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PALESTINIAN MONITORING GROUP

DAILY SITUATION REPORT

08:00 18 October 2007 - 08:00 19 October 2007

SUMMARY OF EVENTS

EVENT	WEST BANK	GAZA STRIP	TOTAL	NOTES
Injuries	1	1	2	Incl. a child in Tulkarem
Arrests	12	1	13	Incl. 4 civilians in Ramallah, 4 in Hebron
Detentions	15		15	At checkpoints & in residential areas
Raids	32	1	33	Incl.6 in Bethlehem, 5 in Nablus
Checkpoints	17		17	Closure of checkpoints, stricter measures
Flying Checkpoints	16		16	Incl. 2 in Jerusalem, 5in Bethlehem
Attacks	7	6	13	Incl. 5 raids, 3 confrontations,
Air Patrols		1	1	Israeli helicopters flew over Gaza
Curfew	1		1	In Hussan village in Bethlehem district
House Occupation	1		1	1 house in Beit Fajjar, Bethlehem
Attacks on Property	1		1	Civilians are denied olive picking
Demolition of Property	8		8	Settlers set fire to olive trees
Land Confiscation	1		1	Israeli army confiscates 389.5 dunums
Wall construction	25		25	Continues in Jerusalem, Bethlehem
Closures	6		6	Partial in Jerusalem, 3 areas in Jenin
Closure of Main Roads	36		36	Incl. 3 in Jerusalem, 5 in Tulkarem
Closure of Crossing Points		7	7	Except for previously arranged cases
Settler Activity	1		1	Opening of new road in Nablus
Settler Violence	2		2	Civilians are denies olive picking
Palestinian Attacks		6	6	2 mortars fired towards the Green Line
TOTAL	182	23	205	

WEST BANK

ALL DISTRICTS

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. The Israeli army also continues to close the entrances to al-Aqsa Mosque compound in the old city of Jerusalem and impede civilian access to the mosque. The Israeli army prevented worshippers from holding Friday prayer in al-Aqsa Mosque.

Closure of Main Roads:

- (a) 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.
- (b) The Israeli army continues to close the road connecting Dahiyat al-Bareed to the town of al-Ram in order to complete Wall construction in the area.
- (c) The Israeli army continues to close with cement blocks and dirt barricades the entrance to the village of Jaba', which connects the village to the cities of Jerusalem, Ramallah, and Jericho.

• Checkpoints:

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- (a) The Israeli army continues to consider Qalandya 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.
- (b) The Israeli army continues to intensify its restrictions at Rafat and Ramot checkpoints, and the checkpoint set up near the village of Jaba'a, and impeded civilian access.

• Wall Gates:

- (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 al-Shayyah road in the area between the villages of al-Sawahira al-Sharqiya and al-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 al-Shayyah, 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.

Closure of Main Roads: The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the eastern (i) entrance to the village of Sinjil. The Israeli army continues to close with cement blocks the western (ii) entrance to the village of Saffa. The Israeli army continues to close the settler bypass road connecting (iii) 'Assur Hill in the village of Kafr Malik to Alon settler bypass road. **Checkpoints:** The Israeli army continues to intensify its restrictions at the checkpoint set up on the overpass to the town of 'Atara and to impede civilian access. Raids: (i) At 22:20, the Israeli army raided the city of al-Bireh, and patrolled it until 23:25. At 00:30, the Israeli army raided the town of Aroura, searched 2 (ii) houses, and handed 2 civilians notices to see the Israeli intelligence. At 02:00, the Israeli army raided the city of Ramallah and the town of (iii) **RAMALLAH** Beitunia, fired light bombs, arrested one civilian and withdrew at 02:30. The Israeli army raided the village of Abu Mash'al, and arrested 2 (iv) The Israeli army raided the village of Qibya, and arrested 3 civilians (v) including 2 children. **Arrests**: (i) The civilian arrested in the town of Beitunia is Abdel Shafi al-Dahlah. (ii) The 2 civilians arrested in the village of Deir Abu Mash'al are: (a) Ameen Othman Gharib; and (b) Omar Zahran. (iii) The 3 civilians arrested in the village of Qibya are: (c) Mahmoud Manour Makhtoub, 17; (d) Tha'er Mustafa Makhtoub, 16; and (e) Ihab Manour Makhtoub. Wall Construction: Wall construction continues in the area west of the town of 'Abud as well as in the areas of al-Midya to Ni'lin and Ni'lin to Deir Oaddis. 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. Checkpoints: The Israeli army continues to close Tayaseer 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 **JENIN** is the Northern Jordan Valley. Flying Checkpoints: At 14:00, the Israeli army set up 5 checkpoints at the junctions of the towns of Arraba and al-Zababdeh, and the village of al-Jarba, and between the town of Qabatia and the village of Misliyyeh, and at the entrance to the village of Rummana, and searched civilians and vehicles until 17:30.

Raids: (i) At 09:00, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the village of Tayaseer. At 01:00, the Israeli army raided the city of Jenin, opened fire and (ii) patrolled it until 03:30. Attacks on Property: At 18:00, the Israeli army prevented civilians from picking olives from the land in the village of Zebouba alongside the Wall. 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. <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. Closure of Main Roads: The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the Dahiyat Iktaba-Bal'a road; the entrance to the village of Saffarin; the road connecting the town of Deir al Ghusun to 'Attil's plain; the road to the town of Deir al-Ghusun's plain; and the entrance to the village of 'Izbat Abu Khamish. **Checkpoints:** The Israeli army continues to intensify its restrictions at Jubara checkpoint (the southern entrance to the city of Tulkarem) as well as at 'Einav checkpoint (the eastern entrance to the city). At 17:00, the Israeli army denied civilians between the age of 16 and 35 access through the 'Einav checkpoint. **Flying Checkpoints:** At 11:55, the Israeli army set up 3 checkpoints between the towns of (i) Anabta and Bal'a, and at the junctions of the villages of al-**TULKAREM** Jaroushiyyeh and Far'on, and searched civilians and vehicles until 14:00. (ii) At 23:00, the Israeli army set up a checkpoint at the junction of the suburb of Iktaba in the city of Tulkarem. Raids: (i) At 13:20, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the town of Beit Lid. At 11:55, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the city of Tulkarem and (ii) its refugee camp. At 14:00, the Israeli army raided the town of Anabta where (iii) confrontations with civilians broke out resulting in the injury of one child. At 20:00, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the suburb of Shweikeh (iv) in the city of Tulkarem. 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. Closure of Roads: The Israeli army continues to close with cement blocks the agricultural roads east of the town of 'Azzun as well as the road connecting the town of 'Azzun to the village of 'Izbat at Tabib. **QALQILIYA** Confiscation of Land: On October 17, the Israeli army issued military order number 07.14.T for the confiscation of 389.5 dunums from land located in the town of al-Zawyeh and the village of Sinirya for military purposes and

the construction of the apartheid Wall in the surrounding area of the village of Azzun Atmeh. **Wall Gates:**

- (i) Passage through the Wall gates is restricted to civilians granted special Israeli permits.
- The Israeli army continues to intensify its restrictions at 'Azzun 'Atma (ii) Wall gate and to search civilians, including students, with a metal detector.
- Wall Construction: Land leveling for Wall construction continues in the villages of Immatin and Kafr Laqif as well as east of the towns of Kafr Thulth and 'Azzun.

Closure of Main Roads:

- The Israeli army continues to close the Jenin-Nablus road between the (i) junction to the village of Deir Sharaf and the settlement of Shavei Shomron.
- (ii) The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the settler bypass road connecting the village of Deir al-Hatab to the settlement of Alon Moreh as well as the southern entrance to the village of Qaryut.
- The Israeli army continues to close the entrance to the village of al-(iii) Lubban al-Sharqiya with dirt barricades and cement blocks.
- Checkpoints: The Israeli army continues to regulate times for crossing checkpoints set up around the city of Nablus:
- At Tur neighborhood checkpoint (set up on Jerzim Mount) is closed on (i) Fridays and Saturdays as well as during Jewish holidays. On all other days, it is open for civilian residents of the neighborhood only.
- Beit Furik checkpoint is open to civilian residents of the town of Beit (ii) Furik and the nearby village of Beit Dajan.
- Beginning on 23 November 2006, the Israeli army continues to close (iii) the checkpoint set up in the area between the city of Nablus and the town of 'Asira al-Shamaliya and to prevent civilians from crossing, only allowing access to humanitarian cases.
- At 14:00, the Israeli army closed Huwara checkpoint and denied (iv) civilian access in both direction claiming there was a suspicious object. In addition, the Israeli army arrested one civilian, and reopened the checkpoint at 15:00.

Raids:

- At 14:30, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the city of Nablus. The (i) raid recurred at 01:40 and the Israeli army opened fire intensively and patrolled the city until 04:30.
- At 17:00, the Israeli army raided the village of Surra and engaged in (ii) confrontations with civilians during patrol
- At 00:30, the Israeli army raided the refugee camp of Balata in the city (iii) of Nablus and opened fire intensively while patrolling it. The Israeli army withdrew at 04:30.
- Arrests: On October 18, the Israeli army arrested at Huwara checkpoint civilian Talab Ahmad Sun'allah.

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	 <u>Settler Activity</u>: The Israeli army began work on a new settler bypass road on the land of the village of Azmout near Alon Morieh settlement. <u>Settler Violence</u>: A bunch of settlers from Alon Morieh prevented civilians from picking olives from their land in the village of Azmout. <u>Closure of Main Roads</u>: The Israeli army continues to close the main porth western entrance to
SALFIT	 (i) The Israeli army continues 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). (ii) The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the western entrance to the village of Marda and, with cement blocks, the western entrance to the town of Kafr al-Dik. • Checkpoints: (i) The Israeli army continues to intensify its restrictions at Deir Ballut and Za'tara checkpoints and to deny civilian access. (ii) The Israeli army continues to intensify restrictions at Za'tara junction checkpoint and impede traffic • Raids: (i) At 11:45, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the city of Salfit and the town of Brouqin. (ii) At 16:50, the Israeli army raided the town of Kafr al-Dik and detained a child during patrol. • Settler Attacks: At 08:30, a bunch of settlers from Tibwah set fire to land planted with olive trees belonging to the village of Yasouf. • Wall Construction: Wall construction continues in the area northwest of the city of Salfit, and in the village of Marda and the town of Kafr Hares north of the settlement of Ari'el.
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. Checkpoints: The Israeli army continues to intensify its restrictions and impede civilian access at al-Hamra checkpoint set up along al-Badhan road connecting the districts of Jericho and Nablus as well as on the checkpoint set up on the junction to the village of al-'Auja along al-Mu'arrajat road connecting the districts of Jericho and Ramallah.
ВЕТНІЕНЕМ	 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. Flying Checkpoints: At 09:00, the Israeli army set up a checkpoint on Wadi al-Nar road between the town of al-Obaydiyyeh and the village of al-Sawahreh al-Sharqiyyeh, and searched civilians and vehicles.

• Raids:

- (i) At dawn on October 18, the Israeli army raided the town of Beit Fajjar, occupied one house and turned it into a military post after detaining its inhabitants, and withdrew at 16:40.
- (ii) At 10:30, the Israeli army raided the village of Deir Salah, and set up a checkpoint.
- (iii) At 10:30, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the city of Beit Sahour.
- (iv) At 19:15, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the town of al-Khader.
- (v) At 20:00, the Israeli army raided the village of Hussan, and imposed curfew after confrontations with civilians broke out. In addition, the Israeli army set up a number of checkpoints at junction of internal roads, searched a number of houses and withdrew at 23:30.
- (vi) At 02:00, the Israeli army raided the refugee camp of al-Dheisheh in the city of Bethlehem, searched one house, arrested one civilian, and incurred material damage to 7 civilian cars, and withdrew at 03:55.
- <u>Arrests</u>: The civilian arrested in the refuge camp of al-Dheisheh in the coty of Bethlehem is Basel Ibrahim al-Afandi.
- Wall Construction: Wall construction continues in the area northwest of the town of al-Khader; northwest of the city of Beit Jala; in the area of Wadi Rahhal east of the settlement of Ephrata; and in the area surrounding the village of al-Walaja.

• Closure:

- (i) The Israeli army continues to close the following locales in the old city of Hebron: al-Shuhada' Street and the area of al-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 al-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) Although it expired on 07 May 2006, the Israeli army continues to implement a military order stipulating the prohibition of civilian vehicles from traveling 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 entrance to the town of al-Samoa'; 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; the road connecting the town of Surif to the village of al-Jab'a; the entrance to the village of Beit 'Einun; and the eastern entrance to the village of Kharsa. The Israeli army also continues to close with cement blocks the entrance to al-Qeisi neighborhood in the old city of Hebron as well as the main entrance to

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al-'Arrub refugee camp.

(ii) In accordance with Military Order # 378, the Israeli army continues to prohibit Palestinian vehicles from traveling 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.

• Raids:

- (i) At 18:00, the Israeli army raided the town of Tafouh, arrested 2 civilians, one military officer from the general intelligence and the other a school teacher.
- (ii) At 21:50, the Israeli army raided the refugee camp of al-Arroub and arrested one civilian.
- (iii) At 09:20, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the city of Hebron. The raid recurred at 15:30.
- (iv) The Israeli army raided the village of al-Alqa and arrested one civilian.

• Arrests:

- (i) The 2 civilian arrested in the town of Tafouh are:
- (b) Aref Haitham al-Hidmi; and
- (c) Radwan Khalil al-Hawash.
- (ii) The civilian arrested in the refugee camp of al-Arroub is Abdel Qader Ahmad Abu Srour.
- (iii) The civilian arrested in the village of al-Alqa is Ayed Mohammad Salem
 - <u>Wall Construction</u>: Wall construction continues in the section of Tarqumiya checkpoint terminal, the remaining section of the Wall route that separates the settlement of Eshkolot from the village of al-Ramadin, and near the village of Imneizil southeast of the town of Yatta. The part of the Wall located near the village of Arab al-Ramadin has been completed.

GAZA STRIP

NORTHERN GAZA	• <u>Closure of Crossing Point</u> : Beit Hanoun (Erez) Crossing is partially open (to allow previously coordinated humanitarian access).		
GAZA	 Closure of Crossing Points: Al-Muntar (Karni) Crossing is closed. Al-Shuja'iya (Nahal 'Oz) Crossing is closed. 		
CENTRAL GAZA	 Palestinian Attacks: (i) At 12:30, 4 mortars were fired towards the Green Line, and at once the Israeli army opened fire towards our areas east of the refugee camp of al-Breij. In addition, Israeli helicopters flew over the refuge camp. (ii) At 16:05, an armed individual fired an anti-tank missile towards the Israeli army on the Green Line east of the refugee camp of al-Maghazi, and at once the Israeli army opened fire intensively towards our areas. 		
KHAN YOUNIS	• Palestinian Attacks: At 12:00, armed individuals opened fire towards the Israeli army in the Green Line east of the city of Khan Younis, and at once the Israeli army opened fire intensively towards our areas.		
RAFAH			

• Closure of Crossing Points:

- (i) Yasser 'Arafat International Airport remains closed.
- (ii) Rafah (al-Awdah) Crossing is closed.
- (iii) Sufa Crossing is closed.
- (iv) Karm Abu Salim (Karem Shalom) Crossing is closed.
- Raids: At 06:30, an Israeli special force unit raided the neighborhood of al-Jaradat south-east the city of Rafah, searched one house, arrested one civilian, and engaged in armed confrontations with armed individuals resulting in the injury of one armed individual.
- <u>Arrests</u>: The civilian arrested south-east of the city of Rafah is Jihad Abu Shoushah.

• Palestinian Attacks:

- (i) At 12:20, 2 (unidentified) mortars were fired towards Sufa Crossing on the Green Line.
- (ii) In the evening of October 18, armed individuals opened machine guns fire towards Israeli navy boats near the shore of the city of Rafah, and at once the Israeli army opened fire intensively towards the shore of the city of Rafah.
- (iii) On October 18, 3 mortars were fired towards Karm Abu Salim (Karem Shalom) Crossing on the Green Line.