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### Protection of Civilians - Weekly Briefing Notes

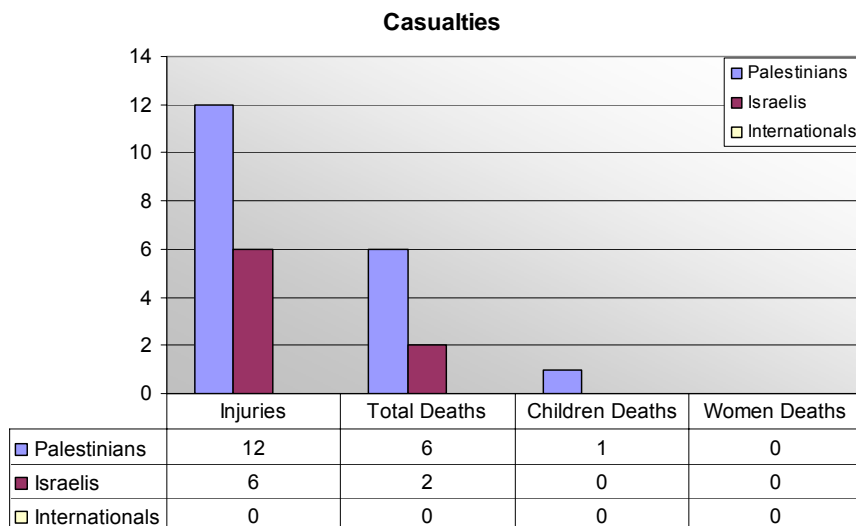
**20 – 26 July 2005**

**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:**

- During the week, a total of 43 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 (see section 6).
- A 12-year-old Palestinian boy was killed and a 10-year-old boy was injured when a mortar shell fired by Palestinian militants missed its target, the Israeli settlement block of Gush Katif, and landed in a Palestinian house in Khan Younis, the Gaza Strip (see section 1).
- Among the requisitions for Palestinian land this week were: 93 dunums (9.3 hectares) of agriculture land belonging to Palestinian farmers in areas adjacent to the Israeli settlements of Kiryat Arba' and Kharsina, Hebron Governorate; and cover 448 dunums (44.8 hectares) and 155 dunums (15.5 hectares) of agriculture land belonging to Palestinian farmers in Bethlehem (see section 3).

#### **1. Physical Protection<sup>1</sup>**



#### **Casualty Incidents Include:**

- 20 July:** A Palestinian police officer died of his injuries in Tulkarm Hospital; the officer was injured during the IDF incursion into Tulkarm city on 13 July.
- 20 July:** A Palestinian suffered burns from IDF flares fired in the Tel Es-Sultan area in Rafah, the Gaza Strip.
- 21 July:** An IDF soldier suffered injuries when a mortar shell struck at a military base near the Israeli settlement of Neveh Dekalim in Khan Younis, the Gaza Strip.

<sup>1</sup> One Palestinian was killed and one injured when a Palestinian militant mortar attack against the Israeli settlement block Gush Katif, the Gaza Strip, hit a Palestinian area.

- **21 July:** A 12-year-old Palestinian boy was killed and a 10-year-old boy was injured when a mortar shell fired by Palestinian militants missed its target, the Israeli settlement block of Gush Katif, and landed in a Palestinian house in Khan Younis, the Gaza Strip.
- **21 July:** Two Palestinians were injured in Jenin during a search-and-arrest campaign in the city and refugee camp.
- **22 July:** Two Palestinian children from Bil'in, Ramallah, were injured (one in the eye), by a rubber-coated metal bullet, during a demonstration against Barrier construction in the village.
- **22 July:** A Palestinian bystander was killed by IDF soldiers in the Old City, H2 Hebron. The soldiers were responding to an attack by a Palestinian gunman on the checkpoint of Beit Romano. Two soldiers were injured in the attack.
- **22 July:** A Palestinian man died of shrapnel wounds he suffered in an IAF air strike on 15 July.
- **23 July:** Two Israelis were killed and three IDF soldiers were wounded in a Palestinian militant attack near the bypass bridge over Abu Holi checkpoint, the Gaza Strip. Two Palestinian militants were killed by the IDF.
- **23 July:** A 65-year-old Palestinian farmer from the village of Husan, Bethlehem Governorate, was severely beaten by settlers from the Israeli outpost Neve Daniel north and was hospitalised.
- **24 July:** A 13-year-old Palestinian was seriously injured in the Palestinian town of Sa'ir, Hebron Governorate, when the IDF fired rubber-coated metal bullets, one of which penetrated the youth's skull. Details about the circumstances are not yet clear as there were clashes at the time.
- **24 July:** IDF soldiers in the outpost located at the border fence fired machinegun fire toward Rafah refugee camp, the Gaza Strip, resulting in one Palestinian injury.
- **25 July:** A 24-year-old man was injured when IDF, stationed near Rafiah Yam settlement, opened fire at Tel Es-Sultan area in Rafah, the Gaza Strip.
- **26 July:** A Palestinian man was injured and taken to a medical clinic in Qalqiliya after he was beaten by IDF soldiers at a flying checkpoint near Az Zawiya village, Salfit.

## 2. Shelter and Property

Date	Location, Governorate	# Structures demolished	# Structures partially destroyed	# People displaced / affected
20 July 2005	Imneizil , Hebron	-	1	-
25 July 2005	Bardala, Tubas	6	-	-
26 July 2005	Burqin, Salfit	1	-	-
26 July 2005	Jinsafut, Qalqiliya	1	-	-
26 July 2005	Al Funduq, Qalqiliya	1	-	-
26 July 2005	Jabal al-Mukabbir, Jerusalem	2	-	6
<b>Total Week</b>		<b>11</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>6 People</b>

### Selected incidents:

- **20 July:** A water cistern with a 170-cubic-meters capacity was partially destroyed by the contractor of the Barrier in Imneizil, Hebron. The cistern, which was built 35 years ago, is the main water source for the livestock of three Palestinian families (25 people).
- **22 July:** Two Palestinian shepherds were expelled from Al Malih village in Tubas area. The two were taken to Hamra checkpoint and were told that they could not live in the Al Mallih area because they were not registered as residents of the village.
- **25 July:** The IDF demolished six barracks used to store and package agricultural products.
- **26 July:** The IDF demolished one house (a one-storey building) under construction in Burqin village, Salfit, for lack of permit.
- **26 July:** The IDF demolished one house that was under construction in Al Funduq village, Qalqiliya, for lack of permit.
- **26 July:** The IDF demolished one carpentry store in Jinsafut village, Qalqiliya, for lack of permit.
- **26 July:** Two houses were demolished in Jabal al-Mukabbir Jerusalem. Six people resided in one house; the second house was not completed and was uninhabited.

## 3. Natural Resources

### Land levelling/Requisitions/Tree Uprooting<sup>2</sup>

#### Nablus and Tubas Governorates:

- No incidents to report.

<sup>2</sup> 4 dunums = 1 acre; 10 dunums = 1 hectare

**Jenin Governorate:**

- **21 July:** The IDF bulldozed land (0.50 dunums) near Dotan military post ( 'Arraba junction) to establish an earth barrier across the road in front of the military post.

**Tulkarm Governorate:**

- Ongoing incidents:
  - 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.
  - Land levelling around Avnei Khefets settlement continues for the construction of a new fence around the settlement.

**Qalqiliya Governorate:**

- **21 July:** The IDF start bulldozing land north of Kafr Qaddum. According to the Palestinian DCL, the levelling is to construct a new road for Kdumim settlement.
- **21 July:** The Palestinian DCL received an IDF land requisition order (T/121/05) for 9.2 dunums (0.92 hectares) in Habla village, Qalqiliya, for construction of a new road in the area.
- Ongoing incidents:
  - The IDF continued levelling land near Immatin village, Qalqiliya, for Barrier construction.
  - The IDF continued levelling land north east of Jayyus village to construct a new road that connects Jayyus with Falameya Barrier gate.

**Salfit Governorate:**

- **21 July:** The Palestinian DCL received an IDF land requisition order (T/107/05) for 4.07 dunums (0.4 hectares) in Mash-ha village, Salfit, for construction of a road between Ets Efrayim settlement and the Barrier.
- 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:**

- **25 July:** Israeli settlers from Khamish settlement uprooted trees and plants on 5 dunums (5 hectares) of land belonging to Beitillu village.
- 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:**

- **20 July:** The IDF issued confiscation and amendment order (T/A39/03) which covers 93 dunums (9.3 hectares) of agriculture land belonging to Palestinian farmers in areas adjacent to the Israeli settlements of Kiryat Arba' and Kharsina, Hebron Governorate. The confiscated land will be used to add to the security buffer zone and to build a new security road around the two settlements.
- 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:**

- **23 July:** Settlers from the Israeli outpost Neve Daniel North prevented Palestinian farmers from accessing their land in the village of Husan, Bethlehem Governorate.
- **23 July:** The IDF issued two confiscation orders (T/135/05 and T/136/05) which, respectively, cover 448 dunums (44.8 hectares) and 155 dunums (15.5 hectares) of agriculture land belonging to Palestinian farmers from the villages of Jurat ash sham'a, Wadi an Nis, Artas, Wadi Rahhal, and Al Khadr. The land was confiscated so the Barrier could be built on the eastern side of Etzion settlement block.
- **25 July:** According to the Israeli DCL in Hebron, the section of the Barrier running south of Ar Ramadin and affecting the hamlet of Am Sidreh will be re-routed to avoid disturbing gravesites that belongs to the local Palestinian community.
- Ongoing incidents:
  - Construction of the Barrier is ongoing in Khamish an Nu'man. Construction on Za'tara bypass road reached the Israeli settlement of Tko'a from the south and Khamish an Nu'man from the north.
  - Land levelling and housing construction continues in the settlements of northern Efrat, western Neve Daniel, Giv'at 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:**

- **26 July:** At 4pm an IDF tank and bulldozer entered the Palestinian areas opposite Abu Safeya south east of Beit Hanoun to the north of the Gaza Strip. They carried out land levelling and withdrew at 10pm.

## **4. Access for Medical Assistance**

### **West Bank:**

Date	Location, Governorate	Affected Organisation	Denial	Delay	Shooting/Damage to Ambulance
21 July 2005	Barta'a, Jenin	PRCS	-	1	-
<b>Total Week</b>			-	<b>1</b>	-

### **Selected Incidents:**

#### **West Bank:**

- **21 July:** A PRCS ambulance was delayed for one hour and 40 minutes at Barta'a checkpoint, Jenin.

### **The Gaza Strip:**

- Male Palestinians aged from 16 to 35 years are prevented from leaving the Gaza Strip, including those who have medical referrals. This week approximately 55 patients have been denied access out of the Gaza Strip at Erez and Rafah crossings.
- **21 July:** A Palestinian female patient was denied access to an Israeli hospital through Erez crossing for four days.
- **22 July:** Six Palestinian patients were denied access out of the Gaza Strip through the Rafah Passengers' Terminal despite prior coordination.
- **25 July:** The MoH said that its ambulance services were hampered by the internal and external closure that was imposed on the Gaza Strip.

## **5. Access and Movement for Civilians**

### **a) Curfew**

Date	Location / Governorate	Duration
22 July 2005	H2, Hebron	8 hours
<b>Total Week</b>	<b>1 Incident</b>	<b>8 Hours</b>

- **22 July:** The IDF imposed a curfew (eight hours) and conducted a search campaign after a Palestinian militant attack in the old city of Hebron.

### **b) Access to Education**

- No incidents to report.

### c) Access to Employment<sup>3</sup>

**West Bank:** Throughout the reporting period workers from the oPt were unable to reach their places of work in Israel as closure has been imposed on the West Bank since the suicide bombing in Netanya city on 12 July. The table below reflects work permits issued, which do not allow for access during closures.

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

#### The Gaza Strip:

Due to the closure of Erez, no workers or traders were able to cross this week. 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.

### d) Closures/Movement restrictions

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

#### Nablus Governorate:

- **19 July ongoing:** The IDF prevented all Palestinian residence from the northern West Bank from travelling south at Zaatara (Tappuah) checkpoint.
- **20 July:** The IDF closed Huwwara checkpoint for two hours.

#### Jenin Governorate:

- No major incidents to report.

#### Tubas Governorate:

- **25 July:** Major delays occurred at Tayasir checkpoint for vehicular traffic.

#### Tulkarm Governorate:

- **21 July:** The IDF closed a road near Iktaba neighbourhood in Tulkarm city with an earth mound.
- **24 July:** The IDF closed 'Anabta gate preventing all movement, including public transportation.
- **24 July:** The IDF prevented all pedestrian movement through Kafriat checkpoint. Only vehicular movement was allowed.
- **24 July:** The IDF closed a road near 'Izbat Shufa with an earth mound.
- 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. Palestinians from these villages need to take long detours to reach Tulkarm city.

#### Qalqiliya Governorate:

- No major incidents to report.

#### Salfit Governorate:

- No major incidents to report.

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

**Ramallah / Al Bireh Governorate:**

- **20 July:** The IDF replaced the roadblock at the main entrance to Sinjil with an earth mound.
- **22 July:** At midnight, the IDF closed the road between Al Janiya and Ras Karkar villages with a large earth mound. The only vehicular access to Al Janiya now is on a dirt track through the cemetery; the main entrance has been closed for more than a month with a roadblock.
- **20 to 26 July:** The IDF regular patrols neighbourhoods in Ramallah, Al Bireh and Beituniya.

**Jerusalem Governorate:**

- No major incidents to report.

**Jericho Governorate:**

- Ongoing incidents:
  - Palestinian West Bank residents from areas outside of the Jericho Governorate 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 approximately 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:**

- **20 July ongoing:** Movement along Road 60, from the intersection with Road 317 down to As Samu, was restricted and heavily monitored; three checkpoints are present on the route.

**Bethlehem Governorate:**

- **21 July:** The IDF installed a new military observation tower on the southern entrance of Bethlehem city from Road 60. The tower is not manned.

**West Bank: Reported flying checkpoints**

Governorate	Location, # of incidents in brackets	Total # of flying checkpoints
Nablus	Near; Burin, 'Asira ash Shamaliyya. #57 near; Al Badhan.	3
Jenin	#60 near; Jaba'(2). #585 near; Ya'bad	3
Tubas	Btw; Tubas and Tammun, #588 near; El Far'a, Tubas, Tammun, 'Aqqaba.	5
Tulkarm	Far'un junction, 'Attil-Deir al Ghusun road, Ba'a junction.	3
Qalqiliya	Jit junction.	1
Salfit	Near; Az Zawiya.	1
Ramallah and Al Bireh	Btw; Deir Ibzi' and 'Ein 'Arik, near; Ayoun al Haramiyeh	2
Jerusalem	Jaba' junction, Al 'Eizariyya,	2
Jericho	Near Yitav, #90 near; Al 'Auja(2), On Al Mu'arrajat road between Jericho and Ramallah(2),	5
Bethlehem	Beit Sahur, Al 'Ubeidiya, , Khadr(3), Husan, Dar Salah	7
Hebron	Al Fawwar Junction(6), , Kallet al Maiyya (2), Adh Dhahiriya(2), As Samu'(2), Ar Ramadin(2) , Khursa (3)	17
<b>Total West Bank</b>		<b>49</b>

**The Gaza Strip:**

**23 to 25 July:** Abu Holi checkpoint was closed; in effect the Gaza strip was divided.

**25 July:** At 8.30pm, Abu Holi checkpoint was reopened.

**26 July:** At 1.40pm, the IDF closed Abu Holi checkpoint and it remained closed until 27 July.

**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.
- Nine Palestinian female residents routinely have to apply for entry/exit coordination at least three days before they are granted passes for travel.
- **On 20 July:** The IDF allowed full and empty cooking gas bottles into the area, which had not been permitted since 30 May.

#### **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, 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 vehicular 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.

## **6. Additional Protection Issues**

- During the week, a total of 43 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.
- **20 July:** IDF troops, in coordination with PA security forces, safely detonated a 40-kilogram bomb near the settlement of Dugit, north of Beit Lahia, the Gaza Strip.
- **20 July:** Israeli authorities reinstalled the X-Ray inspection machine previously removed in May at the Rafah passenger terminal.

### **Searches/Arrests/Detentions**

<b>Governorate</b>	<b>Location of arrests/detention # of searches noted at locations with brackets</b>	<b>Total # of Searches</b>	<b>Total # of Arrested/ Detained</b>
Nablus	Balata camp(1), Nablus city(2).	3	3
Jenin	Al Yamun(2), Qabatiya(1), Jenin city(1), Jenin camp(1), Silat al Harithiya(1), Birqin(1).	7	18
Tubas	Tubas city(1), Tammun(1).	2	0
Tulkarm	Deir al Ghusun(1), 'Attil(3), 'Illar(2), Seida(1), Tulkarm city(1)	8	9
Qalqiliya	Kafr Qaddum(1), Qalqiliya city(1), Azzun(2)	4	5
Salfit	No incidents to report.	0	0
Ramallah/Al Bireh	Bil'in, Al Janiya(1)	1	1
Jerusalem	Qalandiya checkpoint	0	1
Jericho	No incidents to report.	0	0
Bethlehem	Dar Salah(1), 'Ayda refuge camp(3), Al 'Ubeidiya(1), Bethlehem city(2), Al 'Aza refugee camp(1), Beit Jala(1).	9	6
Hebron	Dura(2), Hebron City (5), Al Fawwar refuge camp (2), Samu'(1), Yatta(2), Beit Kahil(1), Adh Dhahiriya(4).	17	6
<b>Total Week West Bank</b>		<b>51</b>	<b>49</b>
Gaza Strip	No incidents to report.	0	0
<b>Total Week oPt</b>		<b>51</b>	<b>49</b>

## Appendix: Checkpoints Status 20 – 26 July 2005

Checkpoint	Status
<b>Tulkarm</b>	
<b>Taybeh</b>	Open from 5.30am to 5pm for UN and international organisations and Palestinians with permits. Since 29 June, Palestinian workers and traders have been instructed to cross through Efrayim checkpoint.
<b>Efrayim</b>	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 29 June, the checkpoint became operational from 4am to 7pm and Palestinian workers and traders have since been instructed to cross through.
<b>Kafriat</b>	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; and one that controls movement to and from Jubara.
<b>Qalqiliya</b>	
<b>Qalqiliya DCO</b>	Unmanned.
<b>Jaljoulia</b>	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 the DCL. Only vehicles leaving the West Bank are subject to security checks.
<b>Salfit</b>	
<b>Deir Ballut</b>	Officially open between 6am and 6pm. The checkpoint controls movement between Ramallah and the villages in the western part of Salfit District.
<b>Kafr Qasem (Road 5)</b>	Open 24 hours for UN and international organisations and Palestinians with permits.
<b>Yasuf Gate</b>	Open daily from 5am to 6pm.
<b>'Anabta Gate</b>	Re-established 14 July 2005. Open only for pedestrians.
<b>Nablus</b>	
<b>Huwwara</b> 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 8pm.
<b>Beit Iba</b> 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 the IDF before access can be granted. Incoming movement is allowed from 6am to 11pm. Outgoing movement is allowed from 6am to 6pm.
<b>Sarra</b> South western entrance, before the closure regime main road to Qalqiliya	Closed except to villagers from Sarra or Qusin, who occasionally are let through.
<b>Qusin</b> Internal closure Between Sarra and Nablus	Closed by a gate and an earth mound since mid-March 2004; traffic diverted through Beit Iba checkpoint.
<b>Al Tur</b> Southern checkpoint connecting the Samaritan District of Jarzim with Nablus city	Only open for Samaritans. The gate is occasionally open for vehicles.
<b>Beit Furik</b> 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.
<b>Shave Shomeron (Sabastia)</b> Northwest, main road to Jenin	Since 4 December 2004, the checkpoint has been unmanned. Occasionally soldiers are observed at the checkpoint.
<b>Maale Efrayim</b> Southeast connecting Jericho and Nablus	Closed for Palestinians unless having permits.
<b>Hamra</b> 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 permits.
<b>Zaatara (Tappouah)</b> South, main road to Ramallah	Permanently manned.
<b>Jenin</b>	
<b>Al Jalama</b> Main entrance to Israel	Open 24 hours for permit holders.
<b>Dahiat Sabah al Khayr</b> "al Amn al Watani"	Open for traders and workers with permits between 7am and 7pm.

Northern entrance of Jenin	
<b>Imreiha (Reikhan)</b> Main gate to the Barta'a ash-Sharqiya/ Umm ar Rihan enclave	Open for Palestinians with green permits between 6am and 10pm.
<b>Tubas</b>	
<b>Bisan</b> Main entrance to Israel	Open 24 hours for permit holders.
<b>Tayasir Gate</b> 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.
<b>Ramallah/Al Bireh</b>	
<b>Qalandiya</b>	Open daily 24 hours for vehicles and pedestrians. Long delays now usual during early evening rush hours and at night with traffic often backed-up as far as the UNRWA vocational training centre in Qalandiya refugee camp. 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.
<b>Bet El/DCO</b>	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.
<b>Atara Bridge (partial)</b>	Open.
<b>An Nabi Salih gate (partial)</b>	Open.
<b>At Tayba (partial)</b>	Open.
<b>Makkabim</b> On Road 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.
<b>Ni'lin</b>	Usually open for Jerusalem ID holders, foreign passport holders and Palestinians with permits to enter Israel.
<b>Rantis</b>	Usually open for Jerusalem ID holders, foreign passport holders and Palestinians with permits to enter Israel.
<b>Jerusalem</b>	
<b>Hizma</b> 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.
<b>Az Za'ayem</b> North eastern entrance on Road 1.	Open for Israelis, Palestinians with Jerusalem ID cards, West Bank and Gaza Strip Palestinians with permits and internationals.
<b>Ar Ram</b> 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.
<b>Bir Nabala/Atarot</b> 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.
<b>Ramot Alon</b> 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.
<b>Shu'fat Refugee Camp/ Anata Checkpoint</b>	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.
<b>Container ("Wadi nar")</b> 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.
<b>Jericho</b>	
<b>DCO</b> 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.
<b>Al Auja (Yitav)</b> 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.
<b>Gate opposite Allenby</b> 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.
<b>Bethlehem</b>	
<b>Gilo</b> North entrance to Bethlehem	Open 24 hours for humanitarian organisations. No Palestinian-plated cars allowed Since 13 July (after the suicide bombing in Netanya) Israel imposed closure; Palestinians workers and traders holding valid permits are not allowed to pass. A second lane is open for inbound traffic.
<b>Ein Yalow</b> Bypass road east of Walaja, on Green Line	Open 24 hours and only for Israeli-plated cars and international organisations Since 13 July (after the suicide bombing in Netanya) Israel imposed closure; Palestinians workers and traders holding valid permits are not allowed to pass
<b>Beit Jala DCO</b>	Opening times have been extended and are now from 6am to 12pm for all traffic.

Entrance to Beit Jala	Palestinian public and private vehicles are allowed to pass; all commercial trucks are re-routed to the eastern side of the city of Bethlehem.
<b>Tunnels</b> Road 60 at Har Gilo	Open 24 hours for humanitarian organisations Since 13 July (after the suicide bombing in Netanya) Israel imposed closure; Palestinians workers and traders holding valid permits are not allowed to pass.
<b>Settlers' Checkpoint - Efrata</b> Southern entrance to settlement	Open 24 hours only for settlers. Checkpoint manned by settlers; movement beyond it restricted for Palestinians.
<b>Efrata</b> Connecting Road 60 to Road 356	Open 24 hours. Not always manned.
<b>Gush Etzion</b> On Road 60, at Etzion turn	Open 24 hours. Not always manned.
<b>Wadi Fukin</b> Crossing to Israel on Road 375, Green Line	Open 24 hours. Since 13 July (after the suicide bombing in Netanya) Israel imposed closure; Palestinians workers and traders holding valid permits are not allowed to pass.
<b>Al Jab'a</b> Crossing to Israel on Road 367, Green Line	Open 24 hours. Since 13 July (after the suicide bombing in Netanya) Israel imposed closure; Palestinians workers and traders holding valid permits are not allowed to pass.
<b>Ein Gedi</b> 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. Since 13 July (after the suicide bombing in Netanya) Israel imposed closure; Palestinians workers and traders holding valid permits are not allowed to pass.
<b>Hebron</b>	
<b>Beit Awwa</b> At entrance to Negohot settlement, on Road 354	Crossing along Road 354 only for humanitarian organisations and critical service providers.
<b>Tarqumiya</b> Entrance for commercial goods (back-to-back), west of Hebron on Road 35 for both Hebron and Bethlehem districts	Since 13 July (after the suicide bombing in Netanya) Israel imposed closure; Palestinians workers, traders holding valid permits, and prisoners families are not allowed to pass. Goods continue to follow using back to back. Family visits to prisoners (ICRC-facilitated) have been put on hold since 13 July.
<b>Meitar</b> On Road 60, Green Line after intersection with Tene settlement road.	Manned by Israeli Border Police. Open 24 hours. Since 13 July (after the suicide bombing in Netanya) Israel imposed closure; Palestinians workers and traders holding valid permits are not allowed to pass.
<b>Shani</b> At turn for Shani settlement on Road 317.	Manned by the IDF. A military base has been established nearby.
<b>Beit Yatir</b> 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.
<b>Prayers Road, H2</b> Access to area of Ibrahimi Mosque	Closed to Palestinians.
<b>Shohada street, H2</b> 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.
<b>Ibrahimi Mosque, H2</b> Access to the Mosque	Worshippers and visitors searched upon entry.
<b>Bab Al Baladiyye , H2</b> (formerly Shalala Street) Next to settlement of Beit Romano	The checkpoint is closed to Palestinians heading in the direction of Shohada Street.
<b>Qarantina, H2</b> Junction with Shohada Street	Closed to Palestinians
<b>Bab Al-Khan, H2</b> Entrance to Avraham Avinu settlement	Closed to Palestinians heading in the direction of Shohada Street and north toward the market.
<b>Tel Rumeida, H2</b> Beginning of street leading to settlement	Open only to Palestinians travelling on foot living between it and the settlement.
<b>Al Kasaba, H2</b> 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 movement. 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 problematic during Friday prayers.
<b>Gaza Crossings/Checkpoints</b>	
<b>Erez</b>	Erez Crossing was announced closed for Palestinian since 13 July 2005. Open for Internationals.

<b>Erez Industrial zone</b>	Erez Industrial Zone was closed since 13 July.
<b>Netzarim Junction</b>	Closed
<b>Abu Houli Junction</b>	<p><b>21 July:</b> The checkpoint was closed from 3pm to 6pm.</p> <p><b>23 July:</b> At 9.30pm the checkpoint was announced totally closed until further notice.</p> <p><b>25 July:</b> At 8.30pm, Abu Holi checkpoint was reopened.</p> <p><b>25 July:</b> Traffic moves in only one direction at a time. Since 25 July, the IDF allows only 10 cars through from one side before traffic is permitted in the other direction.</p> <p><b>26 July:</b> At 1.40pm, the IDF closed Abu Holi checkpoint and it remained closed until 27 July.</p>
<b>Abu Al Ajin Road</b>	Closed
<b>Salah Eddin at Kfar Darom</b>	Closed
<b>West Morag Junction</b>	Main Salah Edin road was open at Sufa/Morag
<b>Beach Road</b>	Open
<b>Al Muntar Junction</b>	Closed
<b>Rafah Passenger Terminal</b>	On 16 July Israeli authorities started to ban Palestinians aged from 16 to 35 from travelling from the Gaza Strip to Egypt through the terminal.

#### Commercial checkpoints:

<b>Tulkarm/Qalqiliya</b>	
<b>Taybeh</b>	The back-to-back system has been operational from 5.30am to 5pm except on Saturday.
<b>Nablus</b>	
<b>Awarta checkpoint</b> Main commercial checkpoint in Nablus since July 2003.	Open from 6am to 6pm Sunday to Friday.
<b>Jenin</b>	
<b>Al Jalama</b> Northern entrance/ main commercial check point.	Open from 8am to 4pm Sunday to Thursday. Transit of trucks need liaison with the Palestinian DCL.
<b>Ramallah/Al Bireh</b>	
<b>Beituniya</b> 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.
<b>Jericho</b>	
Back-to-back checkpoint/DCO checkpoint	Checkpoint is no longer in use. Commercial trucks access Jericho through the DCO checkpoint.
<b>Gaza Strip</b>	
<b>Karni</b>	The crossing was partially open from 7am to 11pm.
<b>Sufa</b>	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 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 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.