مجموعة الرقابة الفلسطينية



PALESTINIAN MONITORING GROUP

DAILY SITUATION REPORT

08:00, 26 October 2009 – 08:00, 27 October 2009

SUMMARY OF EVENTS

EVENT	WEST BANK	GAZA STRIP	TOTAL	NOTES
Arrests (per person)	9	_	9	Incl. 3 in Qalqiliya & 2 in Bethlehem
Detentions	13	1	14	At checkpoints & in residential locales
Raids	17	3	20	Incl. 3 in Tubas & 3 in Qalqiliya
Checkpoints	8	_	8	Access impeded at 5 checkpoints
Flying Checkpoints	10	_	10	Incl. 1 in Ramallah & 1 in Tulkarm
Attacks	2	3	5	3 in raids & 2 in confrontations
Air Patrols	_	3	3	2 for reconnaissance & 1 for helicopter
School Obstruction	1	_	1	Storming & searching dormitories
Attack on Property	1	_	1	Throw smelly waste at town's entrance
Destruction of Property		1	1	Leveling plants east of Gaza city
Land Leveling		1	1	Level agricultural land east of Gaza city
Wall Construction	21	_	21	Jer., Raml'h., Qalq., Salfit, Heb., Beth.
Closure (per District)	7	_	7	Jer., Beth. (2 villages) & Hebron (4 areas)
Closure of Main Roads	41	_	41	Incl. 3 in Salfit & 2 in Qalqiliya
Closure of Crossing Points		4	4	Partial opening of 3 crossings only
Settlement Activity	1	_	1	Erecting barbed wire fence in Qalqiliya
TOTAL	131	16	147	

DISTRICT **EVENTS**

WEST BANK

Closure:

- (i) The Israeli army continues to intensify restrictions at checkpoints set up at entrances to the city of Jerusalem and Al Aqsa Mosque.
- On 05 January 2009, the Israeli army issued military order (ii) # S/02/09 closing the seam line area, an extension of the Wall, according to a set of land confiscation orders, for the construction of the Wall around the city of Jerusalem to prevent civilians from entering the city, with the exception of civilians living in the area and those holding permits. Entry is regulated through crossings and gates set up at entrances to the city of Jerusalem, as designated in the military order.
- The Israeli army continues to impose a blockade and deny civilian (iii) access to a hill located in an area between the villages of Biddu and Beit Iksa due to its geographical significance as it overlooks the city of Jerusalem.

Closure of Main Roads:

- The Israeli army continues to close with cement blocks and dirt (i) barricades the entrance to the village of Jaba'.
- The Israeli army continues to close the iron gate along the Wall (ii) section separating the area of Dahiyat Al Bareed in Jerusalem city from the town of Ar Ram.

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.

- Raid: At dawn on 27 October 2009, the Israeli army raided the village of Beit Duggu and arrested 4 civilians.
- Arrests: The Israeli army arrested in the village of Beit Duqqu the civilians: Amjad Basem Hussein; Fadel Yassin Rayyan; Bader Na'im Bader: and Bashir Jamal Marar.

Wall Gates:

- The Israeli army continues to close the Wall gate in the town of Abu (i) Dis with cement blocks.
- The Israeli army continues to deny civilian access through the Wall (ii) gate on al-Shayyah road in the area between the villages of al-Sawahira al-Sharqiya and al-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 the area of al-'Eizariya to al-Shayyah, from Beit Surik village to Biddu, in the areas of al-Judeira, Bir Nabala, and Beit Hanina, west of al-Jib village, in the vicinity of the village of Qatanna, south of Beit Hanina village, and in the area surrounding the checkpoint set up at the entrance to Shu'fat refugee camp.

JERUSALEM

RAMALLAH & EL BIREH	 Closure of Main Roads: The Israeli army continues to close the entrances to the village of Sinjil, the village of Safa and the junction to the villages of Kafr Malik – Ein Samiya. Flying Checkpoint: At 07:00 on 26 October 2009, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to the village of Ein Yabrud and searched civilians and vehicles. Raids: At 09:00, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the town of Beituniya. At 15:30, the Israeli army raided the village of Safa where confrontations took place between civilians and the Israeli army while patrolling the area. At 01:00, the Israeli army raided the city of Ramallah, stormed and searched the dormitories of the Teachers College, detained students inside the collage and interrogated a number of them and withdrew at 06:00. Wall Construction: Wall construction continues west of the town of 'Abud and in the areas of al-Midya to Ni'lin and Ni'lin to Deir Qaddis.
JENIN	 Closure of Main Roads: The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the road leading to 'Arraba town, east of the settlement of Dotan. Raids: At 11:30, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the town of Ya'bad. At 14:20, the Israeli army raided the town of Az Zababida and patrolled the area. 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.
TOUBAS	 Checkpoint: The Israeli army continues to intensify restrictions at Tayasir checkpoint, east of the city of Tubas, allowing civilian access from 06:00 to 22:00. Raids: At 15:15, the Israeli army raided the village of Al Far'a and patrolled the area until 15:40. At 02:00, the Israeli army raided the city of Tubas and the village of Tayasir and patrolled the area until 02:30.
TULKAREM	 Closure of Main Roads: The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the western entrance to the village of Shofeh and the road connecting the town of Kafr Al Labad to the village of Shofeh. Checkpoints: The Israeli army continues to intensify restrictions at Einav checkpoint that is set up on Tulkarm-Nablus main road. Flying Checkpoint: At 09:20, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on Al Kafriyat road (which connects the districts of Tulkarm and Qalqiliya) and searched civilians and vehicles until 10:45.

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	 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.
QALQILYA	 Closure of Roads: The Israeli army continues to close with cement blocks the agricultural roads east of the town of 'Azzun. Flving Checkpoints: At 08:40, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the northern entrance to the town of Azzun and searched civilians and vehicles until 11:30. At 23:15, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint near the junction leading to the village of Immatin and detained the Palestinian National Security officer Akram Abdulkareem Shtaiwi and released him at 23:30 following DCO intervention. Raids: At 15:15, the Israeli army raided the city of Qalqiliya and searched a shop for repairing vehicles. Again at 00:10, the Israeli army raided the area, searched a house and arrested a civilian. At 24:00, the Israeli army raided the town of Azzun, searched 2 houses, arrested 2 civilians and withdrew at 03:00. Arrests: The Israeli army arrested in the city of Qalqiliya the civilian Majed Abu Khadijeh. The Israeli army arrested in the town of Azzun the civilians Ma'moun Hisham Mustafa Odwan and Iyhab Wasfi Ali Hussein. Settlement Activity: At 12:30, the Israeli army erected a barbed wire fence at the length of a section of Qalqiliya – Nablus main road near the town of Azzun and up to the settlement of Ma'aleh Shomron. Wall Gates: The Israeli army continues to intensify its restrictions at 'Azzun 'Atma Wall gate and to search civilians, including students, with a metal detector. Wall Construction: Wall construction continues south of the town of Jayyus as well as near the settlement of Alfeh Minesheh in the villages of Ras Tira, Magharet Ad Dab'a and Wadi Ar Rasha, located south of Qalqiliya city.
NABLUS	 Closure of Main Roads: The Israeli army continues to close with cement blocks the roads of Tel-Burin, Beit Furik-Salem, and the eastern entrance to the village of Al Lubban Ash Sharqiya; and with dirt barricades the southern entrances to the villages of Qaryut and Duma, the eastern entrance to the village of Al Lubban Ash Sharqiya, the western entrances to the town of Aqraba and the village of Majdal Bani Fadil, the northern entrance to the town of Qabalan, as well as the settler bypass road connecting the village of Deir al-Hatab to Alon Moreh settlement. As of 12:10 on 27 August 2009, the Israeli army continues to close by an iron gate the western entrance to An Naqura village, opposite Shavi Shomron settlement, after removing the dirt barricade at its entrance.

Checkpoints: At Tur neighborhood checkpoint (set up on Jerzim Mount) is closed on (i) Fridays and Saturdays as well as during Jewish holidays. On all other days, it is open for civilian residents of the neighborhood only from 07:00 until 02:00. Awarta commercial checkpoint is open for civilians from 05:00 until (ii) 20:00, whereas on Friday, the checkpoint is open for civilians from 05:00 until 15:00. Flying Checkpoint: At 15:40, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint in the area between the city of Nablus and the town of Asira Ash Shamaliya. **Raid**: At 01:30, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the city of Nablus until 03:30. Closure of Main Roads: The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the northern entrance to the city of Salfit, and continues to close with cement blocks and iron gates the northern entrance to the town of Brugin and the western entrance to the town of Kafr Ad Dik. **Checkpoint:** The Israeli army continues to intensify its restrictions at Za'tara checkpoint and impede civilian access. Raids: (i) At 22:50, the Israeli army raided the town of Kafr Ad Dik where confrontations took place between civilians and the Israeli army **SALFIT** while patrolling the area. At 23:40, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the town of Bruqin. (ii) Attack on Property: At 08:00, an Israeli truck dumped for the second day in a row very bad smelling waste near the northern entrance to the town of Bruqin. The Palestinian Environmental Health Organization examined a sample of this waste and found out that this waste material pollute the environment and cause damages to agriculture and humans. Wall Construction: Wall construction continues in the area northwest of the city of Salfit, and in the village of Marda and the town of Kifl Hares north of the settlement of Ariel. Closure: The Israeli army continues to close Road # 90 between the city of Jericho and the village of al-'Auja with cement blocks. **Checkpoints:** The Israeli army continues to intensify its restrictions at al-Hamra (i) checkpoint and allow civilian access from 06:00 until 22:00. **JERICHO** The Israeli army continues to intensify its restrictions on the checkpoint (ii) set up on the junction to the village of al-'Auja and allow access only to civilians holding Jericho and Jordan Valley IDs and those possessing permits. **Closure:** (i) The Israeli army continues to close the roads to the village of **BETHLEHEM** An Nu'man, with the exception of the road leading to the Wall gate in the south-eastern area of the village.

- (ii) The Israeli army continues to prevent civilian access to an area that is located in the cities of Beit Sahur and Bethlehem.
- <u>Closure of Main Roads</u>: The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the roads of Beit Jala-Wadi Ahmad and the sideway east of Beit Fajjar town.

• Flying Checkpoints:

- (i) At 10:20, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on An Nashash area junction (the southern entrance to the city of Bethlehem) and searched civilians and vehicles until 13:10.
- (ii) At 16:40, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to the village of Ash Shawawra and searched civilians and vehicles.

• Raids:

- (i) At 23:50, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the area of Wadi Abu Freiha in the city of Beit Sahur.
- (ii) At 01:50, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the city of Bethlehem until 03:00.

Arrests:

- (i) At 02:30 on 26 October 2009, the Israeli army arrested during a raid on the town of Beit Fajjar, in addition to what has been mentioned in the previous report, the civilian Ala' Khaled Abu Srur.
- (ii) At 17:00, the Israeli army arrested the civilian Jihad Khalil Taqatqah from the village of Um Salamuna while reporting to the Israeli Intelligence agency in the settlement of Kfar Etzion on the basis of a prior summon.
- <u>Wall Construction</u>: Wall construction continues in the area northwest of the town of al-Khadr; northwest of Beit Jala city; in the area of Wadi Rahhal east of Ephrata settlement; and in the area surrounding al-Walaja village.

• Closure:

- (i) The Israeli army continues to close the following locales in the old city of Hebron: al-Shuhada' Street and the area of al-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 al-Sahleh. The Israeli army also continues to install an iron gate at the entrance to the area of al-Hisba (the fruits and vegetables market) in the old city of Hebron, thereby controlling civilian access in the area.
- (ii) On 05 January 2009, the Israeli army issued military order # 06/09 closing the area located near the Green Line, south of Yatta town, evacuating the area of those inside it and denying them access to it.

• Closure of Main Roads:

(i) The Israeli army continues to close with cement blocks the following locales: the entrance to the town of al-Samoa'; the area of al-Hawawir leading to the town of Halhoul; the road connecting the town of Surif to the village of al-Jab'a; and the eastern entrance to the village of Kharsa;

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- the entrance to al-Qeisi neighborhood in the old city of Hebron; the main entrance to al-'Arrub refugee camp; the village of At Tuwani as well as the entrance to the town of Adh Dhahiriya.
- (ii) In accordance with Military Order # 378, the Israeli army continues to prohibit Palestinian vehicles from traveling 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.
- (iii) The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the road between the villages of Al Karmil and At Tuwani and all roads leading to bypass Road # 60.
- <u>Flying Checkpoints</u>: At 21:30, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to the town of Idhna and searched civilians and vehicles until 22:30.
- <u>Wall Construction</u>: Wall construction continues in the section of Tarqumiya checkpoint terminal, in the periphery of Eshkolot settlement southwest of Adh Dhahiriya town and between southwest of Arab Ar Ramadin village and the village of Imneizil.

GAZA STRIP

ALL DISTRICTS

- At 02:00 on 18 January 2009, the Israeli army declared a unilateral ceasefire. In the meantime, armed Palestinian groups declared a one-week-long ceasefire. Meanwhile, the ceasefire was extended until 05 February 2009. The ceasefire is holding despite the end of the specified period.
- The Israeli army violated the ceasefire by raiding Palestinian territory and opening fire intensively in Northern Gaza and Gaza districts.

NORTHERN GAZA

- <u>Closure of Crossing Point</u>: Beit Hanun (Erez) Crossing is partially open for previously coordinated humanitarian cases and foreign nationals.
- Raid: In the morning of 27 October 2009, the Israeli army, including a number of tanks and armored vehicles, covered by helicopter gunships and reconnaissance aircrafts, raided Palestinian territory east of Beit Hanun and Jabalya towns and opened fire intensively towards agricultural land.

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- Closure of Crossing Points:
- (i) Al-Muntar (Karni) Crossing is partially open for the transport of wheat and fodder.
- (ii) Al-Shuja'iya (Nahal 'Oz) Crossing is closed.
- Raid: At 12:20, the Israeli army, including 4 tanks, a number of armored vehicles and 2 bulldozers, covered by reconnaissance aircrafts,

	raided Palestinian territory near Al-Muntar (Karni) Crossing, east of Gaza city, detained a number of workers and truck drivers at the crossing and released them at a later time and opened fire intensively while leveling areas of civilian agricultural land.		
CENTRAL GAZA	Activities not reported.		
KHAN YOUNIS	Activities not reported.		
RAFAH	 Closure of Crossing Points: Yasser 'Arafat International Airport remains closed. Rafah (Al Awdah) Crossing is closed. Sufa Crossing is closed. Karm Abu Salim (Karem Shalom) Crossing is partially open for the transport of food and humanitarian assistance. 		