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PALESTINIAN MONITORING GROUP

DAILY SITUATION REPORT 08:00 14 October 2009 – 08:00 15 October 2009

SUMMARY OF EVENTS

| EVENT | WEST BANK | GAZA STRIP | TOTAL | NOTES |
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| Physical Assaults | 4 | | 4 | Incl. civilians beaten in Bethlehem |
| Attacks | 4 | 3 | 7 | Incl. 3 in raids and 2 from navy boats |
| Raids | 19 | — | 19 | Incl. 4 in Nablus and 4 in Salfit |
| Air Patrol | | 1 | 1 | Reconnaissance over the Rafah district |
| Arrests (per person) | 18 | — | 18 | Incl. 1 child and 2 Pal. security officers |
| Detentions | 12 | — | 12 | At checkpoints and in residential areas |
| Closure of Checkpoints | 9 | — | 9 | Incl. 1 checkpoint closed temporarily |
| Flying Checkpoints | 13 | — | 13 | Incl. 4 in Bethlehem and 4 in Hebron |
| Wall Construction | 21 | | 21 | Incl. Jer., Raml'h., Salfit, & Qalqiliya |
| Destruction of Property | 2 | — | 2 | A vehicle and 50 bales of hay burnt |
| Confiscation of Property | 3 | — | 3 | Incl. a bulldozer & hydraulic excavator |
| Attacks on Property | 3 | — | 3 | Farmers denied access to their land |
| Closure (per District) | 7 | — | 7 | Incl. Jerusalem and 4 areas in Hebron |
| Closure of Main Roads | 43 | — | 43 | Incl. 2 in Qalqiliya and 12 in Nablus |
| Closure of Crossing Points | | 7 | 7 | All crossing points closed |
| Settler Violence | 5 | — | 5 | Incl. civilians forced to closed shops |
| Pal. Security Measures | 3 | — | 3 | Incl. 2 Israeli settlers handed over |
| Demonstrations | 2 | | 2 | In solidarity with political prisoners |
| TOTAL | 168 | 8 | 176 | |

EVENTS

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| JERUSALEM | Closure/Air Patrol: 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 AI Aqsa Mosque compound in the old city of Jerusalem and impede civilian access to the mosque. 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: |

| 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>Raid</u>: At 02:30, the Israeli army raided the town of Turmus'ayya and arrested 2 civilians. <u>Arrests</u>: The Israeli army arrested 3 civilians in the town of Turmus'ayya: Mohammed Tawfeeq al Hindi; Ahmed Ribhi Shalabi; and Raed Farid Shalabi. <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. |
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| JENIN | <u>Closure of Main Road</u>: The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the road leading to the town of 'Arraba east of the settlement of Dotan. <u>Attack on Property</u>: On 14 October 2009, the Israeli army denied access to dozens of farmers from the village of At Tayba to harvest olive crops on their land located behind the Wall. <u>Demonstration</u>: At 11:30, families of political prisoners held a sit-in demonstration in front of offices of the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) in the city of Jenin in solidarity with prisoners. Protestors also demanded that political prisoners be released from Israeli prisons. <u>Wall Gates</u>: 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</u>: (i) At 11:35, the Israeli army raided the village of Al Far'a and patrolled the area until 12:00. (ii) At 00:35, the Israeli army raided the city of Tubas and patrolled the area until 03:50. |
| 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>Physical Assault</u>: At 21:10, Israeli troops positioned at Jubara checkpoint set up on the Green Line severely beat Hussein Ali Khouli, leaving him with contusions. Consequently, Khouli was transported to hospital for medical treatment. <u>Arrest</u>: At 01:05 on 14 October 2009, the Israeli army arrested Jamal 'Eid Ali ash Shafi'i during its raid into the city of Tulkarem. |

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| | • <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>Settler Violence</u>: At 18:50, a group of Israeli settlers from the settlement of Ma'ale Shomron severely beat Ayyoub Mansour Mustafa 'Odeh while he was tending sheep east of the town of Kafr Thulth. <u>Wall Gates</u>: Passage through the Wall gates is restricted to civilians granted special Israeli permits. 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 village 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. 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. Beginning 13 October 2009, the Israeli army has continued to close with dirt barricades a detour road leading to agricultural land in the town of Jamma'in. <u>Checkpoints</u>: 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 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>Flving Checkpoint</u>: At 12:30, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to the village of Al Badhan and searched civilians and vehicles until 13:30. |

| | • <u>Raids</u> : |
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| | (i) At 10:45, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the town of 'Asira |
| | ash Shamaliya. |
| | (ii) At 15:00, the Israeli army raided the village of Kafr Qalil. While |
| | patrolling the area, confrontations took place between the Israeli |
| | army and civilians. |
| | (iii) At 00:25, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the town of Beit |
| | Furik. |
| | (iv) At 01:10, the Israeli army raided the city of Nablus, searched a |
| | number of houses, and withdrew at 05:50. |
| | Settler Violence: |
| | (i) At 09:00, an Israeli settler beat Mufeed Jamil Abu Murrah while he |
| | was harvesting olive crops on his land in the village of Qaryut. Abu |
| | Murrah managed to apprehend the settler and handed him over to the |
| | Israeli Police. |
| | (ii) At 04:30, a group of Israeli settlers set fire to a civilian vehicle |
| | belonging to 'Issam Idris Sa'adeh in the vicinity of the village of Burin. |
| | Israeli settlers also set on fire 50 bales of hay belonging to Ibrahim |
| | 'Awadh Yaseen near the village of 'Asira al Qibliya. |
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| | • <u>Closure of Main Roads</u> : |
| | (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 |
| | (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. At 14:40, the |
| | Israeli army closed the checkpoint, denied civilian access, and reopened it |
| | at a later time. |
| | • Raids/Attack: |
| | (i) At 11:00, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the village of Marda. |
| SALFIT | (ii) At 11:20, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the town of Kifl Haris. |
| SALTI | (iii) At 11:40, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the town of Biddya. |
| | (iv) At 21:45, the Israeli army raided the village of Qarawat Bani Hassan, |
| | set up a checkpoint at its entrance, and denied civilian access to or from |
| | the village. The Israeli army also opened fire and fired sound grenades |
| | as well as flares over the village. In addition, the Israeli army arrested 3 |
| | civilians and withdrew at 03:30. |
| | • Arrests: At 14:00, the Israeli army arrested 2 civilians, including a |
| | Palestinian Police officer, while they were harvesting olive crops on their |
| | land along the main road near the settlement of Ari'el: |
| | (i) Fawwar Mousa Omar Abu Shu'ayb; and |
| | (ii) Fayez Mousa Omar Abu Shu'ayb. |
| | (iii) The Israeli army arrested 3 unidentified civilians in the village of |
| | Qarawat Bani Hassan. |

| | • <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. |
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| 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. <u>Checkpoints</u>: (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. Flving Checkpoint: At 10:55, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the southern entrance to the city of Jericho and searched civilians and vehicles. <u>Arrest</u>: At 17:10, the Israeli army arrested Iyad Jamil Sa'id Sharab, a Palestinian National Security officer, in the area of Al Khan Al Ahmar on the Jericho-Jerusalem main road. |
| 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>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>Flving Checkpoints</u>: |

| | (ii) At 15:15, the Israeli army raided the city of Beit Jala, set up a checkpoint, searched civilians and vehicles, and patrolled the area. (iii) At 01:30, the Israeli army raided the city of Bethlehem and searched 1 house. <u>Attack on Property</u>: On 14 October 2009, the Israeli army denied access to farmers to harvest olive crops on their land in the area of Wadi Ahmed northwest of the city of Beit Jala. The Israeli army also beat a number of farmers and arrested 1 civilian. <u>Arrest</u>: The Israeli army arrested 'Adel Mustafa Abu Surour in the area of Wadi Ahmed northwest of the city of Beit Jala. <u>Demonstration</u>: At 11:30, families of political prisoners held a sit-in demonstration in front of the ICRC offices in the city of Bethlehem in solidarity with prisoners. Protestors also demanded that political prisoners be released from Israeli prisons. <u>Wall Construction</u>: Wall construction continues in the area of Wadi Rahhal east of Ifrat settlement; and in the area surrounding the village of Al Walaja. |
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| HEBRON | Closure: 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 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 entrances to Al 'Arrub refugee camp, the village of At Tuwani, and the town of Adh Dhahiriya. (ii) 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. |

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| _ | Flying Checkpoints: At 09:10, the Israeli army set up 3 flying checkpoints, including 2 on the overpasses to the towns of Halhul and Beit Kahil and 1 |
| i | in the area between the towns of Tarqumiya and Idhna. Israeli troops also searched civilians and vehicles. |
| | Raids/Attack: |
| (i) | At 13:00, the Israeli army raided the city of Hebron, set up a checkpoint, searched civilian vehicles, and served summons to a number of civilians to report to the Israeli Intelligence agency. At 22:00, the Israeli army raided the city again, patrolled the area, and opened indiscriminate fire. |
| (ii) | At 00:30, the Israeli army raided the town of Sa'ir and arrested 2 civilians, including a child. |
| (iii) | At 01:30, the Israeli army raided the town of Dura, searched 1 house, and arrested 1 civilian. |
| | Arrests: At 00:15 on 14 October 2009, the Israeli army arrested 3 civilians during its raid into the city of Hebron, as was reported yesterday: |
| (i) | Hamzeh Juweiles; |
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| × , | Israeli army arrested 2 civilians in the town of Sa'ir: |
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| | <u>Confiscation of Property</u> : At 24:00, the Israeli army confiscated a bulldozer and a hydraulic excavator belonging to Abdul Hameed Abdul 'Azeez ar Rujoub near the village of Fuqeiqis, claiming that they were working near the settlement of Negohot. |
| • 4 | Attack On Property: At 11:30, the Israeli army denied access to farmers to harvest olive crops on their land located near the settlement Negohot in the village of Fuqeiqis. |
| i | Settler Violence: At 12:00, a group of Israeli settlers forced a number of civilians to closed their commercial premises in the Al Qazzazin market in the old city of Hebron. |
| l I | Palestinian Security Measure: In the evening of 14 October 2009, Palestinian security forces handed over to the Israeli authorities (through the DCO) 2 Israeli settlers, after they had mistakenly gained access into the town of Dura. |
| | 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 | 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>Violation of the Ceasefire</u> : The Israeli army opened intensive fire from its locations on the Green Line towards Palestinian territory in the district of Central Gaza. Israeli navy boats also opened fire towards Palestinian fishing boats at sea off the beaches of the cities of Khan Yunis and Rafah. |
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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. |
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| GAZA | <u>Closure of Crossing Points</u>: Al Muntar (Karnei) Crossing is closed. Ash Shuja'iya (Nahal 'Oz) Crossing is partially open for transportation of fuel. |
| CENTRAL GAZA | • <u>Attack</u> : In the evening of 14 October 2009, the Israeli army opened intensive fire from its location on the Green Line towards agricultural land east of the city of Deir al Balah. |
| KHAN YUNIS | • <u>Attack</u> : In the morning of 14 October 2009, Israeli navy boats opened fire intensively towards Palestinian fishing boats at sea off the beach of the city of Khan Yunis. |
| 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. <u>Attack</u>: In the morning of 14 October 2009, Israeli navy boats opened fire intensively towards Palestinian fishing boats at sea off the beach of the city of Rafah. <u>Air Patrol</u>: On 14 October 2009, Israeli reconnaissance aircraft patrolled the skies over the district of Rafah. |