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PALESTINIAN MONITORING GROUP

DAILY SITUATION REPORT

08:00 25 October 2003 – 08:00 26 October 2003

SUMMARY OF EVENTS

EVENT	WEST BANK	GAZA STRIP	TOTALS	NOTES
Deaths	_	3	3	
Injuries	1	6	7	1 14-year old
Physical Assault	3	1	4	
Incursions		1	1	
Attacks	9	14	23	1 Security Position
Raids	13	1	14	1 University, 1 College
Occupation of Schools	3		3	3 in Hebron for Military Use
Arrests (per person)	6		6	1 Injured, 1 16-year old
Detentions	1	1	2	9 Fem. Students, Nablus Univ.
Destruction of Property	1	4	5	3 Sec Towers, 1 Police Stn
Land Leveling		1	1	
Checkpoints	All		All	
Closures (per District)	13		13	Including 3 towns
Closure of Main Roads	All	(3)	All	
Closure of Gates	All	_	All	Jenin, Qalqilya, Tulkarem
Closure of Crossing Points	_	1	1	
Settler Violence	1	_	1	
TOTALS	51	33	84	

DISTRICT	EVENT

WEST BANK

JERUSALEM	 <u>Construction of Separation Wall</u>: Israeli authorities continue construction of the separation wall in various locations in Jerusalem. <u>Closure</u>: The city of Jerusalem remains closed to all civilians from other districts.
RAMALLAH & EL BIREH	 Closure: Ramallah and El Bireh remain closed areas. Raids: At 08:00, the Israeli army raided the village of Kafr 'Ein, where they searched 3 houses. At 21:20, the Israeli army, including 2 jeeps, raided the town of Deir al Sudan. At 08:40, the Israeli army raided Birzeit University (BZU) and provoked confrontations with students. The Israeli army raided the town of Deir Mash'al, where they searched and arrested a resident of one house. The Israeli army raided the College of Science and Education in Ramallah city and arrested 2 students. Arrests: Fu'ad Qaweidar, 25 years old. Fu'ad Qaweidar, 25 years old. The Israeli army arrested 2 students from the College of Science and Education in Ramallah: Mahmoud Haza'; and Riziq Al Qaisi. Air Patrol: At 21:35, Israeli helicopters patrolled the skies over the village of Kafr Ein and fired light flares over that area.
JENIN	 Closures: Jenin remains a closed military area. All gates remain closed to residents not granted a special Israeli permit. The Israeli army has sealed off the town of Al Yamun for 2 days. Raid: At 16:00, the Israeli army raided the town of Qabatiya, south Jenin, where they opened fire randomly. Injury: During their raid on Qabatiya, the Israeli army injured a 14 year-old child, Musa Zakarna, who was shot in the shoulder.

	• Arrest: During their raid on Qabatiya, the Israeli army arrested Nassar Zakarneh, 16 years old, the brother of Musa Zakarna.
JERICHO	• <u>Closure</u> : The city of Jericho is a closed military area.
ВЕТНІЕНЕМ	 Closure: Bethlehem is a closed military area. Attack: The Israeli army fired tear gas grenades near Al Nashash checkpoint on the Bethlehem/Hebron road. Physical Assaults: Israeli soldiers at the container checkpoint, located on Al Sawahira ash Sharqiya, physically assaulted civilians attending a wedding ceremony, including the groom, Abdil Karim Al Araj. At 20:00, Israeli soldiers physically assaulted Ibrahim Muhammad Awadalla, a driver and resident of Beit Jala, and broke the windows/windshield of his vehicle. Ibrahim Awadalla was hospitalized. Attack: At 18:00, the Israeli army fired tear gas grenades towards civilians at the container checkpoint.
TULKAREM	 Closures: The city of Tulkarem remains a closed military area. The Israeli army sealed off the town of Baqa ash Sharqiya (located behind the separation wall) and is preventing food supplies, including milk, from entering the area, and preventing medical staff from reaching the local clinic. The Israeli army has also sealed off the area of Al Kafriyat villages. Separation Wall Closure: All gates along the separation wall are closed to those not granted a special Israeli permit. Raids: The Israeli army raided the villages of Illar, Seida and Attil. The Israeli army maintained a presence near their entrances where they opened random fire. The Israeli army raided the Tulkarem refugee camp, where they searched the house of Muwafaq Damiri and turned the roof of his house into an Israeli military position.
NABLUS	 <u>Closure</u>: Nablus remains a closed military area. <u>Follow up on Arrest</u>: Following up on the arrest report in Nablus on October 25, 2003: The Israeli army arrested Jawad Ishteya, who was previously wounded in a vehicle explosion, from the hospital of Rafidia. The Head of the Nursing Staff, Tariq Hamdan, was beaten, and the Israeli army broke down many doors to the different wards. <u>Detention</u>: At 13:00, on the road of Jit/Sarra, the Israeli army detained 9 female

	students of Al Najah University, and held their ID's for a significant period of time before admitting them into Nablus city.
HEBRON	 Closure: H1 and H2 areas remain closed military areas. Settler Violence: At 15:30, Israeli settlers attacked the houses of Palestinian residents in Jabir neighborhood, vandalizing property and wounding several civilians. The Israeli army at a nearby checkpoint did not stop the settler violence. Attack on Public Institutions: The Israeli army took control of 3 schools and turned them into Israeli military posts: Al Ma'arif elementary school for boys, where 871 students are registered. Osama elementary school for girls, where 584 students are registered. Jowhar elementary school for girls, where 380 students are registered.
QALQILYA	 <u>Closure</u>: The city of Qalqiliya remains a closed military area. <u>Separation Wall Closure</u>: Gates along the separation wall remain closed to all those not granted a special Israeli permit. <u>Raid</u>: At 04:00, the Israeli army raided the city of Qalqiliya and searched several houses. <u>Arrest</u>: During their raid on Qalqiliya city, the Israeli army arrested Ayman Imad Nazzal, 18 years old.
SALFIT	 Closure: The city of Salfit is a closed military area. Air Patrol: At 19:00, Israeli helicopters patrolled the skies over the city of Salfit. Attacks: At 21:20, the Israeli army opened fire from a tank towards the town of Yatta. At 23:40, the Israeli army opened fire from their military post in Tel Irsal towards the area of Wadi Abdil Rahman.

GAZA STRIP

NORTHERN GAZA	 <u>Closure</u>: Beit Hanoun (Erez) crossing is closed. <u>Raid</u>: At 13:10, an Israeli tank raided the area at Point 64, near Al Shuhada' cemetery, 400 meters inside Palestinian territory, where it opened random fire towards a group of farmers. Soldiers detained the civilian Ramzi Abu Mu'awwad for several hours, during which he was severely beaten and subsequently hospitalized.
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Closure: Al Shuhada' junction (Nitsareem) remains closed. Incursion: At 18:50, Israeli tanks fired 15 shells towards the Palestinian Preventive Security towers, north Al Zahra' city. The Israeli army, reinforced by 15 tanks + 2 bulldozers, coming from Nitsareem settlement surrounded the city **GAZA CITY** of Al Zahra' and the police station, which it demolished at 22:25. At 02:20, the Israeli army demolished 3 towers of the Palestinian Preventive Security. Injuries: As a result of Israeli live firing, Ibrahim Hamada, 25 years old, was shot in the chest. Attacks: At 01:00, the Israeli army opened random fire and fired light flares from (i) **CENTRAL** Point 3 towards Al Baraka area, south Deir al Balah, injuring Muhammad **GAZA** Khattab when a light flare landed on his head. (ii) At 05:00, the Israeli army opened fire and fired light flares towards the Palestinian National Security location, south Deir al Balah. At 09:00, the Israeli army killed 3 Palestinians trying to infiltrate the (iii) settlement of Tel Kateef from the area of Abu Shammas, south Deir al Balah. Closure: Abu Ajin road and the western road remain closed. Destruction of Property: At 14:00, Israeli bulldozers, reinforced by a tank, leveled westwards land located south of the sub road of Abu Ajin. Attacks: **KHAN YUNIS** At 23:20, the Israeli army opened fire from Points 9 and 10 towards civilian (i) houses in the western Khan Yunis refugee camp and Al Tuffah area. At 23:50, the Israeli army fired 5 shells from tanks located at Point 12 (ii) towards civilian houses in Al Nimsawi neighborhood. At 02:50, the Israeli army opened fire from Al Tuffah checkpoint towards (iii) civilian houses in the western Khan Yunis refugee camp. Closure: Sufa crossing is closed. Attacks: At 23:00, the Israeli army opened fire form Point 8 towards civilian houses (i) **RAFAH** in Yebna refugee camp, injuring 4 civilians. (ii) At 23:00, the Israeli army opened fire from Points 5, 6 and 7 towards civilian houses in Al Salam neighborhood and Salah ad Din gate. At 01:00, the Israeli army opened fire from Point 219 near Sufa crossing (iii) towards civilian houses.