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PALESTINIAN MONITORING GROUP

DAILY SITUATION REPORT

08:00, 29 October 2008 – 08:00, 30 October 2008

SUMMARY OF EVENTS

EVENT	WEST BANK	GAZA STRIP	TOTAL	NOTES
Physical Assault	1	—	1	Severely beat an officer in Jericho district
Arrests (per person)	14	—	14	Incl. 5 in Jericho & 4 in Bethlehem
Detentions	19	—	19	At checkpoints & in residential areas
Raids	33	—	33	Incl. 7 on Ramallah & 6 on Jenin
Closure of Checkpoints	17	—	17	Incl. access impeded at 11 checkpoints
Flying Checkpoints	12	—	12	Incl. 3 in Hebron & 2 in Nablus
Attacks	2	—	2	1 by raid & 1 by confrontation
Air Patrol	1	—	1	Combat helicopters in Tubas district
Provocation of Pal. Forces	2	—	2	Incl. position troops near Pal. Security
Military Post	1	—	1	Expand military post in Qalq. district
House Demolition	*	—	—	Notifications to evacuate 3 houses
Confiscation of Property	3	—	3	Incl. agricultural fertilizers in Salfit
Attack on Property	*	—	—	Notifications to stop house construction
Destruction of Property	6	—	6	Demolish 6 cottages in Hebron district
Wall Construction	23	—	23	Jer., Raml'h., Qalq., Salfit, Heb., Beth.
Closure (per District)	7	—	7	Incl. Jerusalem, Tulkarm & Hebron
Closure of Main Roads	54	—	54	Incl. 5 in Ramallah & 2 in Jerusalem
Closure of Crossing Points	—	2	2	Partial opening of 5 crossings
Attack on Religious Site	1	—	1	Settler attack on the Sepulcher Church
Settler Violence	2	—	2	Incl. attempt to attack priests
TOTAL	198	2	200	

DISTRICT	EVENTS
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WEST BANK

ALL DISTRICTS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Israeli army continues to intensify its restrictions at checkpoints set up on the main roads connecting the West Bank districts, thereby isolating the northern districts from the southern districts as well as the Jericho district and the Jordan Valley from the remainder of the West Bank.
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JERUSALEM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Closure: The Israeli army continues to intensify its restrictions at checkpoints located at the entrances to the city of Jerusalem. The Israeli army also continues to close the entrances to al-Aqsa Mosque compound in the old city of Jerusalem and impede civilian access to the mosque. Closure of Main Roads: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> The Israeli army continues to close with barbed wire and cement blocks the entrance opposite the junction to Dahiyat al-Bareed in the city of Jerusalem, after leveling the area, and to deny civilian access. The Israeli army continues to close with cement blocks and dirt barricades the entrance to the village of Jaba'. 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. Settler Violence: On 29 October 2008, a fanatic settler attacked the Church of the Holy Sepulcher in the old city of Jerusalem and attempted to attack a number of priests inside the yard of the church. He also destroyed a number of crosses inside a tourist shop located near the church. Wall Gates: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> The Israeli army continues to close the Wall gate in the town of Abu Dis with cement blocks. The Israeli army continues to deny civilian access through the Wall 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, and south of Beit Hanina village.
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RAMALLAH & EL BIREH	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Closure of Main Roads:</u> The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades and cement blocks the eastern entrance to the village of Sinjil; the western entrances to the villages of Safa and Ein Yabrud; the road between the villages of Ras Karkar and Kharbatha Bani Harith and the junction to the villages of Kafr Malik – Ein Samiya. • <u>Checkpoint:</u> The Israeli army continues to intensify restrictions at the checkpoint on the overpass to ‘Atara town and impede civilian access. • <u>Flying Checkpoint:</u> At 18:50, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to the village of Burqa and searched civilians and vehicles. • <u>Raids:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 20:15, the Israeli army raided and patrolled Beit Rima town and the village of Kafr Ein. (ii) At 02:00, the Israeli army raided Ramallah city, searched a house and arrested a civilian. (iii) At 02:20, the Israeli army raided Beituniya town, searched a house and a building and arrested a civilian. (iv) At 03:30, the Israeli army raided El Bireh city and Al Am’ari refugee camp in the city, searched a house and a shop for repairing vehicles, arrested a civilian and withdrew at 06:00. (v) The Israeli army raided Arura town and searched a house. • <u>Arrests:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) The Israeli army arrested in Ramallah city the civilian Osama Yahya Jaber. (ii) The Israeli army arrested in Beituniya town the civilian Hazem Amin Hammad Al Khateeb. (iii) The Israeli army arrested in El Bireh city the civilian Ala’ Raja Al Liftawi. • <u>Wall Construction:</u> Wall construction continues west of ‘Abud town and in the areas of al-Midya to Ni’lin and Ni’lin to Deir Qaddis.
JENIN	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Closure of Main Roads:</u> The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the road leading to ‘Arraba town, east of the settlement of Dotan. • <u>Flying Checkpoint:</u> At 10:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on Ash Shuhada village junction and searched civilians and vehicles. • <u>Raids:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 10:00, the Israeli army raided and patrolled Qabatiya town. Again at 01:50, the Israeli army raided the area, opened intensive fire while patrolling the area and withdrew at 04:30. (ii) At 10:30, the Israeli army raided the town of Arraba and the village of Fahma and patrolled the area until 11:30. (iii) At 12:50, the Israeli army raided and patrolled Mughayyir village. (iv) At 02:25, the Israeli army raided Jenin city, positioned troops opposite the headquarters of the Palestinian National Security, patrolled the area and withdrew at 04:45. • <u>Wall Gates:</u> 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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Checkpoint:</u> The Israeli army continues to close Tayasir checkpoint east of the town of Tubas, denying civilian access to the Northern Jordan Valley, except for civilians whose IDs indicate that their place of residence is the Northern Jordan Valley. • <u>Raids:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 01:30 on 29 October 2008, the Israeli army raided Al Far' a refugee camp, took photographs for a number of houses and shops, patrolled the area and withdrew at 03:30. (ii) At 21:10, Israeli army airborne infantry troops raided a number of areas in the periphery of Tubas city for training purposes. • <u>Detentions:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 13:00, the Israeli army detained at Tayasir checkpoint the Palestinian National Security officer Saleh Tawfiq Sawaftah and released him at a later time. (ii) At 14:30, the Israeli army detained at Tayasir checkpoint the Palestinian General Intelligence officer Ghaleb Hassan Sawaftah and released him at a later time after the intervention of military liaison.
TULKAREM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Closure:</u> The Israeli army continues to declare the district of Tulkarm a closed military zone and to impede civilian access to and from the district. • <u>Closure of Main Road:</u> The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the western entrance to the village of Shofeh. • <u>Checkpoints:</u> The Israeli army continues to intensify restrictions at Einav checkpoint that is set up on Tulkarm-Nablus road and at Jubara checkpoint. • <u>Flying Checkpoint:</u> At 16:10, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on Dahiyat Irtah junction in the city of Tulkarm • <u>Raid:</u> At 15:50, the Israeli army raided the city of Tulkarm, positioned troops near the headquarters of the Palestinian National Security and the Preventive Security, patrolled the area and withdrew at 16:55. • <u>Wall Gates:</u> Passage through the wall gates is restricted to civilians granted special Israeli permits.
QALQILYA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Closure of Roads:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) The Israeli army continues to close with cement blocks the agricultural roads east of the town of 'Azzun. (ii) The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the northern entrance to the town of Azzun. • <u>Checkpoint:</u> The Israeli army continues to intensify restrictions at the checkpoint that is set up at the eastern entrance to the city of Qalqiliya and impede civilian access. • <u>Flying Checkpoint:</u> At 12:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to Izbat Tabib village and searched civilians and vehicles. • <u>Raid:</u> At 03:50, the Israeli army raided and patrolled Qalqiliya city until 05:00. • <u>Expanding Military Post:</u> At 16:00, the Israeli army started expansion work in the military post that is set up near the Wall gate leading to the village of Azzun Atma.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wall Gates: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Passage through the Wall gates is restricted to civilians granted special Israeli permits. (ii) 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: Land leveling for Wall construction continues in the villages of Immatin and Kafr Laqif as well as east of the towns of Kafr Thulth and ‘Azzun.
NABLUS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure of Main Roads: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (i) The Israeli army continues to close with cement blocks the roads of Sarra-Jit, Tel-Burin, Beit Furik-Salem, the road between Aqraba town and the main road and the eastern entrance to the village of Al Lubban Ash Sharqiya; and with dirt barricades the road between the villages of Tel and Madama, the southern entrance to the village of Qaryut, the eastern entrance to the village of Al Lubban Ash Sharqiya, the western entrance to the town of Aqraba, the southern entrance to the village of Duma, the northern entrance to the town of Qabalan, the western entrance to the village of Majdal Bani Fadil as well as the settler bypass road connecting the village of Deir al-Hatab to Alon Moreh settlement. (ii) On 10 August 2008, the Israeli army re-opened the Jenin-Nablus road between the junction to Deir Sharaf village and the settlement of Shavei Shomron, allowing daily passage from 06:00 until 17:00. • Checkpoints: The Israeli army continues to regulate times for crossing checkpoints set up around the city of Nablus: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At Tur neighborhood 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 neighborhood only. (ii) Beit Furik checkpoint is open to civilian residents of the town of Beit Furik and the nearby village of Beit Dajan. • Flying Checkpoint: At 18:20, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the junction leading to Jamma’in town and detained a civilian and released him at a later time following the intervention of military liaison. • Raids: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 20:20, the Israeli army raided the town of Beit Furik, set up a flying checkpoint and patrolled the area. (ii) At 02:40, the Israeli army raided the village of Till, searched a number of houses and withdrew at 05:00. • Arrest: At 01:30 on 29 October 2008, the Israeli army arrested 2 civilians during a raid on the city of Nablus, in addition to what has been mentioned in the previous report. The 2 civilians are Rida Yousef Rida Mansour and Nidal Mahmoud Abdulhafeez.
SALFIT	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure of Main Roads: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (i) The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the northern entrance to Salfit city and the eastern entrance to the village of Yasuf. (ii) The Israeli army continues to close with cement blocks and iron gates

	<p>the northern entrances to the town of Bruqin and the village of Qarawat Bani Hassan and the western entrance to the town of Kafr Ad Dik.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Checkpoints: The Israeli army continues to intensify its restrictions at Deir Ballut and Za'tara checkpoints and prevent civilian vehicles from heading towards the village of Kafr Ad Dik. • Raids: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 11:20, the Israeli army raided the town of Kafr Ad Dik and issued verbal notifications to evacuate 3 houses within a week to demolish them. The owners of these houses were given previously notifications to evacuate them. The houses belong to the civilians: Firas Ibrahim Muhammad Habboub, Muhammad Muti' Saleh Ad Dik and Baha' Nayef Naji. The Israeli army withdrew at 11:50. (ii) At 12:00, the Israeli army raided the town of Bruqin, issued notifications to stop the construction of 7 houses and report to the civil administration in the settlement of Beit El on 27 November 2008. The houses belong to the civilians: Hamza Falah Salman, Maher Zuhair Samara, Fayez Ata Yousef Al Haj, Bakr Muhammad Hamdan, Mu'ayyad Muhammad Hamdan, Saed Fa'eq Ata Al Haj and Ali Abdulrahman Khater. (iii) At 20:35, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the village of Hares. (iv) At 01:00, the Israeli army raided the city of Salfit, searched a number of houses and shops, confiscated agricultural fertilizers and withdrew at 02:50. • Wall Construction: Wall construction continues in the area northwest of the city of Salfit, and in the village of Marda and the town of Kafr Hares north of the settlement of Ariel.
<p style="text-align: center;">JERICHO</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure: The Israeli army continues to close Road # 90 between the city of Jericho and the village of al-'Auja with cement blocks and to prevent farmers not holding Jericho Governorate IDs from reaching their land, forcing them to apply for access permits. The Israeli army also continues to deny access to the city to holders of Israeli IDs. • Checkpoints: The Israeli army continues to intensify its restrictions and impede civilian access at al-Hamra checkpoint set up along al-Badhan road connecting the districts of Jericho and Nablus as well as on the checkpoint set up on the junction to the village of al-'Auja along Al-Mu'arrajat road that connects the districts of Jericho and Ramallah. • Flying Checkpoint: At 22:10, the Israeli army set up a checkpoint on the Dead Sea junction, stopped a taxi and arrested its 3 passengers and driver. • Raid: At 01:10, the Israeli army raided the village of Al Auja, searched a house and confiscated from it a gun and a hunting rifle, arrested a civilian and withdrew at 04:15. • Arrests: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 13:00, the Israeli army arrested at Al Hamra junction checkpoint the Palestinian National Security officer Amin Abu Al Hayja. (ii) The Israeli army arrested on the Dead Sea junction 3 unidentified civilians.

	<p>(iii) The Israeli army arrested in the village of Al Auja Nafez Hassan Sa'd Najoum.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Detention: At 16:00, the Israeli army at Al Hamra junction checkpoint detained the Palestinian National Security officer Muhammad Abdulfattah Imran and severely beat him. He was admitted to the Government Hospital in the city of Nablus for treatment.
BETHLEHEM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) 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. (ii) Since September 15, 2007, the Israeli army has been preventing civilian access, according to military order 07.02.S, to the 22-dunum land that has been confiscated in accordance with confiscation order number 07.31.T. The 22-dunum area has been set to construct a passage in the area of Mazmouriyyeh that is located in the cities of Beit Sahur and Bethlehem. • Closure of Main Roads: The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the two sideways east and south of Al Walaja village and the roads of Beit Jala-Wadi Ahmad, Talita-Nazlet As Sidr in the city of Beit Jala, Al Khadr town-Road # 60, Al Khadr town-Beit Jala housing, Wadi Rahal-Efrat and the sideways east of Beit Fajjar town. • Raids: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 24:00 on 28 October 2008, the Israeli army raided the town of Al Khadr and arrested 3 civilians. (ii) At 15:55, the Israeli army raided Bethlehem city. Confrontations took place between civilians and the Israeli army while patrolling the area. Again at 01:45, the Israeli army raided the area, searched a house, arrested a civilian and withdrew at 02:45. • Arrests: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) The Israeli army arrested in the town of Al Khadr the civilians: Ibrahim Mahmoud Shehadeh Issa, Majdi Abed Mustafa Issa and Ashraf Hussein Muhammad Issa. (ii) The Israeli army arrested in Bethlehem city the civilian Ahmad Jamal Ibayyat. • Wall Construction: Wall construction continues in the area northwest of al-Khadr town; northwest of Beit Jala city; in the area of Wadi Rahhal east of Ephrata settlement; and in the area surrounding al-Walaja village.
HEBRON	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (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) Although it expired on 07 May 2006, the Israeli army continues to implement a military order stipulating the prohibition of civilian vehicles from traveling along the road connecting the settlement of Kiryat Arba' to the Ibrahimi Mosque in the old city of Hebron unless they possess access permits.
- **Closure of Main Roads:**

(i) The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the following locales: the entrance to the town of al-Samoa'; the area of al-Hawawir leading to the town of Halhoul; the area of al-Fahs south of the city of Hebron; the road connecting the town of Surif to the village of al-Jab'a; the entrance to the village of Beit 'Einun; and the eastern entrance to the village of Kharsa. The Israeli army also continues to close with cement blocks the entrance to al-Qeisi neighborhood in the old city of Hebron as well as the main entrance to al-'Arrub refugee camp.

(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.

(iv) The Israeli army continues to open the iron gate on the junction of Farsh Al Hawa, which leads to Road # 35 that leads to Tarqumiya Crossing, from 05:00 until 07:00 and from 09:00 until 13:00.
 - **Flying Checkpoints:**

(i) At 08:00, the Israeli army set up a checkpoint in the area between Idhna and Tarqumiya towns and searched civilians and vehicles.

(ii) At 16:30, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the overpass leading to Halhul town. Again at 22:30, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint and searched civilians and vehicles.
 - **Raids:**

(i) At 09:20, the Israeli army raided and patrolled Tarqumiya town. Again at 23:10, the Israeli army raided the area, searched 2 houses, issued summons to 2 civilians to report to the Israeli Intelligence Agency and withdrew at 01:05.

(ii) At 12:30, the Israeli army raided the village of Um Al Khair and demolished 6 cottages belonging to Al Hathaleen family for allegedly not being licensed and for their proximity to the settlement of Karmi'il.

(iii) At 00:30, the Israeli army raided the city of Hebron, searched 2 houses and issued summon to a civilian to report to the Israeli Intelligence Agency.

(iv) At 02:30, the Israeli army raided and patrolled As Samoa' town.

(v) At 03:40, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the area of Khallet Al Mayyeh located east of Yatta town.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wall Construction: Wall construction continues in the section of Tarqumiya checkpoint terminal, the remaining section of the Wall route that separates the settlement of Eshkolot from the village of al-Ramadin, and near the village of Imneizil southeast of the town of Yatta.
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GAZA STRIP

ALL DISTRICTS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Entering into force at 06:00 on 19 June 2008, the cease fire agreement has continued to hold. The agreement includes, <i>inter alia</i>, a complete cessation of all hostilities.
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NORTHERN GAZA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure of Crossing Point: Beit Hanun (Erez) Crossing is partially open (for previously coordinated humanitarian cases).
GAZA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure of Crossing Points: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Al-Muntar (Karni) Crossing is partially open (for entry of basic necessities). (ii) Al-Shuja'iyah (Nahal 'Oz) Crossing is partially open (for entry of limited amounts of fuel).
CENTRAL GAZA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Activities not reported.
KHAN YOUNIS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Activities not reported.
RAFAH	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure of Crossing Points: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Yasser 'Arafat International Airport remains closed. (ii) Rafah (Al Awdah) Crossing is partially and exceptionally open to allow the entry of 24 civilians returning from Umrah. (iii) Sufa Crossing is closed. (iv) Karm Abu Salim (Karem Shalom) Crossing is partially open (to allow entry of food and goods).