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Protection of Civilians Weekly Report

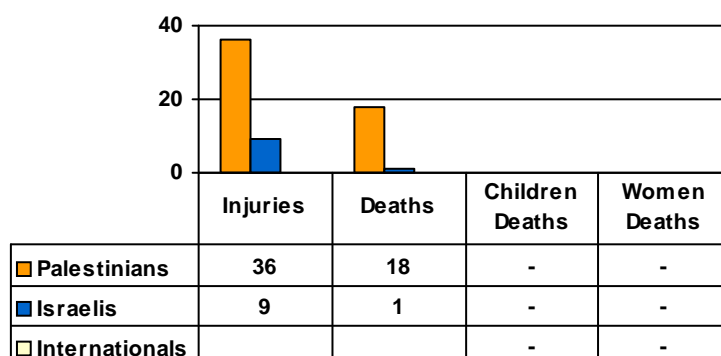
24-30 October 2007

Of note this week**Gaza Strip:**

- The IDF killed 17 Palestinians including two children and one disabled man during military operations in the Gaza Strip. 25 others were injured including three women and five children, including a one year old and another three year old. One Israeli soldier was killed and four others were injured the military operations.
- 20 Qassam rockets and 42 mortar shells were fired towards Israel. No injuries were reported.
- Seven Palestinians were killed, including two women and two children, in an explosion of unknown cause. A female university student's body was found three days after her kidnapping inside Gaza, (the background of the incident is unknown). Four others were injured in family disputes or reckless use of weapons.
- All UNRWA schools and a health care centre were evacuated in Beit Hanoun due to IDF operations in northern Gaza as a result of an IAF strike.
- According to the Israeli - Coordination of Government Activities in the Territories (COGAT) report of 28 October, Sufa crossing will be permanently closed. Sufa crossing has been serving as the primary alternative commercial crossing since the closure of Karni in mid-June.
- On 28 October, as part of its proposed sanctions on Gaza, Israel began reducing fuel shipments in the Gaza Strip in response to Qassam militant attacks by Palestinian militants.

West Bank:

- An Israeli settler ran over a 68 year old Palestinian on road 477 near Kafr Ad Dik village (Salfit governorate). The Palestinian was in the area to harvest his olive grove and was evacuated to Salfit city hospital for treatment
- Two demonstrations were held on 25 and 29 October in Ramallah by Palestinians demanding the release of the Hamas prisoners held in Israeli jails. The Palestinian police intervened to calm down the protest.
- Access into Jerusalem for Palestinians with West Bank IDs is now restricted to four checkpoints managed by private security guards. IDF delays at Qalandiya and Jaba' checkpoints continue to be reported.
- UNRWA employees in Ad Daheisha refugee camp held a protest in front of the Agency's headquarters in Bethlehem City demanding improved salaries and work conditions.
- The IDF displaced the Palestinian community of Qassa, located west of the Tarqumiya checkpoint immediately after the opening of a 'Terminal' on 28 October. Twenty five families (21 of whom are registered refugees) were removed from their dwellings (tents, caves and shacks) while their belongings and sheep were removed by IDF-contracted labourers, (Hebron).

Palestinian and Israeli conflict related casualties:¹

¹ Excluding Palestinian-Palestinian internal violence and other 'indirect' conflict related incidents reported in Section 2.

1. Physical Protection – conflict related casualties

Gaza Strip:

- **24 October:** Two 20 year-old armed Hamas members were killed by an undercover IDF unit east of Abbasan in Khan Younis, (Khan Younis).
- **24 October:** Two 16 year-old Palestinian boys were killed, and two women aged 22 and 24 were injured, when the IDF fired a ground-to-ground missile towards a Palestinian home made rocket launching site, following a rocket attack from east of Sheikh Zayed city towards Sderot, (North Gaza).
- **25 October:** Two Palestinians aged 23 and 24 years old (Islamic Jihad members) were killed during an exchange of gunfire between the IDF stationed north of Beit Lahia and Islamic Jihad armed members, (North Gaza).
- **26 October:** Three armed Palestinians (22, 23 and 25 years old) were killed and three others (aged 21(2) and 26) were injured during IDF levelling and excavation operations, east of Sheijaya area. One was killed when an IAF aircraft fired a rocket at a group of armed Hamas members. Two were killed as a result of an IDF tank shell. Armed Palestinians fired RPGs and mortar shells at the Israeli forces, (Gaza).
- **26 October:** A 22 year-old Palestinian (Islamic Jihad member) was killed and another one was injured during armed clashes between IDF troops stationed east of Abbasan and Islamic Jihad armed members, (Khan Younis).
- **28 October:** A 21 year-old Palestinian farmer was injured when the IDF opened fire at Palestinian farmers during an incursion of IDF tanks and a bulldozer into the Palestinian area east of Deir El Balah, (Central Gaza).
- **28 October:** A 15 year-old Palestinian boy was shot and injured by the IDF north of Beit Lahia, (North Gaza).
- **28 October:** A 45 year-old Palestinian woman was injured when the IDF opened fire towards several Palestinian houses during IDF land levelling and excavation operations east of Deir El Balah, (Central Gaza).
- **29 October:** A 28 year-old man and a 44 year-old disabled man were shot and killed, and ten others were injured, including two children, during an IAF air strike and IDF ground operations on the northern edge of Beit Hanoun village. Armed Palestinians fired RPGs and detonated road-side bombs near the troops. The IDF responded with tank shells and HMG fire. An IAF aircraft fired a rocket at an UNRWA school targeting a Hamas member who was present near to the boundary wall of the school. According to Israeli media sources, two IDF soldiers were injured during the operation, (North Gaza).
- **29 October:** A 22 year-old Palestinian man (Hamas member) was killed during armed clashes between armed Palestinians and IDF troops. The clashes started when eight IDF armoured vehicles and three bulldozers moved from an IDF military outpost near Sufa crossing into Gaza, south of the crossing. The IDF troops conducted a tunnel-search operation. Armed Palestinians fired RPGs and mortars at the Israeli troops. The IDF responded with tank shells and HMG fire. towards the militants. The troops withdrew at 0615 hours. According to Israeli media sources, one IDF soldier was killed and two others were injured, (Khan Younis).
- **30 October:** Six Palestinians, five from the same family, (two children age one and three years old, two women 29 and 70 years old, and two men 30 and 60 years old) were injured when an IDF surface-to-surface missile exploded in a Palestinian house east of Jabalia. An IDF spokeswoman later stated that the missile was fired at a Palestinian rocket launching site but flew off-target due to a technical error, (North Gaza).
- **30 October:** Four Palestinian policemen (20, 22(2) and 25) years old were killed when an IAF helicopter fired a rocket at an ESF riot police building in the Abbasan area east of Khan Younis, (Khan Younis).

Other incidents (not involving casualties/damage):

- **24 October:** Two mortar shells were fired east of Deir El Balah towards the Green Line. One of the shells landed in Gaza. The IDF responded with heavy gunfire. No injuries were reported. (Central Gaza)
- **25 October:** Armed Palestinians fired an RPG shell at an IDF jeep driving along the border fence east of Bureij camp. The shell missed the jeep. No injuries were reported, (Central Gaza).
- **25 October:** IDF armoured vehicles entered 600m into the Al Fukhari area east of Khan Younis. The Israeli forces conducted house-search operations. At 1100 hours, Palestinian militants fired three mortar shells at the Israeli tanks. The troops responded

with heavy shooting. No injuries were reported. At 1140 hours the IDF withdrew to the border, (Khan Younis).

- **28 October:** Armed Palestinians fired an RPG shell at an IDF jeep driving along the border east of Al Maghazi camp. The shell missed the jeep, and the IDF responded with heavy shooting. No injuries were reported, (Central Gaza).
- **29 October:** IDF gunboats opened fire at several fishing boats. The gunfire damaged the UNRWA Health Centre in Tel Es-Sultan quarter, breaking a window and damaging the boundary wall, (Rafah).
- **30 October:** Two Qassam rockets were fired from south of Beit Hanoun towards the Western Negev, hitting a building in the Western Negev kibbutz. In response, the IDF fired a surface-to-surface missile targeting the launch site. No injuries were reported, (North Gaza).

West Bank:

- **24 October:** Three Israeli settlers were injured near Ariel settlement. One male settler was injured by live ammunition and another two were injured by shrapnel when gunmen opened fire from a passing vehicle on the settlers while they were waiting at a bus station, (Salfit).
- **25, 26 October:** Two demonstrations were held by Palestinians demanding the release of the Hamas prisoners in Israeli jails. The Palestinian police intervened to calm down the protest. No confrontation was reported, (Ramallah).
- **25 October:** One Palestinian male from Ad Duhaisha refugee camp was physically assaulted by the IDF soldiers at Ar Ram checkpoint following a verbal confrontation, (Bethlehem).
- **25 October:** Two Palestinian boys (both aged 13) from the H1 area of the City of Hebron were injured by rubber-coated metal bullets when IDF soldiers opened fire at Palestinians demonstrating in Bab Al Zawiya section of the City against Israeli detentions of Palestinian prisoners, (Hebron).
- **26 October:** A 17-year-old Palestinian boy and a 24-year old Palestinian man from the town of Sa'ir were injured when they were hit by a sound bomb thrown by IDF soldiers. Palestinians had been throwing stones at the IDF during a military incursion into the town, (Hebron).
- **26 October:** Two Palestinian men (23 and 24) from the town of Beit Ummar were injured with rubber-coated metal bullets when IDF soldiers opened fire. Palestinians had been throwing stones at the IDF. (Hebron).
- **26 October:** Two Palestinians were injured with rubber-coated metal bullets during a demonstration against the Barrier construction in Bil'in village. The Palestinian, Israeli and international activists continue demonstrations against the non- implementation of the Israeli High Court decision to remove or change sections of the Barrier in the village, (Ramallah).
- **26 October:** One Israeli civilian was injured when his vehicle was stoned by Palestinian youth from Beit U'r at Tahta village. The injured Israeli was evacuated to the hospital. (Ramallah)
- **27 October:** One Palestinian was physically assaulted by IDF in Burqa village during a search and arrest campaign; the Palestinian was evacuated to the hospital in Nablus, (Nablus).
- **29 October:** One IDF soldier was injured in Camp No. One by live ammunition during an exchange of fire with Palestinian militants. The IDF entered the camp during a search and arrests campaign, (Nablus).
- **29 October:** A 19 year-old Palestinian man was injured in 'Anabta village when an IDF vehicle ran over him. The Palestinian was evacuated to the Hospital in Tulkarm, (Tulkarm).
- **30 October:** A 24 year-old Palestinian died from injuries on the 19 of October. He was injured by shrapnel from a gun-launched grenade during an IDF incursion in the Old City of Nablus, (Nablus).

Physical Protection - other incidents involving casualties²

Gaza Strip:

- **24 October:** A 19 year-old Palestinian (Hamas activist), was pronounced dead on arrival at Kamal Adwan hospital in Jabalia. He was reportedly killed when the tunnel he was digging collapsed, (North Gaza).
- **25 October:** A Palestinian man was injured in an explosion that occurred at his home in Deir El Balah. Local reports indicate that he was handling explosives, (Central Gaza).
- **25 October:** The body of a 23 year-old female university student was received at Shifa hospital. She was kidnapped on 22 October by four masked men and taken to an unknown location. She was later found dead east of Sheijaya. The background of the incident is unknown, (Gaza).
- **25 October:** A 25 year-old Palestinian policeman died from wounds sustained during clashes between the police and Hillis family in Sheijaya on 18 October, (Gaza).
- **27 October:** Three Palestinian females (3, 13 and 20 years old) were killed, and three others were injured (including two children) in an explosion that took place in a house in Khan Younis. No information of the cause of the explosion is available, (Khan Younis).
- **29 October:** A 23 year-old Palestinian (ESF police officer) accidentally killed himself while handling his weapon in Rafah, (Rafah).

Other incidents (not involving casualties):

- **24 October:** ESF police stormed the Fatah office in Al Zahra City and occupied the building. No injuries or arrests were reported, (Central Gaza).
- **24 October:** Approximately 5,000 Hamas supporters marched in the streets of the camps to support Palestinian prisoners in Israeli jails. At 2200 hours the demonstration ended peacefully, (North Gaza).
- **25 October:** A Palestinian school teacher was abducted by unknown gunmen on his way to a Rafah School. Police pursued their vehicle and arrested the abductors. The teacher was freed and brought to Rafah police station, (Rafah).
- **25 October:** Approximately 100 people demonstrated in front of the Rafah border crossing, demanding its re-opening. At 1300 hours the sit-in ended peacefully, (Rafah).
- **26 October:** Egyptian security forces discovered and demolished two tunnels under the Philadelphi corridor. One tunnel was in the Barahema area and the other tunnel was in tSalam quarter, (Rafah).
- **27 October:** An explosive device was detonated in a vehicle parked outside police station in Khan Younis. The blast caused damage to the vehicle, but no injuries were reported, (Khan Younis).
- **28 October:** Approximately 300 PA members staged a sit-in at Al Azhar University Park to protest non-payment of their salaries. At 1230 hours the sit-in ended peacefully, (Gaza).
- **29, 30 October:** Approximately 50 family members of Palestinians imprisoned in Israeli Jails staged a sit-in in the front of the ICRC office in Gaza, demanding the release of their relatives, (Gaza).
- **29 October:** Around 100 Palestinians organized a demonstration demanding that the border crossings be opened. The demonstration began at the PLC building and proceeded to the UNSCO building, where the demonstrators handed over a letter addressed to UN officials. At 1230 hours, the demonstration ended peacefully, (Gaza).
- **30 October:** Approximately 200 family members of Palestinians serving sentences in Israeli prisons demonstrated in front of the UNSCO building to demand the release of their relatives. The demonstrators handed over a letter addressed to UN officials. At 1200 hours the demonstration ended peacefully, (Gaza).

West Bank:

- **29 October:** Five Palestinian policemen, including the Head of the Preventative Security, were injured when a group of unknown people opened fire at a police patrol in Jabal Abu Al Rumman neighborhood in the H1 area of the City of Hebron. One of the injuries was listed as "serious" while the others were light to moderate, (Hebron).

² Casualties recorded in this section relate to Palestinian inter-factional fighting, family and community disputes, reckless use of weapons, and disputed incidents. Also reported in this section are casualties indirectly related to the conflict such as incidents involving Unexploded Ordnance (UXO), traffic accidents between Israeli and Palestinians in the oPt and deaths resulting from delay in receiving medical treatment at a checkpoint or during a military operation/curfew. These casualties are not recorded in the total in Section 1.

Other incidents (not involving casualties):

Nothing to Report

Inter-factional violence**Gaza Strip:**

Nothing to Report

West Bank:

- **25 October:** Two women (29 and 30 years old) were killed in Qalqiliya city by their brother over a dispute in the family, (Qalqiliya).

Other incidents (not involving casualties):

Nothing to Report

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Nothing to Report

3. Shelter and Property**Table 1: Structures Demolished/Damaged by the Israeli Authorities (IDF, Border Police, Civil Administration...etc) and Israeli Settlers**

| Date | Location, Governorate | Structures demolished | Structures damaged | People displaced | People affected |
|------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|--------------------|------------------|-----------------|
| 29 October, 2007 | Qassa, Hebron | 18 tents | | 180 | |
| Total | | 18 | | 180 | |

- **24 October:** The IDF damaged the furniture of four houses in Biit Iba Village while conducting a search campaign in the village, (Nablus).
- **24 October:** The IDF damaged the furniture of one house in Nablus while conducting a search campaign in the city, (Nablus).
- **25 October:** The IDF destroyed one private car and an agricultural tractor belonging to Palestinians in Sarra village during a search and arrest campaign in the village, (Nablus).
- **25 October:** The IDF issued "stop work" orders against 6 houses being built in the regions of Al Beqa'a, Al Bweira and Al Oddiesa, all located along Road 60 in the vicinity of the settlements of Kiryat Arba and Kharsina, (Hebron).

Other incidents (not involving demolitions/property damage):

- **27 October:** The IDF entered Al Tadamoun charitable organization in Nablus city (Nablus) and confiscated all computers and files, (Nablus).

Ongoing incidents (not involving demolitions/property damage):

- **25 April to date:** The IDF continues to occupy the fourth floor of a four-storey Palestinian office building in Huwwara and has converted it into an observation post to monitor Road 60. The offices have nonetheless continued to operate (Nablus).
- **During the reporting period,** the IDF continued to occupy a building located near the Ibrahimi Mosque in the H2 area of the city of Hebron. The Abu Mayyala Building has been occupied since the beginning of the month of October, 2007. (Hebron)

Internal Violence Incidents Affecting Shelter and Property:

- **23 October:** Palestinian security forces confiscated the computer and personal belongings of a Palestinian Hamas member in the town of Beit Kahil, (Hebron).

4. [Natural Resources](#)

Land levelling/Requisitions/Tree Uprooting³

Nothing to Report

Olive Harvest

- **24 October:** The IDF arrested a Palestinian man while he was picking olives in his grove near Yanoun village. The IDF accused him of approaching to close to Itamar Settlement fence, (Nablus).
- **24 October:** A group of settlers from Yizhar settlement prevented Palestinian farmers from Burin village from reaching their olive groves near the settlement bypass road. The Palestinian DCO contacted the Israeli DCL and coordinated for the Palestinian farmers to have access on the 25th of October, (Nablus).
- **28 October:** Settlers from Itamar settlement harassed Palestinian farmers from Yanun village while they were harvesting their olives. The Israeli police were called to the site and told the settlers to leave, (Nablus).
- **30 October:** Settlers from Bracha settlement prevented Palestinian farmers from Burin from accessing their olive groves near the out post of the settlement. The Israeli police was called and told the settlers to leave, (Nablus).
- **30 October:** Settlers from Elon Moreh settlement prevented Palestinians from Deir Al Hatab from accessing their olive groves near the settlement, the Israeli police was called to the site and told the settlers to leave, (Nablus).
- **During the reporting period** Palestinian farmers and land owners were prevented from accessing their lands to harvest their olives in Jib Al Deeb area in Bethlehem, (Bethlehem).

Ongoing incident:

- **8 August to date:** The IDF continues construction work to upgrade the lanes at Beit Iba checkpoint.

Jenin Governorate:

No incidents to report.

Tubas Governorate:

- **29 October:** The Civil administration approved the returning of the two confiscated tractors and two water tanks belonging to Al Hadidiya community with a reduced fine (1,500 NIS). The equipment is yet to be returned to the owners.

Tulkarm Governorate:

Ongoing incident:

- Land levelling continues around Avne Hefez and Enav settlements for the construction of a new fence.

Qalqiliya Governorate:

Ongoing incident:

- Barrier construction: land levelling and construction work continue near Immatin village, between 'Azzun and Kafr Thulth, and between 'Azzun and Kafr Laqif.

Salfit Governorate:

Nothing to Report

³ 4 dunums = 1 acre; 10 dunums = 1 hectare

Ramallah / Al Bireh Governorate:

26 October: The International Solidarity Movement with a group of Palestinians organized a demonstration against Talmon settlement and caused damage to a couple of hundred grapevines belonging to the settlers. Two British activists were arrested and prohibited from entering the area. Thirteen Palestinians from Al Mazra'a al Qibliya were arrested, including the Mayor and a municipality member later in the night. A group of settlers entered the village and burned an olive tree and caused damage to Palestinian properties and homes. No settler arrests were made. The IDF together with the police intervened in the two incidents. As result the Civil Administration postponed Palestinian access into their olive fields until further notice.

Ongoing incidents:

- Barrier construction:
 - Barrier construction on Palestinian land extending between Rantis (northwest of Ramallah governorate) and Beit Nuba (southwest of Ramallah governorate) is complete, except for Al Midya-Ni'lin section.
 - Barrier construction between Al Midya and Ni'lin has been planned but is pending a decision by the Israeli High Court of Justice based on appeals submitted by Ni'lin village residents and Hashmon'im settlers (each side is demanding that the barrier be pushed closer to the other side).
 - Construction continues on 'Abud land to encircle Beit Arye and Ofarim settlements as part of the extension of the "Ariel finger." Construction is taking place around the two settlements and parallel to bypass Road 564. The Barrier will isolate 3,800 dunums of the village land.
- Construction of three "fabric of life" roads, (part of an Israeli plan to build alternative roads for Palestinians *in lieu* of the main roads that have become closed due to closures and Barrier construction):
 - Construction continues at a fast pace of a new road between Rantis and Shuqba, parallel to bypass Road 465.
 - Construction continues of a road between Beit Liqya and Beit 'Anan.
 - Construction continues of a road between Beit 'Ur al Fauqa and Tira via an underpass under Road 443. The road is in its final stage.
 - Land levelling continues in order to construct a road between Beit Ur at Tahta and Beituniya.

Jericho Governorate:

Nothing to Report

Jerusalem Governorate:

Ongoing incidents:

- Barrier construction:
 - Construction continues along the projected route in the Jerusalem governorate. Exceptions to this are northeast of Al 'Eizariya towards Ma'ale Adummim settlement. Construction has been stopped along a 3 km stretch of the Barrier south of Ma'ale Adummim and Kedar since 3 March 2006 pending a court case.
 - Construction near Ar Ram checkpoint between Dahiyat Al Bareed and Atarot is complete. One detour route between the neighbourhoods of Ar Ram and Dahiyat Al Bareed remains possible but the Barrier will soon seal off this neighbourhood entirely from Ar Ram and the West Bank. The gate between Ar Ram and Dahiyet Al Bareed was closed all week for pedestrian and vehicular traffic, so all vehicular traffic took the detour route through Dahiyet Al Bareed neighbourhood. Additional construction and infrastructure continues to be carried out on the remaining parts of the Barrier. It is planned that the gate will be used by Israeli security patrol vehicles and will not be open for humanitarian cases in the future.
 - The construction of a road barrier continues on Road 1 east of Az Za'ayem.
- Construction of an Israeli police station (two large buildings) in E1 is ongoing. E1, or East 1, is an area north of Ma'ale Adummim and Road 1. Major infrastructure work is being carried out on the hill around the two buildings in preparation for building the roads that will lead to the police station.

- The road between Anata and Al 'Eizariya is under construction (Road 70). Another road (Road 80) is planned that will link Abu Dis to Road 1 east of the planned Barrier around Ma'ale Adummim. Reported confiscation orders were imposed on 1700 dunums for this road. The road will be open for Palestinians only and is part of the "fabric of life" roads planned by the Israeli authorities.

Bethlehem Governorate:

Ongoing incidents:

- Barrier construction:
 - The Barrier contractor continued the installation of 12 meter high concrete blocks along the eastern side of road 60 to the south of the Tunnel Checkpoint
 - The Barrier contractor continued the installation of 8 meter high concrete blocks along road 60 between Al Khadr Tunnel and Al Nashash (southern entrance of Bethlehem City)
 - The Barrier contractor continued land levelling and asphaltting the section of the Barrier to the east of Efrat Settlement.
 - Land levelling and installation of 12 meter high concrete blocks was halted in the Barrier section between the two Tunnels on road 60 near Bethlehem.
 - Land levelling for the construction of the Barrier continued around the Israeli settlement of Har Gilo
- Land levelling for the construction of Al Khadr Tunnel has halted during the reporting period. This tunnel will be the only access point for the Palestinian towns within the proposed Gush Ezion enclave.
- Construction of buildings for a new terminal continued next to Al Jab'a checkpoint.
- Land leveling and installation of new buildings at An Nu'man terminal is ongoing
- Land leveling and construction of new buildings is taking place in Betar Ilit, Elizar, and Efrat settlements.

Hebron Governorate:

Ongoing incidents:

- Construction of building continued next to Beit Yatir checkpoint.
- Pavement of roads and construction of new buildings is taking place at the new checkpoint of Tarqumiya.
- Construction of new buildings is taking place in Karmil, Susyia, Karyat Arb'a and Shani settlements.
- Land leveling for building a new road, parallel to road 60 between Shim'a settlement and Metar Checkpoint, continued during the reporting period.

Gaza Strip:

- **26 Oct:** Three IDF armoured vehicles and three bulldozers, supported by IAF helicopters, moved from the border into Gaza, east of Sheijaya, to conduct levelling and excavation operations. The IDF armoured vehicles and bulldozers withdrew to the border on the same day, (Gaza).
- **28 Oct:** Three IDF tanks and a bulldozer entered approximately 300m into Gaza east of Deir El Balah. The bulldozers conducted excavation operations. During the operation IDF opened fire on several Palestinian houses in the area. At 1900 hours the IDF withdrew to the border fence, (Central Gaza).
- **30 Oct:** Four IDF tanks and three bulldozers entered approximately 500m into Gaza, east of Deir El Balah. The bulldozers conducted excavation operations. At 0400 hours the IDF troops withdrew to the border, (Central Gaza).

5. Access and Movement for Civilians

a) *Incidents of curfews*

Nothing to Report

Ongoing incidents:

- **17 May to date:** Palestinians living in Gaza Strip areas (north east of Beit Hanoun and north, and northwest of Beit Lahiya) continue to maintain a self-imposed curfew after dark due to IDF military operations.

b) *Access to education*

- **29 October:** All UNRWA schools and a health care Centre were evacuated in Beit Hanoun, due to the IDF operations in north Gaza. One of the school's main gates was damaged and a large number of windows were broken as a result of IAF strike targeting armed Palestinians, (North Gaza).
- **During the reporting period,** the IDF and Israeli Police escorting Palestinian students to and from their elementary school in At Tuwani to their homes in Tuba and Magyar Al Abid came on time to meet the students. The escort has been provided since 2004 to protect the students from attacks by Israeli settlers from the Ma'on settlement. It needs to be noted that the escort decision indicated that the soldiers must be walking with the children. The soldiers, however, usually stay in the jeep while the students walk alone in front of the IDF jeep, (south Hebron).

c) *Access to employment*

Ongoing incidents:

- **12 March 2006 to date:** Palestinian workers from the Gaza Strip have been prevented from entering Israel.
- In the West Bank, all Palestinians must apply to the DCL offices in the Jerusalem peripheries to obtain Israeli permits. The criteria for people to be eligible for an Israeli permit are similar for both workers and traders; a Palestinian should be above 35 years of age, married with at least one child, and with no security file.
- **During the reporting period,** some Palestinian workers from the Governorate of Hebron holding valid permits to work in Israel were obliged to stay overnight in front of the Meitar checkpoint, located south of the town of Adh Dhahiriya (Hebron), in order to reach their workplaces inside Israel on time. This checkpoint is the only checkpoint in the Governorate of Hebron that can be used by Palestinian workers to reach their work places inside Israel. It is manned by the Israeli Border Police and checks are conducted using palm identification. Similarly, Palestinian workers from the Governorate of Bethlehem holding valid work permits start queuing at 0300hrs at Gilo checkpoint in order to cross and reach their work places inside Israel.

d) *Closures/movement restrictions*

Nablus Governorate:

- **24 October:** The IDF closed Tappuah checkpoint for two hours due to a security alert.
- **29 October to date:** The IDF closed the southern entrance of Jamma'n village with road blocks. The closure came four days after a drive-by shooting incident on the nearby road 505, (Nablus).
- **26 October to date:** The IDF closed a gate connecting 'Asira Ash Shamaliya village with 'Asira Ash Shamaliya checkpoint preventing all access through the checkpoint including ambulances with emergency cases. The IDF was contacted by OCHA and informed of the humanitarian consequences of this closure. The IDF liaison officer promised to open the gate on the 31st of October, (Nablus).

Ongoing incidents:

- **28 March to date:** The IDF continues to close Shave Shomron checkpoint for all Palestinians, ambulances, UN and international organisations, (Nablus).

- **29 August to date:** The IDF continues to close 'Asira ash Shamaliya checkpoint for all except ambulances with emergency cases, (Nablus).

Jenin Governorate:

Ongoing incidents:

- **30 August 2006 to date:** The IDF have continued to allow 40 commercial trucks (with a freight load of under two tonnes) to transport food products into Barta'a enclave. A list with the plate numbers of the trucks is present at the checkpoint. Other materials require prior coordination.

Tubas Governorate:

Nothing to Report.

Tulkarm Governorate:

Ongoing incidents:

- **24 May to date:** The IDF continues to close the dirt road connecting Dhinnaba to Izbat abu Khameish with two earth mounds.

Qalqiliya Governorate:

Ongoing incidents:

- **18 May to date:** The IDF continues to close the road connecting Izbat at Tabib with 'Azzun and 'Asla villages with an earth mound.
- **13 July to date:** The IDF soldiers positioned at the partial checkpoint placed at the eastern entrance of Qalqiliya City (DCO) continue to prevent Arab Israelis from entering Qalqiliya City.

Salfit Governorate:

Ongoing incidents:

- The IDF continues to close the gate at the northern entrance of Kafr ad Dik.

Ramallah / Al Bireh Governorate:

Ongoing incidents:

- **1 July to date** The road gate of At Tira (Ramallah) opens three times a day for half an hour each time. The gate is used by the residents travelling in Palestinian-plated taxis to enter/exit the village—only 11 Palestinian taxis were permitted to cross and travel on Road 443.

Jericho Governorate/Jordan Valley:

Ongoing incidents:

- **14 September 2006 to date:** The IDF has announced that only Palestinians with Jericho residency, Jerusalem ID-holders, and residents of Bethlehem and Hebron, would be able to exit via the Jericho DCO checkpoint, forcing all others to either request a permit or to travel on the Al Mu'arrajat old road to reach the rest of the West Bank. Palestinians employed by international organisations, humanitarian workers and residents of Abu Dis, Ash Sheikh Sa'd, Al 'Eizariya, Az Za'ayyem and As Sawahira village are allowed to exit Jericho via the DCO checkpoint.
- **9 January to date:** Bisan checkpoint has been open for Palestinian merchants from the Jordan Valley and Jericho to export their agricultural produce into Israel using a back-to-back system. Palestinians from the West Bank in possession of BMC cards (trader permits) in addition to an Israeli permit, are allowed through this checkpoint into Israel. Palestinians working for international organisations continue to be prohibited from using Bisan checkpoint. West Bank private vehicles continue to be prohibited from entering the Jordan Valley.
- **26 April to date:** Movement from the West Bank continues to be controlled through the four main checkpoints: Tayasir, Hamra, Ma'ale Efraim and Yitav. A personal permit is no longer required to enter the Jordan Valley for West Bank residents through Hamara and Tayasir checkpoints only. Access is only possible with public transportation as West Bank private vehicles continue to be prohibited from entering the Jordan Valley.

Jerusalem Governorate:

- **During the reporting**, the checkpoints around Jerusalem continue to be reported problematic in terms of the waiting times for Palestinians to access through. Long delays up to 45 minutes were experienced at the Qalandiya pedestrian lane almost on daily basis.

Bethlehem Governorate:

- On 22 and 23 October Gilo checkpoint was closed to Palestinians for about 2 hours each evening. The closure was to prevent contact between Palestinians and Jewish pilgrims going to Rachel's Tomb to pray on a Jewish religious festival. Palestinians were permitted to use the Tunnels checkpoint but there were insufficient buses and some groups of men walked through the tunnels to that checkpoint.

Hebron Governorate:

- **28 October:** The Tarqumiya Terminal began operation.

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Functioning of Gaza crossing points:

- Erez was open for the movement of diplomats, international humanitarian workers, and critical medical cases with special coordination arrangements. Senior Palestinian businessmen were not allowed to cross this week. (Appendix for daily log of movement is based on information provided by the Palestinian civil affair office, due to the absence of Palestinian DCL staff at the present time).
- Rafah crossing has been closed since 10 June.
- Karni crossing: the conveyor belt operated on two days (24 and 29 October) to transfer grain and animal feed into Gaza. However, the crossing has been closed for other imports and all exports since 12 June.
- Sufa crossing was open on two out of the five scheduled operating days this week for the crossing of commercial goods and humanitarian aid. However, the crossing remains closed for all construction materials.
- Kerem Shalom was open on five days for the entry of commercial and humanitarian goods.
- Nahal Oz pipelines were open on all six scheduled operating days.
- Gaza fishermen are permitted to fish up to six nautical miles off the coastline.

Ongoing incidents:

- Following Israel's unilateral disengagement from the Gaza Strip in September 2005, the IDF announced that Palestinians should keep a distance of at least 150 metres from the perimeter fence along the eastern and northern borders of the Gaza Strip.
- On 28 December 2005, the IDF declared the former northern settlement bloc to be a "no-go" zone. Entry into the area for the 250 Palestinian residents and international organisations requires prior coordination with the IDF. Since 17 May, IDF presence in this area has been enforcing this ban.
- **17 May to date:** Palestinian farmers have been unable to reach their farms in the areas east and north of Beit Hanoun and north and northwest of Beit Lahia due to ongoing IDF military activities. Palestinian farmers have also been unable to reach farms located east of Al Bureij Camp and east of Khan Younis due to intermittent military operations by the IDF. In total, at least 200 dunums planted with different crops (potatoes, watermelons and onions) are currently inaccessible due to regular IDF fire towards the area.

Table 3: Reported IDF Flying (random) Checkpoints in the West Bank

| Governorate | Location, # of flying checkpoints in brackets | Total # of flying checkpoints |
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| Nablus | Bizzaryia (1), Burqa (1), 'Enabus (1), Beita (1) | 4 |
| Jenin | Meithalun (1), Al Kufair (2), 'Aja (2), AS Shuhada (1), Rummana (1), Al Jarba (3), Ti'nnik (1), Arraba (2), Az Zababida (1), Siris (1), | 15 |
| Tubas | Tayasir (1) | 1 |
| Tulkarm | Beit Lid (1), Baqa Ash Sharq'iya (2), Al Jarushiya (1), Bal'a (1), Ramin (1), Deir Al Ghusun (1), 'Attil (1), Kafr Jamal (1), 'Anabta (1), | 10 |
| Qalqiliya | Jayyus (3), Wadi Qana (5), 'Izbat at Tabib (3), Kafr Qaddum (1), Kafr Laqif (1), Jinsafut (3), Hajja (3), | 19 |
| Salfit | Masha (1) | 1 |

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| Jerusalem | Entrance to Anata (4) | 4 |
| Ramallah/Al Bireh | | |
| Jericho | | |
| Bethlehem | Bethlehem (1), Ash Shawareh (1), Beit Jala (1), Beit Fajjar (1), Al 'Ubeidiya (1), Dar Salah, Doha (1), Tequ' (2), Ar Rashayda | 8 |
| Hebron | H1 Area of Hebron City (5), Sa'ir (2), Dura (2), Yatta (3), Adh Dhahiriya, Halhul, Surif | 12 |
| Total West Bank | | 74 |

6. [Search/Arrests/Detentions](#)

Table 4: Searches, Arrests, and Detentions Conducted by the Israeli Authorities (IDF, Border Police, Civil Administration...etc)

| Governorate | Location of arrests/detention by the IDF, number of searches noted at locations within brackets | Total # of Searches | Total # of Arrested/ Detained |
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| Nablus | Nablus City (6), Balata RC (4), Camp No.1 (2), Sarra (1), Kafr Qalil (1), Huwwara CP, 'Askar RC(1), Beit Iba(1), 'Aqraba(1), Jamma'in(1), 'Asira Ash Shamalyia(1), Einabus (1), Beita (1), Qabalan (1), Burqa(2), | 23 | 22 |
| Jenin | Jenin City (2), Jenin RC (3), Qabatiya (1), Silat al Harithiya (1), Rummana (2), Al 'Araqa (1), Kar Dan(2) | 12 | 19 |
| Tubas | Tubas (1) | 1 | 0 |
| Tulkarm | Tulkarm (1), 'Anabta (3), Faru'on (2), Dhinaba(1), Nur Shams (1) | 8 | 4 |
| Qalqiliya | Qalqiliya (7), 'Azzun (5), Kafr Qaddum (2), Kafr Thulth (1), | 15 | 4 |
| Salfit | Tappuah CP, Deir Balut (1) | 1 | 4 |
| Ramallah | Shuqba (1), Al Mazra'a al Qibliya (1) | 2 | 14 |
| Jericho | - | - | - |
| Jerusalem ¹ | - | - | - |
| Bethlehem | Bethlehem (1), Beit Jala (1), Duheisha RC (1), Al Azza RC, Beit Fajjar, Ad Doha (1), Dar Salah (1), Obeidiya (1), Ayda RC, Artas. | 6 | 5 |
| Hebron | H1 Area of Hebron City (4), H2 Area of Hebron City (2) Dura (1), Yatta (2), Kharas, Sa'ir (1), Adh Dhahiriya, Nuba, Idna, As 'Samu, Khursa, Taffuh, Al 'Arrub RC, Surif, Ash Shyouk. | 10 | 14 |
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| Total Week West Bank | | 78 | 86 |

Table 5: Searches, Arrests, and Detentions Conducted by Palestinian Security Forces

| Governorate | Location of arrests/detention (number of searches, number of arrests) – additional information | Total # of Searches | Total # of Arrested/ Detained |
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| Nablus | Nablus city (5,2,4,2,4,7) | 6 | 24 |
| Jenin | Kafr Ra'l (1) | 1 | 1 |
| Tubas | Al Yamun (1) | 1 | 1 |
| Tulkarm | Shwaika(1,2) | 2 | 3 |
| Qalqiliya | | | |
| Salfit | Salfit (1,2), Qarawat Bani Hasan (1,1), Iskaka (1) | 2 | 6 |
| Ramallah | Ramallah (1) | 1 | 1 |
| Jericho | - | - | - |
| Jerusalem | Qalandiya refugee camp (1), Jaba' (1) | 2 | 2 |
| Total Week West Bank | | 15 | 38 |

Appendix: Checkpoints: 19-25 September 2007

| Checkpoint | Status |
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| Tulkarm : | |
| Ephraim (Green line CP) | Open from 0430 to 1900 hours Sunday to Thursday and 0430 to 1300 hours on Fridays for Palestinian workers and traders with permits to enter Israel. |
| Kafriat | Open 24 hours. It is divided into three parts: one controls movement to and from Tulkarm town; one controls movement to Israel; and one controls movement to and from Khirbet Jbara. |
| Ar Ras/ Kafriat | The checkpoint is controlling all traffic heading south from Tulkarm including residents of Jenin. |
| Jubara (new) | Manned gate at the Barrier serving Jubara community behind the Barrier |
| Enav | Located at the eastern entrance of Tulkarm on Road 57. |
| Qalqiliya: | |
| Jaljoulia | Open 24 hours. Access is only granted to holders of permits to enter Israel and residents of Ras Tira, Ad Dab'a, Wadi Ar Rasha, Ramadin and Arab Abu Farda, which are isolated behind the Barrier. Ambulances from Qalqiliya town to these five villages need prior coordination with DCL. Only vehicles leaving the West Bank are subject to security checks. |
| Qalqiliya North (Green Line checkpoint) | Open from 0400 to 1900 hours Sunday to Thursday and from 0400 to 1400 hours on Fridays for Palestinian permit holders. The checkpoint is used by Palestinian workers and merchants with permits to enter Israel. |
| Qalqiliya DCO Partial CP (New) | Controls the main eastern entrance of Qalqiliya city. |
| Izbat Jalu'd Partial CP (New) | South of Habla village, control access to the southern entrance of Qalqiliya city. |
| Ras 'atiya (New) | Barrier Checkpoint |
| 'Azzun Atme (new) | Barrier Checkpoint |
| Jit Junction, Partial CP | Located at the key junction connecting the governorates of Nablus, Qalqiliya and Tulkarm. |
| Salfit: | |
| Deir Ballut | Open from 0600 to 1800 hours. The checkpoint controls movement between Ramallah and the villages in the western Salfit governorate. |
| Kafr Kasem On Road 5. | Open 24 hours for UN, international organisations and Palestinians with permits to enter Israel. |
| Nablus: | |
| Huwara Southern main entrance | Open from 0500 to 2300 hours for humanitarian organisations and Palestinian pedestrians. Israeli citizens can pass only after prior liaison with the IDF. Public transportation and private vehicles need permits to pass the checkpoint between 0600 and 2100 hours. Commercial trucks are not allowed to pass. During the month of Ramadan, the IDF temporarily extended the opening hours from 2300 until 2400 hours. |
| Beit Iba Western entrance, mainly for trade | Open from 0600 to 2100 hours for humanitarian organisations and Palestinians. Israeli citizens, Palestinian holders of Jerusalem IDs and holders of international passports can pass only following prior liaison with the IDF. Public transportation, commercial trucks, trucks carrying aggregates and private vehicles need permits to pass the checkpoint. During the month of Ramadan, the IDF extended the opening hours from 1930 until 2400 hours. |
| Al Tur Southern checkpoint connecting the Samaritan area of Jarzim with Nablus City | Open from 0600 to 1800 hours from Sunday to Friday for Samaritans and 13 Palestinian non-Samaritan families living east of the checkpoint. |
| Beit Furik Eastern gate and checkpoint. | One of the major linkages between Nablus and the Jordan Valley. Open 0600-2100 hours for villagers from Beit Furik and Beit Dajan. All residents heading south have to enter Nablus and cross through Nablus checkpoints. During the month of Ramadan, the IDF temporarily extended the opening hours from 2100 until 2400 hours. |
| Shave Shomeron Northwest, main road to Jenin | Closed since 15 August 2005 for Palestinians as well as for ambulances, UN and humanitarian organizations. For the latter category, the checkpoint was temporarily opened between 1 and 28 March 2007, after which it was re-closed. |
| Tappouah South, main road to Ramallah | Open 24 hours. Controls Palestinian movement on Roads 60 and 505 southwards. |

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| 17' 'Asira ash Shamaliya (Closed) <i>On road leading to Nablus's northern villages</i> | As of 29 August, the IDF closed the checkpoint for all except ambulances in emergency cases. |
| Yizhar, Partial CP | Located north of Huwwara village on Road 60. |
| Majdal Bani Fadel Partial CP (New) | Control access of the northern areas to road 505. |
| Al Badhan, Partial CP | Located on Road 57 leading to the Jordan Valley, Tubas and Jenin. |
| Jenin : | |
| Al Jalama (Green Line CP) | Is an entrance to Israel. Crossing for commercial goods and workers into Israel. Open between 0600 to 1930 hours Sunday to Thursday and 0700 to 1400 hours on Fridays. |
| Imreiha (Reikhan) <i>Main gate to the Barta'a ash-Sharqiya/ Umm ar Rihan enclave</i> | Open between 0500 to 2030 hours for Palestinians living in the enclave behind the Barrier as well as UN and international organisations crossing in their vehicles. Pedestrians can cross until 2200. 34 vehicles with their plate numbers on a list at the checkpoint are allowed to transport foodstuff into the closed area behind the Barrier from 0500 to 1700. Other materials need prior coordination. |
| Salim DCO (Green Line CP) | Entrance to the Israeli DCL. |
| Mevo Dotan <i>On Road 585 near Ya'bad</i> | Open from 0700 to 1900 hours for all Palestinians. |
| Tubas : | |
| Bisan <i>Main entrance to Israel</i> | Located north of Tubas. Since 9 January, the checkpoint is officially open from 1000 to 1800 hours Sunday through Thursday, 0600 to 1200 hours on Fridays, and closed on Saturdays and Jewish holidays. Palestinians from the West Bank in possession of businessman cards, in addition to an Israeli permit, are allowed through this checkpoint into Israel. Palestinians working for international organisations continue to be prohibited from using Bisan checkpoint. |
| Tayasir <i>Gate to the Tubas eastern agricultural lands in the Jordan Valley</i> | Previously the main road to Jordan, Tubas and Jenin. Officially open between 0300 and 2200 hours. As of 26 April, this checkpoint is now open for all Palestinians from the West Bank governorates. Access is only permitted with public transportation as West Bank private vehicles continue to be prohibited. Commercial trucks are also able to cross. An Israeli permit to access the Jordan Valley via this checkpoint is no longer required. Delays continue to be reported during the evening hours. |
| Maale Efrayim <i>Southeast connecting Jericho and Nablus</i> | Southeast connecting Jericho and Nablus. Officially open between 0600 and 2200 hours. Closed for Palestinians unless they have a Jordan Valley address on their ID cards or are in possession of an Israeli permit to allow them to be present in the Jordan Valley areas. The same restrictions apply to commercial trucks. |
| Hamra <i>East, before closure regime main road to Jordan and Nablus</i> | Previously the main road to Jordan and Nablus. Officially open between 0300 and 2200 hours. As of 26 April, the checkpoint is open for all West Bank Palestinians. Access is only permitted to commercial trucks and people traveling in public transportation. West Bank private vehicles continue to be prohibited. An Israeli permit to access the Jordan Valley via this checkpoint is no longer required. Some delays were reported on a daily basis. |
| Ramallah/Al Bireh: | |
| Bet El/DCO | Since 20 August the checkpoint has been in operation from 0600 to 2000 hours. Access in vehicles is reserved only for diplomats, foreign passport holders, UN staff, international humanitarian organisations, PRCS and PMRS ambulances, staff of the water and electricity companies and Palestinians with special work permits. Manned by IDF reserve soldiers. |
| 'Atara Bridge | Manned by Border Police. No permits are required to cross the checkpoint. As of 1 December, random checks of Palestinian vehicles and IDs going through the checkpoint in both directions. Delays continue to be experienced during the evening hours. |
| An Nabi Salih gate, Partial CP | Open. |
| At Tayba | Manned by the IDF. Controls movement between Ramallah governorate and the Jordan Valley and is placed at the intersection between bypass Road 458 and Road 449 (Al Mu'arrajat road that connects Road 90 to Road 458). No permits are required to cross the checkpoint. Beginning on 1 July, the partial checkpoint has become a permanent one and there have been random checks of the vehicles and IDs of Palestinians crossing the checkpoint. |
| Makkabim <i>On Highway 443</i> | Usually open for Israelis, Jerusalem ID holders and foreign passport holders. Road 443 is off-limits to West Bank Palestinians, except those with permits to enter Israel/Jerusalem. |

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| Ni'lin | Open daily 24 hours for Israelis, Jerusalem ID holders, and foreign passport holders. Palestinian merchants with BMC cards, workers inside Israel, coordinated medical cases and holders of Israeli permits for personal needs are allowed through the checkpoint. |
| Rantis | Open daily 24 hours for Israelis and holders of Jerusalem IDs and foreign passports. West Bank Palestinians are not allowed to cross irrespective of their possession of permits to enter Israel. |
| Jericho: | |
| DCO <i>Main checkpoint off Road 1</i> | Open daily 24 hours. No permits required for Jericho residents and foreign passports and Palestinians with Jerusalem ID cards. As of 14 September 2006, West Bank ID holders need permits to leave Jericho via the DCO (exceptions apply for Palestinians employed by international organisations, humanitarian workers, residents of Abu Dis, Ash Sheikh Sa'd, Al 'Eizariya, Az Za'ayyem, As Sawahira, and residents of Bethlehem and Hebron). All vehicles including public taxis and commercial trucks have to have checkpoint permits to exit Jericho via this checkpoint unless they have Jericho or Jerusalem registration. As of 26 September 2007, Palestinians from the Ramallah governorate (both pedestrians and in vehicles) are allowed to exit Jericho via this checkpoint. |
| Al Auja (Yitav) <i>On Road 90</i> | Open 24 hours for Palestinians living in Jericho Governorate. Palestinians non-residents of Jericho and hold West Bank IDs going north towards al Auja and the Jordan Valley area are prohibited though unless they hold Israeli permits to allow them access to the area. No permit required for those travelling to Ramallah. |
| Gate opposite Allenby <i>Checkpoint off Road 90</i> | Gate manned by the IDF but remains closed. Soldiers open the gate only for shuttle busses taking Palestinians to Jordan via Allenby Border crossing. |
| An Nwemeh, Partial CP <i>North Jericho</i> | Open. The checkpoint leads to al Mu'arrajat road, which is the only road out of Jericho for residents of Ramallah and the northern West Bank. |
| Dead Sea Full checkpoint as of: 1 July 2007 | Located on Road 90 alongside the Dead Sea. Open 24 hours daily for Israelis, Jerusalem ID holders, and holders of foreign passports. Access to the Dead Sea area is prohibited for Palestinians with West Bank IDs, except those with permits to work in Israeli settlements. Now manned by border police. |
| Jerusalem : | |
| Qalandiya | Open for internationals, Jerusalem blue ID holders and Palestinians with West Bank IDs. Only drivers of vehicles and their family members are allowed through inside the vehicle. Passengers, both West Bank and Jerusalem ID holders, have to cross through the pedestrian lanes. As of 10 December, Israeli private security guards are present at the checkpoint, in addition to the IDF for extra random security checks. Delays at Qalandiya were reported at both the pedestrian and vehicular lanes. |
| Hizma <i>Eastern entrance of junction Road 437/Psigat Ze'ev settlement</i> | Open for Israelis, Palestinians with Jerusalem ID cards and internationals. UN staff have been requested on several occasions to show personal ID/national passports in addition to their UN ID card. Since 3 February 2006 West Bank Palestinians with valid permits are not allowed to cross through this checkpoint unless they belong to one of the new 'facilitated' categories; Palestinians working for international organisations, medical staff, chronic patients, teachers and prominent businessmen (BMC Card holders). |
| Az Za'ayyem <i>North eastern entrance, on Road 1</i> | Open for Israelis, Palestinians with Jerusalem IDs and internationals. As this is not one of the four designated terminals into Jerusalem, West Bank Palestinians with valid permits are not allowed to cross unless they belong to one of the new 'facilitated' categories; Palestinians working for international organisations, medical staff, chronic patients, teachers and prominent businessmen (BMC Card holders). |
| Ar Ram <i>Northern entrance, on Road 60</i> | Open for internationals, diplomats, Palestinians working for international organisations and residents of the southern part of Dahiyat al Bareed (soon to be within the Barrier) with their names and ID numbers registered on a list held at the checkpoint. As this is not one of the four designated terminals into Jerusalem West Bank Palestinians with valid permits are not allowed to cross. |
| Bir Nabala / Atarot <i>Northern entrance on Road 404 /45 Road Atarot Junction</i> | This checkpoint has been moved further north on the new Israeli-built Rafat road and is closer to the Ramallah neighbourhood of Masyion. Checks Palestinian vehicles both ways. Some delays were experienced during morning and evening rush hours. |
| Ramot Alon <i>North western entrance on Road 436</i> | Open for Israelis, Palestinians with Jerusalem ID cards and internationals. UN staff requested on several occasions to show personal ID/national passports in addition to their UN ID card. |

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| Shu'fat Refugee Camp/ Anata Checkpoint | Open 24 hours for Palestinians with Jerusalem IDs and UN and international organisations; Palestinians from the West Bank need a permit. West Bank vehicles are not allowed. Commercial trucks are not allowed through this checkpoint unless the merchandise itself is from Shu'fat camp. All other commercial trucks from the West Bank must use Beituniya checkpoint. |
| Container ("Wadi nar") <i>East of Abu Dis, main transit between north and south West Bank</i> | Open for all Palestinian vehicles without permits and for internationals. Israeli yellow-plated cars are not allowed to cross. |
| Az Zaytoun (olive) <i>North eastern entrance on Road 1</i> | Open 24 hours. Access is permitted for Jerusalem ID holders, Palestinians holding West Bank IDs and valid permits, and internationals with valid Israeli visas (all pedestrians). No vehicles are allowed to cross. |
| Abu Dis <i>Between Abu Dis and Ras al 'Amoud</i> | Closed. Access only for military and Barrier construction contractors. |
| Lazarus | Closed. Access only for military and Barrier construction contractors. |
| Bir Nabala / Rafat / Masyion <i>On the new road between Rafat and Bir Nabala village</i> | This checkpoint has been moved further north on the new Israeli-built Rafat road and is closer to the Ramallah neighbourhood of Masyion. |
| Jaba' Between Jaba' Junction and Qalandiya CP | Random checks by the IDF soldiers. Delays on daily basis up to 30 minutes were reported by Palestinians entering Ramallah. |
| Atarot junction- (At the roundabout leading to bypass Road 45) | This checkpoint has become a permanent checkpoint and constantly manned by the Border Police. Checks for vehicles coming towards Qalandiya/Beit Hanina . |
| Bethlehem : | |
| Gilo (Rachel's Tomb) <i>Terminal at north entrance to Bethlehem leading to Jerusalem</i> | Manned by the Israeli Border Police. Open 24 hours for humanitarian organisations, diplomats, Jerusalem ID holders and Palestinians with valid permits. West Bank Palestinians (including those working for the UN and other international agencies) have to walk through the terminal to undergo search procedures. Jerusalem ID holders passing into Bethlehem are being asked to prove that they reside in areas falling within Jerusalem boundaries. Yellow-plated tourist buses are allowed to enter Bethlehem only if driven by an Arab Israeli. Palestinians holding valid work permits can access East Jerusalem and Israel through this checkpoint. Palestinian workers from the Governorates of Bethlehem and Hebron holding valid work permits were obliged to stay overnight at Gilo checkpoint in order to cross and be on time to reach their work places inside Israel. |
| An Nu'man <i>On the main entrance of Khallet an Nu'man from Beit Sahur side</i> | Manned by the Israeli Border Police. Only Palestinians living in the village, listed vehicles and drivers of service providers are allowed through. Extended family members are not allowed to visit Palestinian residents. International organisations wishing to enter the village are required to hold a permit, show their organisation's ID and their national IDs and/or passports. As of 31 August 2007, the checkpoint is open to settlers between 0600 hours and 1800 hours to allow them to travel on the newly opened Jerusalem-Gush Herodion Highway. |
| Al Walaja <i>Bypass road east of Walaja, on Green Line</i> | Manned by the Israeli Border Police and open 24 hours for Israeli-plated cars and international organisations only. Commercial trucks also are allowed to go through. |
| Beit Jala DCO, Partial CP <i>Entrance to Beit Jala</i> | Rarely-manned. Open 24 hours and movement is allowed in both directions for all vehicles. |
| Tunnels <i>Road 60 at Har Gilo</i> | Open 24 hours and since 23 February manned by the Israeli Border Police and private security firm staff. Open for international humanitarian organisations although local staff are being requested to show their local IDs with a valid entry permit in order to proceed into Jerusalem. Palestinians with permits are not allowed to cross and are redirected to Gilo checkpoint. The checkpoint is still used by Jerusalem ID holders. Commercial trucks are only allowed to go through between 1100 and 1600 hours. Palestinian ambulances use the back-to-back system to send Palestinian patients to hospitals in East Jerusalem or Israel. Currently, there are six lanes leading to the Tunnels Terminal, four of which lead north from Road 60 into Jerusalem while the other two lead from Jerusalem to the south. |
| Efrata | Open 24 hours. Checkpoint manned by Israeli settlers and there are restrictions on the movement of Palestinians beyond it. |
| Gush Etzion <i>On Road 60, at Etzion roundabout</i> | Open 24 hours. Sometimes IDF soldiers check northbound vehicles. Private Palestinian plated cars can pass. |
| Wadi Fukin | Open 24 hours for Israelis and staff of international organisations. |

*Crossing to Israel on Road**375. Not on the Green Line*

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| Al Jab'a <i>Crossing to Israel on Road 36. Not on the Green Line</i> | Open 24 hours for Israelis and staff of international organisations. Land levelling is ongoing to enlarge the checkpoint. |
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| Betar Illit <i>Access to the settlement of Betar Illit and nearby Palestinian lands.</i> | Palestinian land owners can access the land upon showing personal IDs. |
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| Mitzpe Shalem <i>On Road 90, along Dead Sea</i> | Open 24 hours; restricted for Palestinian movement. |
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| Beit Awwa, Partial CP <i>At entrance to Negohot settlement, on Road 354</i> | Crossing along Road 354. Manned by the Israeli Border Police. The checkpoint is currently open 24 hours with occasional ID checks. However, it has been reported by MSF (Médecins Sans Frontier/Doctors Without Borders) that thorough checks and maltreatment have been experienced by staff especially while trying to reach Palestinian families living along the road leading to the settlement of Negohot. |
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| Tarqumiya <i>Entrance for commercial goods (back-to-back), west of Hebron on Road 35 for both Hebron and Bethlehem governorates. Not on the Green Line.</i> | Workers are usually allowed to cross from 0500 to 1700 hours. Palestinian workers from the Governorates of Bethlehem and Hebron holding valid work permits were allowed free access. The back-to-back section is open from 0700 to 1700 hours; goods are moving across smoothly and all cargo is checked by the IDF Military Police. 'Family visits' coordinated by ICRC for Palestinians detained in Israel were carried out as normal through this checkpoint. |
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| Meitar <i>Crossing to Israeli. Road 60 on the Green Line.</i> | Manned by the Israeli Border Police and open between 0500 and 1900 hours. Checks are conducted using palm identification. Palestinian workers with valid permits are permitted to cross. During the reporting period, Palestinian workers were allowed to reach their work stations inside Israel through this checkpoint. Incidents of Palestinian workers holding valid work permits sleeping overnight at the checkpoint to ensure for themselves a reasonable chance of accessing Israel has also been reported. |
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| Shani <i>At turn for Shani settlement on Road 317. On the Green Line.</i> | Manned by the IDF. Only Israeli plated cars are allowed to cross. Palestinian workers cannot use the checkpoint to access Israel. |
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| Beit Yatir <i>On Road 316, at the turn for Imneizil. Not on the Green Line</i> | Open 24 hours and manned by the IDF. The checkpoint is restricting the movement of Palestinians living south of it next to the settlement of Beit Yatir. The Terminal is operational and the checkpoint was pushed back behind the roundabout. Currently Palestinians living in the nearby village of Imneizil can access their village without having to cross the checkpoint. |
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| Prayers Road, H2 <i>Access to area of Ibrahimi Mosque</i> | Closed to Palestinians. During the reporting period, both Israeli settlers and IDF soldiers prevented Palestinian residents from accessing this road. |
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| Shohada street, H2 <i>Western entrance to Shohada street</i> | Open to Palestinians living beyond it and in the Tel Rumeida area. Access possible only on foot. Palestinians and internationals have to go through a mobile metal detector. |
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| Ibrahimi Mosque, H2 <i>Access to the Mosque</i> | Worshippers and visitors are searched upon entry. Residents living in the vicinity of the Mosque must hold a special permit to gain access to their homes. |
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| Bab Al Baladiyye , H2 <i>Next to settlement of Beit Romano</i> | The checkpoint is closed to Palestinians heading in the direction of Shohada Street and a new gate has been installed across the road blocking physical access towards it. |
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| Qarantina, H2 <i>Junction with Shohada Street</i> | Closed to Palestinians. Entry point for Palestinian fire trucks and ambulances. No longer allowed for the use of international humanitarian organisations, though the TIPH have reported being able to use it. |
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| Bab Al-Khan, H2 <i>Entrance to Avraham Avinu</i> | Closed to Palestinians heading in the direction of Shohada Street and north toward the market. |
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| Tel Rumeida, H2 <i>Beginning of street leading to settlement</i> | Open only to Palestinians travelling on foot living between the checkpoint and the settlement. A military order was issued on 17 July 2006 that declared the area beyond the checkpoint as a "Closed Area" barring the entry of anyone beyond the checkpoint except Israeli citizens, IDF and Israeli Police or those with an IDF-issued permit. |
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| Al Kasaba, H2 <i>Exit from the Kasaba, old city (Tomb of the Patriarchs)</i> | Permanent checkpoint which filters Palestinian movement from the Kasaba area directed to the Tomb of the Patriarchs. Movement is segregated for incoming and outgoing movement. Palestinians exiting Kasaba are processed through a combination of turnstiles, allowing one person at a time to pass, and a metal detector. The process is |
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| | slow and problematic during Friday prayers. |
| Abu Rish, H2 <i>Near the Abu Rish Mosque at the end of Al Shohada St.</i> | Manned by the IDF. The only official access point for international organisations into the Old City of Hebron. Palestinians have to go through a mobile metal detector. On 7 September, an MSF team was delayed for 35 minutes before being allowed entry into the H2 area and after having made repeated phone calls to the Israeli DCL. |
| Ar Ramadin <i>At the entrance to Ar Ramadin village from Road 325. Not of the Green Line.</i> | Manned by the Israeli Border Police. All Palestinians with Ar Ramadin address are allowed to cross after an ID check. The checkpoint also restricts the movement of Palestinians and Arab Israelis on Road 325.. THIS CHECKPOINT WAS REMOVED ON THE 17TH OF OCTOBER, 2007. |
| Halhul – Sa’ir, Partial CP <i>At the entrance to Halhul (also called ‘Nabi Younis’ CP)</i> | Located on the junction between the two towns on Road 60. Monitored from the nearby observation tower. |
| Al Fawwar, Partial CP <i>Al Fawwar-Dura junction</i> | On Road 60. Monitored from the nearby observation tower. |
| Tarqumiya – Idhna, Partial CP | On Road 35. Manned on a temporary basis by the Israeli Border Police. |
| Ras Al Joura, Partial CP | Near the junction between Road 35 and Road 60. Manned on a temporary basis by the IDF. |
| Gaza Crossings/Checkpoints | |
| Erez crossing | <p>Erez was open this week for Palestinian traders as well as for the movement of diplomats, international humanitarian workers, and critical medical cases with special coordination arrangements. Appendix for daily log of movement is based on information's provided by Palestinian civil affair office, due to the absence of Palestinian DCL staff at the present time:</p> <p>During the reporting period 177 Palestinian patients crossed Erez for medical treatment in Israelis, West Bank and Jordanian hospitals, and 63 Palestinians holding Business Man card (BMC) were allowed to cross Erez to Israel and the West Bank.</p> <p>The crossing remains closed for Palestinian workers since 12 March 2006.</p> |
| Rafah Passenger Terminal | Rafah crossing was closed all week. It was last open on 9 June. |
| Commercial checkpoints: | |
| Tulkarm/Qalqiliya | |
| Taybeh (Green line CP) | An Israeli private company has the responsibility for controlling the checkpoint. The back-to-back system has been operational for goods traffic from 0800 to 1600 hours Sunday to Thursday and closed on Fridays and Saturdays.. |
| Nablus | |
| Awarta checkpoint <i>Main commercial checkpoint in Nablus since July 2003</i> | Open from 0600 to 1800 hours, Sunday to Thursday, Friday from 0600 to 1400 hours and closed on Saturday. About 120 commercial trucks have permits to pass the checkpoint; all other loads must be transferred from one truck to another (the back-to-back system). |
| Jenin | |
| Al Jalama (Green line CP) <i>Main commercial checkpoint</i> | Open between 0800 to 1600 hours Sunday to Thursday and 0700 to 1200 hours on Fridays. |
| Tubas | |
| Bisan <i>Main entrance to Israel</i> | Located north of Tubas. Since 9 January, the checkpoint is officially open from 1000 to 1800 hours Sunday through Thursday, 0600 to 1200 hours on Fridays, and closed on Saturdays and Jewish holidays. Open for Palestinian merchants from the Jordan Valley and Jericho to export their agricultural produce into Israel via Bisan using the back-to-back system. |
| Ramallah/Al Bireh | |
| Beituniya <i>Back-to-back checkpoint</i> | Officially open between 0700 to 1700 hours Sunday to Thursday, 0700 to 1300 hours on Fridays and closed Saturdays and Jewish holidays. Open for commercial goods and a back-to-back system is in operation. Only Palestinians holding Jerusalem IDs and driving Israeli yellow-plated trucks are allowed to pass through this checkpoint without using the back-to-back system, but only if the bill of lading stipulates Kafr ‘Aqab and/or Sameeramees as offloading destinations. This checkpoint is not open for private cars or |

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| | pedestrians. As of 1 July, UN staff and diplomats are not allowed to cross as it has become solely open for the movement of goods. |
| Hebron | |
| Tarqumiya | Entrance for commercial goods (back-to-back), west of Hebron on Road 35 for both Hebron and Bethlehem governorates. The back-to-back section is open from 0700 to 1700 hours; goods are moving across smoothly and all cargo is checked by the IDF Military Police. |
| Gaza Strip | |
| Karni | The conveyor belt operated on 24 and 29 October for the transfer of grains and animal feed into Gaza. However, since 12 June, it has remained generally closed for all other imports and for all exports. |
| Sufa | This week, Sufa crossing was open on 24 and 25 October for the import of non-aggregate materials. On 26 and 27 October, it was closed for the weekend. Sufa was officially closed on 28 October. |
| Kerem Shalom | Kerem Shalom was open on five days 24, 25, 28, 29 and 30 October for the crossing of commercial and humanitarian goods. On 26 and 27, the crossing was closed. |
| Nahal Oz Energy Pipelines | Nahal Oz pipelines were open on all six scheduled operating days. On 27 October, they were closed for the weekend. |

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Method and Sources

The information used to compile these Briefing Notes comes from a range of sources with a field presence in the West Bank and the Gaza Strip. The accuracy of the reported information is ensured through the corroboration of reports by two additional sources. Typically, the OCHA Field Coordination Unit (FCU) receives an initial incident report from a source, which is verified through visits to the incident site in addition to further corroboration with a third source, such as an NGO. In addition, OCHA FCU collects military orders as documentary evidence and provides information on incidents witnessed in person.

In the interests of timeliness and readability, the sources are not listed for each incident within the texts of the report. Listed below are the sources relied upon each week in compiling this Briefing:

- Physical protection: OCHA FCU, Palestine Red Crescent Society (PRCS), United Nations Relief Works Agency (UNRWA), World Health Organization (WHO), Israel Defence Forces (IDF) website, Israel Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MFA), offices of Palestinian Authority (PA) governors, Palestinian District Civilian Liaison (DCL).
- Shelter and property: OCHA FCU, UNRWA, Palestinian DCL.
- Natural Resources: OCHA FCU, Al Mezan Center for Human Rights, UNRWA, Palestinian DCL, Village Councils, Land Defence Committee and Land Research Centre.
- Access for Medical Assistance: OCHA FCU, WHO, PRCS, Palestinian Ministry of Health (MoH), UN World Food Programme, United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF), UNRWA.
- Access and Movement for Civilians: Sources: Palestinian DCL, Christian Peacemakers Team (CPT).
- Curfews: OCHA FCU, Village Councils, UNRWA, Palestinian DCL.
- Access to Education: OCHA FCU, UNRWA, UNICEF, Palestinian DCL, Village Councils.
- Access to Employment: UNRWA, United Nations Office of the Special Coordinator for the Middle East (UNSCO), Palestinian Ministry of Labour (MoL), Palestinian DCL, Palestinian Chamber of Commerce, Israeli DCL.
- Closures/Movement Restrictions: OCHA FCU, UNRWA.
- Additional Protection issues: OCHA FCU, UNRWA, United Nations Department of Safety and Security (UNDSS), UNSCO, Palestinian DCLs, Palestinian Governors' offices, Al Mezan Center for Human Rights, IDF.