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Protection of Civilians - Weekly Briefing Notes

31 August – 6 September 2005

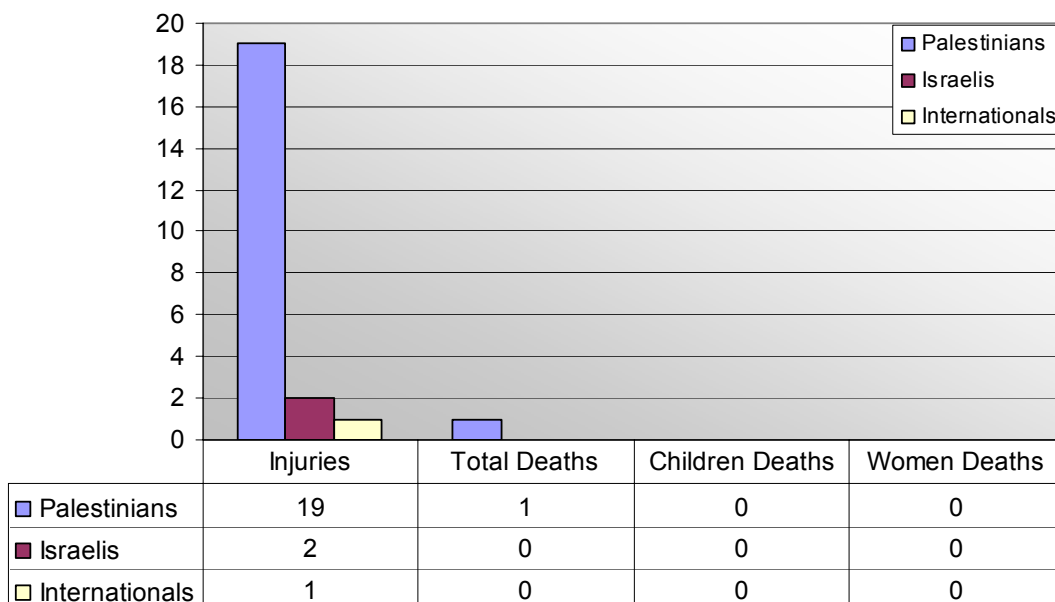
Protection – Deaths and injuries ▪ **Shelter and Property** – People displaced, House demolitions, Demolition orders ▪ **Natural Resources** - Land levelling, Requisitions, Tree Uprooting ▪ **Access for Medical Assistance** - Incidents involving safety and movement of ambulances, medical teams, humanitarian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

Of note this week:

- The school year started on 3 September. Palestinian children and teachers in the Hebron area are subject to delays; and attacks from Israeli settlers on their way to and from schools (see Sections 1 and 5).

1. Physical Protection

Casualties



Casualty Incidents Include:

- 31 August:** Confrontations between the IDF and local Palestinians took place in Bal'a village, Tulkarm. The IDF fired live ammunition injuring one Palestinian.
- 1 September:** An 11-year-old Palestinian boy was critically injured when he was hit by an IDF jeep in Al Mawassi west of Khan Younis, the Gaza Strip.
- 2 September:** There was a demonstration against Barrier construction in Bil'in, Ramallah, after which the IDF entered the village and fired tear gas and stun grenades at a building. Clashes broke out between the IDF and Palestinians. Nine Palestinians and three journalists, including one French and two Palestinian reporters, were injured.
- 2 September:** Two Palestinian men were injured when the IDF opened fire in their direction near the Israeli evacuated settlement area of Netzer Hazani, the Gaza Strip.
- 3 September:** An exchange of fire took place between the IDF and Palestinian militants following an IDF search campaign in Askar refugee camp, Nablus. One Israeli soldier was injured.

- **3 September:** A 12-year-old Palestinian girl from Cordoba elementary school was injured when a group of Israeli settlers attacked her near the school in the Old City of Hebron.
- **6 September:** One Palestinian man was killed and three were injured when the IDF opened fire in their direction near the evacuated Israeli settlement area of Neve Dekalim, the Gaza Strip.
- **6 September:** An IDF soldier was injured when a hand grenade was thrown over the fence line on the Rafah border, the Gaza Strip.

2. Shelter and Property

Date	Location, Governorate	# Structures demolished	# Structures partially destroyed	# People displaced / affected
6 September 2005	'Attil, Tulkarm	1		
Total Week		1	0	0

Incidents:

- **4 September:** The IDF handed seven demolition orders for seven inhabited houses in the area of Jabal Jawhar H2, Hebron city. The houses are shelter for eight families with a total of 46 people of which 25 are minors. The structures received demolition orders for being built without permits in Area C.
- **6 September:** The IDF demolished one building material shop in 'Attil village, Tulkarm.

Other shelter/property related incidents

- **31 August:** The IDF occupied three houses in Bizzariya village, Nablus, during the night and used the houses as observation posts. The IDF left in the morning
- **5 September to date:** The IDF occupied one uninhabited house in Bizzariya village.

3. Natural Resources

Land levelling/Requisitions/Tree Uprooting¹

Nablus Governorate:

- **20 August:** (Not reported previously). The IDF handed over requisition order T/146/05 to the residents of Qaryut village; 1.35 dunums (0.135 hectares) are confiscated until 31 December 2007. The purpose of the orders is for the building a military post (observation tower) near the village.
- **31 August:** The IDF handed requisition order T/144/05 to the residents of 'Azmut and Deir Al Hatab villages; 608 dunums (60.8 hectares) are confiscated.
- **6 September:** The IDF started to level 2.9 dunums (0.29 hectares) of land west of Sarra village to establish a military post.

Jenin and Tubas Governorates:

- No incidents to report.

Tulkarm Governorate:

- **31 August:** IDF issued order T/91/05 requisitioning 1.8 dunums (0.18 hectares) of land and started land levelling in Far'un village to upgrade an agricultural road.
- 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:

- Ongoing incidents:
 - The IDF continued levelling land near Immatin village, Qalqiliya, for Barrier construction.
 - The IDF continued levelling land north east of Jayyus village to construct a new road that connects Jayyus with Falameya Barrier gate.

Salfit Governorate:

- **31 August:** The IDF resumed land levelling near Deir Ballut checkpoint, Salfit, for the expansion of the checkpoint which started on 15 August.

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

- 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:

- **31 August to date:** Following the 28 August suicide bombing in the Israeli city of Beer Sheva', the IDF has accelerated work on the Barrier installing the final layer of posts, fences and electrical cameras westward of the Palestinian villages of Sikka, Beit 'Awwa, Al Majd and Deir al 'Asal at Tahta, Hebron Governorate.
- Ongoing incidents:
 - Land levelling for Barrier construction is ongoing along the southern section of the Green Line, east of Shani settlement and on the western side of Idhna.

Bethlehem Governorate:

- **1 September:** The IDF issued requisition orders T/154/05 and T/155/05 which combined cover 43 dunums (4.3 hectares) of agricultural land belonging to Palestinian farmers from Khallet an Nu'man village and Beit Sahur town, Bethlehem Governorate. The land will be used to build a crossing point including a commercial terminal between the West Bank and Jerusalem.
- 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:

- 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
31 August 2005	Jaljouliya checkpoint	PRCS		1	
4 September 2005	Barta'a checkpoint, Jenin	PRCS	1		
4 September 2005	Umm ar Rihan checkpoint, Jenin	PRCS	1		

Total Week	2	1	0
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- **4 September:** A PCRS Ambulance was denied access at two separate checkpoints near Jenin, Barta'a and Umm ar Rihan.

5. Access and Movement for Civilians

a) Curfew

- No incidents to report.

b) Access to Education

The new school year started on 3 September.

Qalqiliya:

- **3 September to date:** School teachers experienced delays when crossing 'Azzun 'Atma gate due to the long lines of residents going to work in the morning.

Hebron:

- **31 August:** Palestinian teachers from Cordoba elementary school in the Old City of Hebron were attacked by a group of Israeli settlers on their way back home from school. The settlers (four adults and three teenagers) threw stones and garbage toward the teachers and a group of international activists. A complaint was filed at the Israeli police station in Kiryat Arba.
- **1 September to date:** With the beginning of the new school year, IDF escorts for students walking from Tuba to their school in At Tuwani, south Hebron Governorate, have resumed. The escorts are needed to protect the students from potential attacks carried out by Israelis from the Ma'on settlement.
- **1 September to date:** The Palestinian communities of Susya, Qawawis, and Mantiqat Shi'b al Batin in south Hebron have leased a tractor and trailer to transport their children to school in At Tuwani. The trip is, however, longer because secondary dirt roads are used to avoid encountering Israeli settlers along Road 317.
- **3 September:** Teachers and students from Cordoba elementary school were attacked by the same group of settlers who harassed the teachers two days earlier. The settlers threw stones and empty bottles towards the Palestinian students injuring a 13-year-old girl (This incident is also noted in Section 1).
- **3 September to date:** Since the first day of school, children attending the Al Ibrahimiyeh primary school in the Old City of Hebron coming from the south have had to pass through the new metal detector gates set up by the IDF north of the Abu Rish Mosque. The only access route from the south (See Section 5 D).

Gaza Strip:

Students in the Palestinian enclaves in the Gaza Strip have not been able to reach their schools, with some few exceptions:

- **Al Mawassi:** Seventy university students are not allowed out.
- **As Seafa:** Seventeen students were allowed out on 3 September. Six of them were however not allowed to return as they are over 16 years old.
- **Al Ma'ani:** Forty-nine students are not allowed out.
- **South Kissufim:** Sixteen students are not allowed out.
- **North Kissufim:** Eight students are not allowed out.
- **Abu Nahia:** Forty-four students are not allowed out.

c) Access to Employment

West Bank: On 1 September, Palestinian traders were allowed to enter Israel for the first time since a general closure was imposed on 12 July 2005. Only a limited number of Palestinian workers with permits are allowed entry to Israel. Fifty-six permits were issued for Palestinians workers from Jerusalem villages. In Bethlehem, 100 permits were issued to Palestinian teachers working in Jerusalem. In Jenin and Tubas, four and eight agricultural permits were issued respectively.

September:

Governorate	Work Permits		Trade Permits
	Israel	Settlements	
Nablus	201	n/a	320
Jenin	4	n/a	180
Tubas	8	n/a	100
Tulkarm	527	n/a	330
Qalqiliya	368	n/a	290
Salfit	164	n/a	100
Ramallah and Al Bireh	0	n/a	500
Jericho	n/a	n/a	n/a
Jerusalem	56	n/a	n/a

Bethlehem	100	n/a	100
Hebron	0	n/a	530
Total Permits Issued West Bank	1,428	n/a	2,450+

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
31 August 2005	175	86	37 Factory owners
1 September 2005	183	129	51 Factory owners
2 September 2005	208	68	0 Weekend
3 September 2005	0	0	0 Weekend
4 September 2005	219	148	65 Factory owners
5 September 2005	200	100	70 Factory owners
6 September 2005	170	85	47 Factory owners
Total	1,155	616	270

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 generally still imposed on the West Bank with some easing in movement restrictions. 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
- **21 August to date:** All the entrances connecting Sabastiya village with Road 60 are blocked by earth mounds.
- Ongoing incidents:
 - Shave Shomeron checkpoint remains 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 Kufeir 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:

- **31 August:** Lengthy delays occurred at Tayasir checkpoint.

Tulkarm Governorate:

- 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:

- **31 August to date:** Delays occurred at 'Azzun 'Atma gate due to the IDF search of residents using a metal detector. Vehicles were searched as well.

Salfit Governorate:

- No major incidents to report.

Ramallah / Al Bireh Governorate:

- Temporary vehicular and pedestrian arrangements are now in place at Qalandiya checkpoint while new construction there continues. The main road through the old checkpoint is now closed by a roadblock. 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:

- **1 September:** Streets in and around Jerusalem city were closed off for several hours as Israeli bodies from cemeteries in evacuated Israeli settlements in the Gaza Strip were reburied.

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 Palestinians 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:

- **1 September:** The IDF installed two new metal detector gates in the Old City of Hebron (in H2). The first facility was constructed on Al Shohada Street in the area near Beit Hadassah settlement, while the other one was installed in the Abu Rish area. This new addition reinforces the closure around the Jewish settlements and reduces access to the area of the Al Ibrahim Mosque, subjecting those wishing to pray, local Palestinian residents and schoolchildren from the Al Ibrahimiyah school, to a physical inspection and delays.
- Ongoing incidents:
 - In Imneizil the construction of the Barrier continue to close the main road which leads to the village and people are still using difficult and insecure roads to enter the village elsewhere.
 - The IDF continues to patrol the area of H1 of Hebron city and to perform random checks on Palestinians in violation of the Hebron Protocol.

Bethlehem Governorate:

- **1 September to date:** The IDF is no longer manning the Beit Jala DCO checkpoint.
- In August, 25,500 tourists entered the city of Bethlehem. The movement of tourists has increased by 20% compared to the last month. In August 2004, a total of 10,480 tourists entered Bethlehem. But the August 2005 figure is still two and half times less than for the same month pre-intifada (August 1999).
- Ongoing incidents:
 - The alternative secondary access road which was created by the IDF for the people from the village of An Nu'man has deteriorated and has become difficult to use.

West Bank: Reported flying checkpoints

Governorate	Location, # of incidents in brackets	Total # of flying checkpoints
Nablus	#57 near; Al Badhan road, Al 'Aqrabaniya. Near; Talluza. #60 near; Al Lubban ash Sharqiyya.	4
Jenin	# 596 near; Ya'bad.	1
Tubas	#588 near; Tammun, btw Tubas city and Al Far'a camp, 'Aqqaba. #578 near; Beka'ot settlement.	4
Tulkarm	Entrance off; Al Jarushiya, Deir al Ghusun(2), Bal'a(3), Far'un, Baqa ash Sharqiyya, Tulkarm camp, Iktaba.	10
Qalqiliya	Entrance off; Qalqiliya(2), Khirbet Sir(2), Immatin, 'Azzun, Jit junction. Between; Al Funduq and Hajja.	8
Salfit	Entrance off; Bruqin, Haris, Iskaka.	3
Ramallah and Al Bireh	Along #60	N/A
Jerusalem	Junction of #437 and #1	1
Jericho	#449 btw Jericho and Ramallah(2). Entrance off; "Ein ad Duyuk(2), north of Al 'Auja.	4
Bethlehem	Beit Sahur, Al 'Ubeidiya(2), Za'tara, Taqu', Bethlehem city(2), Beit Fajar	9
Hebron	Al Fawwar Junction(2), Kallet al Maiyya, Adh Dhahiriya, Ar Ramadin(2), Khursa, Karma, Beit Khail, Kharas, Al Burj, Hebron city - H1	12
Total West Bank		56+

The Gaza Strip:

- **23 July:** (Ongoing) Due to the restricted opening hours at Abu Holi junction, there is heavy traffic congestion.
- **5 and 6 September:** The IDF dismantled and removed the observation posts of Al Barahma, Oraybeh, Salah Edien in Rafah and Al Tufah in Khan Younis.

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.
- **16 August to date:** The IDF declared the area a closed military zone; Palestinian residents of the area are not allowed in or out.
- **1 September:** The IDF allowed four people to leave at 7am and return at 12pm to bring food in 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 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 to date:** Al Tuffah checkpoint was closed in both directions for all Palestinians.
- **2, 3 and 4 September:** Al Tuffah checkpoint was open from 8am to 1pm to allow agricultural products out. However no entry was allowed. Some students were also allowed to exit on 3 and 4 September.

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.
- **3 September:** At 7am Al Maani checkpoint was opened for departures and people were allowed to leave the area. It was opened again at 12.30pm for arrivals. The IDF allowed people to bring goods and water inside. The 49 students living inside were not allowed out.

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.
- **3 September:** The IDF opened the gates south and north of the Kissufim road to allow people living in the enclosed areas to leave at 7am and return at 12.30pm.

6. Additional Protection Issues

- During the week, a total of four 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.
- **1, 2 and 4 September:** One Palestinian died (in Khan Younis) and three were injured in two separate incidents (in Khan Younis and Gaza City) after explosives (mortar shells and bombs) they were handling prematurely exploded (These figures have not been included in the weekly casualty numbers).

- **4 September:** Twenty-two Palestinians, policemen included, were injured in clashes between unemployed Palestinians and PA police in Khan Younis, the Gaza Strip. (These figures have not been included in the weekly casualty numbers).
- **5 September:** Four Palestinians were killed and another 40 were injured when a bomb exploded in a Palestinian house in Shuja'ia area in Gaza City. Four houses were destroyed and several nearby houses damaged in the blast exploded (These figures have not been included in the weekly casualty numbers).

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), Khirbet Tana, Askar camp(1), Zaatara CP, Beit Furik(1).	4	19
Jenin	Silat adh Dhar(1).	1	0
Tubas	Tubas city(1), Tammun.	1	3
Tulkarm	Baqa ash Sharqiyya(1), Qaffin(1), Bal'a(3), Tulkarm city(1), btw Bal'a and Al 'Attara, Deir al Ghusun(2), Tulkarm camp(1)	9	8
Qalqiliya	Kafr Qaddum(1), Qalqiliya city(1), 'Azzun 'Atma(1).	3	2
Salfit	No incidents to report.	0	0
Ramallah/Al Bireh	Qalandiya CP, Bil'in(1).	1	6
Jerusalem	Al 'Eizariyya(1)	1	1
Jericho	Adh Dahiyat(1)	1	0
Bethlehem	Dar Salah, 'Ayda refuge camp(2), Al 'Ubeidiya(3), Bethlehem city(3), Za'tara, Beit Ta'mir, Beit Sahur, Al Khadr, Tuqu', Husan	16	4
Hebron	Adh Dhahiriya(2), As Samu', Ar Ramadin(2), Khursa, Karma, Yatta (3), Beit Khail, Samu', Idhna, Beit Ummer, Kharas, Al Burj, Dura(2), Hebron city(4)	22	6
Total Week West Bank		59	49
Gaza Strip	No incidents to report	0	0
Total Week oPt		59	49

Appendix: Checkpoints Status 31 August – 6 September 2005

Checkpoint	Status
Tulkarm	
Taybeh	Open from 5.30am to 5pm for UN and international organisations and Palestinians with permits. On 1 September, Palestinian traders with permits were allowed into Israel.
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. On 6 September, workers with permits were allowed access to Israel.
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. The tunnel near the checkpoint under Road 57 is 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 DCL. Only vehicles leaving the West Bank are subjects for security checks. On 1 September, Palestinian traders with permits were allowed into Israel. On 6 September, workers were allowed access.
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. On 1 September, Palestinian traders with permits were allowed into Israel. On 6 September, workers were allowed access.
'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.
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/Al Bireh	
Qalandiya	Open daily 24 hours for vehicles and pedestrians. Long delays are regularly reported during rush hours due to new traffic arrangements because of ongoing construction for the new checkpoint. West Bank residents, Jerusalem ID holders, and foreign passport holders have access without permits. Jewish and Arab Israeli citizens and Arabs from the Golan are prohibited from crossing into Ramallah. Vehicles with West Bank registration cannot pass unless they have a special permit. Ambulances and trucks with food products are permitted to cross.
Bet El/DCO	Open daily from 6am to 10pm. Access in vehicles only for diplomats, foreign passport holders, UN staff, international humanitarian organisations, and Palestinians with special work permits.
Atara Bridge (partial)	Open.
An Nabi Salih gate (partial)	Open.
At Tayba (partial)	Open.

Makkabim On Road 443	Usually open for Israelis, Jerusalem ID holders and foreign passport holders. Road 443 is off limits to oPt Palestinians, except those with permits to enter Israel/Jerusalem.
Ni'lin	Usually open for Jerusalem ID holders, foreign passport holders and Palestinians with permits to enter Israel.
Rantis	Usually open for Jerusalem ID holders, foreign passport holders and Palestinians with permits to enter Israel.
Jerusalem	
Hizma Eastern entrance of junction Road 437/Psigat Ze'ev settlement	Open for Israelis, Palestinians with Jerusalem ID cards, West Bank and Gaza Strip Palestinians with permits and internationals. UN staff requested on several occasions to show personal ID/national passports in addition to their UN ID card.
Az Za'ayem North eastern entrance on Road 1.	Open for Israelis, Palestinians with Jerusalem ID cards, West Bank and Gaza Strip Palestinians with permits and internationals.
Ar Ram Northern entrance on Road 60 north.	Open for Israelis, Palestinians with Jerusalem ID cards, West Bank and Gaza Strip Palestinians with permits and internationals. UN staff requested on several occasions to show personal ID/national passports in addition to their UN ID card.
Bir Nabala/Atarot Northern entrance on Road 404 /45 Road Atarot Junction.	Open for Israelis, Palestinians with Jerusalem ID cards, West Bank and Gaza Strip Palestinians with permits and internationals. UN staff requested on several occasions to show personal ID/national passports in addition to their UN ID card.
Ramot Alon North western entrance on Road 436	Open for Israelis, Palestinians with Jerusalem ID cards, West Bank and Gaza Strip Palestinians with permits and internationals. UN staff requested on several occasions to show personal ID/national passports in addition to their UN ID card.
Shu'fat Refugee Camp/ Anata Checkpoint	Open 24 hours for Palestinians with Jerusalem IDs and UN and international organisations; Palestinians from the West Bank need a permit. West Bank vehicles are not allowed.
Container ("Wadi nar") East of Abu Dis, main transit between north and south West Bank	Open for Palestinian vehicles with permits (taxis and municipality trucks), humanitarian reasons and for internationals. Permits not required for Palestinian pedestrians. Israeli-yellow-plated cars are not allowed to cross.
'Anata Northern entrance.	Open 24 hours for Palestinian residents of 'Anata and UN and international organisations.
Jericho	
DCO Main checkpoint off Road 1	Open daily 24 hours after the IDF handed security control of Jericho to the Palestinian Authority on 16 March 2005. Open for everyone but Israelis. Vehicles with West Bank registration can pass without permits.
Al Auja (Yitav) On Road 90	Open 24 hours for Palestinian living in Jericho District. Prohibited for Palestinians holding West Bank ID cards from other governorates. Since 1 May, Jericho residents have not been allowed to cross from south to north.
Gate opposite Allenby Checkpoint off Road 90	Gate manned by the IDF. Closed at all times. Soldiers open the gate for shuttle busses taking Palestinians to Allenby Border Crossing to Jordan.
Bethlehem	
Gilo North entrance to Bethlehem	Open 24 hours for humanitarian organisations. No Palestinian-plated cars allowed. Only traders and teachers with valid permit are allowed to pass. Second lane opens 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 has imposed closure, only Palestinians traders holding valid permits are allowed to pass
Beit Jala DCO Entrance to Beit Jala	Since 31 August the checkpoint has not been manned. Palestinian public and private vehicles including commercial trucks are allowed to pass.
Tunnels Road 60 at Har Gilo	Open 24 hours for humanitarian organisations. Since 13 July (after the suicide bombing in Netanya) Israel has imposed closure, only Palestinians workers and teachers holding valid permits are 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 has imposed closure, only Palestinians traders holding valid permits are 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 has imposed closure, Palestinians traders holding valid permits are allowed to pass.
Ein Gedi On Road 90, along Dead Sea.	On bypass Road 90. Formally located near 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 traders holding valid permits are 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 has imposed closure. Palestinians traders holding valid permits and prisoners' families are allowed to pass. Goods are transported using the back-to-back system.
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 traders holding valid permits are 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. A new metal detector machine has been installed near the checkpoint and is used to check all Palestinians, including schoolchildren on their way to the Al Ibrahimmiyye school.
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 on the checkpoint search all goods on persons heading toward the old city. There are also reports of IDF soldiers fingerprinting 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 toward the Tomb of the Patriarchs. Movement is segregated for incoming and outgoing traffic. Palestinians exiting the Kasaba area are processed through a combination of turnstiles, allowing one person at a time to pass, and a metal detector. The process is slow and extremely 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 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 relatively small number of factory owners were allowed in.
Netzarim Junction	Closed.
Abu Holi Junction	Abu Holi junction is closed during the day for Palestinians and opens at night only. The checkpoint was open as follow: 31 August: 10.15pm to 5.30am (1/9) 1 September: 10.30pm to 6am (2/9) 2 September: from 6pm to 7am (4/9) 3 September: Open 4 September: 4pm to 5pm; 11pm to 7.30am (5/9) 5 September: 5am to 6pm; 10.30pm to 7am (6/9) 6 September: 10.30pm to 7.15am (7/9)
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.
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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.
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.