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### Protection of Civilians - Weekly Briefing Notes

**27 July - 2 August 2005**

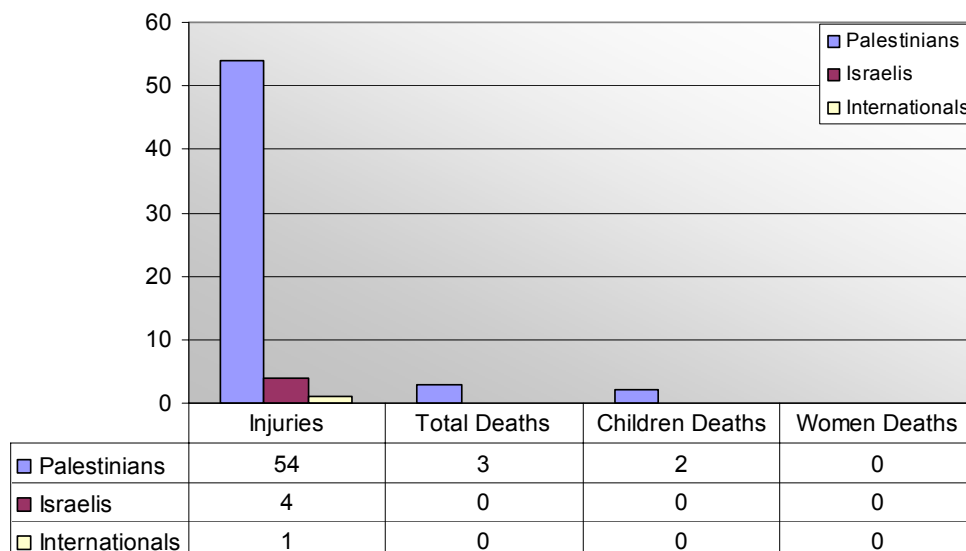
**Protection** – Deaths and injuries ▪ **Shelter and Property** – People displaced, House demolitions, Demolition orders ▪ **Natural Resources** - Land levelling, Requisitions, Tree Uprooting ▪ **Access for Medical Assistance** - Incidents involving safety and movement of ambulances, medical teams, humanitarian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

#### **Of note this week:**

- Violence continued this week. Three Palestinians, including two minors, were killed – including one by Palestinian militant activity. During the week, 41 homemade rockets, mortar shells and anti tank missiles were fired from different locations inside the Gaza Strip toward Israeli settlements and nearby Israeli towns, IDF installations and Karni (see sections 1 and 6).
- Male Palestinians aged from 16 to 35 years are prevented from leaving the Gaza Strip, including those who have medical referrals. (see section 4).
- IDF requisition orders for more than 1,000 dunums (100 hectares) of Palestinian land were issued or received (see section 3).

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

#### **Casualties**



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

- **27 July:** A Palestinian youth, aged 17 years, was killed by the IDF following clashes between Palestinian gunmen and stone throwers and the IDF in Jenin city. The clashes erupted after the IDF surrounded a house in search of a wanted man. Fifteen Palestinians and two IDF soldiers were injured.
- **27 July:** The IDF opened fire in the direction of Al Brazil quarter in Rafah, the Gaza Strip; a 5-year-old girl was shot in the head and seriously wounded while she was at home.

<sup>1</sup> One Palestinian was killed; and nine Palestinians were injured as a result of Palestinian militant activity. One Israeli activist was injured by the IDF.

- **28 July:** One Palestinian militant was injured when a homemade rocket he was attempting to fire from Deir al Balah toward the Gush Katif settlements, the Gaza Strip, prematurely exploded (This incident is not included in the weekly casualty total).
- **28 July:** The IDF surrounded a house in 'Izbat Shufa, Tulkarm, and shot dead a wanted Palestinian man.
- **28 July:** Three Palestinians were injured in 'Anabta, Tulkarm, when the IDF threw an explosive device at them.
- **28 and 29 July:** A total of six Palestinians, one Israeli activist and an international reporter were injured during demonstrations against Barrier construction in the village of Bil'in, Ramallah.
- **28 July:** During an arrest operation, the IDF entered a house in Budrus, Ramallah, and fired tear gas and shock grenades. An elderly woman (80-years-old) was injured and taken to the Ramallah hospital.
- **29 July:** Three Palestinian farmers from the village of Susiya were injured by a group of Israeli settlers in the area adjacent to the archeological site of Susya, south Hebron Governorate, while attempting to access their water cisterns.
- **31 July:** Two Palestinians (12 and 15 years old) were injured by live bullets shot by the IDF in the village of Bani Na'im, Hebron, in response to stone throwing.
- **1 August:** One Palestinian was injured by an unexploded ordinance in Seida village, Tulkarm.
- **1 August:** One Palestinian man was killed and one was injured after a homemade bomb they were handling prematurely exploded (This incident is not included in the weekly casualty total).
- **1 August:** Palestinians, Israelis and international activists held a demonstration against the construction of the Barrier in Kifl Haris, Salfit. The IDF used tear gas canisters and rubber-coated metal bullets. Five Palestinians were injured and one international was detained.
- **2 August:** An 8-year-old Palestinian was killed and nine Palestinians were injured in Beit Hanoun, the Gaza Strip, when homemade rockets fired by Palestinian militants missed their target, Sderot in Israel.
- **2 August:** One IDF soldier was injured in a Palestinian attack against an IDF patrol near Rafiah settlement in Rafah, the Gaza Strip.

## 2. Shelter and Property

Date	Location, Governorate	# Structures demolished	# Structures partially destroyed	# People displaced / affected
27 June 2005	Al Khadr, Bethlehem	5	0	45 people
1 August 2005	Jabal al Mukabbir, Jerusalem	1	0	15 people
<b>Total Week</b>		<b>6</b>		<b>60 People</b>

### Selected incidents:

- **27 July:** Five structures including three houses, one animal pen and a metal workshop were demolished by the IDF in the area of Am Rukhba, a rural section of the village of Al Khadr, south of Bethlehem. Three Palestinian families consisting of 45 people (including 17 minors) were affected. The ICRC has agreed to release emergency shelter kits for them. The demolitions are part of a series of 14 orders issued recently by the IDF for most of the buildings in the area, which according to military requisition order T/135/05 will be used to erect the section of the Barrier around the settlement of Efrata.
- **1 August:** Jerusalem Municipality workers accompanied by Israeli security forces demolished a three-storey building in Jabal al Mukabbir, Jerusalem, citing a lack off building permit. Fifteen people were displaced.

## 3. Natural Resources

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

#### Nablus Governorate:

- **27 July:** Palestinians from Sarra village discovered IDF military requisition order T/122/05 near the village, requisitioning 2.9 dunums (0.29 hectares) of land in area "B" near the village. The order states that the requisition is for the purpose of building a military post and observation tower at junction 433 (Jit Junction).

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

**Jenin and Tubas Governorates:**

- No incidents to report.

**Tulkarm Governorate:**

- **1 August:** The IDF started land levelling around Enav settlement to build a new fence around the settlement.
- 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:**

- 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:**

- **31 July:** The IDF levelled about 1 dunum (0.1 hectare) of land and uprooted 17 olive trees near the entrance of Deir Istiya after some Palestinian minors threw stones at Israeli vehicles passing on Road 506 in the area.
- 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:**

- **28 July:** The IDF handed over land requisition order T/66/05 for 430.9 dunums (43.09 hectares) of land from Beit Liqya, Kharbatha al Misbah and Beit Anan land. Road construction was halted following a decision by an Israeli court on 1 August.
- 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:**

- **17 July:** The IDF issued two confiscation orders (T/131/05 and T/133/05) which, respectively, cover 112 dunums (11.2 hectares) and 466 dunums (46.6 hectares) of agriculture land belonging to Palestinian farmers from the towns of Beit Ummar and Surif. The villages affected are in the Governorate of Hebron, but the land requisition relates to the southern section of the Barrier planned to be built around the settlements in the western part of the Governorate of Bethlehem (Not reported previously).
- **27 July:** IDF bulldozers started levelling land in an area to the northern side of the Israeli settlement Adora following military land requisition order T/67/05 to create a security buffer zone around the settlement.
- 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:**

- **27 July:** The IDF issued a military land requisition order for 1.5 dunums (0.15 hectares) of agricultural land belonging to a Palestinian family from the village of Beit Ta'mir.
- Ongoing incidents:
  - Construction of the Barrier is ongoing in Khallet an Nu'man. Construction on Za'tara bypass road reached the Israeli settlement of Tko'a from the south and Khallet 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:

- No incidents to report.

## 4. Access for Medical Assistance

### West Bank:

Date	Location, Governorate	Affected Organisation	Denial	Delay	Shooting/Damage to Ambulance
27 July 2005	Beit Iba, Nablus	PRCS	-	1	-
27 July 2005	Shave Shomeron, Nablus	PRCS	-	2	-
27 July 2005	Beit Iba, Nablus	PRCS	-	1	-
28 July 2005	Jit junction, Tulkarm	PRCS	-	2	-
28 July 2005	Beit Iba, Nablus	PRCS	-	1	-
28 July 2005	Al 'Auja – Yitav, Jericho	PRCS	-	2	-
30 July 2005	Gilo checkpoint, Bethlehem	PRCS	1	-	-
<b>Total Week</b>			<b>1</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>-</b>

### Selected Incidents:

#### West Bank:

- **28 July:** A PRCS ambulance was stopped and delayed access by the IDF at Al 'Auja junction, Jericho, while transporting a sick person to one of the Palestinian hospitals in Jericho. The ambulance was repeatedly searched. One of the PRCS medics was handcuffed and detained. The medic was released 30 minutes later and told not to return to the checkpoint. The PRCS ambulance was allowed to pass after a delay of more than one hour.

#### 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, a sick infant was denied access to Israel for medical treatment, and a newborn suffering from heart disease was prevented from entering Israel to receive medical treatment.

## 5. Access and Movement for Civilians

### a) Curfew

Date	Location / Governorate	Duration
28 July 2005	Sabastiya, Nablus	4 hours
<b>Total Week</b>	<b>1 incident</b>	

### b) Access to Education

- **2 August:** Eleven Palestinian children travelling with IDF escort from the village of Tuba to the nearby village of At Tuwani (south Hebron) for summer camp were stopped by settlers from the Israeli settlement of Ma'on. After the arrival of the Israeli Police, requested by international activists present in the area, the children were permitted to continue; they arrived at their destination one hour late.

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

**West Bank:** Throughout the reporting period, workers from the West Bank were unable to reach their places of work in Israel as closure has been imposed 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	959	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>9,166+</b>	<b>N/A</b>

- According to the Palestinian Ministry of Tourism, 20,256 tourists entered the city of Bethlehem during the month of July. The movement of tourists has increased by 10 percent as compared to June, but is still two and half times less than June 1999 (pre intifada). In July 2004, a total of 6,554 tourists entered Bethlehem.

### The Gaza Strip:

The general closure imposed on the oPt following the Netanya suicide bombing 12 July was lifted for merchants to Israel and workers to Erez industrial zone on 31 July and on 2 August for workers to Israel. 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.

Date	Workers crossing to Israel	Traders crossing to Israel	Workers crossing to Erez Industrial Estate
27 July 2005	CLOSED		
28 July 2005			
29 July 2005			
30 July 2005			
31 July 2005	0	70	350
1 August 2005	0	100	488
2 August 2005	1,127	154	482

### d) Closures/Movement restrictions

On 12 June, following the suicide bombing in Netanya, a general closure on the oPt was imposed by the IDF. The closure is still imposed on the West Bank but has been lifted for Gaza workers and traders to Israel (See above).

#### Nablus Governorate:

- **27 July:** The IDF established a checkpoint west of Bizzariya village on the road connecting the village with 'Anabta village, Tulkarm. The checkpoint replaced an earth mound that was put in place 15 July. The eastern entrance of the village has been closed since 2001.
- **29 July ongoing:** Shave Shomeron checkpoint has been manned by the IDF (Since December 2004, this checkpoint has occasionally been manned).
- **30 July:** The IDF lifted the prohibition on Nablus residents travelling south through Za'atara (Tappouah) checkpoint. The prohibition is still in effect for residents of Jenin, Tulkarm and Qalqiliya.
- **31 July:** The IDF closed Huwwara checkpoint for three hours.

<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.

**Jenin Governorate:**

- No major incidents to report.

**Tubas Governorate:**

- No major incidents to report.

**Tulkarm Governorate:**

- **31 July:** The IDF closed Kafriat checkpoint for two hours and blew up a car parked in the area.
- **2 August:** The IDF closed Qaffin agricultural gate.
- 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:**

- **30 July:** The IDF closed the main entrance to Qalqiliya (DCO) and the Habla tunnel for several hours.

**Salfit Governorate:**

- No major incidents to report.

**Ramallah / Al Bireh Governorate:**

- **30 July:** The IDF searched cars and checked IDs at the partial checkpoint An Nabi Salih.
- **31 July:** At around 3pm, dozens of cars were stranded on the two sides of Atara partial checkpoint when the IDF stopped all movements at the bridge for about one hour.
- **27 July to 2 August:** The IDF regularly patrols neighbourhoods in Ramallah, Al Bireh and Beituniya.

**Jerusalem Governorate:**

- **30 July:** Border police closed Al Ram checkpoint for several hours and prevented vehicles from passing due to a security alert.

**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:**

- **27 July to 2 August:** Movement for Palestinians along Road 60, south of Hebron, is still difficult and monitored by many IDF flying checkpoints.
- **28 July:** The IDF has installed a new turnstile gate on the western side of the Tomb of Patriarchs, H2 - Hebron. The gate replaces a locked door; no Palestinians are allowed to go through it.
- **30 July:** Palestinian farmers from the village of Susiya were able to access their water cisterns located close to the Susya archaeological site after the intervention and support of Israeli activists following a first attempt a day earlier when three Palestinians were beaten by Israeli settlers and one Palestinian was arrested by the IDF.
- **1 August:** Shepherds from the Palestinian village of At Tuwani were beaten and denied access to their land by the IDF in an area adjacent to the Israeli settlement of Ma'on. One of the shepherds was arrested and asked to pay a 2,000 NIS as fine for being present in a military closed area.
- **2 August:** Access to the village of Imneizel continues to deteriorate as work on the section of the Barrier, which cuts the road, progresses. No clarification has been yet provided by the IDF as to future access for the 300 persons living in the village.

**Bethlehem Governorate:**

- No major incidents to report.

## West Bank: Reported flying checkpoints

Governorate	Location, # of incidents in brackets	Total # of flying checkpoints
Nablus	On #60; Burin (3). Entrance off; Sabastiya. On #57; Al Badhan.	5
Jenin	No incidents to report.	0
Tubas	North of Tubas city (3), Near; Aqaba. On #588; El Far'a.	5
Tulkarm	Btw; 'Attil and Deir al Ghusun. Entrance off; Ramin, Shufa, Bal'a, Shuwieka (2). Near; Al Jarushiya (2), 'Attil (2), Qaffin (2).	12
Qalqiliya	Btw; Al Funduq and Immatin, 'Azzun and Jayyus. Entrance off; 'Azzun, Immatin. Jit junction, Nabta/Ramin junction(6), Kafr Thulth	12
Salfit	Btw; Salfit and Iskaka, Haris and Deir Istiya. Entrance off; Salfit town, Deir Istiya (2).	5
Ramallah and Al Bireh	On #60; Sinjil (3). Kharbatha al Misbah/Beit Liqya junction. Btw; Deir Ibbi' and 'Ein 'Arik.	5
Jerusalem	Mikhmas.	1
Jericho	No incidents to report.	0
Bethlehem	Beit Sahur, Al 'Ubeidiya, , Khadr(2), Husan, Dar Salah, Husan, Beit Fajjar, Ash Shawawra(2),	10
Hebron	Al Fawwar Junction(6), Kallet al Maiyya (2), Adh Dhahiriya(3), As Samu', Ar Ramadin, Khursa (2), Yatta, Al Burj, Marah al Baqqar, Al Majd	19
<b>Total West Bank</b>		<b>74</b>

### The Gaza Strip:

- **27 July to 2 August:** Because of the restricted opening hours of Abu Holi junction, heavy traffic congestion was reported daily.
- **27 July:** The IDF dismantled the screening area west of Abu Holi checkpoint and erected a 150-metre long sand mound instead.
- **2 August:** The IDF moved into a three-storey Palestinian house southwest of Kissufim road and used it as an IDF base.

### 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.
- **29 July:** The IDF dismantled the outpost next to the road gate at the entrance of As Seafa area. An IDF tank is now stationed in the area.
- **2 August:** The IDF permitted no goods in or out of the As Seafa area because the x-ray inspection machine was out of order.

#### 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.
- **1 August:** The IDF informed the residents that they are going to close down the area for four to five weeks during the disengagement and advised the families to store more food and water supplies.

**6. Additional Protection Issues**

- During the week, a total of 41 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.

**Searches/Arrests/Detentions**

Governorate	Location of arrests/detention # of searches noted at locations with brackets	Total # of Searches	Total # of Arrested/ Detained
Nablus	Beit Iba CP.	0	1
Jenin	Jenin city, Burqin(1), Qabatiya(2), Silat al Harithiya(1).	4	7
Tubas	No incidents to report.	0	0
Tulkarm	Flying CP btw Al Funduq and Immatin, Shufa(1), 'Attil(2), Seida(2), Nur Shams camp(1), Kafr 'Abbush(1), Tulkarm city(1),	8	12
Qalqiliya	'Azzun(2), Immatin(1), 'Izbat Salman(1), Flying CP Jinsafut, Kafr Qaddum(2),	6	5
Salfit	Marda(1), Bruqin(1), Flying CP Deir Istiya, Deir Istiya(1), Biddya(1)	4	11
Ramallah/Al Bireh	Budrus(1), Abu Shukheidim(1), Qalandiya camp(1), Ramallah(2), Al Bireh(1).	6	5
Jerusalem	East Jerusalem	0	1
Jericho	No incidents to report.	0	0
Bethlehem	Dar Salah, 'Ayda refuge camp(2), Al 'Ubeidiya, Bethlehem city(3), Al 'Aza refugee camp , Beit Jala, Ash Shawawra	10	6
Hebron	Dura(2), Hebron City (4), Al Fawwar refuge camp , Samu', Yatta(2), Beit Kahil(2), Adh Dhahiriya(3)	15	7
<b>Total Week West Bank</b>		<b>53</b>	<b>55</b>
Gaza Strip	West Abu Holi CP(1), Near Green Line in Juhor area.	1	5
<b>Total Week oPt</b>		<b>54</b>	<b>60</b>



## Appendix: Checkpoints Status 27 July – 2 August 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. No access for Palestinians with permits has been allowed since the Netanya suicide bombing.
<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 are instructed to cross through. No access for Palestinians with permits has been allowed since the Netanya suicide bombing.
<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. Long lines were reported during the week.
<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. No access for Palestinians with permits has been allowed since the Netanya suicide bombing.
<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>Huwara</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; open between 6am and 6pm.
<b>Shave Shomeron (Sabastiya)</b> Northwest, main road to Jenin	Since 29 July 2005, the IDF has been permanently manning Shave Shomeron checkpoint. Since December 2004 it has been occasionally manned.
<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 "al</b>	Open for traders and workers with permits between 7am and 7pm.

Amn al Watani" Northern entrance of Jenin	
<b>Imreih (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/AI Bireh</b>	
<b>Qalandiya</b>	Open daily 24 hours for vehicles and pedestrians. Long delays regularly occur during early evening rush hours and at night; traffic is often backed-up. 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. Some delays during morning and evening rush hours.
<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 registration 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 was 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 flow using a back-to-back system of transport. Family visits to prisoners (ICRC-facilitated) have resumed; 15 buses from Bethlehem and Hebron governorates were able to cross.
<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 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 problematic during Friday prayers.
<b>Gaza Crossings/Checkpoints</b>	
<b>Erez</b>	Erez Crossing was announced closed for Palestinian since 13 July 2005. On 31 July, it was reopened.
<b>Erez Industrial zone</b>	Erez Industrial Zone was closed since 13 July. On 31 July it was reopened for the labourers;

	350 entered.
<b>Netzarim Junction</b>	Closed
<b>Abu Holi Junction</b>	The IDF informed the Palestinians that Abu Holi checkpoint would be open from 8am to 7.30pm. Traffic is only permitted in one direction at a time. The checkpoint was open as follow: 27 July: 10.30am to 7.30pm 28 July: 8.30 am to 7.30pm 29 July: 9am to 7.30pm 30 July: 6am to 8pm 31 July: 7am to 7.30pm 1 August: 6.15am to 6pm 2 August: 7.40am to 4.45pm; 6.15am to 8pm
<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 all the week
<b>Al Muntar Junction</b>	Closed
<b>Rafah Passenger Terminal</b>	On 16 July, Israeli authorities started to ban Palestinians aged 16 to 35 from travelling from the Gaza Strip to Egypt through the terminal, with some exceptions. On 1 August, for humanitarian cases, the IDF announced that male Palestinians from the same age group are required to coordinate with the IDF; requests are processed on a case-by-case basis.

#### 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.