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PALESTINIAN MONITORING GROUP

DAILY SITUATION REPORT

08:00 19 October 2006 – 08:00 20 October 2006

SUMMARY OF EVENTS

EVENT	WEST BANK	GAZA STRIP	TOTAL	NOTES
Injuries	2	—	2	Incl. 1 mentally challenged civilian
Incursion	—	1	1	Into areas east of the city of Rafah
Air Attack	—	1	1	2 missiles fired by F16 aircraft, Rafah city
Attacks	7	3	10	Incl. 4 in raids and 4 from military posts
Raids	18	3	21	Incl. 6 in Ramallah & 2 in Northern Gaza
Air Patrols	1	4	5	Incl. 3 by combat helicopters
Arrests	3	—	3	2 civilians in Ramallah & 1 in Bethlehem
Detentions	15	—	15	At checkpoints & in residential locales
House Demolition	—	1	1	1 house during air attack on Rafah city
Land Levelling	—	1	1	Near Beit Hanun (Erez) Industrial Zone
Wall Construction	29	—	29	Incl. Jer., Raml'h., Qalq., Salfit, Beth.
Destruction of Property	2	4	6	Incl. 1 factory destroyed in Northern Gaza
House Occupations	4	—	4	Incl. a number of houses in Qabatiya town
Closure of Checkpoints	10	—	10	Incl. Al Badhan checkpoint closed
Flying Checkpoints	9	—	9	Incl. 2 in Nablus and 3 in Salfit
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
Attack on Religious Site	1	—	1	1 mosque surrounded in Ramallah
Settler Violence	1	—	1	Civilian houses stoned in Bruqin, Salfit
Provocation of Pal. Forces	1	—	1	Fired opened towards 1 Police station
Palestinian Attacks	—	2	2	4 mortars fired towards the Green Line
TOTAL	139	25	164	

DISTRICT	EVENT
WEST BANK	
ALL DISTRICTS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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.
JERUSALEM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure: 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: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (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. • Checkpoint: 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: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (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.
RAMALLAH & EL BIREH	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure of Main Roads: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the eastern entrance to the village of Sinjil. (ii) 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

	<p>access to the city of Ramallah for civilians holding IDs issued in the northern districts of the West Bank.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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. • Raids/Injury/Attack on Religious Site: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 18:00, the Israeli army raided the village of Beit Liqya. Confrontations took place between the Israeli army and civilians, during which the Israeli army injured Kamal Ali 'Assi. (ii) At 01:00, the Israeli army raided the village of Kobar and surrounded the village's mosque. (iii) At 02:10, the Israeli army, including 28 jeeps, raided the cities of Ramallah and El Bireh, raided 1 coffee shop in the city of Ramallah, and arrested 2 civilians. (iv) At 02:25, an Israeli army patrol raided the village of Kafr 'Ein and patrolled the area. (v) At 02:30, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the village of An Nabi Salih. • Arrests: The Israeli army arrested 2 civilians, including Yasser Fahmi Sawalmeh, in the city of Ramallah.
JENIN	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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: In addition to operating surveillance cameras, 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 demands that children under 16 years of age present their birth certificates. • Wall Gates: Passage through the Wall gates is restricted to civilians granted special Israeli permits. • Attack/Injury: At 16:00, Israeli troops positioned at Salim checkpoint northwest of the city of Jenin opened fire towards and injured Abdullah Younes al Labadi, a mentally challenged civilian, claiming that he had thrown stones at Israeli troops. • Raids/Detentions/Attacks/Construction of Property/House Occupation: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Beginning at 03:55 on 19 October, the Israeli army remained positioned in the city of Jenin, set up 2 checkpoints in the areas of As Suweitat and Al Marah, searched civilians and vehicles, detained a number of civilians, and searched 1 house. An armed confrontation took place between the Israeli army and armed Palestinian individuals. At 10:00, the Israeli army withdrew from the area. (ii) At 20:00, the Israeli army, including 10 jeeps, raided the town of Qabatiya and opened intensive fire, damaging a number of civilian vehicles parked outside houses. The Israeli army also occupied a number of houses, converted them into military posts, and opened

	intensive fire towards the town's Palestinian Police station. The Israeli army withdrew from the area at a later time.
TULKAREM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure: 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, and the road connecting the town of Deir al Ghusun to 'Attil plain. • Checkpoints: 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.
QALQILIYA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure of Roads: The Israeli army continues to close with cement blocks the agricultural roads east of the town of 'Azzun. • Wall Gates: <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. 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. • Raid: At 09:00, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the village of An Nabi Elyas.
NABLUS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure of Main Roads: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) 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. (ii) 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: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Huwwara and Beit Iba checkpoints (set up at the southern and western entrances to the city of Nablus respectively) are closed at 23:00. (ii) 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.

	<p>(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.</p> <p>(v) Beit Furik checkpoint is open to civilian residents of the town of Beit Furik and the village of Beit Dajan until 17:30.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Flying Checkpoints:</u> At 17:30, the Israeli army set up 2 flying checkpoints on the junctions to the village of Zawata and the settlement of Bracha and searched civilians and vehicles. • <u>Raid:</u> At 23:30, the Israeli army, including 7 jeeps and 1 bulldozer, raided Balata refugee camp. An armed confrontation took place between armed Palestinian individuals and the Israeli army while it was patrolling the area. At 01:00, the Israeli army withdrew from the area.
SALFIT	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Closure of Main Roads:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) 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). (ii) 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. • <u>Checkpoints:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) The Israeli army continues to intensify its restrictions at Deir Ballut checkpoint and to deny civilian access to the town of Kafr ad Dik. (ii) 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. • <u>Wall Construction:</u> 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. • <u>Flying Checkpoint:</u> At 12:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the junction to the town of Kifl Haris and searched civilians and vehicles until 13:30. • <u>Raids/Air Patrol:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 08:10, the Israeli army, including 10 jeeps, raided the town of Bruqin, set up checkpoints at its entrances, and searched civilians and vehicles. The Israeli army also searched 1 commercial shop and patrolled the area. At 10:30, the Israeli army withdrew from the area. (ii) At 08:10, Israeli troops, dispatched by an Israeli combat helicopter, raided and combed the area of Wadi ash Sha'er. (iii) At 19:30, the Israeli army raided the village of Rafat and raided a number of commercial shops. • <u>Settler Violence:</u> At 21:25, a group of Israeli settlers raided the town of Bruqin and threw stones at civilian houses, breaking the windows of 3 houses. Consequently, the Israeli army raided the town and evacuated the settlers from the town.

<p style="text-align: center;">JERICHO</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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.
<p style="text-align: center;">BETHLEHEM</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure: The Israeli army continues to close the roads to the village of An Nu’mān, with the exception of the road leading to the Wall gate in the south-eastern area of the village. • Closure of Main Roads: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) 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. (ii) 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. • Attack: At 01:05, the Israeli army fired flares over the area of Bir ‘Ona in the city of Beit Jala. • Raids: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 22:20, the Israeli army raided the village of Battir, raided 1 commercial shop, and arrested 1 civilian. (ii) At 06:00, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the city of Beit Jala. • Arrest: The Israeli army arrested Rami ‘Ayed al Bat’hah in the village of Battir.
<p style="text-align: center;">HEBRON</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (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.

	<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 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. • <u>Flying Checkpoint:</u> At 22:30, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the junction to the village of Kharsa and searched civilians and vehicles. • <u>Raids/House Occupations:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 15:00, the Israeli army raided the town of Dura, occupied 2 houses, and converted them into military posts. (ii) At 00:30, the Israeli army raided the town of As Samoa', set up a checkpoint, searched civilians and vehicles, and patrolled the area. (iii) At 01:00, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the town of Yatta.
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GAZA STRIP

<p style="text-align: center;">ALL DISTRICTS</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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.
<p style="text-align: center;">NORTHERN GAZA</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Closure of Crossing Point:</u> Beit Hanun (Erez) Crossing is partially open only to foreign nationals, VIPs, and humanitarian cases. • <u>Attacks/Destruction of Property:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 16:25, the Israeli army fired 3 artillery shells from its locations inside the Green Line towards the area surrounding the village of 'Izbat 'Abed Rabbu. Of these, 1 artillery shell landed and damaged 1 house. (ii) At 20:30, the Israeli army fired 6 artillery shells from its locations inside the Green Line towards Palestinian territory north of An Nada towers. Of those fired, 1 artillery shell did not explode. • <u>Raids/Air Patrol/Land Levelling/Destruction of Property:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Beginning at 11:25 on 18 October 2006, the Israeli army remained positioned in the area of Abu Safiya east of the town of Jabalya. At 12:20, the Israeli army, including 10 armoured vehicles, carried out an

	<p>incursion at a distance of 150 meters from the Eastern Road east of the town of Jabalya.</p> <p>(ii) At 18:55, Israeli Special Forces, supported by 10 armoured vehicles and 2 bulldozers covered by combat helicopters, raided Beit Hanun (Erez) Industrial Zone north of the town of Beit Hanun as well as near the area of Al Hawuz north of the town of Beit Lahiya. The Israeli army also levelled land located at a distance of 200 metres from Beit Hanun (Erez) Industrial Zone. In addition, the Israeli army demolished portions of the Industrial Zone's eastern wall, destroyed 1 factory (using explosives), and damaged other factories in the Industrial Zone.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Palestinian Attacks:</u> (i) At 16:10, 2 unidentified mortars were fired towards the Green Line. (ii) At 05:25, 2 unidentified mortars were fired towards the Green Line.
GAZA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Raid:</u> At 22:40, the Israeli army, including 4 armoured vehicles and 1 bulldozer, raided 300 metres into Palestinian territory near Point 58 on the Green Line east of Gaza city.
CENTRAL GAZA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Activities not reported.
KHAN YUNIS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Activities not reported.
RAFAH	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Closure of Crossing Points:</u> (i) Yasser 'Arafat International Airport remains closed. (ii) Rafah Crossing is closed. (iii) Sufa Crossing is closed. (iv) Karm Abu Salim (Karem Shalom) Crossing is closed. • <u>Incursion/Attacks/Provocation of Palestinian Forces/Air Patrol:</u> 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 03:25 on 18 October 2006, the Israeli army continued to expand the scope of its incursion so as to include areas along Salah ad Din main road as well as areas in As Salaam neighbourhood in Rafah refugee camp and north of Rafah Crossing. The Israeli army destroyed 1 tunnel (using explosives). The Israeli army remains positioned in the area as of 08:00 this morning. • <u>Air Attack:</u> At 22:50, Israeli F16 combat aircraft fired 2 missiles towards and destroyed 1 house at a distance of 200 metres east of Salah ad Din gate in the city of Rafah, after the Israeli army had notified residents to evacuate. • <u>House Demolition:</u> The house that was destroyed during the Israeli air attack on the area east of Salah ad Din gate in the city of Rafah belongs to Saleh Salem Qishtah. • <u>Attack/Air Patrol:</u> At 19:30, Israeli combat helicopters opened machinegun fire towards Palestinian territory west of Rafah Crossing.