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PALESTINIAN MONITORING GROUP

DAILY SITUATION REPORT

08:00 07 October 2009 – 08:00 08 October 2009

SUMMARY OF EVENTS

EVENT	WEST BANK	GAZA STRIP	TOTAL	NOTES
Attacks	1	4	5	Incl. 3 in raids and 1 from a checkpoint
Raids	21	2	23	Incl. 4 in Jenin and 5 in Nablus
Air Patrols	—	3	3	1 by helicopters & 2 by reconnaissance
Arrests (per person)	8	—	8	Incl. 1 child and 1 security officer
Detentions	17	—	17	Incl. 2 Palestinian security officers
Closure of Checkpoints	9	—	9	Incl. access impeded at 6 checkpoints
Flying Checkpoints	16	—	16	Incl. 4 in Jerusalem and 2 in Tulkarem
Land Levelling	—	2	2	Agricultural land, N. Gaza & K. Yunis
Wall Construction	21	—	21	Incl. Jer., Raml'h., Salfit, & Qalqiliya
Destruction of Property	2	2	4	Incl. house furniture destroyed, Nablus
Attacks on Property	5	—	5	Farmers denied access to olive groves
House Occupations	3	—	3	Converted into military posts in Nablus
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	—	3	3	4 crossing points partially open
Attack on Religious Site	1	—	1	A siege imposed on Al Aqsa Mosque
School Disruption	2	—	2	Classes disrupted in Jerusalem old city
Settler Violence	2	—	2	Incl. olive trees cut down and uprooted
Palestinian Attack	—	1	1	1 mortar fired towards the Green Line
Demonstration	1	—	1	In solidarity with prisoners in Nablus
TOTAL	161	17	178	

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"> <u>Closure/School Disruption:</u> <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 diplomatic missions, international organisations, and 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, forcing other civilians to perform noon prayers on streets and near checkpoints. For the 4th consecutive day, classes have also been disrupted at the <i>Shari'a</i> School and Al Aqsa School, 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. <u>Closure of Main Roads:</u> <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 Bareed from the town of Ar Ram.
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Checkpoint:</u> 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. • <u>Attack:</u> At 16:30, Israeli troops positioned near Qalandiya checkpoint opened indiscriminate fire towards a number of civilians, allegedly for throwing stones. • <u>Attack on Religious Site:</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. Israeli troops positioned at the Lion’s Gate also attempted to prevent Sheikh Abdul ‘Atheem Salhab, Chairman of the Islamic <i>Waqf</i> Council, from accessing his office on the grounds of the Al Aqsa Mosque compound. • <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>Raids:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 09:50, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the city of El Bireh. (ii) At 12:00, the Israeli army raided the village of Al Mughayyir and arrested 4 civilians (a father and his 3 sons). • <u>Arrests:</u> The Israeli army arrested 4 civilians in the village of Al Mughayyir: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Jaber Hasan Abu ‘Ilayya; (ii) Mus’ab Jaber Abu ‘Ilayya; (iii) Tal’at Jaber Abu ‘Ilayya; and (iv) Mohammed Jaber abu ‘Ilayya.

	<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. • Flying Checkpoints: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 22:20, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to the village of ‘Anza and searched civilians and vehicles. (ii) At 23:30, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the junction to the village of Misliya and searched civilians and vehicles. • Raids: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 00:30, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the town of Meithalun. (ii) At 02:00, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the city of Jenin. (iii) At 02:10, the Israeli army raided the town of Jaba’, searched a number of houses, arrested 2 civilians, and withdrew at 04:00. (iv) At 03:00, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the town of Qabatiya. • Arrests: The Israeli army arrested 2 civilians in the town of Jaba’: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Jaber Mahmoud Fashafsheh; and (ii) Yihya Kamal Fakhouri. • 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.
TULKAREM	<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. • Flying Checkpoints: At 22:20, the Israeli army set up 2 flying checkpoints at the entrances to the town of Beit Lid and the village of Ramin and searched civilians and vehicles. • 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: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 21:55, 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. (ii) At 04:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the eastern entrance to the city of Qalqiliya and searched civilians and vehicles.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Raids:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 11:00, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the village of Baqa al Hatab. (ii) At 15:40, the Israeli army raided the town of ‘Azzun and served summons to 6 civilians to report to the Israeli Intelligence agency. (iii) At 21:50, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the city of Qalqiliya. • <u>Settler Violence:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 10:25, a group of Israeli settlers from the settlement of Kedumim set up a roadblock of rocks along the Qalqiliya-Nablus main road, denying civilian access. (ii) At 16:15, a group of Israeli settlers cut down and uprooted a number of olive trees on a piece of land belonging to Anas Salem Ishteivi in the vicinity of the village of Kafr Qaddum. • <u>Wall Gates:</u> <ul 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. • <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	<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) At 08:00, the Israeli army closed 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.

	<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 Checkpoint:</u> At 22:20, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint near the village of Deir Sharaf and searched civilians and vehicles. • <u>Raids/Destruction of Property/House Occupations:</u> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At dawn on 07 October 2009, the Israeli army raided the town of Huwwara, thoroughly searched 1 house, and damaged furniture. (ii) At 09:10, the Israeli army raided the village of Sabastiya, occupied roofs of civilian houses, and converted them into military posts to provide protection to a group of Israeli settlers, who visited the archaeological site in the village for celebration of the Sukkot holiday. (iii) At 23:00, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the village of 'Azmut. (iv) At 00:05, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the town of 'Aqraba. (v) At 00:35, the Israeli army raided the city of Nablus and provided protection to a group of Israeli settlers, who visited Prophet Joseph's Shrine. • <u>Attacks on Property:</u> On 07 October 2009, the Israeli army prevented farmers from accessing their land to harvest olive crops in the villages of Sabastiya, An Naqura, Burqa, and Bizzariya, ostensibly to provide protection to Israeli settlers who celebrated the Sukkot holiday. • <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 in the city of Nablus in solidarity with prisoners. Protestors demanded that political prisoners, especially ill ones, be released from Israeli prisons.
SALFIT	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Closure of Main Roads:</u> <ol 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. • <u>Flying Checkpoint:</u> At 15:30, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint in the area between the towns of Bruqin and Kafr ad Dik and searched civilians and vehicles. • <u>Raids:</u> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 10:10, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the town of Deir Ballut. (ii) At 11:50, the Israeli army raided the village of Rafat and searched 1 house.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Detention:</u> At 20:10, Israeli troops positioned at the Za'tara junction checkpoint detained Raed Mohammed Hussein Rawwash, a Palestinian Police officer, and released him after coordination with the Israeli authorities (through the DCO). • <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.
<p style="text-align: center;">JERICHO</p>	<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> At 17:05, and again at 02:15, 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 06:20, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the village of Al 'Auja. • <u>Arrest:</u> At 09:00, Israeli troops positioned at Al Hamra checkpoint arrested Mustafa 'Izzat Ashqar 'Izz ad Din, a Palestinian National Security officer.
<p style="text-align: center;">BETHLEHEM</p>	<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>Checkpoint:</u> At 10:45, the Israeli army intensified its restrictions at As Sawahira ash Sharqiya (the 'Container') checkpoint and impeded civilian access.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Detentions:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 13:00, Israeli troops positioned at As Sawahira ash Sharqiya (the 'Container') checkpoint detained Mohammed Ahmed al 'Odeh, a Palestinian National Security officer, and released him after coordination with the Israeli authorities (through the DCO). (ii) At 13:05, Israeli troops positioned at As Sawahira ash Sharqiya (the 'Container') checkpoint detained Yousef Nayef al Khatib and served him a summons to report to the Israeli Intelligence agency. • <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.
<p style="text-align: center;">HEBRON</p>	<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>Flying Checkpoints:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 08:30, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to the area of An Nabi Yunis near the town of Halhul (on the Hebron-Bethlehem main road) and searched civilians and vehicles. (ii) At 11:25, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to the town of Tarqumiya and searched civilians and vehicles.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Raids: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 11:00, and again at 02:45, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the town of Dura. (ii) At 24:00, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the town of Sa'ir. (iii) At 01:40, the Israeli army raided the town of Beit Ummar, searched a plastics factory, and arrested 1 child. • Arrest: The Israeli army arrested 17-year-old Nadeem Rasem Ikhlayyel in the town of Beit Ummar. • 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: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) The Israeli army raided Palestinian territory and opened intensive fire towards civilian houses and property in the districts of Northern Gaza and Khan Yunis. The Israeli army also opened fire from its location on the Green Line towards Palestinian territory in the district of Central Gaza. (ii) Armed Palestinian individuals fired 1 unidentified mortar towards the Green Line.
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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. • Raid/Air Patrol/Attack/Land Levelling: At 12:00, the Israeli army, including 3 tanks and 2 bulldozers covered by combat helicopters and reconnaissance aircraft, raided Palestinian territory east of the town of Jabalya and opened fire intensively towards civilian houses and property. The Israeli army also levelled agricultural land. In addition, an armed confrontation took place between the Israeli army and armed Palestinian individuals. • Palestinian Attack: In the evening of 07 October 2009, 1 unidentified mortar was fired towards the Green Line.
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GAZA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Closure of Crossing Points:</u> (i) Al Muntar (Karnei) Crossing is partially open for transportation of wheat and animal feed. (ii) Ash Shuja'iya (Nahal 'Oz) Crossing is closed.
CENTRAL GAZA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Attack:</u> At 21:15, the Israeli army opened intensive fire from its location on the Green Line towards civilian houses and farmland east of Al Bureij refugee camp.
KHAN YUNIS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Raid/Air Patrol/Attack/Land Levelling:</u> In the morning of 07 October 2009, the Israeli army, including 3 tanks and 2 bulldozers covered by and reconnaissance aircraft, raided Palestinian territory east of the area of Al Farahin and opened fire intensively towards civilian houses and property. The Israeli army also levelled agricultural land.
RAFAH	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Closure of Crossing Points:</u> (i) Yasser 'Arafat International Airport remains closed. (ii) Rafah (Al 'Awdah) Crossing is open on exceptional grounds to allow access to 37 ill civilians, who had received medical treatment at Egyptian hospitals. (iii) Sufa Crossing is closed. (iv) Karm Abu Salim (Karem Shalom) Crossing is partially open for transportation of food supplies and humanitarian aid.