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the town of Al Khadr. (ii) At 21:00, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the town of Beit Fajjar. • <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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Closure:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (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> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) 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 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. • <u>Physical Assault:</u> At 15:10, the Israeli army severely 13-year-old 'Amer Abdul Qader 'Awawdeh in the old city of Hebron, leaving him with contusions. • <u>Raids:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 10:40, the Israeli army raided the town of Dura. While patrolling the area, confrontations took place between the Israeli army and civilians. (ii) At 16:00, the Israeli army raided the city of Hebron and searched a number of houses. At 20:00, the Israeli army raided the city again and patrolled the area. (iii) At 02:00, the Israeli army raided the town of Beit Ummar.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Arrests: At 02:45 on 08 October 2009, the Israeli army arrested 2 civilians during its raid into the town of Dura, as was reported yesterday: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Mohammed Jaber Yousef al Hroub; and (ii) Ibrahim Hussein Ali Abu Zneid. • Settler Violence: At 15:45, a group of Israeli settlers, protected by Israeli troops, gained access to the area of Wadi al Quff between the city of Hebron and the town of Tarqumiya and withdrew at 18:30. • Wall Construction: 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.
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GAZA STRIP

ALL DISTRICTS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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. • Violations of the Ceasefire: The Israeli army opened intensive fire and fired a number of tank shells as well as 2 artillery shells from its locations on the Green Line towards Palestinian territory. Israeli navy boats also opened fire and fired missile mortars towards Palestinian fishing boats at sea. In addition, Israeli F16 combat aircraft fired 3 missiles on smuggling tunnels south of the city of Rafah.
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NORTHERN GAZA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure of Crossing Point: Beit Hanun (Erez) Crossing is partially open for previously-coordinated humanitarian cases and foreign nationals.
GAZA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure of Crossing Points: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Al Muntar (Karnei) Crossing is closed. (ii) Ash Shuja’iya (Nahal ‘Oz) Crossing is closed.
CENTRAL GAZA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Activities not reported.
KHAN YUNIS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Attack: In the evening of 08 October 2009, the Israeli army fired 2 artillery shells from its location inside the Green Line towards vacant agricultural land east of the town of Al Qarara.

<p style="text-align: center;">RAFAH</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Closure of Crossing Points:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Yasser ‘Arafat International Airport remains closed. (ii) Rafah (Al ‘Awdah) Crossing is closed. (iii) Sufa Crossing is closed. (iv) Karm Abu Salim (Karem Shalom) Crossing is partially open for transportation of food supplies and humanitarian aid. • <u>Air Attack:</u> At dawn on 09 October 2009, Israeli F16 combat aircraft fired 3 missiles in 3 consecutive air raids towards smuggling tunnels on the Egyptian border south of the city of Rafah. • <u>Attacks:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) In the evening of 08 October 2009, Israeli navy boats opened intensive fire and fired 5 missile mortars towards Palestinian fishing boats at sea off the city of Rafah’s beach. (ii) At dawn on 09 October 2009, the Israeli army opened fire intensively and fired a number of tank shells from its location on the Green Line towards the area surrounding Yasser ‘Arafat International Airports as well as towards the outskirts of the town of Ash Shuka east of the city of Rafah.
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