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Protection of Civilians - Weekly Briefing Notes

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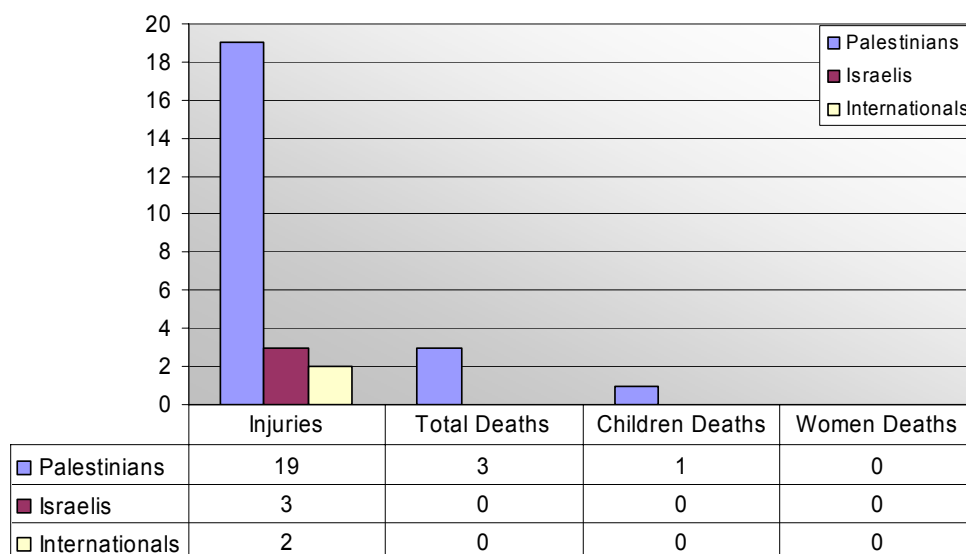
Protection – Deaths and injuries ▪ **Shelter and Property** – People displaced, House demolitions, Demolition orders ▪ **Natural Resources** - Land levelling, Requisitions, Tree Uprooting ▪ **Access for Medical Assistance** - Incidents involving safety and movement of ambulances, medical teams, humanitarian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

Of note this week:

- Three UN aid workers were kidnapped in Khan Younis, the Gaza Strip, by a group of armed gunmen. They were released after 90 minutes and following clashes between the armed kidnappers and PA security forces. The ICRC has also announced that it has suspended its operations in the Gaza Strip after their Khan Younis office was shot at (see section 6).
- Two confiscations orders were issued in the Bethlehem Governorate for a total of 230 dunums (23 hectares) of agricultural land (see section 3).

1. Physical Protection¹

Casualties



Casualty Incidents Include:

- **3 August:** The IDF entered Shuweika village, Tulkarm, and clashes started. The IDF fired live rounds; two Palestinians were injured.
- **4 August:** One Palestinian died of wounds he suffered on 3 August when a homemade Qassam rocket fired by Palestinian militants hit a house in Beit Hanoun, the Gaza Strip.
- **5 August:** The IDF fired tear gas canisters, rubber-coated metal bullets and shock grenades at persons demonstrating against Barrier construction in Bil'in. Two internationals, one Israeli activist and two Palestinians were injured. Another two Israelis were detained by the IDF.
- **6 August:** A Palestinian was injured when IDF soldiers in the outpost near Morag settlement opened fire in the direction of the Palestinian area of Oryba in Rafah, the Gaza Strip.

¹ One Palestinian was killed due to a Palestinian militant attack; one Israeli injury was a result of IDF fire.

- **6 August:** The IDF entered Tulkarm camp, Tulkarm, after Palestinian militants opened fire and threw fire bombs at an IDF patrol. One Palestinian child was injured.
- **6 August:** Two Palestinian workers from the village of Beit Ula, Hebron, were injured by IDF soldiers near the Israeli Kibbutz of Beit Jibrin. IDF soldiers opened fire at group of workers who were trying to cross into Israel and injured one of them seriously.
- **7 August:** One Palestinian was killed when the IDF opened fire in the direction of Block O area in Rafah, the Gaza Strip.
- **7 August:** The IDF shot dead a 17-year-old Palestinian boy and injured five in Nur Shams camp, Tulkarm, after a firebomb was thrown toward one of the IDF patrols.
- **7 August:** A 10-year-old Israeli boy was severely injured and an Israeli settler was wounded when Palestinian militants opened fire on their vehicle in a drive-by shooting near the junction between bypass roads 60 and 465, north Ramallah area.
- **8 August:** IDF soldiers in the outpost located at the Rafah Terminal fired machine gun fire at the Palestinian Al Shouka area, the Gaza Strip. One Palestinian suffered shrapnel wounds in the leg.

2. Shelter and Property

- No house demolitions were reported this week.

Other incidents:

- **3 August:** For 24 hours, the IDF occupied three inhabited houses (total 24 persons) in the old city of Hebron and used them as observation posts.
- **5 August:** For 72 hours, the IDF occupied a house on the main road between Dura and Hebron. The movement of the inhabitants (eight people) was heavily restricted.
- **5 August:** The IDF occupied a house in the Palestinian village of Khirbit Salama, Hebron. The inhabitants (eight people) had to stay in one room for 48 hours.
- **6 August:** Shepherds from the Palestinian village of Susiya were denied access to their land which is adjacent to the Israeli settlement of Susya.
- **9 August:** The IDF occupied a Palestinian home in the village of Dura, Hebron. The ICRC negotiated the evacuation of the four women and diabetic patients in need of care. The occupation is ongoing.

3. Natural Resources

Land levelling/Requisitions/Tree Uprooting²

Nablus Governorate:

- No incidents reported.

Jenin and Tubas Governorates:

- No incidents to report.

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:

- **3 to 5 August:** The IDF uprooted about 400 olive trees and started to level land between 'Azzun and Kafr Thulth for the construction of the Barrier.
- 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:

- 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.

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

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:

- 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:

- **3 August:** The IDF issued confiscation order T/132/05 for 68 dunums (6.8 hectares) of agricultural land belonging to Palestinian farmers from the village of Al Ja'ba. The land requisition relates to the southern section of the Barrier, which will be built around the settlements in the western side of the governorate.
- **4 August:** The IDF issued confiscation order T/137/05 for 162 dunums (16.2 hectares) of agricultural land belonging to Palestinian farmers from the village of Artas. The confiscated land will be used to construct the proposed Barrier around the eastern side of Etzion settlement block.
- 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.

1. Access for Medical Assistance

West Bank:

Date	Location, Governorate	Affected Organisation	Denial	Delay	Shooting/Damage to Ambulance
2 August 2005 (not reported last week)	Checkpoint 300 near Rachel's Tomb, Bethlehem	PRCS	1	-	-
4 August 2005	Jenin camp, Jenin	PRCS	1	1	-
6 August 2005	Halouli checkpoint, Hebron	PRCS	-	1	-
8 August 2005	Al Bireh, Jerusalem	PRCS	1	-	-
Total Week			3	2	0

The Gaza Strip:

Date	Location, Governorate	Affected Organisation	Denial	Delay	Shooting/Damage to Ambulance
August 2005	Al Tuffah checkpoint, Khan Younis	MoH	-	1	-
3 August 2005	Erez crossing, North Gaza	MoH	1	-	-
7, 8 and 9 August 2005	Al Tuffah checkpoint, Khan Younis	PRCS	-	3	-
Total Week			1	4	0

- Male Palestinians aged from 16 to 35 years are prevented from leaving the Gaza Strip, including those who have medical referrals.
- A MoH ambulance transporting a 16-year-old female patient with kidney failure from Al Mawassi to Naser hospital in Khan Younis was delayed for three hours at Tuffah checkpoint.
- **3 August:** The IDF at Erez denied access to a MoH ambulance transporting five cancer patients.

5. Access and Movement for Civilians

a) Curfew

Date	Location / Governorate	Duration
6 August 2005	'Ein Al Beida, Tubas	6 hours
7 August 2005	'Azzun, Qalqiliya	3 hours
7 August 2005	'Isla, Qalqiliya	3 hours
7 August 2005	Haris, Salfit	5 hours
Total Week		4 incident
		17 hours

- **6 August:** The IDF imposed a curfew for six hours on the village of 'Ein el Beida and conducted a search campaign.
- **7 August:** The IDF imposed curfew for three hours on 'Azzun and 'Isla villages and conducted a search campaign after Palestinians fired at Israeli vehicles passing on Road 55.
- **7 August:** The IDF imposed curfew for five hours on Haris village and conducted a search campaign after Palestinians threw firebombs at Israeli vehicles passing on Road 505.

b) Access to Education

- No incidents to report.

c) Access to Employment³

West Bank: Throughout the reporting period, workers and traders 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.

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.

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	86	N/A
Jerusalem	151	N/A	N/A
Bethlehem	1,403	1,700	N/A
Hebron	3,818	2,200	N/A
Total Week	13,232	8,975	N/A

The Gaza Strip:

As of 1 July (figures for August are not yet available), 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
3 August 2005	1,516	297	495
4 August 2005	1,563	220	436
5 August 2005	185	923	0
6 August 2005	12	22	0
7 August 2005	213	1,743	484
8 August 2005	386	245	483
9 August 2005	306	136	434
Total Week	4,181	3,586	2,332

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 Strip workers and traders to Israel (see above).

Nablus Governorate:

- **3 to 9 August:** (Ongoing) The IDF has permanently manned Shave Shomeron checkpoint and delays were experienced during the week.
- **3 to 9 August:** (Ongoing) The prohibition is still in effect for residents of Jenin, Tulkarm and Qalqiliya to travel south through Za'atara (Tappouah) checkpoint.

Jenin Governorate:

- **9 August:** The IDF announced the area around Ganim and Kaddim settlements a military zone. Only Israeli settlers (residents) can access the area.

Tubas Governorate:

- No major incidents to report.

Tulkarm Governorate:

- **8 August:** The IDF closed Kafriat checkpoint for several hours.
- **9 August:** The IDF opened At Tayba checkpoint for traders with permits only.
- 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 and Salfit Governorates:

- No major incidents to report.

Ramallah / Al Bireh Governorate:

- **4 August:** The IDF opened the gate at the eastern entrance to Al Mughayyir at the junction with bypass Road 458. The gate had been closed for the past two months.
- **3 to 9 August:** The IDF regularly patrols neighbourhoods in Ramallah, Al Bireh and Beituniya.

Jerusalem Governorate:

- **1 August:** (Not reported previously). The IDF deployed a new checkpoint operating 24 hours at the northern entrance of 'Anata on Road 437. Only residents of 'Anata are allowed to pass.

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:

- **3 August:** The IDF set up six iron gates around the old market area of the Old City of Hebron. Five of the gates are open while one is kept shut. This new measure restricts the movement of carts and tractors bringing goods to this area.

Bethlehem Governorate:

- No major incidents to report.

West Bank: Reported flying checkpoints

Governorate	Location, # of incidents in brackets	Total # of flying checkpoints
Nablus	Near; Al Badhan, Qusra. #60: As Sawiya, south Zaatara. Btw; Tell and Nablus. #557 near Al Badhan(2)	7
Jenin	Near; 'Arab as Suweitat	1
Tubas	#588 between Al Far'a camp and Tammun, Tubas and 'Aqqaba(2)	3
Tulkarm	Entrance off; Shuweika(3), 'Anabta, 'Illar. Bal'a junction.	6
Qalqiliya	Btw; 'Azzun and Kafr Thulth. Entrance off; Qalqiliya, 'Azzun(3), Jinsafut, Immatin(2), Kafr Thulth(3), Al Funduq, 'Isbat al Ashqar, 'Isbat at Tabib, 'Isla Jayyus. Near; Kafr Thulth. Jit junction.	17
Salfit	Near; Iskaka. Entrance off; Bruqin, Iskaka	3
Ramallah and Al Bireh	#60 near; Sinjil. Ayoun al Haramiyyegh, #465 (2), # 60 (2).	6
Jerusalem	No incidents to report	0
Jericho	No incidents to report.	0
Bethlehem	Beit Sahur, Al 'Ubeidiya, Khadr, Husan(2), Dar Salah, Beit Fajjar, Ash Shawawra, Bethlehem, Beit Jala, Za'tara, Beit Ta'mir	11
Hebron	Al Fawwar Junction(6), Kallet al Maiyya (2), Adh Dhahiriya(2), As Samu', Ar Ramadin, Khursa(2), Yatta, Marah al Baqqar, Karma	17
Total West Bank		71

The Gaza Strip:

- **Since 23 July and ongoing:** Due to the restricted opening hours at Abu Holi junction, there is heavy traffic congestion.

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.
- **7 August:** The gate was opened one time only in the afternoon time.

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.
- **5 August:** (Ongoing) Al Tuffah checkpoint was closed in both directions for all Palestinians.

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 14 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.
- **8 August:** Three UN aid workers were kidnapped in Khan Younis, the Gaza Strip, by a group of armed gunmen. They were released after 90 minutes and following clashes between the armed kidnappers and PA security forces.
- **8 August:** ICRC announced that it has suspended its operations in the Gaza Strip after their Khan Younis office was shot at.

Searches/Arrests/Detentions

Governorate	Location of arrests/detention # of searches noted at locations with brackets	Total # of Searches	Total # of Arrested/ Detained
Nablus	Madam(1), Rujeib(1), Beit Iba checkpoint, Nablus city(2), Shave Shomeron checkpoint, Balata(1).	5	12
Jenin	Jenin camp(1), Ya'bad(1)	2	2
Tubas	'Ein al Beida(1), Tammun	1	2
Tulkarm	'Attil(2), 'Illar(1), Nur Shams camp(2), Kafriat checkpoint	5	5
Qalqiliya	'Azzun.	0	5
Salfit	Marda(1).	1	0
Ramallah/Al Bireh	Saffa(1), Ramallah(1), Qalandiya checkpoint, Deir Ammar(1), Jalazon camp(1)	4	8
Jerusalem	Al Ram(1), Old City, East Jerusalem	1	3
Jericho	No incidents to report.	0	0
Bethlehem	Dar Salah, 'Ayda refugee camp(2), Al 'Ubeidiya, Bethlehem city(3), Al 'Aza refugee camp, Beit Jala, Ash Shawawra, Beit Fajjar, Za'tara, Beit Ta'mir	10	17
Hebron	Dura(3), Hebron City (6), Al Fawwar refugee camp, Samu'(2), Yatta(2), Adh Dhahiriya(3),	17	5
Total Week West Bank		46	59
Gaza Strip	Al Mugraqa(1), Al Mawassi(1)	2	1
Total Week oPt		48	60

Appendix: Checkpoints Status 3 – 9 August 2005

Checkpoint	Status
Tulkarm	
Taybeh	Open from 5.30am to 5pm for UN and international organisations and Palestinians with permits. No access for Palestinians with permits since the Netanya bombing.
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 29 June, the checkpoint became operational from 4am to 7pm and Palestinian workers and traders are instructed to cross. On 9 August, access was allowed for Palestinians traders with permits.
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 8 August, it was closed for several hours. Long queues were experienced during the week
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 the DCL. Only vehicles leaving the West Bank are subject to security checks.
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.
Kafr Qasem (Road 5)	Open 24 hours for UN and international organisations and Palestinians with permits. No access for Palestinians with permits since the Netanya bombing.
Yasuf Gate	Removed.
'Anabta Gate	Re-established 14 July 2005. Open only for pedestrians.
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 8pm.
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 the IDF before access can be granted. Incoming movement is allowed from 6am to 11pm. Outgoing movement is allowed from 6am to 6pm.
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; open between 6am and 6pm.
Shave Shomeron (Sabastiya) Northwest, main road to Jenin	Since 29 July 2005, IDF has permanently manned Shave Shomeron checkpoint. Since December 2004, Shave Shomeron checkpoint was partially manned.
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 permits.
Zaatara (Tappouah) South, main road to Ramallah	Permanently manned. No access for Palestinians from other districts travelling toward Salfit. Delays were experienced during the week.
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 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.
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.
An Nabi Salih gate (partial)	Open.
At Tayba (partial)	Open.
Makkabim 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.
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.
'Anata Northern entrance.	Open 24 hours for Palestinian residents of 'Anata and UN and international organisations.
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 registration 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 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.
Ein Yalow 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
Beit Jala DCO	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.
Tunnels 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.
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. Since 13 July (after the suicide bombing in Netanya) Israel imposed closure; Palestinians workers and traders holding valid permits are not allowed to pass.
Al Jab'a 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.
Ein Gedi 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.
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	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.
Meitar 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.
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 problematic during Friday prayers.
Gaza Crossings/Checkpoints	
Erez	Erez Crossing was announced closed for Palestinian since 13 July 2005. On 31 July, it was reopened.
Erez Industrial zone	On 5 and 6 August, EIZ was closed

Netzarim Junction	Closed
Abu Holi Junction	The IDF informed Palestinians that Abu Holi checkpoint would open from 8am to 7.30pm. Traffic would move in one direction at a time and two people need to be inside each vehicle. The PA police are required to arrange the entry of vehicles into the crossing. The checkpoint was open as follow: 3 August: 6am to 8pm 4 August: 8am to 7.30pm 5 August: 10am to 4pm, 5pm to 7.30pm 6 August: 6am to 7.30pm 7 August: 6am to 8.20pm 8 August: 12.20am to 1.30am, 6.30am to 1:00pm, 3pm to 7.30pm 9 August: 6am – (closing time will be updated when available)
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	Open all the week
Al Muntar Junction	Closed
Rafah Passenger Terminal	On 16 July, Israeli authorities started to prohibit Palestinians aged from 16 to 35 years from travelling from the Gaza Strip to Egypt through the terminal. On 1 August, for humanitarian cases, the IDF announced that male Palestinian from the same age group are required to coordinate to cross and IDF will process their request on a case-by-case basis. On 7 August, the IDF started to allow male Palestinians aged from 16 to 35 to cross but with prior coordination with the Israeli authorities through PA coordination offices.

Commercial checkpoints:

Tulkarm/Qalqiliya	
Taybeh	The back-to-back system has been operational from 5.30am to 5pm except on Saturdays.
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/Al 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 of transportation operates. 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 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.