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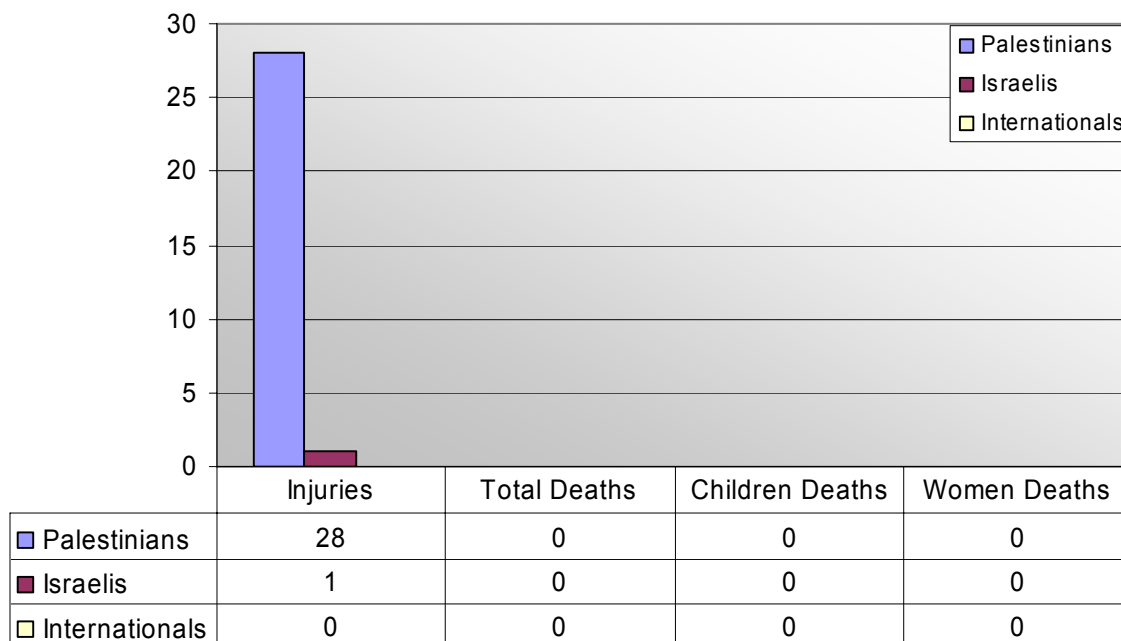
Protection – Deaths and injuries ▪ **Shelter and Property** – People displaced, House demolitions, Demolition orders ▪ **Natural Resources** – Land levelling, Requisitions, Tree Uprooting ▪ **Access for Medical Assistance** – Incidents involving safety and movement of ambulances, medical teams, humanitarian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

Of note this week:

- On 15 August, it became illegal for Israeli civilians to be inside the Gaza Strip; the Israeli pullout from the area began.
- During the week, a total of 12 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).
- On 12 July, 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. In addition throughout the reporting period, several checkpoints were established while others were closed. Palestinian buildings were also used as observation points by Israeli forces (see sections 2 and 5).

1. Physical Protection¹

Casualties



Casualty Incidents Include:

- 10 August:** Nine Palestinians from Al Lubban al Gharbi were injured by IDF live ammunition and rubber-coated metal bullets during a demonstration against an Israeli archaeological excavation on village land.
- 10 August:** Four Palestinian men were injured by IDF soldiers in the Old City of Hebron.

¹ The Israeli injury resulted from clashes between IDF and Israeli settlers.

- **11 August:** One Palestinian was injured during an exchange of fire with the IDF in the Old City of Nablus during an IDF search campaign in the city.
- **11 August:** IDF soldiers physically assaulted and injured one Palestinian at a flying checkpoint near Burin village, Nablus. The injured Palestinian was taken to a hospital in Nablus.
- **12 August:** The IDF fired tear gas canisters, rubber-coated metal bullets and stun grenades at activists and villagers protesting Barrier construction in Bil'in. Four Palestinians were injured, including a 13-year-old child. About 35 international and Israeli activists were detained by the IDF.
- **12 August:** Israeli settlers entered 'Anabta gate and reached Bal'a village, Tulkarm. The IDF and Israeli police came to evacuate the settlers. There was a confrontation between the IDF and Palestinian stone throwers. Two Palestinians were injured.
- **13 August:** A group of Israeli settlers attacked and injured two elderly Palestinians from Ramin village, Tulkarm.
- **13 August:** Three Palestinian minors (age 9, 13, and 14 years old) from the Palestinian town of Dura, Hebron Governorate, were injured by rubber-coated metal bullets fired by IDF soldiers near the neighborhood of Khanar during clashes.
- **14 August:** A 6-year-old Palestinian girl was injured when the IDF opened fire toward Tal As Sultan area in Rafah, the Gaza Strip.
- **14 August:** Settlers from Shave Shomeron settlement demonstrated and blocked Road 60 near the eastern entrance of the settlement. Clashes took place between the settlers and the IDF resulting in the injury of one IDF officer.

2. Shelter and Property

- No house demolitions were reported this week.

Other shelter/property related incidents

- **10 August:** The IDF occupied a building in Ya'bad village and used it as observation point for 14 hours. The residents of the building (one family) were held in one room.
- **10 August:** For 24 hours, the IDF occupied two houses (total 10 persons) in the Palestinian town of Dura, Hebron, and used them as observation posts.
- **15 August:** The IDF occupied three houses and an animal pen in Bizzariyaa, Nablus, and used them as observation points. The residents of the houses (approximately 20 persons) were kept inside the houses.
- **15 August:** The IDF occupied two buildings in Silat adh Dhahr village, Jenin. One of the houses is residence for one family (six persons). The other building is a commercial store and office.
- **15 August:** The IDF occupied six shops in Al Fandaqumiya village, Jenin, on Road 60 and used them as military observation posts.
- **15 August:** For 12 hours, the IDF occupied a house in the Palestinian town of Bani Na'im, Hebron. The movement of the inhabitants (five people) was restricted.
- **15 August:** The IDF reoccupied the house of a Palestinian family located southwest of Abu Holi junction, the Gaza Strip; soldiers were on the second and third floors of the house. The family was informed that they would be locked in for a period of three to six weeks.
- **16 August:** The IDF occupied the third floor of a building in al Damayra village, Jenin, and used it as an observation post.
- **16 August:** The IDF occupied house in the Palestinian village of Yatta, Hebron, and used it as an observation post.

3. Natural Resources

Land levelling/Requisitions/Tree Uprooting²

Nablus Governorate:

- No incidents to report.

Jenin and Tubas Governorates:

- No incidents to report.

Tulkarm Governorate:

- Ongoing incidents:

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

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

- 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:

- **10 August:** The IDF is levelling land near Atara partial checkpoint.
- Ongoing incidents:
 - Land levelling for Barrier construction continues between Budrus to the 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:

- **31 July:** (received 10 August) The IDF issued confiscation order number (T/129/05)) which covers 90 dunums (9 hectares) of agriculture land belonging to Palestinian farmers in areas adjacent to the Israeli settlements of Pnei Khever, Hebron Governorate. The confiscated land will be used to add a new layer to the security buffer zone and to build a new security road around the settlement.
- **11 August:** Shepherds from the Palestinian village of Susiya were denied access to their land by IDF soldiers.
- Ongoing incidents:
 - Land levelling for Barrier construction is ongoing along the southern section of the Green Line, east of Shani settlement, Ar Ramadin, Imneizil, east and west of the Meitar checkpoint and on the western side of Idhna.

Bethlehem Governorate:

- Ongoing incidents:
 - Construction of the Barrier is ongoing in 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:

- **15 August:** Land leveling for Barrier construction started in the area between Biddu and Beit Iksa.
- 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
11 August 2005	Reikhan Barrier gate, Jenin	UNRWA	1	-	-
13 August 2005	Reikan Barrier gate, Jenin	UNRWA	1	-	-
15 August 2005	Entrance of Jenin	PRCS	2	-	-
Total Week			4	0	0

- **15 August:** A PRCS ambulance was denied access at two separate entrances while travelling from Jenin to Nablus. After coordination with the DCL the ambulance returned to the first entrance and was allowed to pass.

The Gaza Strip:

Date	Location, Governorate	Affected Organisation	Denial	Delay	Shooting/Damage to Ambulance
10 August 2005	Al Tuffah CP, Khan Younis	PRCS	1	-	-
Total Week			1	-	-

- **10 August:** A PRCS ambulance was denied access after waiting 90 minutes at Al Tuffah checkpoint while transporting a patient from Al Mawassi to Naser hospital in Khan Younis.

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

- No incidents to report.

b) Access to Education

- No incidents to report.

c) Access to Employment

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 Gaza Strip:

As of 10 August, the total number of Gaza Strip workers permits was 2,017 including 1,958 with overnight stay; 720 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
10 August 2005	285	223	482
11 August 2005	164	130	404
12 August 2005	150	50	0
13 August 2005	0	0	0
14 August 2005	0	0	0
15 August 2005	0	0	0
16 August 2005	0	0	0
Total Week	599	403	886

d) Closures/Movement restrictions

On 12 July, 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; however, movement has not been allowed in the later part of the reporting period due to the disengagement (see above).

Nablus Governorate:

- **3 August to date:** (Ongoing) The prohibition is still in effect for residents of Jenin, Tulkarm and Qalqiliya to travel south through Za'atara (Tappouah) checkpoint.
- **14 August:** Major delays occurred at Shave Shomeron checkpoint.
- **15 August:** The IDF closed the entrance to Burqa village with road blocks.
- **15 August:** The IDF removed an earth mound west of Bizzariya village. The village is now connected to Tulkarm Governorate but is cut off from Nablus Governorate by earth mound from the east.
- **15 August:** The IDF closed Shave Shomeron checkpoint for all, including humanitarian agencies.
- **15 August:** The IDF established a new checkpoint on Road 60 west of Deir Sharaf village. The checkpoint has an iron gate. The IDF also established a checkpoint on Road 60 at Jit junction. The checkpoint has an iron gate blocking a section of Road 60 toward Tulkarm Governorate.
- **15 August:** The IDF established a checkpoint on Road 60 near Madama village.
- **15 August:** The IDF closed Hamra checkpoint from 6am to 4pm.

Jenin Governorate:

- **14 August:** The IDF closed seven internal entrances in Silat Adh Dhahr village on Road 60. Only one entrance to the western part of the village and one entrance to the eastern part of the village are open.
- **14 August:** The IDF closed most of the dirt roads with earth mounds around the section of Road 585 from Arraba junction to Qaffin (Tulkarm) junction.
- **15 August:** The IDF suspended all permits to Israel. Only humanitarian cases are allowed with prior coordination.
- **15 August:** The IDF closed Araba junction (Road 60/Road 585) toward Jenin city. The road is still open toward Road 585.
- **15 August:** The IDF closed the main entrance of Ya'bad village with road blocks.
- **15 August:** The IDF established three checkpoints on Road 585 between Arraba junction to Qafin junction. Two of the checkpoints have iron gates.
- **15 August:** The IDF closed Dahiat Sabah al Khayr checkpoint for all Palestinians. Humanitarian movement requires prior coordination.
- **15 August:** The IDF closed Al Jalama commercial checkpoint. Ten trucks of food items per day are allowed to go through Salem checkpoint. No outgoing goods are allowed.
- **15 August:** The IDF closed the main entrance of Fahma al Jadida village with road blocks.
- **16 August:** The IDF closed the entrances of al 'Asa'asa and Jaba' villages with road blocks.
- **16 August:** The IDF closed Reikhan Barrier gate and channelled movement to Dhaher al 'Abed gate for Barta'a ash Sharqiya residents and to Umm ar Rihan (Shaked) Barrier gate for Umm ar Rihan and Dhaher al Malih residents.

Tubas Governorate:

- No major incidents to report.

Tulkarm Governorate:

- **10 August to date:** (Ongoing) The IDF is manning a checkpoint west of 'Anabta village at the junction to Bizzariya village.
- **15 August:** The IDF established an observation tower and a checkpoint structure with a gate at Enav junction on Road 57.
- **15 August:** The IDF established a checkpoint on Road 585 near Qafin village junction. The checkpoint is closed for Palestinians.
- **15 August:** The IDF closed the main entrance of Qafin village with road blocks. Villagers are forced to use an alternative road west of Qafin.
- **12 to 15 August:** The IDF closed 'Anabta gate for all traffic, including pedestrian.
- **16 August:** The IDF allowed pedestrian movement through 'Anabta gate. Back-to-back transportation for taxis and buses is allowed.
- 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:

- No major incidents to report.

Jerusalem Governorate:

- **14 August:** Hundreds of Palestinians held a march near Al-Aqsa Mosque to protest the denial of access by the Israeli security forces. Israeli police closed several roads and restricted access in the area, especially near the Old City.

Jericho Governorate:

- **16 August:** The DCL checkpoint was closed for several morning hours.
- 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:

- No major incidents to report.

Bethlehem Governorate:

- No major incidents to report.

West Bank: Reported flying checkpoints

Governorate	Location, # of incidents in brackets	Total # of flying checkpoints
Nablus	#60 near; Burin, Burqa. #57 near; Al Badhan	3
Jenin	#60 near; 'Anza	1
Tubas	#588 between El Far'a camp and Tubas. #90 near; 'Ein al Beida, Kardala	3
Tulkarm	#584 between; Deir al Ghusun and 'Attil, btw; 'Illar and Kafr Ra'l	2
Qalqiliya	Jit junction(2), entrance off; 'Azun.	3
Salfit	Entrance of Deir Istiya	1
Ramallah and Al Bireh	Entrance off; Turmus'ayya. Between 'Ein Arik and Deir Ibzi	2
Jerusalem	No incidents to report	0
Jericho	South Jericho	1
Bethlehem	Beit Sahur, Al 'Ubeidiya(2), Khadr, Dar Salah(2), Husan, Beit Ta'mir	8
Hebron	Al Fawwar Junction(6), Kallet al Maiyya (2), Adh Dhahiriya(2), As Samu', Ar Ramadin, Khursa (2), Karma, Al burj(2)	17
Total West Bank		41

The Gaza Strip:

- **Since 23 July and ongoing:** Due to the restricted opening hours at Abu Holi junction, there is heavy traffic congestion.
- **15 August:** The IDF erected a number of flying checkpoints at the entrance of the Palestinian parts of Al Mawassi preventing Palestinian vehicular movement near Israeli settler roads.

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. People are still facing significant difficulties getting their belongings into or outside the area.
- **16 August:** The IDF announced the area as a closed military zone; Palestinian residents of the area are not allowed in or out.

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.
- **14 August:** Al Tuffah checkpoint was open from 12pm to 7pm for arrivals only; more than 200 Al-Mawassi residents were allowed in.

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 Ma'ani 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.
- **14 and 15 August:** The gate was closed.
- **16 August:** The IDF opened the gate from 7am to 10.30am to allow people bringing supplies in.
- **16 August:** The IDF allowed a group of four medics with medical kits to enter and stay inside Al Ma'ani area during the disengagement period.

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.
- **14 August:** The IDF has advised families that they are going to shut the area down for four to six weeks. Two Palestinian families have left.

6. Additional Protection Issues

- During the week, a total of 12 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.
- Israeli police are on alert to prevent Jewish extremists from entering Al Haram Al Sharif (Jerusalem Old City).
- **14 August:** PA security forces began deploying outside Israeli settlements in the Gaza Strip to prevent Palestinian militants from carrying out attacks during the disengagement.
- **15 August:** In Gaza city, three armed and masked men abducted a sound technician working for a French television station. He was taken to an unknown location.
- **10 to 16 August:** Throughout the week, Israeli settlers from Tel Rumeida and Kiryat Arba settlements threw stones at Palestinian homes and pedestrians in H2 of Hebron city.

Searches/Arrests/Detentions

Governorate	Location of arrests/detention # of searches noted at locations with brackets	Total # of Searches	Total # of Arrested/ Detained
Nablus	Nablus city(2), Kafr Qalili(2).	4	5
Jenin	Kafr Ra'i(1), Arraba(1).	2	9
Tubas	Bardala(1), Kardala(1), 'Ein al Beida(1), Tammun(1), Tayasir(1), Tayasir CP.	5	4
Tulkarm	'Anabta gate, Nur Shams(2), 'Illar(1), Deir al Ghusun(2), Kafriat CP, Tulkarm city(1), 'Attil(1), Shuweika(1).	8	13
Qalqiliya	Near; 'Azun, Kafr Qaddum(1).	1	1
Salfit	Deir Istiya(1), Kafr ad Dik(1).	2	1
Ramallah/Al Bireh	Al Bireh(1), Ramallah(1).	2	3
Jerusalem	No incidents to report.	0	0
Jericho	Flying CP south of Jericho	0	5
Bethlehem	Dar Salah(2), 'Ayda refuge camp(3), Al 'Ubeidiya(3), Bethlehem city(2), Za'tara(1), Beit Ta'mir(1), Beit Sahur(1), Al Khadr(1).	14	5
Hebron	Dura(5), Hebron City (4), Yatta(2), Adh Dhahiriya(2), Ash Shuyukh(1).	14	13
Total Week West Bank		52	59
Gaza Strip	No incidents to report.	0	0
Total Week oPt		52	59

Appendix: Checkpoints Status 10 – 16 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 has been allowed since the suicide bombing in Netanya.
Efrayim	The checkpoint is constructed as a crossing point into Israel for Palestinian workers and traders and others from Tulkarm Governorate with a special permit. On 29 June, the checkpoint became operational from 4am to 7pm and Palestinian workers and traders have been instructed to cross. No movement to Israel is allowed following the suicide bombing in Netanya.
Kafriat	The checkpoint is manned and physically divided into three parts: one that controls movement to and from Tulkarm town; one that controls movement to Israel; and one that controls movement to and from Jubara. 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	
Huwara 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 15 August the checkpoint is closed, including for humanitarian agencies.
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. Delays were experienced during the week.

Jenin	
Al Jalama Main entrance to Israel	Closed since 15 August
Dahiat Sabah al Khayr “al Amn al Watani” Northern entrance of Jenin	Closed since 15 August
Imreiha (Reikhan) Main gate to the Barta’a ash-Sharqiya/ Umm ar Rihan enclave	Closed since 16 August.
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’ayyem 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 have been 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 Entrance to Beit Jala	Opening times have been extended and are now from 6am to 12pm for all traffic. Palestinian public and private vehicles are allowed to pass; all commercial trucks are re-routed to the eastern side of the city of Bethlehem.
Tunnels Road 60 at Har Gilo	Open 24 hours for humanitarian organisations. 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 follow using back to back. Family visits to prisoners (ICRC-facilitated) 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. Soldiers at the checkpoint search all goods being transported toward the Old City.
Qarantina, H2 Junction with Shohada Street	Closed to Palestinians.
Bab Al-Khan, H2 Entrance to Avraham Avinu	Closed to Palestinians heading in the direction of Shohada Street and north toward the market.

settlement	
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	Closed for Palestinian workers since 13 July.
Erez Industrial zone	Closed for Palestinian workers since 12 July.
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: 10 August: 6am to 8pm 11 August: 6am to 8pm 12 August: 6:00am to 8pm 13 August: 6:00am to 8pm 14 August: 10:45am to 8pm 15 August: 6am to 12.15pm; 1.40pm to 2.30pm 16 August: will be updated as information becomes 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
Al Muntar Junction	Closed
Rafah Passenger Terminal	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. On 1 August, for humanitarian cases, IDF announced that male Palestinian from the same age group are required to coordinate to cross and the IDF will process their request on 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.	Closed since 15 August
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.