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# مجموعة الرقابة الفلسطينية



## PALESTINIAN MONITORING GROUP

## **DAILY SITUATION REPORT**

08:00 26 October 2003 – 08:00 27 October 2003

#### **SUMMARY OF EVENTS**

EVENT	WEST BANK	GAZA STRIP	TOTAL	NOTES
Deaths	_	2	2	
Physical Assault	1	_	1	
Attacks	6	6	12	Incl. 1 Security Position
Raids	7		7	
Air Raids		1	1	
Air Patrols	1	1	2	
Arrests (per person)	21		21	Incl. Mother of 3 Children
Curfews	1		1	
Land Leveling	1	1	2	
Checkpoints	All		All	
Flying Checkpoints	4		4	
Closures (per District)	9		9	
Closure of Main Roads	All	(3)	All	
Closure of Gates	All		All	
Closure of Schools	1		1	
Closure of Crossing Points		2	2	
Settler Violence	1		1	
Palestinian Attacks		3	3	Mortars, Gaza Settlements
Demonstrations	1		1	Against Qalqilya Gate Closure
TOTAL	54	16	70	

DISTRICT EVENT	
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### **WEST BANK**

<ul> <li><u>Construction of Separation Wall</u>: Israeli authorities continue construction of the separation wall in Abu Dis, Al Eizariya and Al Sawahira areas.</li> <li><u>Closure</u>: The city of Jerusalem remains closed to all civilians from other districts.</li> </ul>
<ul> <li>Closure: Ramallah and El Bireh remain closed areas.</li> <li>Curfew: At 03:00, the Israeli army imposed curfew on the villages of Beit Liqya and Beit Sira.</li> <li>Raids: <ol> <li>At 23:30, the Israeli army raided the village of Kafr 'Ein, where they searched 2 houses and arrested a female resident.</li> <li>At 00:40, the Israeli army raided the town of 'Abwein and withdrew at 01:30.</li> <li>Arrests: The Israeli army arrested Tamam al Rifa'i, a 26 year old mother of 3 children, on grounds that her husband is wanted.</li> <li>Destruction of Property: Israeli bulldozers leveled land between the towns of Abud and Deir Abu Mash'al, in preparation for setting up watch towers.</li> <li>Attack: At 01:45 and until 02:40, the Israeli army opened fire between the villages of Deir Ghassana and Kafr 'Ein.</li> </ol> </li> </ul>
<ul> <li>Closure: Jenin remains a closed military area.</li> <li>Separation Wall Closure: All gates along the separation wall remain closed to residents not granted a special Israeli permit.</li> <li>Checkpoints: The Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the southern entrance to the town of Tubas, preventing the passage of residents.</li> <li>Closing Down of Elementary School: The Israeli army delivered a military order to close down Ya'bad Elementary School for a week on grounds that Palestinians threw stones at settlers from the area.</li> <li>Raids: <ol> <li>At 04:00, the Israeli army raided the town of Qabatiya, where it searched several houses and arrested 4 residents, before withdrawing at 05:30.</li> <li>At 17:00 (the daily end of Ramadan fasting for Muslims), the Israeli army, reinforced by tanks and helicopters, raided the town of Tubas and patrolled</li> </ol> </li> </ul>

	<ul> <li>cause.</li> <li>Arrests: The Israeli army arrested 4 civilians from the town of Qabatiya: <ol> <li>Abed Suleiman Al Jazara;</li> <li>Khaled Suleiman Al Jazara;</li> <li>Ala' Abu Aziz; and</li> <li>Faisal Al Sus.</li> </ol> </li> <li>Attack: At 17:00, the Israeli army opened fire from the settlement of Qaddim towards the east of Jenin city on grounds that the settlement had been fired upon.</li> </ul>
JERICHO	Closure: The city of Jericho is a closed military area.
BETHLEHEM	<ul> <li>Closures: Bethlehem is a closed military area.</li> <li>Attack: At 15:50, the Israeli army fired tear gas grenades at a group of children near 'Ayda refugee camp.</li> <li>Assault: At 15:45, Israeli soldiers at Al Nashash checkpoint on the Bethlehem/ Hebron road physically assaulted several civilians.</li> <li>Raid: The Israeli army raided the village of Battir, west of Bethlehem city, where they searched several houses and arrested 1 civilian.</li> <li>Arrest: The Israeli army arrested Muhammad Nazzal Al Batma, a 22 year old resident of the village of Battir.</li> </ul>
TULKAREM	<ul> <li>Closure: The city of Tulkarem remains a closed military area.</li> <li>Separation Wall Closure: All gates along the separation wall are closed to those not granted a special Israeli permit.</li> <li>Checkpoints: <ol> <li>At 14:30, the Israeli army set up a checkpoint at the entrance to the village of Bal'a, where it arrested 3 civilians.</li> <li>At 19:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint in Ramin valley, where they confiscated dozens of vehicles and took them to the settlement of Enav.</li> <li>Raids: The Israeli army arrested 3 residents in the village of Bal'a:</li> <li>Rayiq Abdil Ra'ouf;</li> <li>Sa'ed Hamdan; and</li> <li>Isam Abu Qa'qura.</li> </ol> </li></ul>
NABLUS	Closure: Nablus remains a closed military area.
HEBRON	<ul> <li><u>Closure</u>: H1 and H2 areas remain closed military areas.</li> <li><u>Checkpoint</u>: The Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint in the area of Al Fahs,</li> </ul>

	<ul> <li>south of Hebron city, where they detained and searched vehicles.</li> <li>Raid: The Israeli army raided and searched several houses belonging to the family of Al Sus, destroying much of their contents. The residents were detained outside, verbally assaulted and their ID's were confiscated. The residents included: <ol> <li>Mahmoud Al Sus;</li> <li>Aziz Mahmoud Al Sus; and</li> <li>Ahmad Ali Al Sus.</li> </ol> </li> <li>Settler Violence: A group of Israeli settlers threw rocks and empty bottles, and opened fire at Palestinian houses in Al Salayma neighborhood, near the Ibrahimi Mosque.</li> </ul>
QALQILYA	<ul> <li>Closure: The city of Qalqiliya remains a closed military area.</li> <li>Separation Wall Closure: The gates along the separation wall remain closed to all those not granted a special Israeli permit.</li> <li>Separation Wall Demonstration: At 12:00, the residents of Qalqilya demonstrated in protest against the general closure imposed on the city, the concept of gates along the separation wall and the fact that the gates are perpetually closed. The demonstration headed to the eastern entrance, DCO, which is the only entrance to the city.</li> <li>Raid: At 03:30, the Israeli army raided the city of Qalqilya, where it searched several houses and arrested 12 residents, before withdrawing at 06:00.</li> <li>Arrest: The Israeli army arrested 12 residents of Qalqilya city, 3 of whom are brothers, including: <ol> <li>Rami Zayid Ju'edi, 22 years old;</li> <li>Muhammad Zayid Ju'edi, 26 years old;</li> <li>Muhammad Harb Ju'edi, 22 years old;</li> <li>Muhammad Harb Ju'edi, 22 years old;</li> <li>Ahmad Hilal, 20 years old;</li> <li>Iyad Hasayin, 27 years old;</li> <li>Ahmad Daoud, 19 years old;</li> <li>Firas Hasayin, 21 years old;</li> <li>Ahmad Abdil Karim Hasayin, 21 years old; and</li> <li>Talal Hasayin, 22 years old.</li> </ol> </li> </ul>
SALFIT	<ul> <li><u>Closure</u>: The city of Salfit is a closed military area.</li> <li><u>Air Patrol</u>: At 21:40, Israeli helicopters patrolled the skies over the city of Salfit.</li> <li><u>Attack</u>: At 01:40, the Israeli army opened fire from their military post at Tel Irsal towards the area of Wadi Abdil Rahman.</li> </ul>

## **GAZA STRIP**

NORTHERN GAZA	<ul> <li>Closure: Beit Hanoun (Erez) crossing is closed. 3716 workers were allowed into the Erez industrial zone in addition to 205 who were issued Israeli magnetic ID's.</li> <li>Air Patrol: At 17:50, Israeli helicopters patrolled the skies over the city at low altitude.</li> <li>Air Raid: At 19:35, Israeli aircraft fired 2 missiles at a vehicle traveling in the city. Both missiles missed the target.</li> </ul>
GAZA CITY	<ul> <li>Closure: Al Shuhada' junction (Nitsareem) remains closed.</li> <li>Death: Akram Hamid Bakrun, an 18 year old resident of Gaza, died due to injuries inflicted upon him on October 22, 2003, by the Israeli army.</li> <li>Attacks: <ol> <li>At 19:55, the Israeli army fired flares over the areas of Al Sheikh Ajlein and Al Sudaniya.</li> <li>At 20:50, the Israeli army opened fire from a tank located at Al Sheikh Ajlein towards the Palestinian National Security location.</li> </ol> </li> </ul>
CENTRAL GAZA	Activity not yet reported.
KHAN YUNIS	<ul> <li>Closure: Abu Ajin road and the western road remain closed.</li> <li>Death: At 10:45, in an attempt to infiltrate the settlement of Kissufim, Rami Ismael Ilayyan, a 21 year old Palestinian from Rafah, was killed. 1 Israeli was also killed and 2 were wounded.</li> <li>Destruction of Property: At 00:50, Israeli bulldozers leveled land in the area of Al Barahma, while Israeli soldiers opened fire randomly.</li> <li>Attacks: At 19:50 and again at 20:10, the Israeli army opened fire from Points 9, 10 and 11 towards the Khan Yunis western refugee camp, Al Tuffah, and Al Qatatwa.</li> <li>Palestinian Attacks: <ol> <li>At 20:25, 2 mortars were launched at an Israeli military location near Al Nimsawi neighborhood.</li> <li>At 20:45, 3 mortars were launched at the Israeli Delta location.</li> <li>At 22:20, 2 mortars were launched at the settlements of Nivay Dakaleem and Kded.</li> </ol> </li> </ul>

RAFAH	<u>Closure</u> : Sufa crossing remains closed.
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