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# مجموعة الرقابة الفلسطينية



## PALESTINIAN MONITORING GROUP

## **DAILY SITUATION REPORT**

08:00 31 October 2003 – 08:00 1 November 2003

#### **SUMMARY OF EVENTS**

EVENT	WEST BANK	GAZA STRIP	TOTAL	NOTES
Injuries	2	_	2	
Physical Assault	1		1	
Attacks	12	7	19	
Raids	17		17	
Arrests (per person)	9		9	3 Policemen, 1 Journalist
Detentions	3		3	
Destruction of Property	1		1	House Demolition
Curfews	1	_	1	
Checkpoints	All	_	All	
Flying Checkpoints	2		2	
Closures (per District)	10	_	10	10 Cities, incl. Jerusalem
Closure of Main Roads	All	(3)	All	
Closure of Gates	All		All	
Closure of Crossing Points		4	4	
TOTAL	58	11	69	

DISTRICT EVENT	
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## **WEST BANK**

JERUSALEM	<ul> <li>Construction of Separation Wall: Israeli authorities continue construction of the separation wall in:         <ol> <li>The area located between Al Sheikh Sa'd and the mountain of Suwwana Salah in Al Sawahira area;</li> <li>Khalit al Abed in Abu Dis; and</li> <li>The monastery area in Al Eizariya.</li> </ol> </li> <li>Closure: The Israeli army announced that as of Friday morning Jerusalem is a closed military zone and prevented Muslims from reaching Al Aqsa Mosque to perform Friday prayers. The Israeli army set up checkpoints on all main streets and sub roads in the city, and helicopters patrolled the skies overhead.</li> <li>House Demolition: The Israeli army raided the town of Hizma, surrounded a house and demolished it. The Israeli army claimed that it had set off a bomb found in the house and this is what caused the destruction of the house.</li> </ul>
RAMALLAH & EL BIREH	<ul> <li>Closure: Ramallah and El Bireh remain closed areas.</li> <li>Raids: <ol> <li>At 20:00, the Israeli army raided the city of El Bireh, where they searched several houses and withdrew at 22:00.</li> <li>At 23:00, the Israeli army, including 3 jeeps, raided the village of Arura, where they fired sound bombs at civilian houses.</li> <li>At 03:30, the Israeli army, including 2 jeeps, raided the towns of Deir Ghassana and Beit Rima, and the village of Kafr 'Ein, and withdrew at 05:15.</li> </ol> </li> </ul>
JENIN	<ul> <li>Closure: Jenin remains a closed military area.</li> <li>Separation Wall Closure: The Israeli army is only allowing Palestinian civilians granted Israeli permits to pass through the gates.</li> <li>Detentions: <ol> <li>The Israeli soldiers at Al Hamra prevented all teachers from traveling through the checkpoint and detained them for a period of time.</li> <li>The Israeli soldiers at Al Jabriyat checkpoint detained a group of civilians.</li> <li>The Israeli soldiers near the Hadad club in the city detained around 25 civilians for hours, until the Ramadan breaking fast hour.</li> </ol> </li></ul>

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NABLUS	<ul> <li>Closure: Nablus remains a closed military area.</li> <li>Raids: At 02:00, the Israeli army raided the city of Nablus, and raided a house and arrested 2 brothers and college students.</li> <li>Arrests: <ol> <li>At 15:00, the Israeli army arrested Samir Sharab, 24 years old, at a flying checkpoint near Awarta.</li> <li>At 02:00, the Israeli army arrested the brothers: Khalil and Mu'tasim Khalil.</li> <li>Injuries: At 16:30, near Zawata, east Nablus, the Israeli army shot in the leg Wasif Wasfi Al Khatib, a 19 year old resident of Ya'bad.</li> </ol> </li></ul>
HEBRON	<ul> <li><u>Closure</u>: H1 and H2 areas remain closed military areas.</li> <li><u>Curfew</u>: The Israeli army imposed curfew over the area of H2 in Hebron.</li> </ul>
QALQILYA	<ul> <li>Closure: The city of Qalqilya remains a closed military area.</li> <li>Separation Wall Closure: Only civilians granted special Israeli permits are allowed past the gates. Many farmers were not granted permits and are not allowed to leave their places of residence.</li> <li>Raid: At 03:00, the Israeli army raided the city of Qalqilya, where they raided the police operations office and arrested the entire staff, consisting of an officer and 2 policemen, in addition the 2 policemen had been arrested and released the previous day.</li> <li>Arrests: The Israeli army arrested 5 individuals from the city of Qalqilya: <ol> <li>Officer Sa'eb Al Sa'di, head of the operations office;</li> <li>Nizar Mustafa Bakir;</li> <li>Jabir Sabir Bi'ena;</li> <li>Fadi Abdil Qader Shatyuri, 24 years old, from the Palestinian Police (who had already been arrested and released the previous day); and</li> <li>Salim Muhammad Kharwisha, 23 years old, from the Palestinian Police, (who had already been arrested and released the previous day).</li> </ol> </li></ul>

SALFIT	<ul> <li><u>Closure</u>: The city of Salfit is a closed military area.</li> <li><u>Raids</u>: <ol> <li>At 22:15, the Israeli army, including 2 jeeps, raided the villages of Khirbet Qeis and Ammuriya, and fired sound bombs towards Mazra'a al Nubani.</li> <li>At 23:35, the Israeli army, reinforced by a tank and a jeep, raided the village of Qarawat Bani Zeid, where they fired sound bombs.</li> </ol> </li> </ul>
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### **GAZA STRIP**

NORTHERN GAZA	Closure: Beit Hanoun (Erez) crossing is closed.
GAZA CITY	<ul> <li>Closures: <ol> <li>Al Shuhada' junction (Nitsareem) remains closed.</li> <li>Al Mintar crossing (Karni) is closed.</li> </ol> </li> <li>Attack: At 21:40, the Israeli army fired a shell from a tank positioned near the memorial statue toward Wadi Gaza, and opened fire in the same direction.</li> </ul>
CENTRAL GAZA	Activity not yet reported.
KHAN YUNIS	<ul> <li>Closures: Abu Ajin road and the western road remain closed.</li> <li>Attacks: In simultaneous actions: <ol> <li>At 00:35, the Israeli army opened fire from their location at Kissufim towards the south.</li> <li>At 00:35, the Israeli army opened fire from the settlement of Kfar Daroom towards the north east.</li> <li>At 00:35, the Israeli army opened fire from the settlement of Kded towards Al Nimsawi neighborhood.</li> </ol> </li> </ul>
RAFAH	<ul> <li>Closures:</li> <li>(i) Sufa crossing was opened between 07:00 and 13:00 for specific kinds of cargo.</li> <li>(ii) The Gaza International Airport remains closed.</li> <li>Attacks: In simultaneous actions:</li> <li>(i) At 21:40, the Israeli army opened fire from the settlement of Morag towards</li> </ul>

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