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Protection of Civilians - Weekly Briefing Notes

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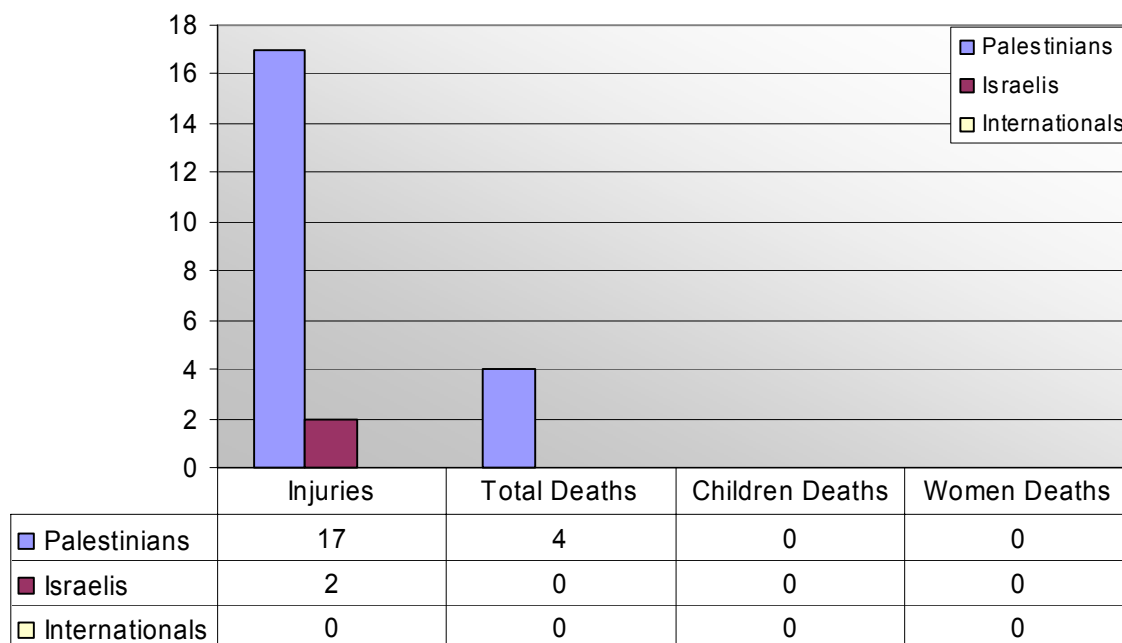
Protection – Deaths and injuries ▪ **Shelter and Property** – People displaced, House demolitions, Demolition orders ▪ **Natural Resources** - Land levelling, Requisitions, Tree Uprooting ▪ **Access for Medical Assistance** - Incidents involving safety and movement of ambulances, medical teams, humanitarian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

Of note this week:

- **17 August:** The IDF issued four military requisitions orders for Barrier construction near and around Ma'ale Adumim settlement. Approximately 1,600 dunums of land was requisitioned. (See section 3).
- Israeli forces continued and completed the evacuation of Israeli settlers from 25 settlements in the Gaza Strip and the West Bank; some restrictions in access reported this week were linked to the evacuation process.

1. Physical Protection

Casualties



Casualty Incidents Include:

- **17 August:** Four Palestinian workers were shot and killed by an Israeli settler from Shvut Rakhel settlement in Ramallah Governorate.
- **17 August:** The IDF injured two Palestinians in Bal'a village, Tulkarm.
- **17 August:** Four Palestinian brothers (three of them children) from Halaweh, in the area of Masafer Yatta south Hebron Governorate, were injured by Israeli unexploded ordinances in an area near their village. The injured youth were taken to an Israeli military base and later to a hospital in the Israeli city of Beer Sheeva.
- **18 August:** The IDF injured two Palestinians in Rafat village, Salfit.

- **18 August:** One Palestinian was injured when IDF stationed near the border fence opened fire in the direction of northern of Beit Hanoun, the Gaza Strip.
- **18 August:** One IDF soldier was injured in a Palestinian Qassam rocket attack against Netzarim settlement.
- **21 August:** One IDF soldier was wounded when Palestinian gunmen opened fire in the direction of an IDF outpost near Neveh Dekalim settlement in Khan Younis, the Gaza Strip.
- **21 August:** An Israeli settler opened fire and injured one Palestinian farmer who was working on his field near the main road between Habla and Qalqiliya.
- **21 August:** IDF soldiers injured one Palestinian at a flying checkpoint near Burin village, Nablus.
- **23 August:** The IDF entered Qabatiya village, Jenin. Clashes broke out between the IDF and Palestinian stone throwers. The IDF opened fire at the stone throwers injuring three. Two additional Palestinians were injured by the IDF.

2. Shelter and Property

Date	Location, Governorate	# Structures demolished	# Structures partially destroyed	# People displaced / affected
17 August 2005	Idhna , Hebron	3	-	23 people
17 August 2005	Al Mawassi, Khan Younis	1	-	16 People
22 August 2005	Arab ar Rashayida, Bethlehem	6	-	30 people
Total Week		9	0	69 people

Selected Incidents:

- **17 August:** The IDF demolished three structures citing a lack of building permits in the Palestinian village of Idhna.
- **17 August:** The IDF handed over 20 eviction orders for structures (tents and animal pens) belonging to Palestinian families from 'Arab ar Rashayida, Bethlehem Governorate, stating that they were built illegally within the boundaries of a nature reserve. According to the orders, the Palestinians have 10 days to evacuate the area.
- **17 August:** The IDF demolished a Palestinian house in the Al Mawassi area of Khan Younis, the Gaza Strip. The inhabitants were provided tents by the ICRC.
- **22 August:** Six structures, including three animal pens and three tents, were destroyed in 'Arab ar Rashayida. Six Palestinian families used these structures as seasonal shelter for their animals. Demolition orders were issued for the structures for being built illegally without permits in a nature reserve.

Other shelter/property related incidents

- **16 August:** (Not reported last week). A group of Israeli settlers from Khomesh settlement entered two houses in Burqa village, Nablus, and forced the residents of the houses out. After four hours, the IDF and police arrived and removed the settlers.
- **17 August:** The IDF occupied a house near Sabastiya village, Nablus, and used it as observation post for several hours.
- **17 August:** The IDF occupied three houses in Bizzariya, Nablus, and two houses in Silat adh Dhahr village, Jenin.
- **22 August:** The IDF occupied houses in 'Ajja, 'Arraba and 'Anza villages, Jenin.
- **22 August:** For 24 hours, the IDF occupied an inhabited house in the Palestinian town of Dura, Hebron Governorate, and used it as an observation post.
- **23 August:** The IDF occupied a house in Ya'bad village, Jenin, and used it as observation post.

3. Natural Resources

Land levelling/Requisitions/Tree Uprooting¹

Nablus Governorate:

- No incidents to report.

Jenin and Tubas Governorates:

- No incidents to report.

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

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:

- **18 August:** Israeli settlers set fire to a Palestinian greenhouse near the main road in An Nabi Elyas.
- 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 Falamya Barrier gate.

Salfit Governorate:

- **15 August:** (Not reported last week) The IDF started land levelling near Deir Ballut checkpoint for expansion of the checkpoint.
- Ongoing incidents:
 - Israeli contractors continued levelling land north of Salfit city, south of Marda village around Ari'el settlement and near Az Zawiya village for Barrier construction.

Ramallah / Al Bireh Governorate:

- Ongoing incidents:
 - Land levelling for Barrier construction continues between Budrus to 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:

- **17 August:** Palestinian shepherds from Mantiqat Shi'b al Batin, south Hebron, found pellets in the grazing grounds around the village. The pellets are of the same colour and substance used in previous poisoning attempts by settlers in the area. A complaint was filed with the police who came to collect samples and remove some of the pellets.
- **22 August:** IDF bulldozers started levelling agricultural land belonging to Palestinian farmers from H2, Hebron, around the Israeli settlements of Kiryat Arba and Kharsina. The levelled land is farmed with grapes and provides the main source of income for 12 Palestinian families living in the area. According to a previous requisition order, the land will be used to enlarge the security zone around the two Israeli settlements.
- Ongoing incidents:
 - Land levelling for Barrier construction is ongoing along the southern section of the Green Line, east of Shani settlement, Ar Ramadin, Imneizil, east and west of the Meitar checkpoint and on the western side of Idhna.

Bethlehem Governorate:

- **17 August:** Local Palestinians from Khallet An'man found a confiscation order for an area of land located in the southeast part of the village. According to the order and the attached map, the confiscated land will be used to build a commercial terminal between the West Bank and Israel.
- 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:

- **17 August:** The IDF issued four military requisitions orders for Barrier constructions near and around Ma'ale Adumim Settlement; T/150/05 requisitioning 87, T/151/05 requisitioning 477 dunums, T/152/05 requisitioning 809 dunums and T/153/05 requisitioning 212 dunums.
- **21 August:** The IDF started Barrier construction at Qalandiya main junction.
- 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, between Beit Ijza and Biddu and between Biddu and Beit Iksa 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 Assistance²

West Bank:

Date	Location, Governorate	Affected Organisation	Denial	Delay	Shooting/Damage to Ambulance
15 August 2005	Near Shave Shomeron checkpoint, Nablus	PRCS	1	-	-
16 August 2005	Near Khomesh settlement, Nablus	PRCS	1	-	-
16 August 2005	'Anata, Jerusalem	PRCS	1	-	-
16 August 2005	Al Ram, Jerusalem	PRCS	1	-	-
16 August 2005	Hizma, Jerusalem	PRCS	1	-	-
17 August 2005	At Tuffah checkpoint, Khan Younis	MoH		1	-
19 August 2005	Huwwara checkpoint, Nablus	UNRWA	1	-	-
19 August 2005	Huwwara checkpoint, Nablus	PRCS	1	-	-
19 August 2005	Near Sabastiya, Nablus	PRCS	1	-	-
19 August 2005	At Tuffah checkpoint, Khan Younis	PRCS		1	-
21 August 2005	Beit Lead, Nabuls	PRCS	1	-	-
22 August 2005	Ramin village, Tulkarm	UNRWA	1	-	-
22 August 2005	At Tuffah checkpoint, Khan Younis	PRCS	1	1	-
22 August 2005	Amteen junction, Qalqiliya	PRCS		1	-
22 August 2005	Al-Mawassi, the Gaza Strip	PRCS		1	-
23 August 2005	At Tuffah checkpoint, Khan Younis	PRCS	1	-	-
Total Week			12	5	0

Selected Incidents:

- **15 to 18 August:** A total of 71 patients who have medical referrals for regular visits to hospitals in Israel for chemotherapy and radiotherapy were denied access at Erez crossing.
- **17 to 18 August:** Twenty-four patients aged between 16 to 35 years were denied access to Egypt at Rafah crossing.
- **19 August:** An UNRWA mobile health team travelling from Nablus to Iskaka village was denied access at Huwwara checkpoint.
- **19 August:** A PRCS ambulance transporting a sick PRCS staff member in critical condition was denied access at Huwwara checkpoint.
- **22 August:** An UNRWA mobile health team was denied access at a new IDF checkpoint at the entrance of Ramin village.
- **23 August:** The PRCS reported that Israeli settlers attempt to impede the work of the PRCS team near Jinsafut junction, Qalqiliya

5. Access for and movement for Civilians

² Incidents from 15 and 16 August were not reported last week.

a) Curfew

Date	Location / Governorate	Duration
17 August 2005	An Nabi Elyas, Qalqiliya	2 hours
Total Week	1 incident	2 hours

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. No Palestinians workers were allowed to cross to Israel; some traders and factory owners were allowed to cross.

Date	Workers crossing to Israel	Traders crossing to Israel	Workers crossing to Erez Industrial Estate
17 August 2005	-	60	60 Factory owners
18 August 2005	-	80	45 Factory owners
19 August 2005	-	47	N/A
20 August 2005	-	N/A	0
21 August 2005	-	N/A	N/A
22 August 2005	-	112	42
23 August 2005	-	140	45 Factory owners
Total	-	N/A	N/A

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. Israeli restrictions during the evacuation of settlements in the northern West Bank affected access for some Palestinians in the West Bank, particularly in Nablus and Jenin.

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.
- 17 August:** The IDF established a checkpoint on Road 60 near Khomesh settlement and a checkpoint north of Sabastiya village.
- 17 August:** The IDF closed Huwwara checkpoint for one hour after a Palestinian minor was arrested with an explosive belt.
- 21 August to date:** (Ongoing) The IDF closed Beit Iba checkpoint for Palestinian movement. UN and international organisations are allowed access.
- 21 August to date:** (Ongoing) The IDF closed Road 60 from Yitzhar settlement to Jit junction and from Jit to Shave Shomeron checkpoint.
- 21 August:** The IDF closed all the entrances connecting Sabastiya village with Road 60 with earth mounds.
- 22 August:** The IDF opened the road blocks at the entrance of Burqa village.

Jenin Governorate:

- 19 August:** Three checkpoints have been established on alternative roads around Jaba' village. The main entrance of the village to Road 60 was closed 17 August.
- 21 August:** The IDF closed all the entrances to Ya'bad village with road blocks and earth mounds. Only one alternative road is open toward Jenin city through Kufeirir village.
- 22 to date:** (Ongoing) Reikhan and Imreiha Barrier gates are closed to Palestinians; Dhaher al 'Abed gate is open.

Tubas Governorate:

- 19 August:** The IDF closed Tayasir checkpoint for several hours.

Tulkarm Governorate:

- 17 August:** The IDF established a checkpoint on Road 57 near Beit lid village.

- **21 August:** The IDF closed the road between Bal'a and Silat Adh Dhafer with earth mounds.
- **21 August:** The IDF closed 'Anabta gate for Palestinians who use the back-to-back system of transportation to enter and exit of Tulkarm.
- Ongoing incidents:
 - The IDF continues to prevent Palestinians with Israeli IDs from entering Palestinian controlled areas unless they have relatives living in Tulkarm.
 - The 'Anabta gate remained closed for Palestinian vehicular movement.

Qalqiliya Governorate:

- **16 August:** (Not reported last week) The IDF installed two gates with checkpoints at Jit Junction on the roads leading to Tulkarm and Qalqiliya.
- **18 August:** The IDF closed Road 55 from 'Azzun to Jit junction.
- **18 August:** The IDF closed Road 55 near Al Funduq for about two hours when Israeli settlers from Kdumim settlement threw stones at Palestinian vehicles and burned tires.
- **18 August:** The IDF installed a gate at the entrance of Jit village.
- **19 August:** The IDF erected an observation tower near Jit village.
- **21 August:** The IDF closed Jit junction in all directions for Palestinians affecting movement between Qalqiliya, Tulkarm and Nablus.

Salfit Governorate:

- **18 August:** The IDF closed Road 505 from Haris to Zaatra (Tappuah) Junction.

Ramallah / Al Bireh Governorate:

- No major incidents to report.

Jerusalem Governorate:

- No major incidents to report.

Jericho Governorate:

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

Hebron Governorate:

- 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	#57 near; Al Badhan(2), Bizzariya.	3
Jenin	Entrance off; Jab'a.	1
Tubas	Near; Tammun.	1
Tulkarm	Btw; Ramin and Bizzariya(2), 'Attil and Deir al Ghusun. Entrance off; 'Attil, 'Illar(3), Qaffin(2), Al Jarushiya(2), Tulkarm city(2), Shuweika.	14
Qalqiliya	Entrance off; Kafr Qaddum, Hajja, Al Funduq(2), 'Azzun(3), Jinsafut, Immatin, Qalqiliya city. Jit junction(2).	12
Salfit	No incidents to report.	0
Ramallah and Al Bireh	Entrance of Deir Abu Mash'al.	1
Jerusalem	No incidents to report.	0
Jericho	No incidents to report.	0
Bethlehem	Beit Sahur, Al 'Ubeidiya(2), Dar Salah, Husan, Beit Ta'mir	6
Hebron	Al Fawwar Junction(6), Kallet al Maiyya (2), Adh Dhahiriya(3), As Samu', Ar Ramadin, Khursa, Karma, Yatta (3), Beit Khail	20
Total West Bank		58

The Gaza Strip:

- **23 July:** (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. 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.
- **21 August:** The IDF told the village leader that four people would be allowed out between 8am and 10am to bring in food.

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. On 14 August, Al Tuffah checkpoint was opened from 12pm to 7pm for arrivals.

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.

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.
- **19 and 20 August:** People in the temporarily closed areas north and south of Kissufim road were allowed to move in and out of the area during the day from late Friday until Saturday evening.
- **23 August:** The IDF allowed one Palestinian to exit for medical treatment; access has been denied for all others since 15 August.

6. Additional Protection Issues

- During the week, a total of 14 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.
- **17 August:** A group of Israeli settlers from Sanur settlement destroyed a water pipeline at a Palestinian gas station near the settlement, Jenin.
- **19 August:** The IDF dug 8-metre deep trenches around the evacuated Gush Qatif settlements in the Gaza Strip to prevent Palestinians from reaching the settlement area prior to evacuation.
- **21 and 22 August:** Settlers threw stones at Palestinian vehicles along Road 60 and tried to enter the villages of Silat adh Dhaher, Al Fanaqumiya, Al Asa'asa and Ajja (Jenin).
- **22 August:** A French journalist who was kidnapped in Gaza city on 14 August was released.
- **17 to 23 August:** Throughout the week, 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(3).	3	1
Jenin	No incidents reported.	0	0
Tubas	Tayasir(1), flying checkpoint.	1	2
Tulkarm	Tulkarm city(2), Kafr Rumman(1), Nur Shams(1), Tulkarm camp(1), flying CP btw Ramin and Bizzariya, flying CP near 'Attil, 'Attil(1).	6	9
Qalqiliya	Qalqiliya city(1)	1	2
Salfit	No incidents to report.	0	0
Ramallah/Al Bireh	No incidents to report.	0	0
Jerusalem	No incidents to report.	0	0
Jericho	No incidents to report.	0	0
Bethlehem	Dar Salah, 'Ayda refuge camp(2), Al 'Ubeidiya(3), Bethlehem city(2), Za'tara, Beit Ta'mir, Beit Sahur, Al Khadr, Tuqu'	13	4
Hebron	Dura(4), Hebron city (5), Yatta(3), Adh Dhahiriya(3),	15	7
Total Week West Bank		39	25
Gaza Strip	Al Mawassi(1), West Kfar Darom(1), Seyafa(1), Abu Farraj(1).	4	3
Total Week oPt		43	28

Appendix: Checkpoints Status 17 – 23 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. Closed. Palestinians are not allowed to use the back-to-back system of transport to enter or leave Tulkarm.
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. On 17 August closed for one hour.
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. From 21 August, closed for Palestinian movement
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 has been 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. Delays were reported.
Zaatara (Tappouah) South, main road to Ramallah	Permanently manned. Delays were reported 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. On 19 August, closed for several hours.
Ramallah/Al 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	Open for Israelis, Palestinians with Jerusalem ID cards, West Bank and Gaza Strip

Northern entrance on Road 60 north.	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	Open 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. 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 the back-to-back of transportation. Family visiting 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 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	Since 13 August, the IDF has closed Erez crossing for Palestinian labourers. Patients and humanitarian cases are being allowed to cross into Israel with coordination from the Israeli DCL.
Erez Industrial zone	Since 12 August, the IDF has partially closed Erez Industrial Zone for Palestinian labourers; a number of factories owners were allowed in.
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: 17 August: Closed 18 August: 12am to 5am 19 August: 5:20pm and open to the next day 20 August: Open 21 August: 12am to 1am; 11pm to the next day 22 August: 11pm to 5am the next day, August 23
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	On 22 August from 5am to 8.30am the Beach Road was closed. At 8.30am, the road was partially reopened as the PA national security forces were told by the IDF that they could allow the movement of 20 vehicles at a time.
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/AI Bireh	
Beituniya Back-to-back checkpoint.	Officially open 7am to 5pm Sunday to Thursday, 7am to 1pm on Fridays and closed Saturdays. Open for commercial goods and a back-to-back system 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 all the week except on 22 August when it was closed.
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.