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PALESTINIAN MONITORING GROUP

DAILY SITUATION REPORT 08:00 15 October 2009 – 08:00 16 October 2009

SUMMARY OF EVENTS

EVENT	WEST BANK	GAZA STRIP	TOTAL	NOTES
Physical Assault	1		1	A civilian severely beaten in Tulkarem
Attacks		2	2	By navy boats on civilian fishing boats
Raids	13	—	13	Incl. 2 in Ramallah and 3 in Tulkarem
Air Patrols		3	3	By F16 combat aircraft, Gaza districts
Arrests (per person)	4		4	Incl. 1 in Ramallah and 1 in Qalqiliya
Detentions	17		17	Incl. 3 Palestinian security officers
Closure of Checkpoints	12	_	12	Incl. access impeded at 9 checkpoints
Flying Checkpoints	32	_	32	Incl. 5 in Tulkarem and 5 in Nablus
Wall Construction	21		21	Incl. Jer., Raml'h., Salfit, & Qalqiliya
Destruction of Property	1		1	A house furniture damaged in Jericho
Attack on Property	1		1	Farmers' access to their land denied
Closure (per District)	7		7	Incl. Jerusalem and 4 areas in Hebron
Closure of Main Roads	42	—	42	Incl. 2 in Qalqiliya and 11 in Nablus
Closure of Crossing Points		4	4	3 crossing points open partially
Settler Violence	1		1	Attempt to seize a house in Nablus
TOTAL	152	9	161	

DISTRICT

EVENTS

WEST BANK

 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 Al Açsa 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 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: 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 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. Wall Gates: The Israeli army continues to close the Wall gate in the town of Abu Dis with cement blocks. The Israeli army continues to close the Wall gate in the town of Abu Dis with cement blocks.
• <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.

	 Flying Checkpoint: At 11:30, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the overpass to the town of 'Atara, searched civilians and vehicles, and impeded civilian access. <u>Raids:</u> (i) At 02:15, the Israeli army raided the city of El Bireh and searched a number of houses. (ii) At dawn on 16 October 2009, the Israeli army raided the village of Budrus, searched a number of houses, and arrested 1 civilian. <u>Arrest:</u> The Israeli army arrested Ahmed Murrar in the village of Budrus. <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	 <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>Flving Checkpoints</u>: (i) At 12:20, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the junction to the town of 'Arraba and searched civilians and vehicles. (ii) At 12:25, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the junction to the village of Al Jarba and searched civilians and vehicles. (iii) At 00:05, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to the village of Kafr Dan and searched civilians and vehicles until 02:00. <u>Raid</u>: At 06:15 on 15 October 2009, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the village of Raba. <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>Raid</u>: At 16:40, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the village of Ath Thaghra.
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 Checkpoints/Detentions/Physical Assault</u>: At 11:30, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the junction to the town of Bal'a and searched civilians and vehicles. (ii) At 11:30, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the junction to the village of Ramin, searched civilian vehicles, and detained a number of civilians. Israeli troops also severely beat Basel Ma'rouf Dhafer, leaving him with contusions.

	 (iii) At 11:40, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the junction to the village of Al Jarushiya and searched civilians and vehicles. (iv) At 12:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the Al Kafriyat road connecting the districts of Tulkarem and Qalqiliya and searched civilians and vehicles. (v) At 12:45, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to the village of 'Izbat Abu Khamish and searched civilians and vehicles. • <u>Raids:</u> (i) At 09:40, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the city of Tulkarem. (ii) At 10:30, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the town of 'Anabta. (iii) At 11:45, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the town of 'Attil. • <u>Wall Gates</u>: 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. Flying Checkpoints: (i) At 08:20, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the eastern entrance to the city of Qalqiliya. At 15:50, the Israeli army set up another flying checkpoint and searched civilians and vehicles until 16:15. (ii) At 12:15, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint near the junction to the village of Al Jarba on the Qalqiliya-Nablus main road and searched civilians and vehicles. (iii) At 22:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint near the settlement of Alfei Menashe on the Qalqiliya-Nablus main, searched civilians and vehicles, and arrested 1 civilian. Arrest: Israeli troops positioned at the flying checkpoint set up near the settlement of Alfei Menashe arrested Ahmed Ma'zouz Hussein Abu 'Assab. Wall Gates: (ii) 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	 <u>Closure of Main Roads</u>: (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. 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. (iii) At 17:45, the Israeli army intensified its restrictions at all checkpoints set up around the city of Nablus and impeded civilian access. Flying Checkpoints:
	 (i) At 07:15 on 15 October 2009, the Israeli army set up 2 flying checkpoints near the junctions to the settlement of Shavei Shomron and the village of Deir Sharaf, searched civilians and vehicles, and impeded civilian access. (ii) At 15:15, 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 until 16:05. (iii) At 19:30, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to the village of Sarra and searched civilians and vehicles. (iv) At 20:30, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to the town of Qusin and searched civilians and vehicles. • <u>Attack on Property</u>: On 15 October 2009, the Israeli army prevented farmers from and harvesting olive crops on their land in the village of 'Azmut. Farmers' land is located near the settlement of Alon Moreh. • <u>Settler Violence</u>: At 10:50, a group of Israeli settlers attempted to seize control of an uninhabited house near the village of Deir Sharaf. Following coordination with the Israeli authorities (through the DCO), the Israeli army evacuated settlers from the area.
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. At 14:40, the Israeli army closed the checkpoint, denied civilian access, and reopened it at a later time. <u>Flving Checkpoints</u>: (i) At 20:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to the town of Bruqin and searched civilians and vehicles until 20:40. (ii) At 22:10, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the road connecting the town of Kifl Haris and the village of Haris and searched civilians and vehicles. <u>Raids</u>:
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 yunction 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>Flving Checkpoints</u>: At 09:30, and again at 12:50, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the southern entrance to the city of Jericho and searched civilians and vehicles. <u>Raid/Destruction of Property</u>: At 02:00 on 15 October 2009, the Israeli army raided the village of Az Zubeidat, searched 1 house, and damaged furniture. The Israeli army also arrested 1 civilian.
BETHLEHEM	 <u>Closure</u>: (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. Closure of Main Roads: 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. Checkpoint: At 10:15, the Israeli army intensified its restrictions at As Sawahira ash Sharqiya (the 'Container') checkpoint and impeded civilian access. Flying Checkpoints: (i) At 12:20, the Israeli army set up 3 flying checkpoints, including 2 at the entrances to the town of Za'tara and the village of Harmala and 1 on the junction to the area of An Nashash (the southern entrance to the civilians and vehicles. (ii) At 21:40, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the northwestern entrance to the city of Beit Jala and searched civilians and vehicles.
	 Nencles. <u>Raids</u>: At 12:15, the Israeli army raided the village of Dar Salah, set up a checkpoint, and searched civilians and vehicles. At 13:10, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the town of Tuqu'. <u>Arrest</u>: At 18:00, Israeli troops positioned at As Sawahira ash Sharqiya (the 'Container') checkpoint arrested an unidentified civilian, allegedly because he had attempted to stab an Israeli soldier. <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>: 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>C</u>	losure 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 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.
• F	ying Checkpoints/Detentions:
(i)	At 10:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to
	the town of Beit Ummar and searched civilians and vehicles.
(ii)	At 10:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint near the settlement
	of Yaqin south of the town of Bani Na'im and searched civilians and
	vehicles. Israeli troops also detained 3 Palestinian General Intelligence
	and Preventive Security officers and released them after coordination
	with the Israeli authorities (through the DCO).
• R	aid: At 21:20, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the town of Sa'ir.
	<u>All Construction</u> : Wall construction continues in the section of Tarqumiya
	neckpoint terminal; in the area surrounding the settlement of Eshkolot
	ear 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>: Israeli navy boats opened intensive fire towards Palestinian fishing boats at sea off the districts of Northern and Central Gaza.
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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 evening of 15 October 2009, Israeli navy boats opened fire intensively towards Palestinian fishing boats at sea off the As Sudaniya beach west of the town of Beit Lahiya.
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	• <u>Air Patrol</u> : At 19:40, Israeli F16 combat aircraft patrolled the skies and carried out diversionary air raids over the district of Northern Gaza.
GAZA	 <u>Closure of Crossing Points</u>: Al Muntar (Karnei) Crossing is closed. Ash Shuja'iya (Nahal 'Oz) Crossing is closed. <u>Air Patrol</u>: At 19:40, Israeli F16 combat aircraft patrolled the skies, carried out diversionary air raids, and broke the sound barrier over the district of Gaza.
CENTRAL GAZA	 <u>Attack</u>: In the evening of 15 October 2009, Israeli navy boats opened fire intensively towards Palestinian fishing boats at sea off the Az Zawayida beach north of the city of Deir al Balah. <u>Air Patrol</u>: At 19:40, Israeli F16 combat aircraft patrolled the skies and carried out diversionary air raids over the district of Central Gaza.
KHAN YUNIS	Activities not reported.
RAFAH	 <u>Closure of Crossing Points</u>: Yasser 'Arafat International Airport remains closed. Rafah (Al 'Awdah) Crossing was exceptionally open as follows: On 14 October 2009, Rafah Crossing was open to allow access to 110 ill civilians, after they had received medical treatment at Egyptian hospitals. On 15 October 2009, Rafah Crossing was open to allow access to a number of civilians, who Egyptian residence permits had expired. Sufa Crossing is closed. Karm Abu Salim (Karem Shalom) Crossing is partially open for transportation of food supplies and humanitarian aid. In addition, 5 trucks transporting medicine and medical supplies were allowed access into the Gaza Strip.