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Protection of Civilians - Weekly Briefing Notes

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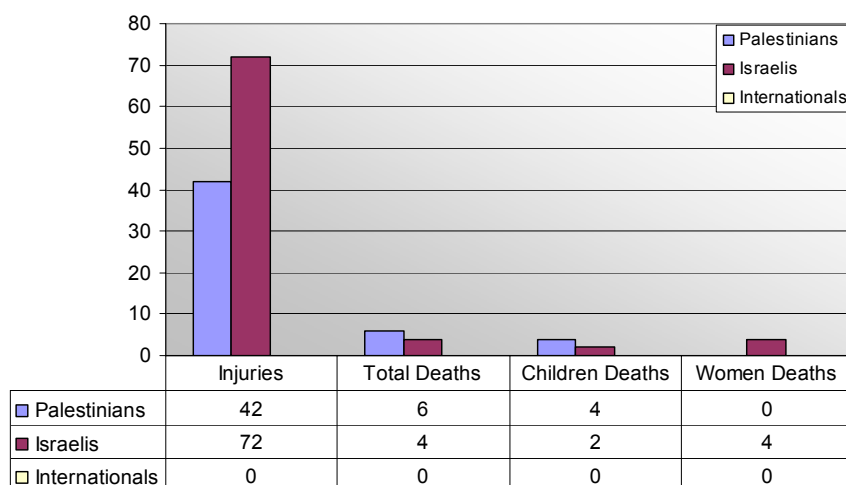
Protection – Deaths and injuries ▪ **Shelter and Property** – People displaced, House demolitions, Demolition orders ▪ **Natural Resources** – Land levelling, Requisitions, Tree Uprooting ▪ **Access for Medical Assistance** – Incidents involving safety and movement of ambulances, medical teams, humanitarian organisations ▪ **Access and Movement for Civilians** – Curfews, Access to education, Access to employment, Closures/Movement restrictions ▪ **Additional Protection Issues**

Of note this week:

- There were approximately 125 casualties this week, including six Palestinian deaths, four of which were children; and four Israeli deaths, all women killed in the suicide-bomb attack in Netanya. Dozens of Palestinians were reported injured by the IDF during demonstrations against Barrier construction, including one Palestinian who was shot in the head. IDF soldiers were also injured by roadside bombs (see section 1).

1. Physical Protection

Casualties



Selected Incidents:

- 6 July:** An 8-year-old Palestinian boy was shot and injured when the IDF opened fire toward the Gizan Najjar area north of Morag settlement in Khan Younis, the Gaza Strip.
- 6 July:** A Palestinian militant was killed and one was badly wounded in an attack against Morag settlement in Khan Younis.
- 6 July:** A group of Israeli settlers, escorted by the IDF, entered Joseph Tomb near Balata village, Nablus. On their return, Palestinians opened fire near Balata refugee camp. In an exchange of fire with Israeli forces, one 17-year-old Palestinian killed and two were injured. One of the injured, 16 years of age, died of his injuries on 9 July.
- 7 July:** Palestinians from Immatin village, Qalqiliya, and Nazlat 'Isa, Tulkarm, held demonstrations against Barrier construction. The IDF fired tear gas canisters and plastic-coated metal bullets. Ten Palestinians from Immatin were injured.
- 8 July:** Palestinians from Mas-ha village, Salfit, held a demonstration against Barrier construction. The IDF fired tear gas canisters and plastic-coated metal bullets, no injuries were reported.
- 8 July:** Four IDF soldiers suffered minor injuries when a roadside bomb exploded under their jeep as they were on patrol near the security fence south of Sufa crossing.

- **8 July:** The IDF injured two Palestinians during Barrier protests in the Palestinian village of Imneizil, south of Hebron.
- **8 July:** A 15-year-old boy from Beit Liqya, Ramallah, was killed by a Barrier private security guard near the village. The child was shot by live ammunition while working in his family's field.
- **8 July:** During a demonstration organised against Barrier construction in Bil'in, around 17 Palestinians were injured, including one who was shot in the head. He was reported to be in critical condition in Al Maqased Hospital, Jerusalem.
- **9 July:** An 11-year-old Palestinian boy was shot and wounded in the neck when IDF soldiers at Al Tuffah checkpoint opened fire in the direction of a group of boys who were approaching the checkpoint.
- **9 July:** Palestinians and Israeli activists held a demonstration against Barrier construction in Kafr Thulth village, Qalqiliya. The IDF fired tear gas canisters and plastic-coated metal bullets. Five Palestinians and one Israeli activist were reported injured and several suffered gas inhalation.
- **11 July:** An Israeli civilian working for the IDF was injured when Palestinian militants fired an antitank rocket at IDF troops working on the Philadelphia corridor in Rafah.
- **12 July:** Four Israelis, all women, were killed and dozens were injured when a Palestinian suicide bomber from 'Attil, Tulkarm, blew himself up in front of Hasharon Mall in Netanya, Israel.
- **12 July:** One Palestinian was killed and one was seriously injured when the IDF entered Tulkarm after the suicide bombing in Netanya. Two IDF soldiers were also injured in the operation.
- **12 July:** A vehicle with Israeli plates entered Shavei Shomron settlement, Nablus, from the eastern entrance of the settlement, and exploded in the settlement. The driver was seriously injured. According to IDF, the driver was a Palestinian from the Tulkarm area and the vehicle was stolen from the Israeli Air Force.
- **12 July:** Two IDF soldiers were injured when a roadside bomb went off under their jeep near Nezer Hazani settlement in Khan Younis.

2. Shelter and Property

Date	Location, Governorate	# Structures demolished	# Structures partially destroyed	# People displaced / affected
5 July 2005 ¹	Mount of Olives, Jerusalem	1	-	9 people
5 July 2005	Beit Hanina, Jerusalem	1	-	3 people
5 July 2005	Beit Hanina, Jerusalem	1	-	8 people
6 July 2005	As Sawiya, Nablus	1	-	10 people
6 July 2005	Al Lubban ash Sharqiya, Nablus	2	-	11 people
12 July 2005	'Anata, Jerusalem	1	-	10 people
12 July 2005	Silwan, Jerusalem	1	-	Uninhabited
Total Week		8	-	51 People

3. Natural Resources

Land levelling/Requisitions/Tree Uprooting²

Nablus Governorate:

- **10 July:** The IDF issued military order No. T/106/05 confiscating 8.1 dunums (0.81 hectares) of land belonging to Burin village for construction of a military road connected to Huwwara military post.

Jenin and Tubas Governorates:

- No incidents to report.

Tulkarm Governorate:

- **9 July:** An amendment for land requisition order T/95/05 for 178 dunums (17.8 hectares) in Iskaka, Qalqiliya, for Barrier construction was issued.
- Ongoing incidents:

¹ Not reported last week.

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

- Land levelling and construction of a tunnel, by Israeli contractors, continue on Road 57 near Kafriat checkpoint to connect Tulkarm city with the villages to the south.

Qalqiliya Governorate:

- **6 July:** The IDF started land levelling south of Immatin village for Barrier construction.
- **11 July:** The IDF issued land requisition order T/108/05 for 3 dunums (0.3 hectares) belonging to Palestinians from An Nabi Elyas for the construction of a road to connect the new An Nabi Elyas gate to Road 55.
- Ongoing incidents:
 - The IDF continued levelling land North East of Jayyus village to construct a new road that connects Jayyus with Falameya Barrier gate.

Salfit Governorate:

- Ongoing incidents:
 - Israeli contractors continued levelling land north of Salfit city, south of Marda village around Ari'el settlement and near Az Zawiya village for Barrier construction.

Ramallah / Al Bireh Governorate:

- Ongoing incidents:
 - Land levelling for Barrier construction continues between Budrus to south of al Midya, and between Kharbatha Bani Harith, Bil'in and Saffa villages (all west Ramallah). Land levelling for Barrier construction also continues between Beituniya and Beit 'Ur al Fauqa, between At Tira and Beit Duqqu and south of Beit Liqya and north and south of Rantis checkpoint. Fencing ("road protection") is also being erected at several locations along bypass Road 443.

Hebron Governorate:

- **9 July:** Seven dunums (0.7 hectares) of agricultural land belonging to Palestinian farmers from Yatta town were levelled and plowed by Israeli settlers north of Ma'on settlement in the area referred to by locals as Jawaya. The Israeli Police, called by the Palestinian owners, stopped the settlers from continuing.
- Ongoing incidents:
 - Land levelling for Barrier construction is ongoing along the southern section of the Green Line, east of Shani settlement, Ar Ramadin, Imneizil, east and west of the Meitar checkpoint and on the western side of Idhna.

Bethlehem Governorate:

- Ongoing incidents:
 - Construction of the Barrier is ongoing in Khamat an Nu'man. Contractors have begun final preparations for the bypass road section running from the bridge across Road 398 toward the eastern of the village. Construction on the Za'tara bypass road in the southern part of Bethlehem Governorate has now been completed until the junction with the Israeli settlement of Tko'a
 - Land levelling and housing construction continues in the settlements of northern Efrat, western Neve Daniel, Gi'vat Ha Tamar, El'azara, Har Gilo and Betar Illit B

Jerusalem Governorate:

- Ongoing incidents:
 - The IDF continued levelling land between Har Adar settlement and Beit Surik. Levelling also continues in the area between Qatanna and Kharayib Umm al Lahim villages and between Beit Ijza and Biddu villages.
 - Construction of the Barrier continued along Road 60 between Qalandiya and Ar-Ram checkpoints. Land levelling to construct a new checkpoint/terminal located south of the current checkpoint is ongoing.
 - Construction and land levelling continued east and west of Qalandiya checkpoint for construction of DCL offices, a parking lot and a road.
 - Land levelling and construction of the Barrier continued alongside the road between Jaba', Hizma and Anata.
 - Land levelling is ongoing near the Coptic housing project and in Wadi Ayyad near Neve Yaakov settlement, as well as on the northern side of 'Anata town.
 - Barrier construction is ongoing on the eastern and southern sides of the village and in Sheikh Sa'd.

Jericho Governorate:

- No incidents to report.

The Gaza Strip:

- No incidents to report.

4. Access for Medical Assistance**West Bank:**

Date	Location, Governorate	Affected Organisation	Denial	Delay	Shooting/Damage to Ambulance
9 July 2005	Jericho			1	
Total Week				1+	

- **9 July:** A PRCS ambulance was delayed for three hours as it was travelling from Jericho to the Jordanian border.
- Other incidents were reported in Tulkarm, incidents will be added as information becomes available.

The Gaza Strip:

- No incidents to report.

5. Access and Movement for Civilians**a) Curfew**

Date	Location / Governorate	Duration
6 July 2005	Haris, Salfit	1 hour
7 July 2005	Marda, Salfit	3 hours
8 July 2005	Al Funduq, Qalqiliya	4 hours
11 July 2005	Al Mughayyir, Ramallah	38 hours
12 July 2005	Tulkarm city, Tulkarm	4 hours and ongoing
Total Week	5 Incidents	50 hours (one ongoing)

- **12 July:** The IDF entered Tulkarm city at 8pm and imposed curfew after the suicide bombing in Netanya. The curfew is on-going.

b) Access to Education

- No incidents to report.

c) Access to Employment³**West Bank:**

Governorate	Work Permits				Trade Permits
	Israel			Settlements	
	Male	Female	Total		
Nablus	N/A	N/A	1,642	N/A	1,200
Jenin	N/A	N/A	1,848	N/A	605
Tubas	N/A	N/A	156	N/A	195
Tulkarm	N/A	N/A	1,534	N/A	900
Qalqiliya	N/A	N/A	468	N/A	690
Salfit	N/A	N/A	715	N/A	290
Ramallah and Al Bireh	N/A	N/A	1,471	N/A	1,350
Jericho	N/A	N/A	26	N/A	277
Jerusalem	N/A	N/A	151	N/A	N/A
Bethlehem	N/A	N/A	1,403	N/A	1,700
Hebron	N/A	N/A	3,818	N/A	2,200
Total Permits Issued West Bank	N/A	N/A	13,232	N/A	9,407+

The Gaza Strip:

As of 1 July, the total number of Gaza Strip workers permits was 6,825 including 2,709 with overnight stay; 843 permits were issued to Erez Industrial Estate workers. All workers must be 35 or older and married with children. Overnight stay permits are only issued for workers aged 40 and older.

³ Number of permits will be updated as information becomes available. Numbers in table relates to permits being issued to Palestinians through the DCL system.

Date	Workers crossing to Israel	Traders crossing to Israel	Workers crossing to Erez Industrial Estate
6 July 2005	3,445	361	540
7 July 2005	4,322	431	569
8 July 2005	2,470	235	0
9 July 2005	167	59	0
10 July 2005	5,728	403	586
11 July 2005	4,728	423	580
12 July 2005	4,208	571	565
Total	25,068	2,483	2,840

d) Closures/Movement restrictions

On 12 June, following the suicide bombing in Netanya, a general closure on the oPt was enforced.

Nablus Governorate:

- **12 July:** Major delays occurred at Beit Iba checkpoint.

Jenin Governorate:

- No major incidents to report.

Tubas Governorate:

- **11 July:** Major delays occurred at Tayasir checkpoint.

Tulkarm Governorate:

- Ongoing incidents:
 - The IDF continues to prevent Palestinians with Israeli IDs from entering Palestinian controlled areas unless they have relatives living in Tulkarm.
 - The IDF continued to close all dirt roads that lead to 'Illar, Nazlat 'Isa, Baqa ash Sharqiya, Qaffin with earth mounds; and conducted an extensive search campaigns after the killing of an Israeli settler earlier this month in the area. Palestinians from these villages need to take long detours to reach Tulkarm city.

Qalqiliya Governorate:

- No major incidents to report.

Salfit Governorate:

- **9 July:** The IDF closed the gate at the entrance of 'Azzun 'Atma village for three hours preventing residents' access

Ramallah / Al Bireh Governorate:

- The IDF has re-closed the main entrance to Sinjil with a road block only a few weeks after the earth mound was removed. The eastern entrance to Umm Safa village was also closed by a road block on 1 July.

Jerusalem Governorate:

- No major incidents to report.

Jericho Governorate:

- Ongoing incidents:
 - Palestinian West Bank non-Jericho Governorate residents are denied access at Yitav checkpoint near Road 449, north Jericho. Jericho residents can cross the checkpoint from south to north to go to Al Auja. Travel on Road 90 north of Al Auja is not allowed unless they have a special permit from the IDF. Only about five Palestinian villages in the north of Jericho District are allowed to travel on Road 90 north of Yitav checkpoint without a permit.

Hebron Governorate:

The closure around the city of Hebron was eased with the opening of the entrance access through the town of Halhul. Closure on the southern half of the city and around Yatta remains tight: no movement is allowed for Palestinian vehicles at the Dura-Fawar junction, while the re-enforcement of earth mounds was visible along Road 60 and on Road 317, continuing the disconnection of remote rural areas from the urban centres of the governorate.

- **7 July:** Access to the northern part of the city of Hebron was re-opened with the relaxation of the closures at Al-Nabi Younis junction both to Hebron and Sa'ir.
- **8 July:** The IDF installed a new yellow gate on Idhna junction from road 35. The gate has remained open for Palestinians.

Bethlehem Governorate:

Closures have been significantly eased in the eastern and western parts of the governorate; physical road blocks are present along the western border of the urban area of Bethlehem, particularly along Road 60.

West Bank: Reported flying checkpoints

Governorate	Location, # of incidents in brackets	Total # of flying checkpoints
Nablus	#60 near Al Lubban ash Sharqiyya	1
Jenin	'Arraba/Kafr Ra'l, #60 near Al Mansura	2
Tubas	'Aqqaba	1
Tulkarm	Entrance off; Qaffin(2), 'Attil, Nazlat 'Isa, Baqa ash Sharqiyya(2), Seida	7
Qalqiliya	Entrance off; Haris, Marda, Yasuf DCO(2), Jinsafut, Immatin An Nabi Elyas, 'Azzun, Hajja, Jit junction, 'Anabta/Enav jct(3) btw; 'Azzun and Jayyus,	15
Salfit	Btw; Salfit and Bruqin	1
Ramallah and Al Bireh	#60 near Shaar Binyanim junction(3), btw; Kharbatha Bani Harith and Bil'in	4
Jerusalem	Mikhmas(2), Shu'fat	3
Jericho	No incidents to report.	0
Bethlehem	Beit Sahur, Al 'Ubeidiya(2), Beit Jala, Khadr(2), Husan, Dar Salah	8
Hebron	Al Fawwar Junction(2), Halhul, Khursa, Kallet al Maiyya (2), Idhna, Beit Kahil, Adh Dhahiriya, Beit Ula, Tarqumia, Ar Ramadin	12
Total West Bank		54

The Enclosed Areas in the Gaza Strip:**As-Seafa:**

- Since 13 February 2005, the IDF has permitted Palestinians aged 30 and older residing in As-Seafa to pass in and out without any prior coordination; males and females aged between 16 and 30 are still required to have 48-hours prior coordination. The gate is open two times daily (irregularly) at 7.30am and 2pm. No vehicles are permitted to enter or exit. Coordination for international organisations to enter the area has been problematic. The IDF requires prior coordination in order to bring goods into the area; people are still facing difficulties getting their belongings into and/or out of the area, despite approved coordination.
- During the week, two to three persons each day were prevented from entering the area despite having proper documentation.
- Since 30 May, the IDF has not allowed full cooking gas bottles or empty ones into the area.
- Nine Palestinian female residents have to apply for entry/exit coordination at least three days before they are granted passes for travel.

Al-Mawassi:

- IDF restrictions remain, with the entry-exit gate at Al Tuffah checkpoint generally open twice daily for limited numbers of Al Mawassi ID holders - from approximately 8am to 1pm, and 2.30pm to 5pm. Males aged 16 to 25 years who are Al Mawassi ID holders are required prior coordination to pass through Al Tuffah checkpoint. Vehicles are not allowed to pass, with some exceptions given for international agencies that have undertaken prior coordination with the IDF.
- Tel Es-Sultan checkpoint has remained closed since 14 January 2004.
- This week, people's movement through the checkpoint was particularly slow; about 80 to 100 persons were allowed into Al Mawassi while about 100 persons were allowed out daily.

Al-Ma'ani:

- Since 20 July 2002, the IDF has prevented all vehicle movement in and out of the Palestinian area adjacent to the Kfar Darom settlement. The IDF has also erected a fence around the area. The area remains a closed military zone, following a suicide attack on 27 February 2004.
- Movement is restricted by the IDF with the entry-exit gate generally open four times daily for Al Maa'ni ID holders only from 6.30am to 7.30am, 10.30am to 11.30am, 1pm to 2pm, and 4pm to 5pm. Access for international organisations into the area remains problematic.

Abu Nahiya:

- A fence was placed around the Abu Nahiya area, south of Kfar Darom settlement, in the corner of Kissufim Road and Salah Eddin Street. Approximately 16 families reside in the area. No vehicles are allowed in or out of the area. The fence is open 24 hours for residents.

Abu al-Ajin Area:

- Several Palestinian families live isolated and fenced in north and south of Kissufim Road in the Abu al-Ajin area. The families have their own keys to the gate in the fence; however, their

movement is restricted to opening hours three to four times daily. The area is unreachable by vehicles.

Rafah Passenger Terminal:

- Rafah Passengers terminal is partially open for Palestinians in both directions from 9am to 5pm. The problem of prolonged delays at the Egyptian side of the terminal which started on 17 June continues; more than 1,000 Palestinians are held up at the Egyptian side, waiting approximate for three days before they cross into the Gaza Strip. The IDF is allowing no more than from 600 to 800 Palestinians entry to the Gaza Strip per day.

6. Additional Protection Issues

- During the week, a total of 60 homemade rockets, mortar shells and anti tanks missiles were fired from different locations inside the Gaza Strip toward Israeli settlements and nearby Israeli towns, IDF installations and Karni.
- **6 to 12 July:** The IDF has increased day and night patrols in many villages and towns and in Ramallah/Al Bireh cities.
- **8 July:** A Palestinian militant was seriously wounded when a mortar shell he was trying to launch prematurely exploded.
- **9 July:** Settlers from Tel Rumeida outpost, H2 Hebron city, threw stones at Palestinian houses near the outpost.
- **11 July:** Nine Palestinians suffered shrapnel wounds when a homemade rocket prematurely exploded when they were trying to prevent militants from firing it in the Gaza Strip (These injuries are not included in this week's statistics).
- **11 July:** A 14 year-old-boy was injured when a homemade bomb went off while he was playing with it in Tel Es-sultan in Rafah (This injury is also not included).

Searches/Arrests/Detentions

Governorate	Location of arrests/detention # of searches noted at locations with brackets	Total # of Searches	Total # of Arrested/ Detained
Nablus	Balata camp(1), Beit Iba CP, Burqa(1)	2	1
Jenin	Jenin camp(1), Jenin city(2), Silat al Harithiya(1)	4	7
Tubas	Al Malih(1), Khirbeth 'Atuf(1)	2	1
Tulkarm	Nazlat 'Isa(1), Seida(2), Tulkarm camp(1), 'Illar(1), Baqa ash Sharqiyya, 'Attil	5	2
Qalqiliya	Qalqiliya city(2), Al Funduq(1), 'Azzun 'Atma(1), 'Azzun(1), Kafr Laqif(1), Hajja(1), Habla(1)	8	10
Salfit	Haris(1), Marda(1), Deir 'Istiya(1)	3	12
Ramallah/Al Bireh	Umm Sharavet(1), Ramallah(1), Silwad(1), Ofer, Shabtin, Kobar	3	6
Jerusalem	No incidents to report.	0	0
Jericho	No incidents to report.	0	0
Bethlehem	Dar Salah(2), 'Ayda refuge camp(2), Al Khadr(2), Al 'Ubeidiya, Ash shawawra Bethlehem city(2), Al 'Aza refugee camp, Husan , Beit Jala(2),	14	6
Hebron	Dura(3), Hebron City (4), Al Fawwar refuge camp (3), , Samu'(1), Yatta(2), Tarqumiya, Al Burj, Ash Shuyukh, Adh Dhahiriya	17	20
Total Week West Bank		58	65
Gaza Strip	Trying to enter Israel; east Deir al Balah, east Khan Younis	0	4
Total Week oPt		58	69

Appendix: Checkpoints Status 6 – 12 July 2005

Checkpoint	Status
Tulkarm	
Taybeh	Open from 5.30am to 5pm for UN and international organisations and Palestinians with permits. On 12 July, closed after the suicide bombing in Netanya.
Efrayim	The checkpoint is constructed as a crossing point into Israel for Palestinian workers and traders and others from Tulkarm Governorate with a special permit. On 12 July, closed after the suicide bombing in Netanya.
Kafriat	The checkpoint is manned and physically divided into three parts: one that controls movement to and from Tulkarm town; one that controls movement to Israel proper; and one that controls movement to and from Jubara. On 12 July, closed after the suicide bombing in Netanya.
Qalqiliya	
Qalqiliya DCO	Unmanned.
Jaljoulia	Access through this checkpoint is only granted for holders of permits into Israel and residents of Ras Tira, Ad Dab'a, Wadi Ar Rasha, Ramadin and Arab Abu Farda. Ambulances from Qalqiliya town to these five villages need prior coordination with DCL. Only vehicles leaving the West Bank are subjects for security checks. On 12 July, closed after the suicide bombing in Netanya.
Salfit	
Deir Ballut	Officially open between 6am and 6pm. The checkpoint controls movement between Ramallah and the villages in the western part of Salfit District.
Yasuf	Gate is open daily from 5am to 6pm.
Kafr Qasem (Road 5)	Open 24 hours for UN and international organisations and Palestinians with permits. On 12 July, closed after the suicide bombing in Netanya.
Nablus	
Huwwara Southern main entrance	Open for humanitarian organisations and Palestinians. Israeli citizens, Palestinian holders of Jerusalem IDs and holders of international passports are subject to prior liaison with the IDF before access can be granted. Incoming movement is allowed from 6am to 11pm. Outgoing movement is allowed from 6am to 8 pm.
Beit Iba Western entrance, mainly for trade	Open for humanitarian organisations and Palestinians. Israeli citizens, Palestinian holders of Jerusalem IDs and holders of international passports are subject to prior liaison with IDF before access can be granted. Incoming movement is allowed from 6am to 11pm. Outgoing movement is allowed from 6am to 6 pm.
Sarra South western entrance, before the closure regime main road to Qalqiliya	Closed except to villagers from Sarra or Qusin, who occasionally are let through.
Qusin Internal closure Between Sarra and Nablus	Closed by a gate and an earth mound since mid-March 2004; traffic diverted through Beit Iba checkpoint.
Al Tur Southern checkpoint connecting the Samaritan district of Jarzim with Nablus City	Only open for Samaritans. The gate is occasionally open for vehicles.
Beit Furik Eastern gate and checkpoint. After the closure regime main gateway between Nablus and the Jordan Valley	Open for villagers from Beit Furik, Beit Dajan, and open between 6am and 6pm.
Shave Shomeron (Sabastia) Northwest, main road to Jenin	Since 4 December 2004 soldiers left the checkpoint unmanned. Occasionally soldiers are observed at the checkpoint.
Maale Efrayim Southeast connecting Jericho and Nablus	Closed for Palestinians unless having permits.
Hamra East, before closure regime main road to Jordan, Tubas, Jenin	Closed for Palestinians unless having permits. Palestinians from Frush Beit Dajjan and Al Jiftlik villages are allowed to pass the checkpoint without permit.
Zaatara (Tappouah) South, main road to Ramallah	Permanently manned.
Jenin	
Al Jalama Main entrance to Israel	Open 24 hours for permit holders.

Dahiat Sabah al Khayr “al Amn al Watani” Northern entrance of Jenin	Open for traders and workers with permits between 7am and 7pm.
Imreiha (Reikhan) Main gate to the Barta’a ash-Sharqiya/ Umm ar Rihan enclave	Open for Palestinians with green permits between 6am and 10pm.
Tubas	
Bisan Main entrance to Israel	Open 24 hours for permit holders.
Tayasir Gate Gate to the Tubas eastern agricultural lands in the Jordan Valley	Open for Palestinians with permits from 5am to 10pm. Palestinians from Al Malih, ‘Ein el Beida, Bardala and Kardala villages are allowed to pass the checkpoint without permits.
Ramallah/AI Bireh	
Qalandiya	Open daily 24 hours for vehicles and pedestrians. Long delays are experienced during early evening rush hours. West Bank residents, Jerusalem ID holders, and foreign passport holders have access without permits. Jewish and Arab Israeli citizens and Arabs from the Golan are prohibited from crossing into Ramallah. Vehicles with West Bank registration cannot pass unless they have a special permit. Ambulances and trucks with food products are permitted to cross.
Bet El/DCO	Open daily from 6am to 10pm. Access in vehicles only for diplomats, foreign passport holders, UN staff, international humanitarian organisations, and Palestinians with special work permits.
Atara Bridge (partial)	Open. Long delays reported throughout the week due to ID checks and searches.
An Nabi Salih gate (partial)	Open. Long delays reported throughout the week due to ID checks and searches
At Tayba (partial)	Open.
Makkabim On Highway 443	Usually open for Israelis, Jerusalem ID holders and foreign passport holders. Road 443 is off limits to oPt Palestinians, except those with permits to enter Israel/Jerusalem.
Ni’lin	Usually open for Jerusalem ID holders, foreign passport holders and Palestinians with permits to enter Israel.
Rantis	Usually open for Jerusalem ID holders, foreign passport holders and Palestinians with permits to enter Israel.
Jerusalem	
Hizma Eastern entrance of junction Road 437/Psigat Ze’ev settlement	Open for Israelis, Palestinians with Jerusalem ID cards, West Bank and Gaza Strip Palestinians with permits and internationals. UN staff requested on several occasions to show personal ID/national passports in addition to their UN ID card.
Az Za’ayem North eastern entrance on Road 1.	Open for Israelis, Palestinians with Jerusalem ID cards, West Bank and Gaza Strip Palestinians with permits and internationals.
Ar Ram Northern entrance on Road 60 north.	Open for Israelis, Palestinians with Jerusalem ID cards, West Bank and Gaza Strip Palestinians with permits and internationals. UN staff requested on several occasions to show personal ID/national passports in addition to their UN ID card.
Bir Nabala/Atarot Northern entrance on Road 404 /45 Road Atarot Junction.	Open for Israelis, Palestinians with Jerusalem ID cards, West Bank and Gaza Strip Palestinians with permits and internationals. UN staff requested on several occasions to show personal ID/national passports in addition to their UN ID card.
Ramot Alon North western entrance on Road 436	Open for Israelis, Palestinians with Jerusalem ID cards, West Bank and Gaza Strip Palestinians with permits and internationals. UN staff requested on several occasions to show personal ID/national passports in addition to their UN ID card.
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.
Container (“Wadi nar”) East of Abu Dis, main transit between north and south West Bank	Open for Palestinian vehicles with permits (taxis and municipality trucks), humanitarian reasons and for internationals. Permits not required for Palestinian pedestrians. Israeli-yellow-plated cars are not allowed to cross.
Jericho	
DCO Main checkpoint off Road 1	Open daily 24 hours, after the IDF handed security control of Jericho to the Palestinian Authority on 16 March 2005. Open for everyone but Israelis. Vehicles with West Bank registrations can pass without permits.
Al Auja (Yitav) On Road 90	Open 24 hours for Palestinian living in Jericho District. Prohibited for Palestinians holding West Bank ID cards from other governorates. Since 1 May, Jericho residents have not been allowed to cross from south to north.
Gate opposite Allenby Checkpoint off Road 90	Gate manned by the IDF. Closed at all times. Soldiers open the gate for shuttle busses taking Palestinians to Allenby Border Crossing to Jordan.
Bethlehem	
Gilo North entrance to Bethlehem	Open 24 hours for humanitarian organisations. No Palestinian-plated cars allowed. Only Palestinian Jerusalem permit holders are allowed to pass. A second lane is open for

	inbound traffic.
Ein Yalow Bypass road east of Walaja, on Green Line	Open 24 hours and only for Israeli-plated cars and international organisations and Palestinians with Jerusalem IDs.
Beit Jala DCO Entrance to Beit Jala	Opening times have been extended and are now from 6am to 12pm for all traffic. Palestinian public and private vehicles are allowed to pass; all commercial trucks are re-routed to the eastern side of the city of Bethlehem.
Tunnels Road 60 at Har Gilo	Open 24 hours for humanitarian organisations and Palestinians with Jerusalem permits.
Settlers' Checkpoint - Efrata Southern entrance to settlement	Open 24 hours only for settlers. Checkpoint manned by settlers; movement beyond it restricted for Palestinians.
Efrata Connecting Road 60 to Road 356	Open 24 hours. Not always manned.
Gush Etzion On Road 60, at Etzion turn	Open 24 hours. Not always manned.
Wadi Fukin Crossing to Israel on Road 375, Green Line	Open 24 hours. Palestinian workers and traders with permits are allowed to cross.
Al Jab'a Crossing to Israel on Road 367, Green Line	Open 24 hours. Palestinian workers and traders with permits are allowed to cross
Ein Gedi On Road 90, along Dead Sea.	On bypass Road 90. Used to be located close to the Avnot settlement but has now been moved south to the intersection with the settlement of Mitzpe Shalem. No Palestinian-plated vehicles allowed on Road 90.
Hebron	
Beit Awwa At entrance to Negohot settlement, on Road 354	Crossing along Road 354 only for humanitarian organisations and critical service providers.
Tarqumiya Entrance for commercial goods (back-to-back), west of Hebron on Road 35 for both Hebron and Bethlehem districts	The checkpoint is open for workers and traders with permits from 6am to 5pm everyday except Saturday and Jewish holidays. Prisoners' families visits are facilitated.
Meitar On Road 60, Green Line after intersection with Tene settlement road.	Manned by Israeli Border Police. Open 24 hours. Palestinians with valid permits are allowed to pass.
Shani At turn for Shani settlement on Road 317.	Manned by the IDF. A military base has been established nearby.
Beit Yatir On Road 316, at the turn for the settlement of Beit Yatir	Manned by the IDF. Open 24 hours. Residents of Imneizeil village are allowed to cross but other Palestinians are asked for permits.
Prayers Road, H2 Access to area of Ibrahimi Mosque	Closed to Palestinians.
Shohada street, H2 Western entrance to Shohada street	Open to Palestinians living beyond it and in the Tel Rumeida area in accordance with a list held by the IDF at the checkpoint. Access possible only on foot.
Ibrahimi Mosque, H2 Access to the Mosque	Worshippers and visitors searched upon entry.
Bab Al Baladiyye , H2 (formerly Shalala Street) Next to settlement of Beit Romano	The checkpoint is closed to Palestinians heading in the direction of Shohada Street.
Qarantina, H2 Junction with Shohada Street	Closed to Palestinians
Bab Al-Khan, H2 Entrance to Avraham Avinu settlement	Closed to Palestinians heading in the direction of Shohada Street and north toward the market.
Tel Rumeida, H2 Beginning of street leading to settlement	Open only to Palestinians travelling on foot living between it and the settlement.
Al Kasaba, H2 Exit from the Kasaba, old city (Tomb of the Patriarchs)	New checkpoint established in April 2005 and now a permanent structure which filters Palestinian movement from the Kasaba area directed to the Tomb of the Patriarchs. Movement is segregated for incoming and outgoing traffic. Palestinians exiting the Kasaba are processed through a combination of turnstiles, allowing one person at a time to pass, and a metal detector. The process is slow and extremely problematic during Friday prayers.

Gaza Crossings/Checkpoints	
Erez	Partially open all the week.
Erez Industrial zone	Closed on 8 and 9 July.
Netzarim Junction	Closed
Abu Houli Junction	Abu Houli checkpoint has been open 24 hours a day. Traffic is now allowed in both directions. Private cars are allowed to cross; at least two people need to be inside. On 12 July, Abu Holi checkpoint was closed from 8.25am to 10.30am.
Abu Al Ajin Road	Closed
Salah Eddin at Kfar Darom	Closed
West Morag Junction	Main Salah Edin Road was open at Sufa/Morag
Beach Road	24 hour opening
Al Muntar Junction	Closed
Rafah Passenger Terminal	Partially open for all Palestinians in both directions from 9am to 5pm without age restrictions.

Commercial checkpoints:

Tulkarm/Qalqiliya	
Taybeh	The back-to-back system has been operational from 5.30am to 5pm except on Saturday. On 12 July, closed after the suicide bombing in Netanya.
Nablus	
Awarta checkpoint Main commercial checkpoint in Nablus since July 2003.	Open from 6am to 6pm Sunday to Friday.
Jenin	
Al Jalama Northern entrance/ main commercial check point.	Open from 8am to 4pm Sunday to Thursday. Transit of trucks need liaison with the Palestinian DCL.
Ramallah/AI Bireh	
Beituniya Back-to-back checkpoint.	Officially open 7am to 5pm Sunday to Thursday, 7am to 1pm on Fridays and closed Saturdays. Open for commercial goods and a back-to-back system is in operation. Only Palestinians from Kafr 'Aqab and Sameeramees holding Jerusalem IDs and driving Israeli yellow-plated trucks are allowed to pass through this checkpoint without using the back-to-back system. This checkpoint is not open for private cars or pedestrians. ICRC and UN vehicles are permitted to cross.
Jericho	
Back-to-back checkpoint/DCO checkpoint	Checkpoint is no longer in use. Commercial trucks access Jericho through the DCO checkpoint.
Gaza Strip	
Karni	The crossing was partially open from 7am to 11pm.
Sufa	Since 19 June, Sufa crossing was reopened for construction materials but remained closed for labourers.

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 Gaza. 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 Defense Forces (IDF) website, Israel Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MFA), offices of Palestinian Authority (PA) governors, Palestinian DCL.
- Shelter and property: OCHA FCU, UNRWA, Palestinian DCL.
- Natural Resources: OCHA FCU, Al Mezan Center for Human Rights, UNRWA, Palestinian District Civilian Liaison Office (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, UNICEF, UNRWA.
- Access and Movement for Civilians: Sources: Palestinian DCL, Christian Peacemakers Team (CPT).
- Curfews: Sources: OCHA FCU, Village Councils, UNRWA, Palestinian DCL.
- Access to Education: OCHA FCU, UNRWA, United Nations Children's Fund (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: Source: OCHA FCU, UNRWA.
- Additional Protection issues: Sources: OCHA FCU, UNRWA, United Nations Department of Safety and Security (UNDSS), UNSCO, Palestinian DCLs, Palestinian Governors' offices, Al Mezan Center for Human Rights, IDF.