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PALESTINIAN MONITORING GROUP

DAILY SITUATION REPORT

08:00 16 October 2004 – 08:00 17 October 2004

SUMMARY OF EVENTS

EVENT	WEST BANK	GAZA STRIP	TOTAL	NOTES
Physical Assaults	2	—	2	Several civilians severely beaten
Injuries	16	2	18	Incl. 5 children (2 critically)
Attacks	11	5	16	6 during raids, 4 from mil. posts
Raids	21	1	22	Incl. searches for wanted civilians
Air Patrol	—	1	1	Over Rafah refugee camp
Arrests (per person)	10	—	10	
Detentions	13	1	14	Incl. Father Atallah Hanna
Land Levelling	—	1	1	In Rafah refugee camp
Wall Construction	18	—	18	Jer., Jenin, Ramallah, Beth. Hebron
Destruction of Property	1	—	1	1 civilian vehicle destroyed
Confiscation of Property	2	—	2	Incl. several vehicles in Dura
Curfews	2	—	2	In Beit Rima and Deir Ghassana
Checkpoints	All	—	All	
Flying Checkpoints	(Dozens)	(Dozens)	—	Closing all districts
Closure (per District)	(All)	(All)	(All)	
Closure of Main Roads	(Most)	(5)	(Most)	Esp. connecting cities
Closure of Wall Gates	(All)	—	(All)	Permits required to cross
Closure of Crossing Points	—	4	4	2 partially open
Attack on Religious Sites	1	—	1	Preventing calls to prayers
School Disruption	1	—	1	3 in Beit Rima and Deir Ghassana
Provocation of Pal. Forces	1	—	1	Raid on 1 Pal. security post
Palestinian Attack	—	1	1	2 Qassam mortars
TOTAL	99	16	115	

DISTRICT	EVENT
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<p style="text-align: center;">ALL DISTRICTS</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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.
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WEST BANK

<p style="text-align: center;">JERUSALEM</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) 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. (ii) Wall construction in the villages of Qatanna and Biddu remains suspended following an Israeli Supreme Court order. • Detentions: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Israeli troops positioned at Gilo checkpoint, south of the city of Jerusalem, detained Father Atallah Hanna, the official spokesman of the Orthodox Church, and prevented him from entering the city of Jerusalem for over 2 hours. (ii) Israeli troops positioned at Qalandiya and An Nabi Samwil checkpoints detained dozens of civilians due to thorough searches.
<p style="text-align: center;">RAMALLAH & EL BIREH</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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 Deir Abu Mash'al with dirt barricades. • Wall Construction: Wall construction was resumed in Budrus, Midya, Ni'lin, Deir Qaddis, Beit Liqya, and Beituniya. • Flying Checkpoints: At 10:00, the Israeli army set up 1 checkpoint at the entrance to the village of Beit 'Ur and 1 checkpoint on the overpass to the village of Kharbatha Al Misbah and prevented civilians from entering or exiting the villages.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Raids/Curfew:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 11:35, the Israeli army raided the towns of Beit Rima and Deir Ghassana and imposed curfew, thereby disrupting classes in 3 schools serving 1,633 students. Confrontations took place between the Israeli army and civilians. The Israeli army raided 1 Palestinian National Security location, ordered officers not to wear the National Security Forces uniform, confiscated 1 wireless device, and closed the main entrances to the towns with dirt barricades. The Israeli army also searched 1 house, detained 1 civilian for 2 hours, and severely beat him before releasing him. (ii) At 19:15, an Israeli army patrol raided the city of Ramallah. At 22:15, the Israeli army raided the city again and patrolled the area. (iii) At 19:30, an Israeli army patrol raided the town of Beituniya. Confrontations took place between the Israeli army and civilians. (iv) The Israeli army raided the village of Beit Liqya. Confrontations took place between the Israeli army and civilians, during which the Israeli army injured 7 civilians.
JENIN	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <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. The Israeli army continues to close all roads leading to the city with dirt barricades. • <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. • <u>Wall Construction:</u> 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. • <u>Raid:</u> The Israeli army raided and patrolled the town of Tubas.
TULKAREM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <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. • <u>Flying Checkpoints:</u> 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.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Raids:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 17:30, the Israeli army raided the town of ‘Anabta. Confrontations took place between the Israeli army and civilians. (ii) At 18:15, the Israeli army raided the city of Tulkarem and its suburbs. At 20:50, the Israeli army raided the city again and fired sound and tear gas grenades, injuring 3 civilians, including 2 children. The Israeli army also searched 1 civilian building and withdrew at 04:00. (iii) At 18:20, an Israeli army patrol raided Nur Shams refugee camp, opened fire, and fired sound grenades, injuring 1 civilian as a result of tear gas inhalation. (iv) At 19:15, the Israeli army raided the town of Far’un, opened intensive fire, destroyed 1 civilian vehicle (using explosives), searched a number of houses, and withdrew at 04:00.
QALQILYA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <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. The Israeli army prevented civilians from exiting the city and only allowed entry for the city’s residents. • <u>Wall Gates:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) 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. (ii) The Israeli army closed the western Wall gate to the village of Mas Ha and prevented civilians from accessing their land. (iii) The Israeli army continues to close the tunnel under the Wall, which connects the city of Qalqiliya to the village of Habla.
NABLUS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Closure:</u> 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. • <u>Raids:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 09:20, the Israeli army raided the area south of Balata refugee camp and closed the southern entrances to the camp with dirt barricades. Confrontations took place between the Israeli army and civilians, during which the Israeli army injured 4 children, 2 of whom are in critical condition. (ii) The Israeli army raided the town of Beit Furik and opened indiscriminate fire, injuring 1 child. • <u>Arrest:</u> At 16:10, Israeli troops positioned at the village of Beit Iba checkpoint arrested Mohammed Fawzi Mustafa Yadak.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Detentions:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Israeli troops positioned at Huwwara checkpoint detained hundreds of civilians, prevented them from crossing, and severely bear several of them. (ii) At 16:00, Israeli troops positioned at a flying checkpoint set up in the area between the villages of Sabastiya and Nisf Jubeil detained dozens of civilians and prevented them from moving in both directions until 18:25.
SALFIT	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <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. 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. • <u>Wall Construction:</u> 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. • <u>Flying Checkpoint:</u> At 08:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to the village of Iskaka and searched civilians and vehicles. • <u>Raid:</u> At 22:45, an Israeli army patrol raided the city of Salfit and patrolled the area.
JERICHO	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Closure:</u> 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.
BETHLEHEM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Closure:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (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. • <u>Wall Construction:</u> Construction of the Wall was resumed north of the district of Bethlehem, along 'Ayda refugee camp, and along the tunnel road (Gilo).

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Raids:</u> (i) At 17:45, the Israeli army raided the city of Beit Sahur, set up a checkpoint, and searched civilians and vehicles. (ii) At 19:50, an Israeli army patrol raided ‘Ayda refugee camp and fired tear gas grenades towards civilians. (iii) At 06:25, an Israeli army patrol raided the town Al ‘Ubeidiya, set up a checkpoint, and prevented civilian vehicles from moving in both directions for an extended period of time.
HEBRON	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <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 Construction:</u> 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. • <u>Raids:</u> (i) At 20:00, the Israeli army raided the town of Halhul. Confrontations took place between the Israeli army and civilians, during which the Israeli army injured 1 civilian. (ii) At 20:20, the Israeli army raided the city of Hebron, set up a checkpoint, and searched civilians and vehicles. The Israeli army also patrolled several neighbourhoods at various times and arrested 9 civilians. (iii) The Israeli army raided the town of Dura and confiscated a number of civilian vehicles. • <u>Arrests:</u> The Israeli army arrested 9 civilians in the city of Hebron, including Rajab Abdul Mu’ti Abu Shukheidim. • <u>Attack on Religious Sites:</u> The Israeli army prohibited calls to prayers from being broadcast from the Ibrahim Mosque, except at specific times.

GAZA STRIP

NORTHERN GAZA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Closure:</u> Beit Hanun Crossing remains closed. • <u>Palestinian Attack:</u> At 00:20, 2 Qassam mortars were fired towards the Green Line.
GAZA CITY	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Closure:</u> Nitsareem junction remains closed.

CENTRAL GAZA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Activities not reported.
KHAN YUNIS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Abu Al 'Ajin road (Khan Yunis Al Sharqiya) is closed. (ii) Western road (Khan Yunis) remains closed. (iii) Al Mawasi/Khan Yunis road (Al Tuffah checkpoint) remains closed. (iv) Abu Holi road is closed. At 09:30, the Israeli army opened Salah Ad Din road, between Abu Holi and Al Matahin checkpoints, and closed the road again at 17:15. • Attack: At 21:00, the Israeli army opened intensive fire and fired a number of tank shells towards civilian houses in West Khan Yunis refugee camp and An Namsawi neighbourhood.
RAFAH	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Gaza International Airport remains closed. (ii) Rafah Crossing is partially open. (iii) Sufa Crossing is partially open for construction cargo only. • Raid: At 23:00, the Israeli army, including 6 tanks and 4 bulldozers supported by helicopters, raided Bloc (O) in Rafah refugee camp, opened intensive fire towards civilian houses, injuring 2 civilians in Al Barazil neighbourhood in Rafah refugee camp, levelled houses that had been demolished in previous incursions, and withdrew at 01:40.

GENERAL

POLITICAL PRISONERS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prisoners' Family Demands: During their weekly sit-in protest in the city of Hebron, prisoners' families demanded that the International Committee of the Red Cross intensifies its visits to political prisoners during the month of Ramadan. Families also demanded that human living conditions, approved by international treaties and charters, be provided to the prisoners. • Israeli Measures Against Prisoners: Bir As Sabe' Prison Administration continues to prevent the entry of electrical appliances and cooking tools for prisoners in the prison cells. • Appeal by Prisoner's Family: The family of political prisoner Firas Fashafsheh appealed to human rights and humanitarian organizations to intervene to inquire about their relative prisoner, who has been subjected to interrogation for 16 days in Btah Tikva Prison. • Female Prisoners who are Married with Children: There are currently 20 female political prisoners who are married with children, including Ikhlas Abu As Su'oud, whom the Israeli army arrested when she was pregnant, and who delivered her baby inside the prison. There are a total of 75 children who are left without their mothers.
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<p>WORK PERMITS</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• <u>West Bank:</u><ul style="list-style-type: none">(i) Israeli authorities renewed 9,934 work permits to cross the Green Line. The total number of those allowed to cross is unknown.(ii) Israeli authorities restricted the issuing of work permits only to civilians who are married with children and over the age of 30.• <u>Gaza Strip:</u><ul style="list-style-type: none">(i) Israeli authorities renewed 1,267 work permits for workers in the Industrial Zones. However, beginning on 31 August 2004, workers have not been allowed access to the Industrial Zones.(ii) Israeli authorities renewed 5,083 work permits for workers to cross the Green Line. However, beginning on 1 September 2004, workers have not been allowed access into the Green Line.(iii) Israeli authorities permitted 2,687 construction workers to remain overnight inside the Green Line.
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