مجموعة الرقابة الفلسطينية



PALESTINIAN MONITORING GROUP

DAILY SITUATION REPORT 08:00 23 October 2010 – 08:00 24 October 2010

SUMMARY OF EVENTS

EVENT	WEST BANK	GAZA STRIP	TOTAL	NOTES
Attacks	2	2	4	Incl. 1 in a raid and 2 from naval boats
Raids	17		17	Incl. 4 in Nablus and 9 in Hebron
Air Patrol	1	_	1	Combat helicopter over Beit Jala city
Arrests (per person)	4	_	4	2 in Qalqiliya and 2 in Hebron
Detentions	12	_	12	At checkpoints and in residential areas
Destruction of Property	2	_	2	Incl. 40 olive trees uprooted, Nablus
Confiscation of Property	12	_	12	12 computers in the Hebron district
Closure of Checkpoints	9	_	9	Incl. access impeded at 6 checkpoints
Flying Checkpoints	29	_	29	Incl. 6 in Qalqiliya and 8 in Hebron
Closure (per District)	7	_	7	Incl. Jerusalem & 2 areas in Bethlehem
Closure of Main Roads	42	_	42	Incl. 3 in Jerusalem and 3 in Ramallah
Closure of Crossing Points	_	6	6	Only Rafah Crossing open
Settler Violence	4		4	Incl. 5 dunums of land levelled, Hebron
Palestinian Attack	_	1	1	A mortar fired towards the Green Line
Demonstrations	2	_	2	Incl. against settler violence & closure
TOTAL	143	9	152	

DISTRICT EVENTS

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JERUSALEM	Closure: (i) The Israeli army continues to intensify restrictions at checkpoints located at the entrances to Jerusalem city and to prevent civilians from other districts from entering the city, only allowing access to civilians holding special permits. (i) On 05 January 2009, the Israeli authorities issued Military Order # S/02/09 on the closure of the "demarcation area" along the Wall in the area surrounding Jerusalem city. Access would be restricted to residents of the area as well as to civilians holding permits through crossings and gates defined in the military order. (ii) The Israeli army continues to impose a blockade and deny civilian access to a hill between Biddu and Beit Iksa villages. Closure of Main Roads: (i) The Israeli army continues to close with cement blocks and dirt barricades the entrance to the village of Jaba*. (ii) The Israeli army continues to close the iron gate along the Wall section, separating the area of Dahiyat al Bareed from the town of Ar Ram. (iii) The Israeli army continues to close with an iron gate the eastern entrance to Beit Iksa village and force civilians to access Jerusalem city through Qalandiya checkpoint. Checkpoint: The Israeli army continues to consider Qalandiya checkpoint a "border crossing point" and has designated a special crossing lane for holders of Jerusalem IDs and those possessing permits to access the city of Jerusalem. Wall Gates: (i) The Israeli army continues to close with cement blocks the Wall gate in Abu Dis town. (ii) The Israeli army continues to deny civilian access through the Wall gate on Ash Shayyah road in the area between As Sawahira ash Sharqiya and As Sawahira al Gharbiya villages, only allowing civilians holding Jerusalem IDs to cross, after subjecting them to thorough searches using electronic devices. Wall Construction: Wall construction was suspended for the weekend in the area southwest of Beit Hanina town; in the area surrounding the checkpoint set up at the entrance to Shu'fat refugee camp; in Mari az Zaytun area south
RAMALLAH & EL BIREH	 Closure of Main Roads: The Israeli army continues to close the entrances to Sinjil town and Saffa village as well as the junction to Kafr Malik and 'Ein Samiya villages. Flying Checkpoints: At 08:20, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the junction to 'Ofra settlement and searched civilians and vehicles. At 09:30, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint in the area between Silwad town and Yabrud village and searched civilians and vehicles.

	(iii) At 20:20, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to Turmus'ayya town and searched civilians and vehicles.
	 Raids: (i) At 01:30, the Israeli army raided Turmus'ayya town hand served summonses on a number of civilians to report to the Israeli Intelligence agency. (ii) At 01:45, the Israeli army raided and patrolled 'Ein Yabrud village. • Wall Construction: Wall construction was suspended for the weekend in the area west of 'Abud town in the area surrounding 'Ofarim settlement and north of Al Lubban al Gharbi and Rantis villages.
JENIN	 Closure of Main Road: The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the road leading to the town of 'Arraba east of Dotan settlement. Flying Checkpoint: At 21:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint in the area between 'Arraba and Kafr Ra'i towns and searched civilians and vehicles. 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.
TUBAS	<u>Checkpoint</u> : Though allowing civilian access to the Northern Jordan Valley between 06:00 and 22:00, the Israeli army continues to intensify its restrictions at Tayasir checkpoint east of the city of Tubas.
TULKAREM	 Closure of Main Roads: The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the road connecting the town of Kafr al Labad to the village of Shufa as well as the road connecting the villages of Shufa and 'Izbat Shufa. Checkpoint: The Israeli army continues to intensify restrictions at 'Einav checkpoint set up on Tulkarem-Nablus main road. Flying Checkpoints: At 09:40, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to Beit Lid town and searched civilians and vehicles until 12:00. At 10:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on Al Kafriyat road connecting Tulkarem and Qalqiliya districts and searched civilians and vehicles. Wall Gates: Passage through the wall gates is restricted to civilians granted special Israeli permits.
QALQILYA	 Closure of Roads: The Israeli army continues to close with cement blocks agricultural roads east of the town of 'Azzun. Flying Checkpoints: At 14:20, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to Hajja village and searched civilians and vehicles. At 15:50, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint near Ma'ale Shomron settlement on Qalqiliya-Nablus main road and searched civilians and vehicles. At 16:10, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint near the entrance to Jinsafut village on the Qalqiliya-Nablus main and searched civilians and vehicles.

(iv) At 16:20, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to 'Azzun town and searched civilians and vehicles. At 16:40, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to (v) Jit village and searched civilians and vehicles. (vi) At 18:45, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint in the area between Al Funduq and Hajja villages and searched civilians and vehicles. **Raids/Detention:** (i) At 18:00, the Israeli army raided An Nabi Elyas village, arrested two civilians, detained Usayd Tayseer Radhwan, and released him at a later At 20:00, the Israeli army raided and patrolled Al Fundug village. (ii) **Arrests:** The Israeli army arrested two civilians in An Nabi Elyas village: Ahmed 'Imad Salem Shubeitat; and (i) Khaled Ali Ahmed Radhwan. (ii) **Settler Violence:** At 10:50, a group of Israeli settlers stole olive crops on civilian land (i) north of Kafr Qaddum village. At 18:15, a group of Israeli settlers from Kedumim settlement threw (ii) stones at civilian vehicles travelling along the main road near the settlement. **Wall Gates:** (i) 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 continues close with an iron gate the entrance to the (ii) village of Wadi ar Rasha and to deny civilian access. The Israeli army allows residents to access the village through Gate #109. Having removed the iron gate at the entrance to the village of Ras 'Atiya, the Israeli army only allows students to cross to their schools outside the village through the Habla gate. Wall Construction: Wall construction was suspended for the weekend in Kafr Laqif village north of Karnei Shomron settlement; in Immatin village northeast of Imanuel settlement; and east of Kafr Thulth town near Ma'ale Shomron settlement. **Closure of Main Roads:** The Israeli army continues to close the roads of Till-Burin and Beit (i) Furik-Salem; the settler bypass road connecting the village of Deir al Hatab to the settlement of Alon Moreh; the road connecting the town of 'Agraba to the village of Osarin; and the detour road between the town of Qabalan and the village of Osarin. **NABLUS** The Israeli army continues to close the northern entrance to the town of (ii) Oabalan: the southern entrances to the town of Jamma'in and the villages of Duma and Qaryut; and the western entrance to An Nagura village opposite the settlement of Shavei Shomron. Checkpoints: The Israeli army continues to regulate times for crossing

checkpoints set up around the city of Nablus:

	(i) At Tur neighbourhood checkpoint (set up on Jerzim 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 between 07:00 and 02:00.				
	(ii) At 'Awarta commercial checkpoint, civilians are allowed to cross between 05:00 and 20:00, but between 05:00 and 15:00 on Fridays. All civilian vehicles are allowed to access the city of Nablus, but only commercial vehicles and ambulances can leave the city through the checkpoint.				
	(iii) At 08:00, the Israeli army intensified restrictions at the checkpoint set up at the entrance to Beit Furik town and impeded civilian access until 19:00.				
	• Flying Checkpoint: At 15:20, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to Till village and searched civilians and vehicles until 16:00.				
	At 14:00, the Israeli army raided and patrolled 'Asira ash Shamaliya town and Beit Imrin village.				
	(ii) At 14:50, the Israeli army raided 'Iraq Burin village and patrolled the area until 15:50.				
	 (iii) At 18:30, the Israeli army raided and patrolled Beit Furik town. Settler Violence: At 09:00, a group of Israeli settlers uprooted and cut down approximately 40 olive trees on land belonging to Raja Jamil 'Uweiss in An Nijma area in Al Lubban ash Sharqiya village. 				
SALFIT	Closure of Main Roads: The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the northern entrance to Salfit city and with cement blocks the northern entrance to the Bruqin town.				
	 (ii) The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the entrance to two detour roads connecting Marda village to respective farmland. Checkpoint: The Israeli army continues to intensify its restrictions and impede civilian access at the Za'tara junction checkpoint. 				
	 Flying Checkpoints: (i) At 21:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to Deir Istiya town and searched civilians and vehicles. (ii) At 21:10, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to 				
	 Kifl Haris town and searched civilians and vehicles until 22:30. Wall Construction: Wall construction was suspended for the weekend in the area north of Deir Istiya town southeast of Imanuel settlement. 				
JERICHO	 <u>Closure</u>: The Israeli army continues to close Road # 90 between Jericho city and Al 'Auja village with cement blocks. <u>Checkpoints</u>: 				
	(i) The Israeli army continues to intensify restrictions at Al Hamra checkpoint set up along Al Badhan road connecting Jericho and Nablus districts, only allowing access to residents of Jericho district of the Jordan Valley area.				

	 (ii) The Israeli army continues to intensify restrictions at the checkpoint set up on the junction to Al 'Auja village along Al-Mu'arrajat road connecting Jericho and Ramallah districts, only allowing access to residents of Jericho district as well as to others holding access permits. • Flying Checkpoints: (i) At 22:30, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the junction to the Dead Sea and searched civilians and vehicles. (ii) At 07:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the junction to Fasayil village 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. According to Military Order # S/02/07, the Israeli army has continued since 15 September 2007 to deny civilian access to an area measuring 22 dunums of land in the area of Mazmuriya in the cities of Beit Sahur and Bethlehem. The land was confiscated pursuant to Military Order T/31/07. Closure of Main Roads: The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the road of Beit Jala-Wadi Ahmad; a road east of Beit Fajjar town; and a rural road connecting Tuqu' town to Khirbet al Baq'a village. Flying Checkpoints: At 11:50, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on An Nashash junction (the southern entrance to Bethlehem city) and searched civilians and vehicles. At 14:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the northwestern entrance to Beit Jala city and searched civilians and vehicles. Air Patrol: At 04:30, an Israeli combat helicopter patrolled the skies over Bir 'Ona area in Beit Jala city. Wall Construction: Wall construction was suspended for the weekend in the area northwest of Beit Jala city; in the area surrounding Al Walaja village; and east of Efrat settlement.
HEBRON	 Closure: The Israeli army continues to close Ash Shuhada' Street, As Sahleh and Khuzq al Far areas, and the old gold market in the old city of Hebron. In addition to closing the entrance to Al Qeisi neighbourhood, the Israeli army continues to close the entrances to the area of Al Hisba (the fruits and vegetables market) with an iron gate and Al Laban Market with iron plates. On 05 January 2009, the Israeli army issued Military Order # 09/06/S on the closure of the area located along the Green Line south of the town of Yatta, evacuation of civilian residents, and prevention of civilian access to the area. According to Military Orders # 05/03/T and 05/04/T, land in this area was confiscated for Wall construction.

• Closure of Main Roads:

- (i) The Israeli army continues to close the entrances to As Samoa' and Adh Dhahiriya, Al 'Arrub refugee camp, and At Tuwani village.
- (ii) The Israeli army continues to prohibit Palestinian vehicles from travelling along Ash Shalala Old Street in the old city of Hebron.
- (iii) The Israeli army continues to close the road between Al Karmil and At Tuwani villages; all roads leading to Road # 60; and the road connecting Surif town to Al Jab'a village.

• Flying Checkpoints:

- (i) At 09:10, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to Idhna town and searched civilians and vehicles.
- (ii) At 10:15, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the junction to Al Fawwar refugee camp and searched civilians and vehicles.
- (iii) At 18:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the overpass to Halhul town and searched civilians and vehicles.
- (iv) At 18:10, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to Al Fahs area south of Hebron city and searched civilians and vehicles.
- (v) At 18:20, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to Adh Dhahiriya town and searched civilians and vehicles.
- (vi) At 18:30, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the junction to Kharsa village and searched civilians and vehicles.
- (vii) At 18:50, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the junction to Zif village and searched civilians and vehicles.
- (viii) At 20:30, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to As Samoa' town and searched civilians and vehicles.

• Raids/Confiscation of Property/Attack:

- (i) At 08:00, the Israeli army raided Hebron city and arrested a civilian. At 00:50, the Israeli army raided the city again and patrolled the area.
- (ii) At 10:15, the Israeli army raided Kureise village, searched a house, arrested a civilian, and confiscated 12 computers.
- (iii) At 11:50, the Israeli army raided and patrolled Sa'ir town.
- (iv) At 00:30, the Israeli army raided Idhna town and served a summons on Tareq Ibrahim 'Awadh to report to the Israeli Intelligence agency.
- (v) At 01:25, the Israeli army raided Adh Dhahiriya town and searched a house.
- (vi) At 02:15, the Israeli army raided Bani Na'im town and served a summons on Fayez Abdul Karim Ziyadat to report to the Israeli Intelligence agency.
- (vii) At 02:30, the Israeli army raided and patrolled As Samoa' town.
- (viii) At 02:45, the Israeli army raided Tarusa village and opened indiscriminate fire, while it was patrolling the area.

• Arrests:

(i) The Israeli army arrested Tareq Ahmed as Sayyed Ahmed in Hebron city.

- (ii) The Israeli army arrested Nizar Hussein Mohammed 'Aqili in Kureise village.
- <u>Settler Violence</u>: On 23 October 2010, a group of Israeli settlers from Karmei Tzur settlement levelled approximately five *dunums* of civilian land cultivated with almond trees for expansion of the settlement. The land is located near Karmei Tzur settlement in Wadi al Wahadin area in Beit Ummar town. Dozens of almond trees were uprooted.

• <u>Demonstrations</u>:

- (i) At 15:00, a mass demonstration, including international peace activists, took place in Beit Ummar town in protest against settler violence. Protestors demanded that civilians be enabled to access and tend their farmland near Karmei Tzur settlement. Confrontations took place between the Israeli army and participants, during which the Israeli army injured a number of protestors as a result of tear gas inhalation.
- (ii) At 15:00, a mass demonstration, including international peace activists, took place in the old city of Hebron. Protestors demanded that Ash Shuhada' Street be reopened and civilians allowed freedom of movement. Israeli troops obstructed the demonstration and prevented participants from accessing the Old Municipality square and Ash Shuhada' Street.
- Wall Construction: Wall construction was suspended for the weekend in the area surrounding Eshkolot settlement west of Adh Dhahiriya town.

GAZA STRIP

At 02:00 on 18 January 2009, the unilateral ceasefire declared by the Israeli authorities came into effect. At a later time on the same day, armed Palestinian groups announced an agreement to cease fire for a week. Later, armed Palestinian groups extended the ceasefire until 05 February 2009. The ceasefire continues to hold. Violations of the Ceasefire: Israeli naval boats opened fire on Palestinian fishing boats at sea off the beaches of Khan Yunis and Rafah cities. Armed Palestinian individuals fired a mortar towards the Green Line.

NORTHERN GAZA • Closure of Crossing Point: Beit Hanun (Erez) Crossing is closed. • Palestinian Attack: In the evening of 23 October 2010, an unidentified mortar was fired towards the Green Line. • Closure of Crossing Points: (i) Al Muntar (Karnei) Crossing is closed.

	(ii) Ash Shuja'iya (Nahal 'Oz) Crossing is closed. Beginning on 04 January 2010, the Crossing has been closed upon an Israeli unilateral decision.		
CENTRAL GAZA	Events not reported.		
KHAN YUNIS	<u>Attack:</u> In the evening of 23 October 2010, Israeli navy boats opened fire intensively on Palestinian fishing boats at sea off the beach of Khan Yunis city.		
RAFAH	 Closure of Crossing Points: Yasser 'Arafat International Airport remains closed. Rafah (Al 'Awdah) Crossing was open to allow civilians, patients, students, and civilians holding visas to depart the Gaza Strip. Access was also allowed to civilians and patients, who had received medical treatment at Egyptian hospitals. Sufa Crossing is closed. Karm Abu Salem (Karem Shalom) Crossing is closed. Attack: In the evening of 23 October 2010, Israeli navy boats opened fire intensively on Palestinian fishing boats at sea off the Rafah city's beach. 		