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PALESTINIAN MONITORING GROUP

DAILY SITUATION REPORT

08:00 17 October 2004 – 08:00 18 October 2004

SUMMARY OF EVENTS

EVENT	WEST BANK	GAZA STRIP	TOTAL	NOTES
Deaths	—	5	5	Incl. 1 of injuries sustained earlier
Physical Assaults	2	—	2	Both civilians severely beaten
Injuries	3	3	6	Incl. 1 child
Attacks	5	7	12	Incl. 4 in raids, 6 from mil. posts
Raids	25	1	26	Incl. searches for wanted civilians
Air Patrol	1	—	1	Helicopters over Bethlehem district
Arrests (per person)	81	4	85	Incl. 1 child, 71 inside Green Line
Detentions	9	1	10	Incl. in residential compounds
House Demolition	—	1	1	North of the city of Rafah
Land Levelling	—	1	1	7 <i>dunums</i> of agricultural land
Wall Construction	18	—	18	Jer., Jenin, Ramallah, Beth. Hebron
House Occupation	1	—	1	1 building in Tulkarem
Destruction of Property	—	2	2	1 vehicle tipped over, and crops
Curfews	3	—	3	In Far'on, Al Khadr, and Nahhalin
Checkpoints	All	—	All	
Flying Checkpoints	(Dozens)	(Dozens)	—	Closing all districts
Closure (per District)	(All)	(All)	(All)	
Closure of Main Roads	(Most)	(4)	(Most)	Esp. connecting cities
Closure of Wall Gates	(All)	—	(All)	Permits required to cross
Closure of Crossing Points	—	4	4	2 partially open
School Disruption	1	—	1	Raid on university in Beit Sahur
Provocation of Pal. Forces	—	2	2	Open fire towards 1 Pal. post
Palestinian Attacks	—	5	5	4 Qassam mortars, 2 gun battles
TOTAL	149	36	185	

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 continues 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. • Arrests: The Israeli army arrested 71 civilians in the city of Jerusalem and inside the Green Line, allegedly for not possessing the required permits. • Detentions: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Israeli troops positioned at a flying checkpoint near the village of Hizma detained a number of civilians for an extended period of time. (ii) Israeli troops positioned at Qalandiya checkpoint detained hundreds of civilians, for allegedly attempting to cross the checkpoint through rough detour. The Israeli army left the civilians under the sun for an extended period of time.
<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 continues in Budrus, Midya, Ni'lin, Deir Qaddis, Beit Liqya, and Beituniya. • Raids: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 21:45, the Israeli army raided the city of Al Bireh and opened fire towards a civilian vehicle.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> (ii) At 17:00, the Israeli army raided the villages of Abu Shukheidim, Kobar, and Al Mazra'a Al Qibliya and opened indiscriminate fire, injuring 2 civilians in the village of Abu Shukheidim. (iii) At 19:30, an Israeli army patrol raided the town of Beit Rima and patrolled the area. (iv) At 03:30, the Israeli army raided Al Jalazun refugee camp and arrested 5 civilians, including 1 child. (v) At 04:05, the Israeli army raided the town of Silwad and arrested 3 individuals, including 1 Palestinian National Security officer. • Arrests: The Israeli army arrested 5 civilians in Al Jalazun refugee camp: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Abdul Raheem Wadee' Hasanein, 17 years old; (ii) Wadee' Abdul Raheem Hasanein; (iii) Ahmed Wadee' Hasanein; (iv) Faris Wadee' Hasanein; and (v) Mohammed Wadee' Hasanein. <p>The Israeli army arrested 3 individuals in the town of Silwad:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (vi) Samer Abul Fattah Hammad, a Palestinian National Security officer; (vii) Akram Hammad; and (viii) Nidhal Kayed Hammad.
JENIN	<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. 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. • Wall Construction: Land levelling for Wall construction continues in Jalbun towards Al Mutilla, Raba, Al Mughayyir, Bardala and 'Ein al Beida, and towards the Jordan River. • Raids: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 03:00, the Israeli army raided Al Far'a refugee camp and arrested 1 Palestinian Police officer. (ii) At 03:00, the Israeli army raided the village of Mirka and arrested 1 civilian. • Arrests: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) The Israeli army arrested Ahmed Abdul Qadir Shanna'a, a Palestinian Police officer, in Al Far'a refugee camp. (ii) The Israeli army arrested Mu'ayyad Yasser Mousa in the village of Mirka.

<p style="text-align: center;">TULKAREM</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 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. • 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. • Raids/Curfew: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 08:00, the Israeli army raided the town of Far'un, imposed curfew, and withdrew at 12:00. (ii) At 21:30, the Israeli army raided the town of Zeita, fired sound and tear gas grenades, and combed the area surrounding the town. (iii) At 01:30, the Israeli army raided the city of Tulkarem and Nur Shams and Tulkarem refugee camps and occupied 1 civilian building in the city of Tulkarem until 05:00.
<p style="text-align: center;">QALQILYA</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 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. • Attack: At 22:55, the Israeli army opened fire towards the northern outskirts of the city of Qalqiliya. • Detentions: Israeli troops positioned at the checkpoint set up at entrance to the city of Qalqiliya detained dozens of civilians for several hours before releasing them.
<p style="text-align: center;">NABLUS</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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/Physical Assault: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 10:40, the Israeli army raided the city of Nablus and Balata refugee camp and opened fire inside Balata refugee camp, injuring 1 child. (ii) At 12:00, the Israeli army raided the village of Deir Al Hatab and severely beat 1 civilian.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Detentions:</u> Israeli troops positioned at the settlement of Shavei Shomron checkpoint, set up along the Nablus-Jenin road, detained dozens of civilians and delayed them from reaching their workplaces.
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 Checkpoints:</u> At 08:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint along Al Matwa road, west of the city of Salfit, and another checkpoint on the overpass to the village of Iskaka and searched civilians and vehicles. • <u>Raids:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 21:30, an Israeli army patrol raided the city of Salfit. At 00:35, the Israeli army raided the city again and patrolled the area until 01:30. (ii) At 23:45, the Israeli army raided the town of Deir Istiya, searched a number of houses, and withdrew at 03:00.
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 continues north of the district of Bethlehem, along 'Ayda refugee camp, and along the tunnel road (Gilo).

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Physical Assault:</u> At 09:30, Israeli troops positioned in the Mount of Abu Ghuneim severely beat Ziyad Kawazbeh on his way back for work. • <u>Air Patrol:</u> At 19:15, Israeli army helicopters patrolled the skies over the district of Bethlehem. • <u>Raids/Curfew:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 10:00, an Israeli army patrol raided Al ‘Aza refugee camp, set up a checkpoint, searched civilians and vehicles, and withdrew at 10:30. (ii) At 10:10, the Israeli army raided the city of Beit Sahur, raided the campus of Al Quds Open University, and detained a number of university students. (iii) At 18:00, the Israeli army raided ‘Ayda refugee camp and patrolled the area. (iv) At 21:00, the Israeli army raided the town of Al Khadr, imposed curfew, and withdrew at 22:00. (v) At 21:00, the Israeli army raided the village of Nahhalin and imposed curfew.
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 continues 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.

GAZA STRIP

NORTHERN GAZA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Closure:</u> Beit Hanun Crossing remains closed. • <u>Attack:</u> At 05:30, Israeli army naval boats opened intensive fire towards civilian fishermen’s boats on high seas, injuring 1 fisherman. • <u>Palestinian Attacks:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 14:30, 1 Qassam mortar was fired towards the Green Line. (ii) At 17:30, 2 Qassam mortars were fired towards the Green Line.
GAZA CITY	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Closure:</u> Nitsareem junction remains closed. • <u>Attacks:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 15:20, and again at 20:05, the Israeli army opened intensive fire towards 1 Palestinian National Security location north of Sheikh ‘Ajlin coastal junction. (ii) At 20:50, the Israeli army opened intensive fire from a military post, set up north of Sheikh ‘Ajlin coastal junction, towards 1 civilian vehicle travelling along the coastal road, injuring 2 civilians and causing the vehicle to tip over.

<p>CENTRAL GAZA</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Attack: At 04:30, the Israeli army opened intensive fire from the settlement of Kfar Darom towards the area of Al Mahattah.
<p>KHAN YUNIS</p>	<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) Abu Holi road is partially open. At 13:40, the Israeli army closed Salah Ad Din road, between Abu Holi and Al Matahin checkpoints, searched civilian vehicles travelling along the road, and arrested 4 civilians. • Arrests: The Israeli army arrested 4 civilians on Abu Holi road, including Ramiz Wafi.
<p>RAFAH</p>	<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. • Attack: At 00:05, a gun battle took place between Palestinian fighters and the Israeli army near Point 217 on the Green Line in the area of Sufa. Following the gun battle, the Israeli army opened intensive fire and fired 3 tank shells towards Palestinian territory, killing 2 civilians. • Killings: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 23:00, Mahmoud Ash Sheikh Khalil died of injuries sustained on 11 October 2004 during an Israeli army air attack on the neighbourhood of Yabna in Rafah refugee camp. <p>The Israeli army killed 2 civilians in the area of Sufa:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (ii) Abdul 'Azees Al Jazzar; and (iii) Abdul Sattar Al Ja'farawi. <p>The Israeli army killed 2 civilians near the settlement of Rafiah Yam:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (iv) Sa'd Abu Al 'Eish; and (v) Mohammed 'Ashour. • Raid: At 01:00, the Israeli army, including several tanks and 2 bulldozers, raided Palestinian territory north of the city of Rafah, demolished 1 house, levelled 7 <i>dunums</i> (1.75 acres) of agricultural land, and withdrew at 01:35. • House Demolition: The Israeli army demolished 1 house north of the city of Rafah belonging to Omar Abu Zayed. • Palestinian Attacks: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 02:00, 1 Qassam mortar was fired towards the settlement of Rafiah Yam. (ii) At 07:00, a gun battle took place between Palestinian fighters and the Israeli army near the settlement of Rafiah Yam, during which the Israeli army killed 2 fighters.