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PALESTINIAN MONITORING GROUP

DAILY SITUATION REPORT

08:00 19 October 2005 – 08:00 20 October 2005

SUMMARY OF EVENTS

EVENT	WEST BANK	GAZA STRIP	TOTAL	NOTES
Attacks	3	—	3	1 in a raid & 2 during confrontations
Raids	18	2	20	Incl. 5 in Ramallah & 1 in K. Yunis
Arrests	7	—	7	Incl. 3 female civilians
Detentions	11	—	11	At checkpoints & in residential areas
Land Levelling	1	2	3	Incl. in the town of Marda in Salfit
Wall Construction	25	—	25	Incl. Jer., Raml'h., Beth., Salfit, Qalq.
Destruction of Property	4	—	4	Incl. vendors' stalls destroyed
Attack on Property	1	—	1	Opening of shops prohibited
Checkpoints	3	—	3	Incl. 'Atara checkpoint closed
Flying Checkpoints	5	—	5	Incl. 1 in Jerusalem & 1 in Jericho
Closure (per District)	19	—	19	Incl. neighbourhoods in Jerusalem
Closure of Main Roads	10	—	10	Incl. Road # 60 leading to Jerusalem
Closure of Wall Gates	(All)	—	(All)	Incl. searches at 'Azzun 'Atma gate
Closure of Crossing Points	—	3	3	Incl. Rafah Crossing closed
Attacks on Religious Sites	2	—	2	Incl. Al Aqsa Mosque yards raided
School Disruption	1	—	1	Students forced to evacuate schools
Settler Violence	5	—	5	Incl. 1 vehicle and 1 tractor damaged
Provocation of Pal. Forces	1	—	1	Position near 1 Pal. Police station
Pal. Security Measures	1	1	2	Incl. 3 illegal vehicles handed over
TOTAL	117	8	125	

DISTRICT	EVENT
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ALL DISTRICTS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Beginning on 16 October 2005 in the evening, the Israeli army has reimposed a complete closure on the West Bank and Gaza Strip districts and declared them closed military zones after armed Palestinian individuals opened fired towards a number of Israeli settlers near the settlement of Kfar 'Etzion. The Israeli army also prevented civilians and workers from accessing the city of Jerusalem or crossing the Green Line
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WEST BANK

JERUSALEM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Closure: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) The Israeli army continues to intensify its restrictions at checkpoints located at the entrances to the city of Jerusalem and to set up checkpoints in the old city of Jerusalem and around Al Aqsa Mosque compound. Israeli troops positioned at checkpoints also prevented hundreds of civilians from accessing the city of Jerusalem to perform prayers in Al Aqsa Mosque. (ii) The Israeli army imposed a complete closure on the neighbourhoods of Silwan, Ath Thuri, Ras al 'Amud, Sur Bahir, and Al Mukabbir Mountain in the city of Jerusalem, denying access to Jerusalemite civilians. Checkpoints: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) The Israeli army continues to intensify its restrictions at Qalandiya checkpoint and to impede civilian access. (ii) The Israeli army intensified its restrictions at the checkpoint set up at the entrance to the village of Beit Iksa and impeded civilian access. Wall Gates: The Israeli army continues to close the Wall gate in the town of Abu Dis with cement blocks. Wall Construction: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Wall construction was resumed in 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, and in the areas of Al Judeira, Bir Nabala, and Beit Hanina. (ii) The Israeli army began levelling land for Wall construction around the settlement of Ma'ale Adumim. Flying Checkpoint: The Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the junction to the village of Jaba', searched civilians and vehicles, and denied access to private civilian vehicles. Settler Violence: A group of Israeli settlers raided Al Aqsa Mosque compound from Bab al Maghariba under the observation of the Israeli army. The Israeli army also arrested 1 civilian who protested against the settlers' raid on Al Aqsa Mosque compound.
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Arrest: The Israeli army arrested Munther Kathem 'Ubeid in Al Aqsa Mosque compound.
RAMALLAH & EL BIREH	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure of Main Road: The Israeli army continues to close the entrances to the town of Turmus'ayya and the villages of Sinjil, An Nabi Salih, and Deir Nidham with dirt barricades. • Checkpoint: The Israeli army continues to intensify its restrictions at the 'Atara overpass checkpoint and deny civilian access in both directions, only allowing buses and taxis to cross. • Wall Construction: Wall construction was resumed in the areas of Al Midya to Budrus, Al Midya to Ni'lin, Bil'in to Saffa, in the village of Beit Liqya, and in the town of Beituniya. • Raids/Provocation of Palestinian Forces: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 08:40, the Israeli army, including 4 jeeps, raided and patrolled the city of El Bireh. (ii) At 10:25, the Israeli army, including 2 jeeps, raided the towns of Beit Rima and Deir Ghassana and took position near the Palestinian Police station in the town of Deir Ghassana. (iii) At 00:05, the Israeli army, including 4 jeeps, raided and patrolled the villages of Mazari' an Nubani and Kafr 'Ein.
JENIN	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Checkpoint: The Israeli army continues to intensify its restrictions at Tayasir checkpoint east of the town of Tubas and to impede civilian access. • Wall Gates: Passage through the Wall gates is restricted to civilians granted special Israeli permits. • Raid: At 02:00, the Israeli army, including 10 jeeps, raided the city of Jenin and Jenin refugee camp, opened intensive fire, searched a number of houses, and arrested 2 female civilians. At 04:00, the Israeli army withdrew from the area. • Arrest: The Israeli army arrested 2 female civilians in Jenin refugee camp: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Saja Mohammed 'Arqawi; and (ii) Thawrah Ibrahim Quneiri.
TULKAREM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure of Main Road: The Israeli army continues to close the iron gate set up on the junction to the settlement of 'Einav along the Tulkarem-Nablus road, preventing civilians from crossing in both directions. • Wall Gates: Passage through the Wall gates is restricted to civilians granted special Israeli permits. • Raids: At 13:15, and again at 20:40, the Israeli army, including 2 jeeps, raided the town of 'Anabta. Confrontations took place between civilians and the Israeli army while it was patrolling the area. • Palestinian Security Measure: At 14:00, Palestinian security forces handed over 3 illegal vehicles, seized in the city of Tulkarem, to the Israeli authorities (through the DCO).

<p style="text-align: center;">QALQILIYA</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Wall Gates:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Passage through the Wall gates is restricted to civilians granted special Israeli permits. (ii) The Israeli army continues to intensify its restrictions at ‘Azzun ‘Atma Wall gate and to search civilians, including students, with a metal detector. • <u>Wall Construction:</u> Land levelling for Wall construction was resumed in the village of Immatin and in the area east of the towns of Kafr Thulth and ‘Azzun. • <u>Settler Violence:</u> Israeli settlers from the settlement of Kedumim prevented farmers from the village of Kafr Qaddum from accessing their groves near the settlement to harvest olive crops.
<p style="text-align: center;">NABLUS</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Closure of Main Roads:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) The Israeli army continues to close the main road leading to the district of Jenin between the junction to the village of Deir Sharaf and the settlement of Shavei Shomron. (ii) The Israeli army continues to close the road connecting the city of Nablus and the town of ‘Asira ash Shamaliya. • <u>Flying Checkpoint:</u> At 15:25, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on Al Badhan road east of the city of Nablus and searched civilian vehicles. • <u>Arrest:</u> At 23:50, Israeli troops positioned at Huwwara checkpoint arrested Mohammed Majid Mar’i, a Palestinian Police officer. • <u>Settler Violence:</u> At 11:30, groups of Israeli settlers, under the protection of the Israeli army, constructed makeshift shelters in the archaeological yard in the village of Sabastiya to celebrate the Jewish holiday of Sukkot.
<p style="text-align: center;">SALFIT</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Closure of Main Roads:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) The Israeli army continues to close the main north-western entrance to the city of Salfit with dirt barricades. The road has been closed since the beginning of the current <i>Intifada</i> (Uprising). (ii) The Israeli army continues to close the entrance to the village of Qarawat Bani Hassan with an iron gate. (iii) The Israeli army continues to close the northern entrance to the town of Deir Istiya with dirt barricades. (iv) The Israeli army continues to close the entrances to the towns of Jamma’in and Kafr ad Dik with cement blocks. • <u>Checkpoints:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) The Israeli army continues to close Deir Ballut checkpoint overnight and open it at various times in the morning, impeding civilian movement. (ii) Beginning at 22:20 on 16 October 2005, the Israeli army continues to close the Za’tara junction checkpoint and deny civilian access in both directions, only allowing buses and taxis to cross.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wall Construction: Wall construction was resumed 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 villages of Marda and Kifl Haris north of the settlement of Ari'el. • Raids: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 20:00, the Israeli army, including 3 jeeps, raided and patrolled the village of Marda. (ii) At 21:50, the Israeli army, including 2 jeeps, raided the town of Deir Istiya. Confrontations took place between the Israeli army and civilians. At 23:00, the Israeli army withdrew from the area. • Land Levelling/Destruction of Property: At 13:40, the Israeli army levelled agricultural land and uprooted a number of olive trees along the main road adjacent to the village of Marda.
JERICHO	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure: Road # 90 between the city of Jericho and the village of Al 'Auja is closed with cement blocks. The Israeli army prevents farmers not holding Jericho ID cards from reaching their land, forcing them to apply for access permits. The Israeli army also sporadically impedes civilian movement into the city of Jericho, except for Jerusalem and Jericho ID holders. • Checkpoint: The Israeli army continues to intensify its restrictions at Al Hamra checkpoint on the road connecting the districts of Jericho and Nablus and to impede civilian access. • Flying Checkpoint: At 09:30, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to the village of 'Ein ad Duyuk and searched civilians and vehicles. • Raid: At 11:00, the Israeli army raided the village of Al 'Auja and searched 1 house.
BETHLEHEM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure: The Israeli army continues to close the road to the village of An Nu'man in the north-eastern Bethlehem district, isolating the village. The Israeli army considers the civilians' residence in the village illegal. • Closure of Main Roads: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) The Israeli army continues to close Road # 60 leading to the city of Jerusalem, denying civilian access, except for a number of taxis which are allowed access but forbidden from stopping along the main road. (ii) 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. (iii) The Israeli army continues to close the entrances to the villages of Husan and Nahhalin with cement blocks. • Wall Construction: Wall construction was resumed north of 'Ayda refugee camp towards the area north of the city of Beit Jala. • Checkpoint: The Israeli army intensified its restrictions at As Sawahira ash Sharqiya (the "Container") checkpoint, impeding civilian access in both directions.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Raids:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 13:30, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the city of Beit Jala. (ii) An Israeli army patrol raided the village of Dar Salah, set up a checkpoint, and searched civilians and vehicles. • <u>Destruction of Property:</u> At 20:30, Israeli army bulldozers destroyed vendors' stalls near the dirt barricade adjacent to Road # 60 in the town of Al Khadr and placed cement blocks in the area.
HEBRON	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Closure:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) The Israeli army continues to close with cement blocks and barbed wire Ash Shuhada' Street and the area of As Sahleh and with an iron gate the old gold market, all in the H2 section of the city of Hebron, denying access to civilians and vehicles. (ii) The Israeli army continues to close the entrances to the city of Hebron with checkpoints and dirt barricades. • <u>Closure of Main Roads:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Beginning on 17 October 2005, the Israeli army continues to close the roads to the city of Hebron and its towns and villages with dirt barricades (including Beit 'Einun, Al Fahs road, the area of An Nabi Yunis, Bani Na'im, Zif junction, Al Fawwar refugee camp, the towns of Tarqumiya and Idhna, and the village of 'Arab ar Ramadin and 'Arab al Fureijat). Civilians are also forced to cross checkpoints set up by the Israeli army on foot before taking taxis to their final destinations. (ii) The Israeli army continues to close the entrances to the village of Khirbet as Simiya with dirt barricades. • <u>Wall Construction:</u> Wall construction was resumed west of the town of Surif to Beit Ula, in the town of Idhna, from the village of Deir Samit to the village of Beit 'Awwa, from Beit 'Awwa to the village of Al Burj, and south of the towns of Adh Dhahiriya and As Samoa'. • <u>Flying Checkpoint:</u> The Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the overpass to the town of Halhul, searched civilian vehicles, and impeded civilian access. • <u>Raids/Detention:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 15:15, the Israeli army raided the city of Hebron and arrested 1 Palestinian Police officer. At 20:35, the Israeli army raided the city again, set up a checkpoint near Hebron University, and detained a number of civilians under the rain. At 00:50, the Israeli army raided the city for the third time and patrolled the area. (ii) At 02:00, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the town of Adh Dhahiriya. • <u>Arrests:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 17:00 on 18 October 2005, the Israeli army arrested Mustafa Isma'il Hamdan during its raid on the village of Kharsa, in addition to those reported yesterday.

	<p>(ii) On 18 October 2005, the Israeli army arrested Ridha Ahmed ‘Ashi, an 18-year-old female university student, during its raid on the city of Hebron.</p> <p>(iii) The Israeli army arrested Majdi Hamdan Abu Shamsiyyeh, a Palestinian Police officer, in the city of Hebron.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Attack on Property:</u> The Israeli army prohibited owners of commercial shops in the old city of Hebron from opening their shops. • <u>Attack on Religious Site:</u> The Israeli army closed the gates leading to the Ibrahimi Mosque and prohibited worshippers from performing prayers in the mosque, ostensibly due to the Jewish holiday of Sukkot. • <u>School Disruption:</u> The Israeli army forced students to evacuate Al Fayha’ and Al Ibrahimiya Basic Schools, located near the Ibrahimi Mosque in the old city of Hebron, allegedly to provide protection for Israeli settlers celebrating the Jewish holiday of Sukkot. • <u>Settler Violence:</u> <p>(i) A group of Israeli settlers from the settlement of Ma’ on east of the town of Yatta attacked civilian property in the village of At Tuwani near the settlement, damaging 1 civilian vehicle and 1 tractor.</p> <p>(ii) Groups of Israeli settlers, marching in a rally to celebrate the Jewish holiday of Sukkot in the old city of Hebron, threw stones at civilians and civilian houses and shouted anti-Arab slogans.</p>
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GAZA STRIP

NORTHERN GAZA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Closure of Crossing Point:</u> Beit Hanun (Erez) Crossing is partially open to humanitarian cases and VIPs only. • <u>Raid/Land Levelling:</u> At 10:05, the Israeli army, including 2 armoured vehicles and 1 bulldozer, raided 50 meters into Palestinian territory near Point 26 on the Green Line east of the town of Beit Hanun and levelled land, measuring 100 meters in length.
GAZA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Activities not reported.
CENTRAL GAZA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Activities not reported.
KHAN YUNIS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Raid/Land Levelling:</u> At 15:00, the Israeli army, including 1 armoured vehicle and 7 bulldozers, raided Palestinian territory near Points 176 and 186 on the Green Line east of the village of ‘Abasan al Kabira and levelled land.
RAFAH	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Closure of Crossing Points:</u> <p>(i) Yasser Arafat International Airport remains closed.</p> <p>(ii) Rafah Crossing is closed.</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Palestinian Security Measure:</u> At 00:20, a confrontation took place between a Palestinian National Security patrol and 4 Palestinian individuals attempting to smuggle illegal goods west of Tall Zu'rub neighbourhood, located in the city of Rafah near the Border Line. The Palestinian National Security patrol then arrested 2 of these individuals.
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GENERAL

<p>WORK PERMITS</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>West Bank:</u> Israeli authorities cancelled all previously-issued access permits for work inside the Green Line due to the complete closure imposed by the Israeli army on the West Bank districts. • <u>Gaza Strip:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Israeli authorities renewed 285 permits for workers to cross the Green Line. However, none of those possessing work permits were allowed to access areas inside the Green Line due to the closure imposed on all districts. (i) Israeli authorities issued 135 permits for Gaza Strip workers to stay overnight inside the Green Line.
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