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PALESTINIAN MONITORING GROUP

DAILY SITUATION REPORT

08:00 09 October 2004 – 08:00 10 October 2004

SUMMARY OF EVENTS

EVENT	WEST BANK	GAZA STRIP	TOTAL	NOTES
Deaths	_	5	5	Incl. 1 corpse still detained
Physical Assaults	2	_	2	Incl. 1 female civilian beaten
Injuries	2	24	26	In 7 children and 7 female civilians
Incursion	_	1	1	Incl. cont. presence in N. Gaza
Air Attacks	_	5	5	4 from UAVs, 1 from helicopter
Attacks	6	10	16	7 during raids, 7 from mil. posts
Raids	22	3	25	Incl. cont. presence in Bethlehem
Air Patrols	_	5	5	4 UAVs and 1 helicopter
Arrests (per person)	5	_	5	
Detentions	15	1	16	Incl. at checkpoints
House Demolitions	_	9	9	4 in N. Gaza and 5 in Aribeh
Land Levelling		3	3	Incl. 30 dunums in Izbat A. Rabbu
Wall Construction	19	_	19	Jer., Jenin, Ramallah, Beth. Hebron
Destruction of Property	1	4	5	1 house, 1 vehicle, and crops
House Occupations	1	1	2	In Bethlehem and Izbat A. Rabbu
Curfews	2	_	2	Beit Ur At Tahta and Nabi Salih
Checkpoints	All	_	All	
Flying Checkpoints	(Dozens)	(Dozens)		Closing all districts
Closure (per District)	(All)	(All)	(All)	Hebron remains a closed mil. zone
Closure of Main Roads	(Most)	(6)	(Most)	Esp. connecting cities
Closure of Wall Gates	(All)	_	(All)	Permits required to cross
Closure of Crossing Points		4	4	2 partially open
School Disruptions	5	1	6	Incl. 30 teachers delayed
Settlement Activity	1	_	1	Expansion continues in Rotem
Settler Violence	1	_	1	Civilians expelled from their land
Provocation of Pal. Forces	2	_	2	Incl. position near Al Muqata'a
Palestinian Attacks		2	2	2 Qassam mortars and 1 mortar
TOTAL	84	78	162	

DISTRICT	EVENT		
ALL DISTRICTS	 Since 22 March 2004, the Israeli army has imposed a total closure on the West Bank and Gaza Strip, prevented civilians from crossing the Green Line and entering Jerusalem, and restricted movement between cities in the West Bank. The Israeli army has renewed the closure between the districts of the West Bank and the Green Line due to the Jewish holidays. 		

WEST BANK

JERUSALEM	 Closure: The Israeli army set up flying checkpoints throughout the district, closing all entrances to the city and roads connecting towns and villages, and preventing pedestrians and vehicles from crossing. Wall Construction: Wall construction was resumed along the main road between Qalandiya checkpoint and Ar Ram, the area of Al Aqbat, north of the village of 'Anata, in the area between the villages of Jaba' and Hizma, the area of Ash Shayyah, and in the town of As Sawahira Ash Sharqiya. Wall construction in the villages of Qatanna and Biddu remains suspended following an Israeli Supreme Court order. Detentions: Israeli troops positioned at Qalandiya checkpoint detained 9 taxis.
RAMALLAH & EL BIREH	 Closure: The Israeli army set up dozens of flying checkpoints throughout the district, closing all roads connecting towns and villages, and preventing pedestrians and vehicles from crossing. The Israeli army continues to close the entrances to the villages of Al Mughayyir and Ras Karkar with dirt barricades. The Israeli army also closed the village of Budrus, declared it a closed military zone, and prevented media agencies from entering. Wall Construction: Wall construction was resumed in Budrus, Midya, Ni'lin, Deir Qaddis, Beit Liqya, and Beituniya. Flying Checkpoints: At 21:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the village of Kharbatha Al Misbah's overpass and prevented civilian movement in both directions. The Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the road connecting the villages of 'Abud and Shuqba and closed it with dirt barricades. Raids/Curfew: Beginning at 17:10 on 07 October 2004, the Israeli army continues to

	impose curfew on the village of An Nabi Salih, thereby disrupting classes in the village's basic school. The Israeli army remains positioned in the village as of 08:00 this morning. (ii) At 08:40, the Israeli army raided the city of Ramallah, set up a checkpoint at the entrance to Al Am'ari refugee camp, and searched civilians and vehicles. (iii) At 13:20, the Israeli army raided the city of Ramallah. At 17:55, the Israeli army raided the city again and took position at the entrance of Al Muqata'a. At 21:15, the Israeli army raided the city again and patrolled the area. An Israeli army jeep intentionally collided with a civilian vehicle which was parked on the roadside, causing damage to the vehicle. (iv) At 16:25, the Israeli army raided the village of Beit Liqya. Confrontations took place between the Israeli army and civilians. (v) At 21:00, the Israeli army raided the village of Beit 'Ur At Tahta and imposed curfew.	
JENIN	 Closure: The Israeli army set up flying checkpoints throughout the district, closing all entrances to the city and roads connecting towns and villages, and preventing pedestrians and vehicles from crossing. The Israeli army continues to close all roads leading to the city with dirt barricades. Wall Gates: Passage through the Wall gates is restricted to civilians granted special Israeli permits. The closure continues to negatively impact education, economic and livelihood activities and impedes access to health facilities. The Israeli army continues to close Al Jalama crossing point, north of the district of Jenin, and prevented civilian access and goods from being transported. Wall Construction: Land levelling for Wall construction was resumed in Jalbun towards Al Mutilla, Raba, Al Mughayyir, Bardala and 'Ein al Beida, and towards the Jordan River. Raid: At 03:00, the Israeli army raided the city of Jenin and Jenin refugee camp, opened fire, fired sound grenades, searched a number of houses, and withdrew at 04:15. Detentions: The Israeli army continues to close the iron gate set up along the main road connecting the town of Tubas to villages in the Jordan Valley and prevents civilian movement in both directions. 	
TULKAREM	 <u>Closure</u>: The Israeli army set up flying checkpoints throughout the district, closing all entrances to the city and roads connecting towns and villages, and preventing pedestrians and vehicles from crossing. <u>Wall Gates</u>: Passage through the Wall gates is restricted to civilians granted special Israeli permits. The closure continues to negatively impact 	

	 education, economic and livelihood activities and impedes access to health facilities. Flying Checkpoints: The Israeli army continues to set up flying checkpoints, and placed dirt barricades, at the entrances to the city of Tulkarem and its towns, thereby preventing civilians from entering or exiting the city and forcing them to take rough detours.
QALQILYA	 <u>Closure</u>: The Israeli army set up flying checkpoints throughout the district, closing all entrances to the city and roads connecting towns and villages, and preventing pedestrians and vehicles from crossing. <u>Wall Gates</u>: Passage through the Wall gates is restricted to civilians granted special Israeli permits. The closure continues to negatively impact education, economic and livelihood activities and impedes access to health facilities.
NABLUS	 Closure: The Israeli army set up dozens of flying checkpoints throughout the district, closing all entrances to the city and roads connecting towns and villages, and preventing pedestrians and vehicles from crossing. Raids: At 15:15, the Israeli army raided Balata refugee camp and opened intensive fire towards civilians, injuring 2 civilians, including 1 child, who is in critical condition. The Israeli army also set up dirt barricades at the southern entrances to the camp and remains positioned in the area as of 08:00 this morning. At 01:40, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the city of Nablus. Arrest: At 18:20, Israeli troops positioned at Huwwara checkpoint arrested Walid Sa'id Ibrahim, a university student. Detentions: Israeli troops positioned at the settlement of Shavei Shomron checkpoint (set up along the Nablus-Jenin road) detained dozens of civilians under the sun for an extended period of time.
SALFIT	 Closure: The Israeli army set up flying checkpoints throughout the district, closing all entrances to the city and roads connecting towns and villages, and preventing pedestrians and vehicles from crossing. The checkpoint set up at the entrance to the village of Deir Ballut continues to prevent civilians from entering or exiting the village. Access is only permitted at specific times. Wall Construction: Land levelling for Wall construction west of the village of Iskaka, north of the city of Salfit (around the settlement of Ariel) and in the villages of Al Zawiya and Deir Ballut remains suspended due to changes in the Wall route following an Israeli Supreme Court order. Flying Checkpoints: At 14:45, the Israeli army set up several flying checkpoints along the Trans-Samaria Highway opposite the towns of Deir Istiya and Kifl Haris and the villages of Marda and Jamma'in. The Israeli

	 army also set up a flying checkpoint along the road connecting the city of Salfit to the village of Iskaka and searched civilians and vehicles. Raid: At 15:00, the Israeli army raided the city of Salfit and set up a checkpoint at the northern entrance to the city near a Palestinian National Security location. At 02:00, the Israeli army raided the city again, searched a number of houses, detained several civilians, and arrested 1 civilian. Arrest: The Israeli army arrested Mohammed Omar Younis in the city of Salfit. Settler Violence: A group of Israeli settlers from the settlement of Tappuah attacked civilian land in the village of Yasuf near the settlement and expelled civilians from their land as they were harvesting olive crops.
JERICHO	 Closure: The Israeli army set up dozens of checkpoints throughout the city, closing all entrances to the city and roads connecting towns and villages, and prevented civilians from crossing. The Israeli army continues to declare the city of Jericho a closed military zone and prevented all civilians from entering or exiting the city. However, the Israeli army allowed movement for civilians holding Jericho IDs, civilians arriving from, or leaving to, Jordan, humanitarian cases, and UN vehicles. Detention: The Israeli army detains civilians and confiscates their IDs as they travel along settler bypass roads. Settlement Activity: The Israeli army continues land levelling works in the area of Al Malih for the expansion of the settlement of Rotem.
BETHLEHEM	 Closure: (i) The Israeli army set up flying checkpoints throughout the district, closing all entrances to the city and roads connecting towns and villages, and preventing civilians from crossing. (ii) The Israeli army continues to close the only road leading to the village of Al Nu'man, northeast of the Bethlehem district, isolating the village and placing it, together with the adjacent village of Al Khas, under the jurisdiction of the Jerusalem municipality. The Israeli army considers the civilian presence in the villages illegal. Wall Construction: Construction of the Wall was resumed north of the district of Bethlehem, west of Wadi Hilwa, along 'Ayda refugee camp, along the tunnel road (Gilo), along road # 60 towards the village of Husan, in Bir 'Ona and the village of Al Walaja. Physical Assault: At 09:40, Israeli troops positioned at the settlement of Kfar Etzion checkpoint severely beat 1 female civilian, after which she was hospitalized. Raids/House Occupation: (i) At 14:15, an Israeli army patrol raided the town of Al 'Ubeidiya. At 02:00, the Israeli army raided the town again and patrolled the area. (ii) At 17:40, an Israeli army patrol raided the town of Al Khadr and patrolled the area.

At 21:00, an Israeli army patrol raided 'Ayda refugee camp. (iii) Confrontations took place between the Israeli army and civilians. The Israeli army withdrew from the camp at 21:45. At 02:30, the Israeli army raided the city of Bethlehem, searched 1 (iv) house after detaining its residents on the second floor, and converted it into a military post. The Israeli army continues to occupy the house as of 08:00 this morning. **School Disruption:** Due to strict measures imposed by the Israeli army, 30 teachers were delayed to their schools in the villages of the western countryside in the district of Bethlehem. Closure: The Israeli army set up flying checkpoints throughout the district, closing all entrances to the city and roads connecting towns and villages, and preventing pedestrians and vehicles from crossing. The Israeli army declared the city of Hebron a closed military zone. Wall Construction: Land levelling for wall construction was resumed west of the towns of Idhna and Beit 'Awwa in the area between the villages of Khirbet Ba'er, north of the town of Beit 'Awwa, Khirbet Um Al 'Aqaf, south of the village of As Sikka, west of the town of Surif, and near the villages of Deir Al 'Asal and Beit Ar Rush. Flying Checkpoints: The Israeli army continues to set up flying checkpoints and dirt barricades at all entrances to the city and towns of Hebron, thereby forcing civilians to take rough detours. Physical Assault: At 11:20, Mousa T'eimat was admitted to Hebron Public **HEBRON** Hospital after Israeli troops severely beat him near the town of Yatta. (i) At 11:00, the Israeli army raided the city of Hebron, set up a checkpoint near the entrance to Al Quds Open University, searched university students, and detained a number of students for several hours. At 20:00, the Israeli army raided the city again, searched a number of houses, and arrested 3 civilians. At 07:00, the Israeli army raided the city again and set up checkpoints at the entrances to Al Quds Open University and the University of Hebron. The Israeli army raided the town of As Samoa', surrounded the town's (ii) school, and fired tear gas and sound grenades towards the school students. **Arrests:** The Israeli army arrested 3 civilians in the city of Hebron: (i) 'Awni Ahmed Ar Rajabi; Muntasser Mohammed Al Muhtaseb; and (ii) Abdul Raheem Yihya Mansour. (iii)

GAZA STRIP

- <u>Closure</u>: Beit Hanun Crossing remains closed.
- Incursion: Beginning at 22:00 on 28 September 2004, the Israeli army continues its incursion in the areas north and east of the town of Jabalya and north of the town of Beit Lahiya, including the area of Abu Safiyyah, Al Qarya Al Badawiya, the area opposite the former building of the Israeli Civil Administration along Salah Ad Din road, and As Sikka Street east of the town of Jabalya. Israeli army tanks opened intensive fire and fired tank shells towards civilian crowds and civilian houses, demolishing 4 houses completely and several others partially. The Israeli army caused the disruption of classes in 15 schools in the district of Northern Gaza and remains positioned in the area as of 08:00 this morning.

• Air Attacks:

- (i) At 19:45, an Israeli army UAV fired 1 missile towards 1 house belonging to the family of a civilian killed by the Israeli army in the area of Beit Lahiya housing project, killing 2 civilians (brothers), injuring 2 others, and causing damage to the house.
- (ii) At 22:45, an Israeli army UAV fired 1 missile towards a civilian crowd in As Sikka Street east of the town of Jabalya, injuring 6 civilians, 2 of whom are in critical condition. At 22:50, the Israeli army carried out air attacks and critically injured 2 civilians.
- (iii) At 05:30, an Israeli army UAV fired 1 missile towards a civilian crowd in the town of Beit Hanun, injuring 3 civilians, one of whom had to have his leg amputated.
- (iv) At 07:45, Israeli army helicopters fired missiles towards 1 house in the area surrounding Al Khulafa' Mosque in Jabalya refugee camp, killing 1 civilian and injuring 8 others, including 4 children and 3 female civilians.

• Attacks:

- (i) At 17:45, the Israeli army fired 1 tank shell towards the area opposite Sheikh Zayid city north of the town of Beit Lahiya.
- (ii) At 19:15, the Israeli army fired 1 tank shell towards the area of the slaughterhouse east of the town of Beit Lahiya.
- Raid: At 12:50, the Israeli army, including several tanks and bulldozers, raided Izbat Abed Rabbu east of the town of Jabalya, opened intensive fire, and fired 1 tank shell towards civilian houses, killing 1 civilian. The Israeli army also occupied 1 house, converted it into a military post, and levelled 30 *dunums* (7.5 acres) of agricultural land.

• Killings:

(i) The Israeli army killed Abdul Ra'ouf Nabahan in Izbat Abed Rabbu east of the town of Jabalya.

The Israeli army killed 2 civilians in the area of the housing project in the town of Beit Lahiya:

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	 (ii) Amin Salim; and (iii) Sufian Salim. (iv) The Israeli army killed Mahir Mahmoud Zaqqut near Al Khulafa' Mosque in Jabalya refugee camp. House Demolitions: The Israeli army demolished 4 houses (unidentified owners) in the district of Northern Gaza during air attacks.
GAZA CITY	 Closure: (i) Nitsareem junction remains closed. (ii) Sheikh 'Ajlin coastal junction is partially open.
CENTRAL GAZA	 Raid: At 20:20, the Israeli army, including 1 tank and 1 bulldozer, raided Palestinian territory east of Al Bureij refugee camp and levelled agricultural land. Palestinian Attacks: At 06:30, 1 mortar was fired towards the settlement of Kfar Darom. At 07:10, 2 Qassam mortars were fired towards the settlement of Tall Katif.
KHAN YUNIS	 Closure: Abu Al 'Ajin road (Khan Yunis Al Sharqiya) is closed. Western road (Khan Yunis) remains closed. Al Mawasi/Khan Yunis road (Al Tuffah checkpoint) remains closed. Abu Holi road is closed. Attack: At 13:40, the Israeli army opened intensive fire and fired 1 tank shell from its location at Point 12 towards civilian houses in An Namsawi neighbourhood, injuring 2 children. Killing: At 20:30, the Israeli army detained the corpse of an unidentified civilian whom it killed last night near Kissufim road in the area of Al Matahin.
RAFAH	 Closure: Gaza International Airport remains closed. Rafah Crossing is partially open. Sufa Crossing is partially open for construction cargo only. Attacks: At 09:30, the Israeli army opened intensive fire from its locations on the Egyptian border towards civilian houses in As Salaam and Al Barazil neighbourhoods in Rafah refugee camp. At 23:30, the Israeli army opened intensive fire from its location in the settlement of Rafiah Yam towards civilian houses in the neighbourhood of Tall As Sultan, injuring 1 handicapped civilian.

- Raid: At 19:20, the Israeli army, including several tanks and bulldozers, raided the area of 'Aribeh northwest of the city of Rafah, forced civilians to evacuate their homes, levelled agricultural land, and demolished 5 houses
- <u>House Demolitions</u>: The Israeli army demolished 5 houses in the area of 'Aribeh belonging to the families of Abu Khatleh, Abu 'Ijleh, Fuju, and Dahliz.

GENERAL

Israeli Measures Against Political Prisoners:

- (i) The Israeli army inflicts severe psychological pressures during its interrogation of political prisoners held in Huwwara Military Prison Camp, which holds 37 prisoners. The Israeli army threatens political prisoners with deportation, demolition of their houses, or the arrest of their family members.
- (ii) Israeli Police forces severely beat 3 political prisoners at Al Muscubiya (the Russian Compound) Interrogation Centre, following their demand to transport 1 ill prisoner to a clinic or offer him the required medication.

• <u>A Child's 1st Birthday in Prison</u>: Nour (which means Light in Arabic), whose mother, Manal Ghanim, was arrested by the Israeli army when she was 3 months pregnant, celebrated his 1st birthday in prison.

- Appeal for Medical Care: The Prisoners' Club appealed to human rights and humanitarian organizations to offer medical treatment to ill political prisoner Tha'er 'Aziz Halahleh, 25 years old (from Hebron), who was arrested by the Israeli army on 27 December 2003. Halahleh suffers from severe stomach pains, poor eyesight, tooth pain, and nervous system disorders. Israeli Prisons Service intentionally postpones providing him with medical treatment and continues to deny him access to hospital. The Israeli Prisons Service also did not agree to provide him with prescription eyeglasses and prohibits him from meeting with his 2 brothers, who are held in the same prison.
- Activities in Solidarity with Political Prisoners: On 04 October 2004, solidarity groups for political prisoners organized weekly sit-in strikes for the families of prisoners in front of the International Committee of the Red Cross offices in the cities of Nablus and Gaza.

POLITICAL PRISONERS