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Protection of Civilians - Weekly Briefing Notes

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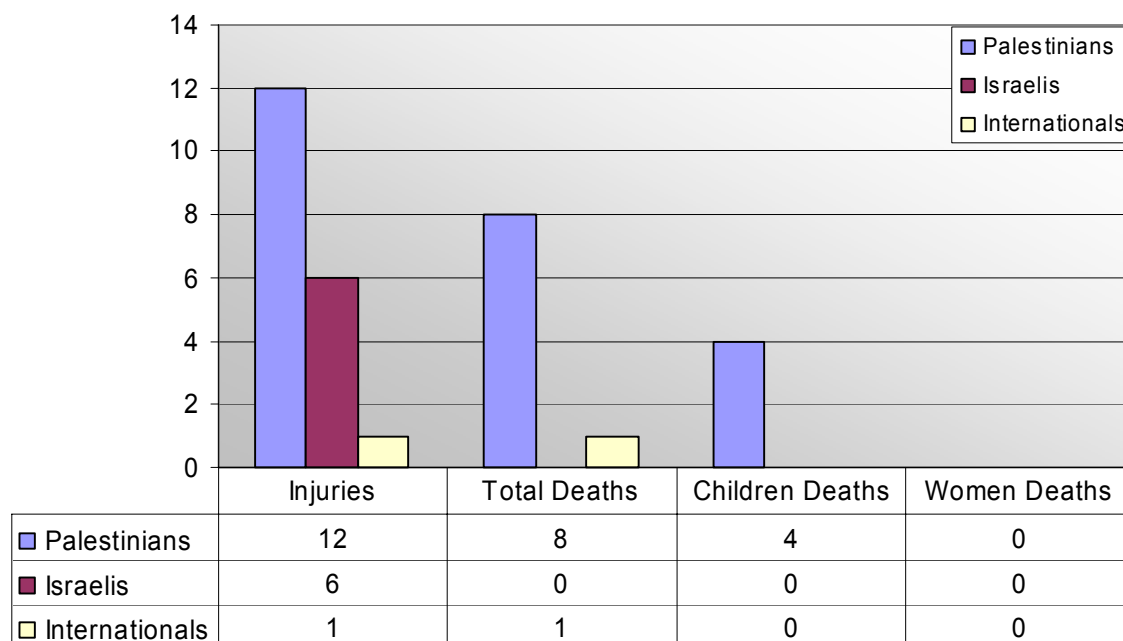
Protection – Deaths and injuries ▪ **Shelter and Property** – People displaced, House demolitions, Demolition orders ▪ **Natural Resources** - Land levelling, Requisitions, Tree Uprooting ▪ **Access for Medical Assistance** - Incidents involving safety and movement of ambulances, medical teams, humanitarian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

Of note this week:

- **Violence** continued this week: a Palestinian stabbed two yeshiva students in the Old City of Jerusalem killing one and injuring another, the IDF killed five Palestinians in Tulkarm and a Palestinian suicide bomber blew himself up in Be'er Sheva in Israel. (Section 1).

1. Physical Protection¹

Casualties



Casualty Incidents Include:

- **24 August:** A Palestinian stabbed two yeshiva students, one British and one American, near Jaffa gate in the Old City of Jerusalem. The British student was killed and the American was injured.
- **25 August:** An IDF unit shot dead five Palestinians (including three children aged 16 and 17 years old) and injured three Palestinians in Tulkarm refugee camp.
- **26 August:** During a demonstration against Barrier construction in Bil'in, Ramallah, three Palestinians and one IDF soldier were injured.
- **26 August:** A Palestinian man attempted to stab an IDF soldier near the entrance of the Tomb of the Patriarchs, in the H2 area of Hebron city.
- **27 August:** Israeli settlers threw stones at Palestinian vehicles near Kafr Laqif and Jinsafut (Qalqiliya). Two Palestinian women were injured.

¹ The death of the Palestinian suicide bomber was included in the total.

- **28 August:** A Palestinian suicide bomber blew himself up in Be'er Sheva, Israel. Four Israelis were severely injured, dozens others were also moderately injured (these lesser injuries are not included in the total).
- **28 August:** Israeli Border Police injured a Palestinian in 'Anata, Jerusalem.
- **29 August:** Two Palestinians (a father and his 14-year-old son) were killed and a third Palestinian was injured by an Israeli unexploded tank shell that exploded.
- **29 August:** An IDF soldier was wounded when Palestinian militants opened fire at the direction of an IDF vehicle near Morag settlement in Rafah, the Gaza Strip.

2. Shelter and Property

Date	Location, Governorate	# Structures demolished	# Structures partially destroyed	# People displaced / affected
30 August 2005	Kifl Haris, Salfit	2	-	-
30 August 2005	Al Funduq, Qalqiliya	1	-	-
30 August 2005	Haris, Salfit	2	-	-
Total Week		5	0	0

Incidents:

- **28 August:** The IDF handed over five demolition orders for five inhabited houses built without permits in the Palestinian villages of Beit Ta'mir and Za'tara (Bethlehem Governorate). The houses are shelter for five families, 38 people total including 18 minors.
- **30 August:** The IDF demolished two barracks used as shops for building material in Kifl Haris, Salfit.
- **30 August:** The IDF demolished a greenhouse in Al Funduq village, Qalqiliya.
- **30 August:** The IDF demolished a storage building and a stone cutting factory in Haris, Salfit.

Other shelter/property related incidents

- **25 August:** An IDF foot patrol entered the Palestinian area west of Kfar Darom settlement, the Gaza Strip, and occupied two houses using them as observation posts.
- **26 August:** The IDF left three buildings in Silat adh Dhahr village, Jenin, after occupying the houses for about ten days.
- **28 August:** The IDF distributed 14 stop-building orders in Al Funduq (three), Jinsafut (two) and Hajja (nine) (Qalqiliya Governorate) Area C.
- **28 August:** The IDF occupied a Palestinian house south of Abu Al Ajin, the Gaza Strip, and used it as an observation post.
- **28 August:** The IDF occupied an inhabited house (with seven persons) for 24 hours in the Harit Asouakneh neighbourhood of H2, in Hebron city and used it as an observation post.

3. Natural Resources

Land levelling/Requisitions/Tree Uprooting²

Nablus, Jenin and Tubas Governorate:

- 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 Khafets settlement continues for the construction of a new fence around the settlement.

Qalqiliya Governorate:

- **24 August:** The IDF finished the construction of a new dirt road northeast of Jayyus village to divert farmers to the Falameya Barrier gate 8 kilometres away from Jayyus agricultural gate.
- 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:

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

- 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:

- **26 August:** The IDF handed over two eviction orders for 13 dunums (1.3 hectares) of agriculture land belonging to Palestinian farmers from the Palestinian village of At Tuwani. The land is farmed with 90 olive trees and has two water cisterns with a capacity of 200 cubic metres. The orders gave the owners 45 days to evict from the area.
- **28 August:** The IDF issued confiscation orders T/92/05 and T/94/05 covering 14 square metres of land belonging to Palestinian farmers in areas adjacent to the Israeli settlements of Beit Khagai and Otni'l. The confiscated land will be used to install electronic monitoring cameras around the two settlements.
- Ongoing incidents:
 - Land levelling for Barrier construction is ongoing along the southern section of the Green Line, east of Shani settlement, Ar Ramadin, Imneizil, east and west of the Meitar checkpoint and on the western side of Idhna.

Bethlehem Governorate:

- 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, 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:

- **28 August:** The IDF started levelling land to enlarge Al Khamra checkpoint

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
24 August 2005	Sarra checkpoint, Nablus	PRCS	1	-	-
24 August 2005	Arraba gate, Jenin	PRCS	-	1	-
30 August 2005	Beit Furik, Nablus	PRCS	-	1	-
Total Week			1	2	0

Selected Incidents:

- **24 August:** A PRCS ambulance en route to Sarra village to pick up a sick Palestinian was denied access by IDF soldiers at Sarra checkpoint.

5. Access and Movement for Civilians

a) Curfew

Date	Location / Governorate	Duration
26 August 2005	'Azzun, Qalqiliya	10 hours
29 August 2005	Fasayil, Jericho	Several hours
Total Week	2 incidents	10 Hours+

b) Access to Education

- The school year will start on 3 September.

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
24 August 2005	108	N/A	45 Factory owners
25 August 2005	150	N/A	40 Factory owners
26 August 2005	53	N/A	0 (Weekend)
27 August 2005	N/A	N/A	0 (Weekend)
28 August 2005	135	82	52
29 August 2005	174	62	65
30 August 2005	108	85	32
Total Week	N/A	N/A	234

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 four settlements in the northern West Bank affected access for some Palestinians in the West Bank, particularly in Nablus and Jenin. Movement restrictions are still in place on Road 60 from Shave Shomeron settlement to Araba junction, on Road 585 from Araba junction to Quffin entrance and on the section of Road 60 from Kadim and Gamin settlements to Jalama Barrier gate.

Nablus Governorate:

- **Mid July to date:** The prohibition is still in effect for residents of Jenin, Tulkarm and Qalqiliya to travel south through Za'atara (Tappouah) checkpoint
- **26 August:** Major delays occurred at Hamra checkpoint.
- **21 August to date:** The IDF closed all the entrances connecting Sabastiya village to Road 60 with earth mounds.
- **29 August:** The IDF closed Huwwara, 'Awarta, Za'atara and Beit Iba checkpoints from 6.30 am until 9.30 am for all Palestinians.
- **29 August:** The IDF closed Huwwara checkpoint from 2pm until 4pm. A 14-year-old Palestinian was arrested at the checkpoint carrying pipe bombs.
- Shave Shomeron checkpoint remained closed.

Jenin Governorate:

- **21 August to date:** 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 Kufeirit village.
- **21 August to date:** The IDF closed Road 585 from Arraba junction to Qaffin junction with three checkpoints preventing Palestinians from travelling on the road. Palestinians are using alternative dirt roads to reach Jenin city.

- **21 August to date:** The IDF closed Road 60 between Khomesh settlement entrance and Shave Shomeron settlement entrance.

Tubas Governorate:

- **28 August:** Major delays occurred at Tayasir checkpoint.

Tulkarm Governorate:

- **24 August:** The IDF opened the tunnel near Kafriat checkpoint under Road 57 allowing Palestinian vehicular movement between Tulkarm city and the villages to the south.
- 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:

- **25 August:** The IDF removed the temporary checkpoints along Road 55 from Qalqiliya to Nablus, which were set up in preparation for the evacuation of the four Israeli settlements in the West Bank. Jit junction was opened in all directions for Palestinians movement between Qalqiliya, Tulkarm and Nablus.
- **27 August:** Israeli settlers closed Road 55 near Kdumim settlement for several hours.

Salfit Governorate:

- **25 August:** The IDF opened Road 505 from Haris to Zaatara (Tappuah) Junction.

Ramallah / Al Bireh Governorate:

- **30 August:** Temporary arrangements for vehicular and pedestrian traffic are now in place at Qalandiya checkpoint while new construction there continues. The main road through the checkpoint is now closed by a road block. A new section of the Barrier is being built and traffic is being rerouted to a new road to the east that joins the main road between Qalandiya and Jaba'. A temporary fenced walkway is in place for pedestrians.

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:

- **28 to 30 August:** After the Palestinian suicide bombing in the Israeli city of Be'er Sheeva, the IDF deployed flying checkpoints on the main roads and village entrances in the southwest part of the governorate. Movement was particularly restricted on Road 60 and Road 317.
- **24 to 30 August:** In Imneizel, the construction of the Barrier closed the main road leading to the village.
- **28 August:** The IDF installed 30 concrete barriers on the right side of the road leading from Al Shohada Street to the Israeli outpost of Tel Rumeida in H2, Hebron city. The new barriers will be used to protect the movement of settlers thereby further restricting Palestinian movement.

Bethlehem Governorate:

- **24 to 30 August:** The secondary access road created by the IDF for the village of An Nu'man has deteriorated to the point of being unusable by vehicles of Palestinian residents. The road was built as the previous access road has been cut by construction on the Barrier in the area.
- **28 August:** The IDF closed two minor entrances in the west and south of the Palestinian village of Tuqu', Bethlehem Governorate.

West Bank: Reported flying checkpoints

Governorate	Location, # of incidents in brackets	Total # of flying checkpoints
Nablus	On #60 near Burin, on #57 near Al Badhan, on junction #588/57 near al 'Aqrabaniya.	3
Jenin	Entrance off; 'Arraba. Btw; 'Arraba and Fahma.	2
Tubas	On #588 near Tammun	1
Tulkarm	Between; Bal'a and Al 'Attara, Ramin and Bizzariya. Entrance off; 'Anabta(9), 'Illar(3), Deir al Ghusun(2), Zeita, Far'un, Bal'a, Kafr al Labad, Baqa ash Sharqiyya.	21
Qalqiliya	Entrance off; Jayyus, Habla tunnel, An Nabi Elyas, Jit junction, Kafr Laqif, 'Izbat at Tabib(2), 'Asla, Qalqiliya city, Kafr Thulth. Near; Jayyus. Between; 'Azzun and 'Izbat at Tabib, Jayyus and Khirbet Sir. Inside; 'Azzun.	14
Salfit	Entrance off; Deir 'Istiya, Haris, Kifl Haris, Marda, Kafr Dik, Bruqin.	7
Ramallah and Al Bireh	On #60.	7
Jerusalem	No incidents to report.	0
Jericho	No incidents to report.	0
Bethlehem	Beit Sahur, Al 'Ubeidiya(2), Dar Salah(2), Beit Ta'mir, Za'tara(2), Taqu', Bethlehem city(2).	11
Hebron	Al Fawwar Junction(6), Kallet al Maiyya(2), Adh Dhahiriya(2), As Samu'(2), Ar Ramadin(2), Khursa, Karma, Yatta(3), Beit Khail, Idhna, Beit Ummer, Shuyukh	24
Total West Bank		90

The Gaza Strip:

- **23 July:** (Ongoing) Due to the restricted opening hours at Abu Holi junction, there is heavy traffic congestion.
- **24 August:** The IDF dismantled and removed the observation posts located at the northern and southern ends of Abu Houli Gush Katif crossing.
- **25 August:** The IDF dismantled the observation post situated to the west of Netzarim settlement overlooking the coastal road.
- **25 August:** An IDF bulldozer and an IDF tank entered the Palestinian area west of Kfar Darom settlement. The bulldozer placed sand around two Palestinian houses.
- **30 August:** The IDF dismantled the observation post to the south of Nisanit settlement opposite An Nada towers in Beit Lahia.

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 to date:** The IDF announced the area as a closed military zone; Palestinian residents of the area are not allowed in or out.
- **30 August:** IDF allowed four people to leave As Seafa to get fresh food for the community.

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 though 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 to date:** Al Tuffah checkpoint was closed in both directions for all Palestinians.
- **26 August:** During the weekend, four trucks of fresh food supplies were allowed into the area, and about 20 small trucks of agricultural products were allowed out. No people were able to move in or out during the weekend.
- **30 August:** The IDF opened the Al Tuffah checkpoint from 9am to 11.30am and allowed the Al Mawassi agricultural products out.

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.
- **27 August:** The IDF opened the gate at 6:30am and allowed people to leave. At 1:30pm, the IDF opened the gate to allow people to enter.

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 11 homemade rockets, mortar shells and anti tank missiles were fired from different locations inside the Gaza Strip toward Israeli-controlled areas and nearby Israeli towns, IDF installations and Karni.
- **28 August:** The ICRC resumed family visits from Tulkarm, Qalqiliya and Salfit, Nablus, Jenin and Tubas governorates to Palestinian prisoners in Israeli prisons after a halt last week during the evacuation of settlements in the northern West Bank.
- **26 August:** A road side bomb went off near an IDF vehicle that was patrolling near the border fence north of Sufa crossing, the Gaza Strip.
- **24 to 30 August:** Throughout the week, Israeli settlers from Tel Remeida 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), Balata camp(1), Huwwara CP.	3	6
Jenin	'Anza(1).	1	0
Tubas	Al Far'a camp(1), Tubas city(2), Bardala(1), Tammun(1), Wadi al Far'a(1).	6	1
Tulkarm	Kafriat CP, 'Illar(1).	1	1
Qalqiliya	Entrance off; Qalqiliya city. Qalqiliya city(1), 'Azzun(1). Flying CP Kafr Thulth, Flying CP btw Jayyus and Khirbet Sir, Habla(1).	3	15
Salfit	Marda(1).	1	1
Ramallah/Al Bireh	No incidents to report.	0	0
Jerusalem	Mt of Olives(1).	1	0
Jericho	Fasayil(2).	2	2
Bethlehem	Dar Salah(1), 'Ayda refuge camp(3), Al 'Ubeidiya(3), Bethlehem city(3), Za'tara(1), Beit Ta'mir(1), Beit Sahur(1), Al Khadr(1), Tuqu'(1).	15	2
Hebron	Dura(4), Hebron City(5), Yatta(3), Adh Dhahiriya(3), Samu'(1), Al Burj(1), Beit Ar Rush(1), Beit Ummer(1), Idhna(1), Ar Ramadin(1).	21	7
Total Week West Bank		54	35
Gaza Strip	Al Siafa(2)	2	0
Total Week oPt		56	35

Appendix: Checkpoints Status 24 – 30 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 suicide 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 through. No movement to Israel has been allowed since 13 July.
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. On 24 August, the tunnel near the checkpoint under Road 57 was opened.
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	
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. 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	Open between 7am and 9pm.
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 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 and traders holding valid permits are not allowed to pass. Goods continue to follow using the back-to-back of transportation. Family members 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 with persons heading toward the Old City. There are reports of IDF soldiers taking fingerprints of male Palestinians walking into the Kasabah area.
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, only a few number of Palestinian traders and workers to Israel have been allowed to pass.
Erez Industrial zone	Since 12 August; IDF partially closes Erez Industrial Zone for Palestinian labourers. However, few number of factories owners were allowed into.
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: 24 August: 2.10pm to 2.45pm and from 11pm to 5am (25/8) 25 August: 10.30pm to 6am (26/8) 26 August: 6.30pm to 5am (28/8) 27 August: Open 28 August: 10.15pm to 6am (29/8) 29 August: 10.40pm to 5.45am (30/8) 30 August: 10.45am to 6am (31/8)
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 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 all the week.
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.