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PALESTINIAN MONITORING GROUP

DAILY SITUATION REPORT 08:00 16 October 2006 – 08:00 17 October 2006

SUMMARY OF EVENTS

EVENT	WEST BANK	GAZA STRIP	TOTAL	NOTES
Death	1	_	1	1 armed Palestinian individuals in Jenin
Injuries	8	_	8	Incl. 1 child and 1 female civilian
Incursion	_	1	1	Into areas east of the city of Rafah
Air Attacks	_	3	3	3 missiles fired by helicopters, N. Gaza
Attacks	8	4	12	Incl. 5 in raids and 1 from a military post
Raids	23	2	25	Incl. 5 in Jenin & 5 in Bethlehem
Air Patrols	_	8	8	By Israeli combat helicopters
Arrests	10	_	10	Incl. 1 Pal. officer & 2 female civilians
Detentions	14	_	14	At checkpoints & in residential locales
Land Levelling	_	1	1	In the area of Juhor ad Dik, Gaza city
Wall Construction	29		29	Incl. Jer., Raml'h., Qalq., Salfit, Beth.
Destruction of Property	_	1	1	Electricity cut off in Beit Hanun, N. Gaza
Closure of Checkpoints	10	_	10	Incl. Al Badhan checkpoint closed
Flying Checkpoints	15	_	15	Incl. 3 in Jerusalem and 4 in Hebron
Closure (per District)	6	_	6	Incl. 3 areas in the city of Hebron
Closure of Main Roads	30	_	30	Incl. 4 in Jerusalem & 2 in Ramallah
Closure of Crossing Points	_	5	5	Incl. Beit Hanun (Erez) partially
Settler Violence	6	_	6	Incl. 150 dunums seized in Hebron district
Provocation of Pal. Forces	_	1	1	Evacuation of security posts demanded
Palestinian Attacks	_	3	3	8 mortars fired towards the Green Line
TOTAL	160	29	189	

DISTRICT	EVENT
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WEST BANK

ALL DISTRICTS

- The Israeli army continues to intensify its restrictions at checkpoints set up on the main roads connecting the West Bank districts, thereby isolating the northern districts from the southern districts as well as the Jericho district and the Jordan Valley from the remainder of the West Bank.
 - <u>Closure</u>: The Israeli army continues to intensify its restrictions at checkpoints located at the entrances to the city of Jerusalem, in the old city of Jerusalem, and around Al Aqsa Mosque compound.

• Closure of Main Roads:

- (i) The Israeli army continues to close the entrance opposite the junction to Dahiyat al Bareed in the city of Jerusalem with a barbed wire gate and to deny civilian access.
- (ii) The Israeli army continues to close the road connecting Dahiyat al Bareed to the town of Ar Ram in order to complete Wall construction in the area.
- (iii) The Israeli army continues to close with cement blocks the entrance to the village of Jaba', which connects the village to the cities of Jerusalem, Ramallah, and Jericho.
- <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.

• Wall Gates:

JERUSALEM

- (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 Dahiyat al Bareed, Dahiyat al Aqbat, from the village of Hizma to 'Anata, along the Hizma-Jaba' road, the area of Al 'Eizariya to Ash Shayyah, near Al Quds University, in the town of As Sawahira ash Sharqiya, from the village of Beit Surik to Biddu, in the areas of Al Judeira, Bir Nabala, and Beit Hanina, west of the village of Al Jib, and in the vicinity of the village of Qatanna.

• Flying Checkpoints:

- (i) At 08:00, the Israeli army set up 2 flying checkpoints, one near the junction to the settlement of Ma'ale Adumim and the other near the area of Al Khan al Ahmar on the Jerusalem-Jericho main road, and searched civilians and vehicles.
- (ii) At 16:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint near 'Anatot military base on a road connecting the city of Jerusalem to the city of Ramallah and searched civilians and vehicles.

	• Raid: At 04:10, the Israeli army raided Qalandiya refugee camp. Confrontations took place between the Israeli army and civilians. The Israeli army also searched 1 house and served a summons to 1 civilian to report to the Israeli Intelligence. At 04:40, the Israeli army withdrew from the area.
RAMALLAH & EL BIREH	 Closure of Main Roads: The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the eastern entrance to the village of Sinjil. The Israeli army continues to close with cement blocks the western entrance to the village of Saffa. Checkpoint: The Israeli army continues to intensify its restrictions at the checkpoint set up on the overpass to the town of 'Atara and to impede access to the city of Ramallah for civilians holding IDs issued in the northern districts of the West Bank. Wall Construction: Wall construction continues in the areas of Al Midya to Budrus, Al Midya to Ni'lin, Bil'in to Saffa, in the village of Beit Liqya, in the town of Beituniya, and west of the town of 'Abud and the village of Beit Sira. Flving Checkpoints: At 22:10, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to the village of Kafr Malik and searched civilians and vehicles. At 00:20, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the Ramallah-Bir Zeit road and searched civilians and vehicles. Raids: At 18:15, the Israeli army, including 8 jeeps, raided and patrolled the city of El Bireh. At 23:55, the Israeli army raided the city again, set up a checkpoint, and searched civilians and vehicles. The Israeli army also searched 1 building and arrested 1 female civilian (the wife of a civilian described by the Israeli authorities as a "wanted individual"). At 00:55, the Israeli army withdrew from the area. Arrests: Israeli army positioned at the checkpoint set up on the overpass to the town of 'Atara arrested Radhi Mohammed Mustafa. The Israeli army arrested 'Abeer Mohammed Barakat, a female civilian, in the city of El Bireh.
JENIN	 Closure of Road: The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the unpaved detour road leading to the town of 'Arraba east of the settlement of Dotan. Checkpoint: The Israeli army continues to close Tayasir checkpoint east of the town of Tubas, denying civilian access to the Northern Jordan Valley, except for civilians whose IDs indicate that their place of residence is the Northern Jordan Valley. The Israeli army also continues to operate a surveillance camera in order to observe the area surrounding the checkpoint. Wall Gates: Passage through the Wall gates is restricted to civilians granted special Israeli permits.

• Flying Checkpoints:

- (i) At 08:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to the village of Al Mansura and searched civilians and vehicles.
- (ii) At 16:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the northern entrance to the town of Az Zababida and searched civilians and vehicles.

• Raid/Attacks/Injuries:

- (i) At 16:30, the Israeli army, including 6 jeeps, raided the town of Qabatiya. While patrolling the area, the Israeli army opened fire and fired sound grenades, injuring 1 female civilian. At 22:30, the Israeli army, including 20 jeeps, raided the town again, searched a number of houses, and arrested 1 civilian. At 02:30, the Israeli army raided the town for the third time. An armed confrontation took place between the Israeli army and armed Palestinian individuals, during which the Israeli army killed 1 armed Palestinian individual and injured 4 others. The Israeli army also arrested the 4 injured Palestinian individuals, including Mahmoud Najeeb Nazzal who was in critical condition. The Israeli army remains positioned in the area as of 08:00 this morning.
- (ii) At 19:30, the Israeli army raided the town of Tubas. While patrolling the area, confrontations took place between the Israeli army and civilians, during which the Israeli army injured 3 civilians, including 1 child. At 22:30, the Israeli army withdrew from the area.
- (iii) At 23:10, the Israeli army raided the town of Tammun. Confrontations took place between the Israeli army and civilians.
- <u>Killing</u>: The Israeli army killed Omar Abdul Ra'ouf Zakarneh in the town of Qabatiya.
- <u>Arrests</u>: The Israeli army arrested 1 civilian and 4 injured armed Palestinian individuals in the town of Qabatiya:
- (i) Khaled Sami Nazzal;
- (ii) Mahmoud Najeeb Nazzal;
- (iii) Mohammed Yousef Zakarneh;
- (iv) Ahmed Khalil Abu ar Rub; and
- (v) Salah Dharaghmeh.

• <u>Settler Violence</u>:

- (i) Israeli settlers from the settlement outpost of Salit located near the settlement of Mechola in the area of the Northern Jordan Valley levelled land for expansion of the settlement outpost.
- (ii) Israeli settlers from the settlements of Rotem and Maskiyyot in the area of the Northern Jordan Valley levelled land for expansion of the 2 settlements.

TULKAREM

- <u>Closure</u>: The Israeli army continues to declare the district of Tulkarem a closed military zone and to impede civilian access to and from the district.
- <u>Closure of Main Roads</u>: The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the Dahiyat Iktaba-Bal'a road, the entrance to the village of Saffarin, and the road connecting the town of Deir al Ghusun to 'Attil plain.
- <u>Checkpoints</u>: The Israeli army continues to intensify its restrictions at 'Einav checkpoint on the Tulkarem-Nablus road as well as at Jubara

	 checkpoint (the southern entrance to the city of Tulkarem). At 'Einav checkpoint, the Israeli army has confined crossing times to the period between 07:00 and 17:00 every day. • Wall Gates: Passage through the Wall gates is restricted to civilians granted special Israeli permits. • Raids: At 02:15, the Israeli army, including 11 jeeps, raided the city of Tulkarem, Tulkarem refugee camp, and the village of 'Izbat al Jarad and searched 1 house as well as commercial shops. The Israeli army also arrested 1 Palestinian National Security officer in the city of Tulkarem. At 07:20, the Israeli army withdrew from the area. • Arrest: The Israeli army arrested Raed Mohammed Irmeilat, a Palestinian National Security officer, in the city of Tulkarem.
QALQILIYA	 Closure of Roads: The Israeli army continues to close with cement blocks the agricultural roads east of the town of 'Azzun. Wall Gates: Passage through the Wall gates is restricted to civilians granted special Israeli permits. The Israeli army continues to intensify its restrictions at 'Azzun 'Atma Wall gate and to search civilians, including students, with a metal detector. The Israeli army also continues to deny access to school students under 16 years of age unless they are accompanied by one of their parents. Wall Construction: Land levelling for Wall construction continues in the villages of Immatin and Kafr Laqif as well as east of the towns of Kafr Thulth and 'Azzun. Flving Checkpoints: At 08:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to the village of Immatin and searched civilians and vehicles. The Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the eastern entrance to the city of Qalqiliya and searched civilians and vehicles. Raid: At 05:50, Israeli army infantry forces raided and patrolled a neighbourhood in the city of Qalqiliya.
NABLUS	 Closure of Main Roads: The Israeli army continues to close the Jenin-Nablus road between the junction to the village of Deir Sharaf and the settlement of Shavei Shomron. The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades Al Badhan road, which is the north-eastern entrance to the city of Nablus, as well as the southern entrance to the village of Qaryut. Checkpoints: The Israeli army continues to regulate times for crossing checkpoints set up around the city of Nablus: Huwwara and Beit Iba checkpoints (set up at the southern and western entrances to the city of Nablus respectively) are closed at 23:00. Al Badhan checkpoint (set up at the eastern entrance to the city of Nablus) remains closed with dirt barricades.

	 (iii) Nablus-'Asira ash Shamaliya checkpoint (set up at the northern entrance to city) is open from 06:30 to 20:00. (iv) At Tur neighbourhood checkpoint (set up on Jirzim 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. (v) Beit Furik checkpoint is open to civilian residents of the town of Beit Furik and the village of Beit Dajan until 17:30. (vi) At 08:00, the Israeli army intensified its restrictions at Huwwara checkpoint and denied access to civilians between 16 and 36 years of age. • Raids/Attack: (i) At 17:10, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the city of Nablus. (ii) At 01:30, the Israeli army, including 13 jeeps and 1 bulldozer, raided Balata and 'Askar refugee camps. While patrolling the area in 'Askar refugee camp, the Israeli army opened intensive fire. An armed confrontation also took place between the Israeli army and armed Palestinian individuals in Balata refugee camp. At 04:30, the Israeli army withdrew from the area.
SALFIT	 Closure of Main Roads: The Israeli army has continued to close the main north-western entrance to the city of Salfit with dirt barricades since the beginning of the current <i>Intifada</i> (Uprising). The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the western entrances to the town of Bruqin and the village of Marda. The Israeli army also continues to close with cement blocks the western entrance to the town of Kafr ad Dik. Checkpoints: The Israeli army continues to intensify its restrictions at Deir Ballut checkpoint and to deny civilian access to the town of Kafr ad Dik. The Israeli army continues to intensify its restrictions at the Za'tara junction checkpoint and to deny access to civilians under 35 years of age. Wall Construction: Wall construction continues near the Green Line in the town of Deir Ballut and the villages of Az Zawiya and Rafat, northwest of the city of Salfit, and in the village of Marda and the town of Kifl Haris north of the settlement of Ari'el. Raid/Attack: At 09:55, the Israeli army raided the village of Marda, opened fire, and fired sound grenades while patrolling the area.
JERICHO	 Closure: 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. Checkpoint: The Israeli army continues to close Al Hamra checkpoint set up on the Jericho-Nablus road, denying civilian access, except for farmers holding Jericho IDs.

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	• Flying Checkpoint: At 09:45, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the junction to the settlement of Vered Yericho and searched civilians and vehicles.
BETHLEHEM	 Closure: 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. Closure of Main Roads: The Israeli army continues to close all roads to Road # 60 leading to the city of Jerusalem, thereby isolating the city of Bethlehem from its towns and villages located west of Road # 60. The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades Wadi al Laban road that branches off from Wadi an Nar road. Checkpoint: The Israeli army continues to intensify its restrictions at As Sawahira ash Sharqiya (the "Container") checkpoint and to deny access to civilian vehicles, except for those possessing access permits. Wall Construction: Wall construction continues in the area northwest of the town of Al Khadr, north of 'Ayda refugee camp, and northwest of the city of Beit Jala. Raids: At 14:10, and again at 06:55, an Israeli army patrol raided the city of Beit Jala and patrolled the area. At 15:55, the Israeli army, including 4 jeeps, raided the village of Beit Ta'mir and searched a number of houses. At 15:55, the Israeli army, including 3 jeeps, raided the town of Za'tara, searched 2 houses, and arrested 1 civilian. At 02:05, the Israeli army withdrew from the area. At 02:45, the Israeli army, including 5 jeeps, raided and patrolled the city of Beit Sahur. Arrest: The Israeli army arrested Ali Mahmoud Mousa in the town of Za'tara.
HEBRON	 Closure: (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. (ii) Although it expired on 07 May 2006, the Israeli army continues to implement a military order stipulating the prohibition of civilian vehicles from travelling along the road connecting the settlement of Kiryat Arba' to the Ibrahimi Mosque in the old city of Hebron unless they possess access permits. Closure of Main Roads: (i) The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the following locales: the area of Al Hawawir leading to the town of Halhul; the area of Al Fahs south of the city of Hebron; the junction to the area of Farsh

- al Hawa leading to Road # 35 northwest of the city of Hebron; and the entrance to the village of Beit 'Einun. The Israeli army also continues to close with cement blocks the entrance to Al Qeisi neighbourhood in the old city of Hebron.
- (ii) In accordance with Military Order # 378, the Israeli army continues to prohibit Palestinian vehicles from travelling along Shalala Old Street that leads to the old city of Hebron, only allowing Israeli vehicles as well as Israeli army vehicles to travel along this street.
- <u>Wall Construction</u>: Wall construction continues: in the section between the area south of the town of Beit Ula and Tarqumiya checkpoint terminal; the remaining section of the Wall route that separates the settlement of Eshkolot from the village of Ar Ramadin; and near the village of Imneizil southeast of the town of Yatta.

• Flying Checkpoints:

- (i) At 08:30, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to Al Fawwar refugee camp and searched civilians and vehicles.
- (ii) At 14:40, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to the town of Idhna and searched civilians and vehicles.
- (iii) At 16:30, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the overpass to the town of Halhul and searched civilians and vehicles.
- Raids: At 15:50, the Israeli army raided the city of Hebron, set up a checkpoint near Hebron University, searched civilians and vehicles, and patrolled the area. At 02:50, the Israeli army raided the city again and searched a number of houses in the area of Wadi Abu Kteila.
- Arrest: The Israeli army arrested Reema Amin al 'Ayaydeh, a female resident of the town of Ash Shuyukh, while she was visiting her brother held in Ketziot (An Naqab) Military Detention Camp, claiming that she had attempted to stab an Israeli female Police officer in the detention camp.

• Settler Violence:

- (i) A group of Israeli settlers began constructing a new settlement outpost south of the settlement of Karmel. The Israeli settlers constructed 10 housing units on land estimated at 50 *dunums* east of the town of Yatta.
- (ii) A group of Israeli settlers began expanding a cattle barn in the area of Um Zeituna between the settlements of Karmel and Ma'on east of the town of Yatta.
- (iii) A group of Israeli settlers from the settlement of Sussia southeast of the town of Yatta seized control of approximately 150 *dunums* of civilian land near the settlement. The Israeli settlers also ploughed the seized land and planted fruit-bearing trees. The affected land belongs to the families of Ash Shamissti, Abu Sabhah, and Ash Sha'abeen.

GAZA STRIP

ALL DISTRICTS

• Beginning on 25 June 2006, the Israeli army has reinforced the concentration of its armed forces along the northern and eastern borders of the district of Northern Gaza. Beginning on 28 June 2006, the Israeli army has also reinforced the concentration of its armed forces along the eastern border of the district of Rafah.

NORTHERN GAZA	 Closure of Crossing Point: Beit Hanun (Erez) Crossing is partially open only to foreign nationals, VIPs, and humanitarian cases. Air Attacks/Destruction of Property: At 22:55, Israeli combat helicopters fired 2 missiles towards 2 groups of armed Palestinian individuals south of the town of Beit Hanun as well as in the area of Quleibu, damaging the electricity network and cutting electricity off in the town of Beit Hanun. At 23:05, an Israeli combat helicopter fired 1 missile towards Palestinian territory near Hammoudeh junction south of the town of Beit Hanun. Attack: At 20:10, the Israeli army fired 2 artillery shells from its locations inside the Green Line towards Palestinian territory east of the town of Jabalya. Raid: At 04:15, the Israeli army, including 4 armoured vehicles, raided 500 metres into Palestinian territory near Point 57 on the Green Line east of the area of Abu Safiya east of the town of Jabalya. At 07:05, the Israeli army withdrew from the area. Air Patrols: At 17:40, and again at 22:25, Israeli combat helicopters patrolled the skies over the district of Northern Gaza. Palestinian Attacks: At 17:30, 3 unidentified mortars were fired towards the Green Line. At 17:40, 3 unidentified mortars were fired towards the Green Line, of which 1 mortar landed on Palestinian territory. At 05:35, 2 unidentified mortars were fired towards the Green Line.
GAZA	• Raid/Land Levelling: At 14:00, the Israeli army, including 3 bulldozers, raided the area of Juhor ad Dik near the Green Line east of Gaza city, levelled land, and withdrew at 15:15.
CENTRAL GAZA	Activities not reported.
KHAN YUNIS	Activities not reported.
RAFAH	 Closure of Crossing Points: Yasser 'Arafat International Airport remains closed. Rafah Crossing is closed. Sufa Crossing is closed. Karm Abu Salim (Karem Shalom) Crossing is closed. Incursion: Beginning at 18:20 on 07 August 2006, the Israeli army has remained positioned around Yasser 'Arafat International Airport east of the city of Rafah. Beginning at 02:50 on 16 October 2006, the Israeli army has remained positioned in the areas of Ad Dihniya and Al Jaradat at a distance of 150 metres east of Rafah Crossing. The Israeli army also searched 2 houses. Attacks/Air Patrols: At 23:30, and again at 23:45, Israeli combat helicopters opened machinegun fire towards Palestinian territory near Point 8 on the Egyptian border.

- (ii) At 23:45, Israeli combat helicopters opened machinegun fire towards Palestinian territory near Salah ad Din gate on the Egyptian border.
- <u>Provocation of Palestinian Forces</u>: At 22:30, the Israeli army demanded (through the DCO) that Palestinian National Security forces evacuate their locations near Point 201 on the Green Line south of Sufa Crossing.