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PALESTINIAN MONITORING GROUP

DAILY SITUATION REPORT

08:00 22 October 2009 – 08:00 23 October 2009

SUMMARY OF EVENTS

EVENT	WEST BANK	GAZA STRIP	TOTAL	NOTES
Death	1	—	1	A civilian in the district of Nablus
Physical Assault	1	—	1	A civilian severely beaten in Jenin
Injury	1	—	1	A civilian in the district of Qalqiliya
Attacks	3	4	7	Incl. 4 in raids and 1 from a mil. post
Raids	21	2	23	Incl. 3 in Tulkarem and 6 in Hebron
Air Patrols	—	2	2	By reconnaissance aircraft
Arrests (per person)	15	—	15	Incl. 3 in Jenin and 8 in Nablus
Detentions	15	—	14	Incl. a female civilian and her 2 children
Closure of Checkpoints	9	—	9	Incl. access impeded at 6 checkpoints
Flying Checkpoints	17	—	17	Incl. 3 in Jericho and 5 in Hebron
Land Levelling	—	1	1	Agricultural land in Khan Yunis
Wall Construction	21	—	21	Incl. Jer., Raml'h., Salfit, & Qalqiliya
Destruction of Property	5	1	6	5 civilian vehicles and crops
Attack on Property	1	—	1	Farmers denied access to their land
Curfew	1	—	1	Over the town of Jayyus in Qalqiliya
Closure (per District)	7	—	7	Incl. Jerusalem and 4 areas in Hebron
Closure of Main Roads	41	—	41	Incl. 2 in Qalqiliya and 14 in Hebron
Closure of Crossing Points	—	4	4	3 crossing points partially open
Settler Violence	1	—	1	Olive crops stolen in Nablus
Provocation of Pal. Forces	2	—	2	Incl. a Police officer detained
Palestinian Attack	—	1	1	An explosive device detonated
Pal. Security Measures	3	—	3	3 Israeli settlers handed over, Hebron
TOTAL	165	15	180	

DISTRICT	EVENTS
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WEST BANK

JERUSALEM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) 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 Aqsa Mosque compound in the old city of Jerusalem and impede civilian access to the mosque. (ii) 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). (iii) 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: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) The Israeli army continues to close with cement blocks and dirt barricades the entrance to the village of Jaba'. (ii) 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. • Raid: At 18:00 on 21 October 2009, the Israeli army raided Qalandiya refugee camp and arrested a child. • Arrest: The Israeli army arrested Jasser Mohammed 'Abed Rabbu Hajjoui, 15 years old, in Qalandiya refugee camp. • Wall Gates: <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. • 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.
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<p style="text-align: center;">RAMALLAH & EL BIREH</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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 20:30, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the overpass to the town of 'Atara and denied civilian access in both directions until 21:40. • Flying Checkpoint: At 10:20, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the town of Bir Zeit. • 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.
<p style="text-align: center;">JENIN</p>	<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. • Raids/Attack/Physical Assault: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 23:20, the Israeli army raided the town of Qabatiya and arrested 3 civilians, including 2 brothers. (ii) At 23:40, the Israeli army raided the city of Jenin and opened indiscriminate fire while searching a house. The Israeli army also severely beat Abdul Fattah Abdullah Abu 'Ubeid, leaving him with contusions. Consequently, Abu 'Ubeid was transported to hospital for medical treatment. • Arrests: The Israeli army arrested 3 civilians in the town of Qabatiya: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Ahmed Hasan Khalil Abu ar Rub; (ii) Jihad Yousef Khalil Abu ar Rub; and (iii) Abdul Rahman Yousef Khalil Abu ar Rub. • 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.
<p style="text-align: center;">TUBAS</p>	<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.
<p style="text-align: center;">TULKAREM</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure of Main Roads: <ul 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. • Raids: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 10:15, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the city of Tulkarem. At 01:00, the Israeli army raided the city again and served summons to 3 civilians to report to the Israeli Intelligence agency.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> (ii) At 24:00, the Israeli army raided the village of Ramin, searched a number of houses, and served summons to 4 civilians, including 1 child, to report to the Israeli Intelligence agency. A summons was also served to Muhannad Abdul Kareem Thafer, a Palestinian Preventive Security officer. • Wall Gates: Passage through the wall gates is restricted to civilians granted special Israeli permits.
<p style="text-align: center;">QALQILYA</p>	<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. • Raid/Curfew/Injury/Destruction of Property: At 15:50, the Israeli army raided the town of Jayyus. Confrontations took place between the Israeli army and civilians. The Israeli army also imposed curfew on the town, ostensibly because civilians had thrown stones at Israeli troops guarding the Wall section near the town. In addition, an Israeli army jeep ran into and damaged a taxi belonging to Yousef Ahmed Za’rou, leaving him with injuries and contusions. • Arrest: At 09:30, Israeli troops positioned at the Wall gate leading to the village of ‘Azzun ‘Atma arrested Bassam ‘Abed Dawoud ash Sheikh. • 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.
<p style="text-align: center;">NABLUS</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure of Main Roads: <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. • Checkpoints: 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.

	<p>(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.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Flying Checkpoints:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 12:20, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the junction to the village of Ijnisinya and searched civilians and vehicles. (ii) At 18:40, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the junction to the village of Qusra and searched civilians and vehicles. (iii) At 20:50, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the junction to the village of Qusin and searched civilians and vehicles. • <u>Death</u> At 17:00, Mohammed Abdul Raheem Qawariq, a resident of the village of ‘Awarta, died after his vehicles turned over while the Israeli army was pursuing him in the area between the towns of ‘Aqraba and Beita. • <u>Raids:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) On 21 October 2009, the Israeli army raided the village of Qusra and arrested 6 civilians, including 4 children. (ii) At 01:45, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the city of Nablus and Balata refugee camp. • <u>Arrests:</u> At 18:00, the Israeli army arrested 2 civilians near the junction to the village of Burin: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Sultan Abu Zeitoun; and (ii) Raed Abu Zeitoun. <p>The Israeli army arrested 6 civilians in the village of Qusra:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (iii) Fikri Abdul Hameed ‘Odeh, 16 years old; (iv) Abdul Hameed Mustafa Abdul Hameed ‘Odeh, 16 years old; (v) Abdul Fattah Mahmoud Abdul Fattah Hasan, 16 years old; (vi) Dhirgham Wafeeq Abu Reidah, 17 years old; (vii) Yousef Najeh Kan’an; and (viii) Mohammed Ibrahim Fayez Hasan. • <u>Settler Violence:</u> At 15:00, a group of Israeli settlers from the settlement of Alon Moreh stole olive crops on civilian land belonging to the village of ‘Azmut.
SALFIT	<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. At 14:40, the Israeli army closed the checkpoint, denied civilian access, and reopened it at a later time.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Flying Checkpoints:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 14:45, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to the town of Bruqin and searched civilians and vehicles. (ii) At 16:20, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the eastern entrance to the city of Salfit and searched civilians and vehicles. • <u>Raid/Attack/Destruction of Property:</u> At 18:45, the Israeli army raided the village of Iskaka. While patrolling the area, the Israeli army fired sound grenades, breaking the windshields of 3 civilian vehicles. At 19:15, the Israeli army withdrew from the area. • <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 09:15, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the southern entrance to the city of Jericho, searched civilians and vehicles, and arrested 1 civilian. (ii) At 10:10, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the junction to the Dead Sea and searched civilians and vehicles. (iii) At 10:45, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on Al Mu'arrajat road connecting the districts of Jericho and Ramallah and searched civilians and vehicles. • <u>Arrest:</u> Israeli troops positioned at the checkpoint set up at the southern entrance to the city of Jericho arrested Saed Fakhr Abdul Hafeth 'Awadhat.
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.

	<p>(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.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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 18:45, the Israeli army intensified its restrictions at As Sawahira ash Sharqiya (the ‘Container’) checkpoint and impeded civilian access. • Flying Checkpoint: At 21:05, 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. • Raids: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 09:55, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the town of Al ‘Ubeidiya. (ii) At 20:00, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the city of Bethlehem. (iii) At 01:50, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the area of ‘Ush Ghurab east of the city of Beit Sahur until 02:10. • Detentions: At 12:50, Israeli troops positioned at As Sawahira ash Sharqiya (the ‘Container’) checkpoint detained Zeinab Shalash as well as her 2 children, allegedly because they hold Gaza-issued ID cards. Israeli troops released them after coordination with the Israeli authorities (through the DCO), • 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.
<p style="text-align: center;">HEBRON</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure: <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.

- **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 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) At 12:40, the Israeli army removed the dirt barricade set up at the entrance to the area of Al Hawawir north of the town of Halhul.
- **Flying Checkpoints:**
 - (i) At 09:30, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the northern entrance to the town of Idhna and searched civilians and vehicles.
 - (ii) At 16:50, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the road connecting the city of Hebron to the town of Dura and searched civilians and vehicles.
 - (iii) At 21:50, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint in the area between the towns of Tarqumiya and Idhna and searched vehicles.
- **Raids/Detention:**
 - (i) At 12:45, the Israeli army raided the city of Hebron, set up a checkpoint, and searched civilians and vehicles. The Israeli army also detained a Palestinian Police officer, who was riding a motorcycle, and released him after coordination with the Israeli authorities (through the DCO). At 16:50, the Israeli army raided the city again, set up another checkpoint, searched civilians and vehicles, and patrolled the area. At 19:00, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the city for the third time.
 - (ii) At 01:10, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the town of Yatta and Al Fawwar refugee camp.
 - (iii) At 04:10, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the town of Adh Dhahiriya.
- **Arrest:** At 12:30, Israeli troops positioned near the Ibrahimi Mosque in the old city of Hebron arrested 16-year-old Mohammed Rashid, claiming that he had been in possession of a knife.
- **Attack on Property:** On 22 October 2009, the Israeli army prevented a number of farmers, accompanied by international peace activists, from accessing their land and harvesting olive crops in the area of Wadi Abu ar Rish in the village of Safa near the settlement of Bat 'Ayin.
- **Palestinian Security Measure:** At 12:10, Palestinian security forces handed over to the Israeli authorities (through the DCO) 3 Israeli settlers, who had mistakenly gained access into the town of Halhul.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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

<p style="text-align: center;">ALL DISTRICTS</p>	<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: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) The Israeli army raided Palestinian territory and opened intensive fire in the districts of Northern Gaza and Khan Yunis. Israeli navy boats also opened fire towards Palestinian fishing boats at sea off the city of Rafah’s beach. (ii) Armed Palestinian individuals detonated an explosive device near an Israeli army patrol near the Green Line.
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<p style="text-align: center;">NORTHERN GAZA</p>	<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. • Raid/Air Patrol/Attack: At 10:00, the Israeli army, including several armoured vehicles covered by reconnaissance aircraft, raided Palestinian territory north of the town of Beit Lahiya and opened fire intensively towards agricultural land.
<p style="text-align: center;">GAZA</p>	<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. • Palestinian Attack/Israeli Attack: In the evening of 22 October 2009, armed Palestinian individuals detonated an explosive device near an Israeli army patrol near the Green Line east of the area of Juhor ad Dik. Consequently, the Israeli army opened intensive fire towards Palestinian territory.
<p style="text-align: center;">CENTRAL GAZA</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Activities not reported.

<p>KHAN YUNIS</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Raid/Air Patrol/Attack/Land Levelling:</u> In the morning of 22 October 2009, the Israeli army, including several armoured vehicles and 2 bulldozers covered by reconnaissance aircraft, raided 250 metres into Palestinian territory east of the town of Khuza'a. The Israeli army also opened fire intensively while levelling agricultural land.
<p>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 open on an exceptional basis to allow access to 275 civilians, who arrived from Egypt. (iii) Sufa Crossing is closed. (iv) Karm Abu Salim (Karem Shalom) Crossing is partially open for transportation of food supplies and humanitarian aid. • <u>Attack:</u> At dawn on 23 October 2009, Israeli navy boats opened intensive fire towards Palestinian fishing boats at sea off the beach of the city of Rafah.