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PALESTINIAN MONITORING GROUP

DAILY SITUATION REPORT

08:00 29 October 2003 – 08:00 30 October 2003

SUMMARY OF EVENTS

EVENT	WEST BANK	GAZA STRIP	TOTAL	NOTES
Deaths	1	_	1	1 12 Year-old child
Injuries	2	10	12	1 Child
Attacks	8	4	12	
Raids	9		9	
Air Patrols	1		1	
Arrests (per person)	14	3	17	1 Policeman
Checkpoints	All	_	All	
Flying Checkpoints	5		5	
Closure of Main Roads	All	(3)	All	
Closure of Gates	All	_	All	
School Disruption	1	_	1	
Medical Obstruction	1	_	1	
Settler Violence	1	_	1	
Demonstration	1	_	1	
TOTAL	44	17	61	

DISTRICT	EVENT
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WEST BANK

JERUSALEM	 Construction of Separation Wall: Israeli authorities continue construction of the separation wall in Abu Dis, Al Eizariya and Al Sawahira areas. Closures: The city of Jerusalem remains closed to all civilians from other districts. The gate between Abu Dis and Jerusalem is closed. Arrests: The Israeli army arrested 2 civilians from Al Eizariya.
RAMALLAH & EL BIREH	 Closure: Ramallah and El Bireh remain closed areas. Checkpoints: At 17:40, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint between Abu Ghassana and Kafr 'Ein. At 20:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on Al Irsal road (at the junction in front of the Best Eastern Hotel) in Ramallah city. At 05:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on Al Tira road in Ramallah. Raids: At 10:15, the Israeli army, including 10 jeeps, raided the city of Ramallah. At 11:50, the Israeli army, including 3 jeeps, raided the towns of Deir Ghassana and Beit Rima, provoked confrontations with students in Beit Rima and responded with open fire. The Israeli army withdrew at 12:50. At 19:35, the Israeli army, including 2 jeeps, raided the town of Deir Ghassana and withdrew at 20:15. At 01:00, the Israeli army raided the Tira neighborhood in Ramallah city, where they searched a building as well as the Anglican School. At 02:00, the Israeli army raided a building (Al Rahman) at the junction of 'Ein Arik. Arrests: At 11:15, the Israeli army arrested Osama Hamad from Al Am'ari refugee camp. The Israeli army arrested 8 civilians, including Samir Al Mansi. Settler Violence: At 15:00, 2 armed settlers from the settlement of Pesagot detained 2 laborers working on a construction site in Satih Marhab neighborhood, in El Bireh city. The 2 Palestinian workers were released after contacting the Israeli DCO.

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JENIN	 <u>Closure</u>: Jenin remains a closed military area. <u>Separation Wall Closure</u>: The Israeli army is only allowing Palestinian civilians granted Israeli permits to pass through the gates. <u>Raid</u>: At 16:00, the Israeli army reinforced by jeeps, tanks and APC's, as well as helicopters, raided the area of Kharruba, near the by-pass road connecting Al Jalama to the settlement of Qaddim and Gannim, where they searched following shooting at a settler vehicle. <u>Attack</u>: An Israeli tank shelled a house in the area of Kharruba, setting a carpet warehouse on fire and damaging an adjacent house. <u>Arrest</u>: The Israeli army raided the town of Jab'a and arrested 2 civilians: Ala' Kamil Khaliliya, 27 years old; and Hamdi Husni Jarar, 21 years old.
JERICHO	 <u>Closure</u>: The city of Jericho is a closed military area. <u>Checkpoint</u>: Israeli soldiers at the checkpoint of Al Hamra are preventing all medical care personnel from passing through the checkpoint. <u>Permits</u>: The Israeli DCO is closed to workers, causing many to lose their jobs because they are unable to obtain Israeli magnetic ID's.
BETHLEHEM	 Closure: Bethlehem is a closed military area. All permits were cancelled and all merchandise and commercial goods are not allowed through checkpoints. Attacks: At 13:45, the Israeli army fired tear gas grenades at civilians on Al Nashash checkpoint located on the Bethlehem/Hebron road. At 15:30, the Israeli army fired tear gas grenades towards civilians in the village of Al Khadr. At 16:30, the Israeli army opened fire near a school in Al Khadr village.
TULKAREM	 Closure: The city of Tulkarem remains a closed military area. Separation Wall Closures: All gates along the separation wall remain closed to those not granted a special Israeli permit. The Israeli army continues to isolate the village of Jubara due to the fact that the villagers refuse to obtain Israeli permits to leave and return to their places of residence. The Israeli army has set up a watch tower and a caravan north of the village of Jubara. Students continue to face difficulties reaching their schools in Nazlat Isa and Baqa ash Sharqiya, located behind the separation wall. Air Patrol: Israeli helicopters have patrolled the skies over the city at low altitude.

	 Checkpoint: At 08:35 the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint preventing civilians from reaching the town of Anabta. Attack: At 21:00, the Israeli army opened fire from a jeep near the junction of Illar/Attil. Palestinian Activity: At 11:00, Palestinians of Tulkarem city organized a demonstration in protest against the killing of Ibrahim Al Na'nish in the city on October 28, 2003.
NABLUS	 Closure: Nablus remains a closed military area. Raids: At 17:45, the Israeli army raided the city of Nablus, where they opened fire at the house of Ibrahim Al Salhi, injuring a child. At 18:10 the Israeli army raided the city of Nablus and searched a house. Attack: At 19:55 the Israeli army opened fire towards Balata refugee camp killing a child. Death: The Israeli army shot and killed 12 year old boy, Nihad Al Zubeidi. Injuries: The Israeli army shot 9 year old Abdil Rahaman Salhi in the stomach. Arrests: At 19:45 the Israeli army arrested 28 year-old police officer Shakir Amir.
HEBRON	<u>Closure</u> : H1 and H2 areas remain closed military areas.
QALQILYA	 <u>Closure</u>: The city of Qalqiliya remains a closed military area. <u>Separation Wall Closure</u>: All gates along the separation wall remain closed to all those not granted a special Israeli permit.
SALFIT	 Closure: The city of Salfit is a closed military area. Checkpoint: The Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance of the village of Farkha. Raid: At 13:20, the Israeli army, including 3 jeeps, raided the city of Salfit and withdrew 14:30. Attacks: At 16:15, the Israeli army opened fire from the Israeli military post at Tel Irsal towards the area of Wadi Abdil Rahman, west of Salfit. At 07:00, the Israeli army fired from Tel Irsal towards civilian houses north of the city of Salfit.

GAZA STRIP

NORTHERN GAZA	 <u>Closure</u>: Beit Hanoun (Erez) crossing is closed. 3888 workers were allowed into the Erez industrial zone in addition to 195 allowed in to obtain/apply for Israeli magnetic IDs, and 110 businessmen to obtain permits. <u>Attack</u>: At 11:00, the Israeli army opened heavy fire from a military post towards the Palestinian National Security, west of Beit Lahia.
GAZA CITY	 <u>Closures</u>: Al Shuhada' junction (Nitsareem) remains closed. <u>Military Activity</u>: At 17:45 and at 18:00, 18:25, 19:30, and 19:45, Israeli trucks transporting tanks and containers from Al Mintar (Karni) crossing moved towards the settlement of Nitsareem.
CENTRAL GAZA	Activity not yet reported.
KHAN YUNIS	 Closures: Abu Ajin road and the western road remain closed. The Israeli army closed Salah ad Din road and searched vehicles situated between the checkpoint of Abu Holy and Al Matahin until 19:30. The road was closed again at 21:55. Attacks: The Israeli army opened fire from Salah ad Din road, injuring 5 civilians: Muhammad Zu'rob, 30 years old; Isam Abu Azab, 40 years old; Ashraf Abu Shab, 26 years old; Shadi Al Dush, 23 years old; and Mahir Haikal, 30 years old. The Israeli army opened fire from the Israeli military post of Kissufim towards the east. Arrest: The Israeli army arrested 3 civilians on Salah ad Din road, including: Akram Al Basyuni, 24 years old; and Muhammad Ali Zu'rob, 19 years old.
RAFAH	 Closures: Sufa crossing was opened from 07:00 until 13:00 for specific kinds of cargo. The Gaza International Airport remains closed. Attack: At 11:40, The Israeli army opened fire from Tel Sultan checkpoint towards civilian houses, injuring 2 civilians. The Israeli army opened fire from the same location again at 13:10, injuring 3 other civilians.

- <u>Injuries</u>: The Israeli army injured 5 civilians as a result of their live firing from Tel Sultan checkpoint towards civilian houses:
- (i) Abdil Rahman Abu 'Ashi, 20 years old, was hit by shrapnel all over his body;
- (ii) Mahmoud Al Arja, 21 years old, was hit by a bullet in the stomach;
- (iii) Adnan Al Imwasi, 21 years old, was hit by a bullet in the head;
- (iv) Tariq Al Arja, 21 years old, was hit by shrapnel in the head; and
- (v) Ibrahim Arja, was hit by a bullet in the head.