

PALESTINIAN MONITORING GROUP



MONTHLY SUMMARY OF ISRAELI VIOLATIONS

01 October 2007 – 31 October 2007

The following summary table and overview of events is a survey of Israeli violations during the period 01 October 2007 to 31 October 2007. The report includes a summary table of events by type throughout the West Bank and Gaza Strip, in addition to a comparative table surveying events over the past three months. The survey is compiled from Daily Situation Reports of the Palestinian Monitoring Group (PMG), Negotiations Affairs Department (NAD), and Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO). The PMG monitors all aspects of ground conditions in the West Bank and Gaza Strip, including Israeli violations, Palestinian violations, and Palestinian achievements. The PMG Daily Situation Reports are a survey of daily events collated from information provided by Palestinian Authority civil ministries and security agencies. The information reported through the PMG process only represents data available at the time of distribution.

SAMPLE OF ISRAELI ARMY VIOLATIONS DURING THE MONTH OF OCTOBER 2007

- **On October 04**, Israeli settlers attacked a Palestinian civilian near the village of al-Nabi Elias in Qalqilya district, and seriously injured and bruised him.
- **On October 08**, Israeli soldiers, stationed in the old city of Hebron, attacked a 16-year-old Palestinian girl and detained her at Kiryat Arba' settlement.
- **On October 11**, an Israeli special force unit infiltrated the city of Jenin and assassinated a Palestinian military officer and wounded another.
- **On October 11**, confrontations between the Israeli army and Palestinian civilians broke out in the city of Qalqilya, during which the Israeli army injured 11 civilians, including one child and a civilian seriously wounded in the head.
- **On October 17**, the Israeli army raided the city of Nablus and fired tank shells, killing an elderly civilian and one armed individual, and injuring 14 civilians, including 2 children and a journalist. In addition, a female civilian and a male civilian were critically wounded.
- **On October 18**, an Israeli combat helicopter fired a missile targeting a gathering of civilians in the town of Abbasan al-Kabira in Khan Younis district, resulting in the death of one armed individual and injuring of 10 civilians, including 4 male civilians and one female civilian seriously wounded.
- **On October 19**, the Israeli army raided the village of Izbat al-Jarad in Tulkarem district and opened fire indiscriminately, injuring an 8-year-old Palestinian girl.
- **On October 22**, the Israeli prison police and special unit code-named Nachshon assaulted Palestinian prisoners in G1 section in the Negev detention facility which is run by the so-called "Shabak" service, Israel's internal intelligence agency. As a result, fierce clashes broke out in all prison sections, resulting in the death of one prisoner. Additionally, tens of prisoners were injured, bruised and suffered bone fractures, including 5 prisoners seriously wounded.
- **On October 26**, a public march set out in the village of Bil'in in Ramallah district, with the participation of international peace activists and supporters, in protest of the construction of the apartheid Wall. Clashes broke out between civilian protestors and the Israeli army, resulting in the injury of 2 civilians, including one child. In addition, one international peace activist and an Italian journalist were slightly wounded.
- **On October 29**, the Israeli army raided the town of Beit Hanoun in northern Gaza district and killed 2 civilians, including one armed individual and a physically handicapped civilian. In addition, the Israeli army injured 21 civilians, including 2 children, one female civilian, and 3 civilians were seriously wounded.

SUMMARY TABLE OF EVENTS IN THE OCCUPIED PALESTINIAN TERRITORY – OCTOBER 2007

EVENT	WEST BANK	GAZA STRIP	TOTAL	NOTES
Assassinations	1	1	2	Incl. one military officer in the city of Jenin; one armed individual in Central Gaza district.
Deaths	10	30	40	Incl. an 8-year-old girl; one prisoner; a physically handicapped civilian; an elderly civilian; a civilian that was run over by a settler vehicle; 30 armed individuals.
Injuries	86	109	195	Incl. 39 children; 5 female civilians; 2 international peace activists and supporters; 2 journalists; 8 prisoners; 3 military officers; 44 armed individuals.
Attacks	156	134	290	The Israeli army carried out 144 attacks during raids into Palestinian residential areas, 61 attacks during confrontations between the Israeli army and Palestinians, 49 attacks from Israeli army military posts towards civilian houses and property, and 4 attacks from checkpoints. In addition, Israeli navy boats opened fire on 12 occasions and combat helicopters on 20 occasions.
Raids	713	44	757	24 in Jerusalem; 104 in Ramallah; 109 in Jenin; 59 in Tulkarem; 54 in Qalqiliya; 92 in Nablus; 50 in Salfit; 86 in Jericho; 7 in Bethlehem; 14 in Hebron; 128 in Northern Gaza; 4 in Gaza; 6 in Central Gaza; 13 in Khan Younis; 7 in Rafah.
Arrests	387	36	423	The Israeli army arrested 20 Palestinian civilians in Jerusalem; 73 in Ramallah; 43 in Jenin; 17 in Tulkarem; 51 in Qalqiliya; 82 in Nablus; 20 in Salfit; 9 in Jericho; 29 in Bethlehem; 43 in Hebron; 11 in Northern Gaza; 15 in Gaza district; 10 in Rafah. The arrested civilians include 22 children; 5 female civilians; one mentally retarded civilian; 4 university students; 4 school teachers; 2 municipal council members; 5 fishermen; 24 military officers.
House Demolitions	1	1	2	The Israeli army demolished 1 house that belongs to a prisoner in the city of Qalqilya, and another house in the town of Abssan al-Kabira in Khan Younis district. In addition, the Israeli authorities handed two civilians house demolition orders in the village of Beit Dajan in Nablus district and in the village of Fasayel in the city of Jericho, under the pretext of unlicensed construction.
Attacks on Public & Private Property	56	35	91	Destruction of Property: The Israeli army destroyed civilian vehicles, electrical transformers, tin-houses, trees, plants, and a fishing boat. Confiscation of Property: The Israeli army confiscated 2 revolvers, one rifle, cellular phones, and one computer.
House Occupations	12	16	28	Nablus (5); Qalqilya (3); Salfit (2); Bethlehem (1); Hebron (1); Northern Gaza (1); Central Gaza (6); Khan Younis (9).
Curfews	14	0	14	The Israeli army imposed curfews over residential areas in the districts of Tulkarem (3); Nablus (3); Qalqilya (3); Salfit (3); Bethlehem (1); Hebron (1).
Closure of Crossing Points	0	135	135	The Israeli army closed international crossing points (Rafah Crossing to Egypt and Arafat International Airport) on 62 occasions, and crossing points to Israel on 93 occasions.
Flying Checkpoints	436	0	436	Jerusalem (70); Ramallah (42); Jenin (95); Tulkarem (29); Qalqiliya (39); Nablus (24); Salfit (26); Jericho (18); Bethlehem (33); Hebron (60).
Medical Obstruction	2	0	2	Israeli troops besieged a hospital in the city of Nablus and a clinic in the city of Bethlehem.
Attacks on Religious Sites	8	0	8	Israeli settlers stormed into the al-Aqsa Mosque courtyards in the city of Jerusalem; the Israeli army prevented Moslem worshippers from holding prayer in the al-Ibrahimi Mosque in the old city of Hebron; the Israeli army besieged 3 mosques, set up a checkpoint in front of one mosque and detained worshippers.
School Disruption	4	0	4	The Israeli army fired tear gas bombs inside a girls' school and raided a boys' secondary school in Nablus district; the Israeli army besieged a school in Bethlehem district; the Israeli army issued a school demolition order in Jericho district, under the pretext of unlicensed construction.
Provocation of Palestinian Forces	6	0	6	The Israeli army provoked the Palestinian National Security forces on 2 occasions and the civil police forces on 4 occasions.
Settlement Activity	8	0	8	In the districts of Jerusalem (3); Jenin (1); Qalqilya (2); Bethlehem (2).
Settler Violence	36	0	36	In Jerusalem (1); Ramallah (2); Jenin (5); Qalqilya (11); Nablus (6); Salfit (3); Jericho (1); Bethlehem (1); Hebron (6).
TOTAL	1943	580	2477	

COMPARATIVE TABLE OF EVENTS OVER THE PAST THREE MONTHS

EVENT	AUG.	SEP.	OCT.	COMMENTS
Deaths	50	35	40	Death toll rose to 14.3% compared to September and dropped by 16% compared to August. The Israeli army killed 1 child during the month of October, compared to 5 children in September and 10 in August.
Assassinations	0	0	2	The Israeli army resumed the policy of assassination without trial for those whom it considers "wanted" by the Israeli security forces.
Injuries	192	172	195	Rise of 13.4% compared to September and a drop of 1.6% compared to August. Thirty-nine children were injured during the month of October, compared to 32 in September and 37 in August.
Attacks	264	229	290	Increase in the number of attacks by 26.63% compared to September and by 9.9% compared to August.
Raids	806	720	757	The total number of Israeli army raids into Palestinian Authority-controlled territory (Area A – which the Israeli army has continued to reinvade since 2002) was 423 in October, compared to 389 in September and 476 in August. The Israeli army also raided Palestinian Authority-controlled territory in the Gaza Strip districts on 44 occasions, compared to 32 raids in September and 27 in July. During these raids, the Israeli army levelled civilian land on 18 occasions.
Arrests	458	414	423	Rise of 2.2% compared to September and a drop of 7.6% compared to August. Twenty-two children were arrested during the month of October, compared to 36 in September and 37 in August.
House Demolitions	5	8	2	Decrease of 75% compared to September and of 60% compared to August.
Attacks on Property	99	144	91	Drop of 36.8% compared to September and of 8.1% compared to August.
House Occupation	60	39	28	Drop of 28.2% compared to September and of 53.3% compared to August.
Curfews	7	6	14	Curfews rose by 133.3% compared to September and by 100% compared to August.
Flying Checkpoints	454	445	463	Drop of 2% compared to September and of 4% compared to August.
Complete Closure of Crossing Points	159	156	135	Crossing points to Israel were closed on 73 occasions in October, compared to 96 in September and 97 in August. As in September and August, the Israeli army closed Rafah Crossing completely throughout the month of October. Yasser 'Arafat International Airport has remained closed since the outbreak of the second <i>Intifada</i> (Uprising) in 2000.
Medical Obstruction	6	2	2	Same percentage as in September, and a decrease from last August.
Attacks on Religious Sites	2	9	8	Same percentage as in September, and a rise from last August.
School Disruption	2	1	4	Rise from September and August.
Provocation of Palestinian Forces	13	10	6	Despite efforts made by Palestinian forces to control the security situation, the Israeli army continued to take position near Palestinian security offices and headquarters. The Israeli army also detained Palestinian security commanders and officers, and arrested 24 Palestinian military officers.
Settlement Activity	6	3	8	Rise from September and August.
Settler Violence	32	28	36	Increase by 28.6% compared to September and by 12.5% compared to August.
TOTAL	2615	2421	2477	The general 2.3% rise in the total incidents compared to September was due to the rise in the rate of deaths, injuries, arrests, raids, attacks, flying checkpoints and house occupation. Compared to August, total incidents dropped by 5.3% due to the decrease in raids, attacks, closure of crossing points, house occupations, and attacks on private and public property.