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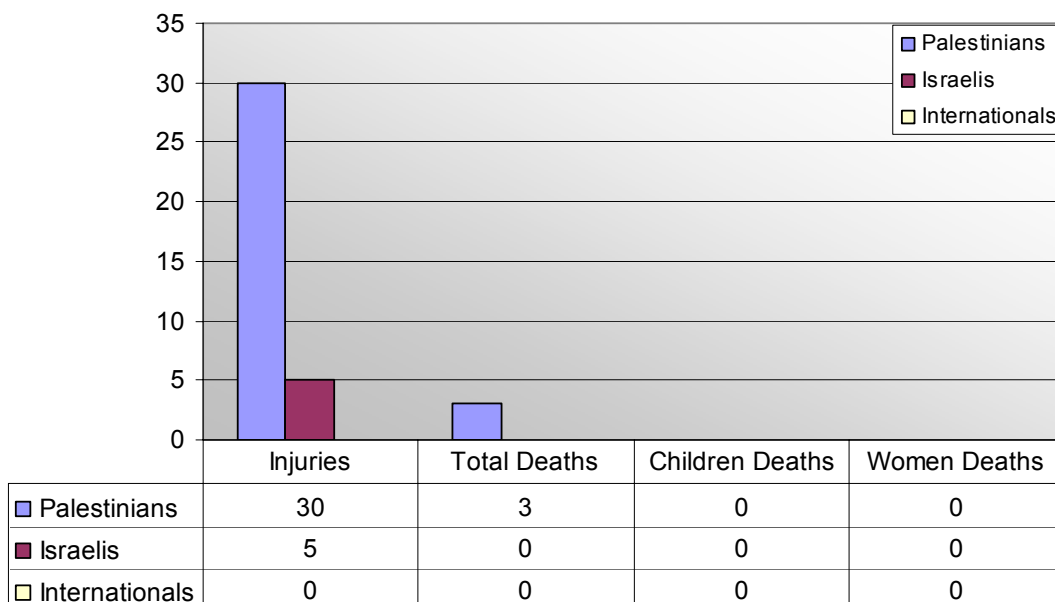
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Of note this week:

- The withdrawal of Israeli soldiers resulted in a major improvement in internal access throughout the Gaza Strip, in particular the enclaves of As Seafa, Al Mawasi, Al Ma'ani, Abu Nahia and Abu al Ajin.

1. Physical Protection¹

Casualties



Casualty Incidents Include:

- 7 September:** One Palestinian was killed and three were injured when the IDF opened fire in their direction near the evacuated Israeli settlement of Neve Dekalim, the Gaza Strip.
- 7 September:** One Israeli contractor was injured by shrapnel from a grenade thrown by Palestinians near Salah Ed-Din gate along the Philadelphi route border with Egypt in the Gaza Strip.
- 8 September:** IDF soldiers injured one Palestinian male at Qalandiya checkpoint, near Jerusalem.
- 8 September:** IDF soldiers injured a 16-year-old Palestinian resident of H2 area, Hebron city.
- 8 September:** One Palestinian was killed when the IDF opened fire as he approached the evacuated Israeli settlements of Slaw and Atsmona in the Gaza Strip.

¹ The figures include two Israeli injuries resulting from IDF gunfire.

- **8 September:** One Palestinian was injured when the IDF opened fire near Salah Ed-Din gate along the Philadelphi route border with Egypt in the Gaza Strip.
- **9 September:** One Palestinian with an intellectual disability was injured when the IDF opened fire as he approached Abu Holi checkpoint in the Gaza Strip.
- **9 September:** IDF clashed with residents and international and Israeli activists after they entered Bil'in, Ramallah. The IDF fired tear gas canisters and rubber-coated metal bullets. Seven Palestinians and two Israeli activists were injured.
- **10 September:** IDF clashed with Palestinian stone throwers after they entered Beit Furik village, Nablus. A 17-year-old Palestinian was injured.
- **10 September:** Two Israelis were injured after Palestinians threw stones at them in the Silwan area of East Jerusalem.
- **11 September:** Seven Palestinians were injured, one of them seriously, when the IDF opened fire as they attempted to enter the evacuated Israeli settlement of Neve Dekalim in the Gaza Strip.
- **12 September:** A 14-year-old Palestinian boy was injured after the IDF stationed at the new border fence north of Beit Lahia, the Gaza Strip, opened fire at a group of Palestinian approaching the fence.
- **12 September:** IDF soldiers injured a Palestinian shepherd near Fasayil, Jericho.
- **12 September:** One Palestinian member of the Security Forces was injured when IDF opened fire at PA Security Forces attempting to enter Kfar Darom settlement in the Gaza Strip, before the completion of the IDF withdrawal from the settlement.
- **13 September:** Clashes erupted between IDF soldiers and residents of Taffuh village when the IDF deployed a flying checkpoint in the village. One 19-year-old Palestinian was killed and five Palestinians injured.

2. Shelter and Property

Date	Location, Governorate	# Structures demolished	# Structures partially destroyed	# People displaced / affected
8 September 2005	Furush Beit Dajan, Nablus	5	-	33
8 September 2005	Fayasil, Jericho	6	-	42
8 September 2005	Al Jiftlik, Jericho	8	-	47
11 September 2005	Al Khadr, Bethlehem	1	-	8
11 September 2005	Al Ma'ani, Gaza Strip	2	3	7
Total Week		22	3	137

Incidents:

- **8 September:** The IDF demolished five structures in Furush Beit Dajan village, Nablus, stating that they were built without permits. The structures were shelter for 33 people.
- **8 September:** The IDF demolished 14 structures in Fayasil and al Jiftlik, Jericho, stating that that were built without permits. The ICRC had provided the shelters. The structures were shelter to 89 people.
- **11 September:** The IDF demolished one tent which belonged to a Palestinian family from the Al Khadr village, Bethlehem, and was being used as a pottery shop. The IDF stated that it demolished the structure after it was built without a permit.
- **11 September:** During the demolition of Israeli structures in the evacuated Kfar Darom settlement two Palestinian houses were demolished and another three damaged in Al Ma'ani area adjacent to the settlement. The structures were shelter to seven people.

Other shelter/property related incidents

- **12 September:** The IDF occupied three houses in H2 area of Hebron city which were inhabited by 25 people. The houses were occupied for a period of 24 hours. In each house the soldiers kept the residents in one room and restricted their movement.

3. Natural Resources

Land levelling/Requisitions/Tree Uprooting²

Nablus and Jenin Governorates:

- No incidents to report.

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

Tubas Governorate:

- **12 September:** A requisition order T/162/05 was found near Bardala village confiscating 1.3 dunums (0.13 hectares) of land near Road 90 for construction of an observation tower.

Tulkarm Governorate:

- **12 September:** The IDF uprooted several olive trees on land belonging to Palestinians from Kafr al Labad for the construction of a fence around the Avnei Khefets settlement.
- Ongoing incidents:
 - Land levelling around Avnei Khefets settlement continues for the construction of a new fence around the settlement.

Qalqiliya Governorate:

- Ongoing incidents:
 - The IDF continued levelling land near Immatin village and between 'Azzun and Kafr Thulth for the construction of the Barrier.

Salfit Governorate:

- **12 September:** The Israeli Archaeological Authority levelled land and uprooted about 60 olive trees near Deir Ballut in search for archaeological artefacts in the area.
- Ongoing incidents:
 - Israeli contractors continued levelling land north of Salfit city, Iskaka and Deir Istiya villages and south of Marda and Kifl Haris villages 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.

Hebron Governorate:

- Ongoing incidents:
 - Land levelling for Barrier construction continues along the southern section of the Green Line, east of Shani settlement and on the western side of Idhna. Barrier construction has reached Al Burj village on the western side.

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:

- **11 September:** Three military requisition orders, T/93, T/94 and T/95/04, were issued for an adjustment to the Barrier route in the planned Bir Nabala enclave. A total of 222 dunums (22.2 hectares) of land was requisitioned: Beit Ijza (144 dunums, 14.4 hectares), Beit Duqqu (22 dunums, 2.2 hectares) and Al Jib (56 dunums, 5.6 hectares).
- 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 also 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 Sheikh Sa'd village and in the village.

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
7 September 2005	Imreiha gate/Jenin	UNRWA	1	-	-
Total Week³			1	0	0

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

Date	Location / Governorate	Duration
7 September 2005	Kafr Qaddum/Qalqiliya	12 hours
9 September 2005	Bil'in/Ramallah	3 hours
12 September 2005	Tell/Nablus	5 hours
Total Week	3 incidents	20 hours

- **7 September:** The IDF imposed a curfew for 12 hours in Kafr Qaddum village, Qalqiliya, during a search campaign.
- **9 September:** The IDF imposed a curfew for three hours in Bil'in, Ramallah, and announced the village as a closed military area.
- **12 September:** The IDF imposed a curfew for five hours on Tell village, Nablus, during a search campaign.

b) Access to Education**Hebron:**

- **7 & 8 September:** IDF soldiers at Beit Yatir checkpoint denied school teachers attempting to reach the Imneizil elementary school access and detained them for several hours. The teachers were sent back for not having the proper permits to reach the Palestinian village of Imneizil. As a result the school was closed for two days.
- **10 September:** Teachers and students from Cordoba elementary school were attacked by group of settlers from the Israeli settlement of Beit Hadassah in H2 area, Hebron city. The settlers threw stones and empty bottles towards the Palestinian students.
- **11 September:** Teachers and students from Cordoba elementary school refused to pass through the metal detector machine which was deployed near their school two weeks ago. The IDF soldiers denied their access temporarily and the school started two hours late.
- Ongoing incidents:
 - The IDF continues to escort Palestinian students walking from Tuba to their school in At Tuwani, south Hebron Governorate. The escort is taking place to protect the students from potential attacks carried by Israeli settlers from Ma'on settlement.
 - Children attending the Al Ibrahimiyeh primary school in the Old City of Hebron who approach it from the south have to pass through new metal detector gates set up by the IDF north of the Abu Rish Mosque.

c) Access to Employment**West Bank:****September (As of 13 September):**

Governorate	Work Permits		Trade Permits
	Israel	Settlements	
Nablus	289	n/a	320
Jenin	185	n/a	180
Tubas	38	n/a	100
Tulkarm	156	n/a	330
Qalqiliya	369	n/a	290

³ There were no incidents reported by PRCS between 07 – 09 September. Figures are currently unavailable for the reporting period between 10 – 13 September.

Salfit	164	n/a	100
Ramallah and Al Bireh	168	n/a	560
Jericho	10	n/a	n/a
Jerusalem	56	n/a	n/a
Bethlehem	176	n/a	100
Hebron	369	n/a	530
Total Permits Issued West Bank	1,980	n/a	2,510+

The Gaza Strip:

As of 9 September, the total number of Gaza Strip workers permits was 278 including 124 with overnight stay; 205 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
07 September 2005	201	160	52 Factory owners
08 September 2005	174	112	n/a
09 September 2005	30	70	0 Weekend
10 September 2005	n/a	45	0 Weekend
11 September 2005	220	120	? Factory owners
12 September 2005	174	159	0
13 September 2005	187	231	0
Total	986+	897	52+

d) Closures/Movement restrictions

Israeli restrictions during the evacuation of four settlements in the northern West Bank continued to affect 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:

- **21 August to date:** All the entrances connecting Sabastiya village with Road 60 are blocked by earth mounds.
- **7 September:** The IDF closed Huwwara checkpoint for approximately two hours after the IDF found an explosive device near the checkpoint.
- **9 September:** Two Palestinians from Beit Furik were caught and fined in Khirbet Tana village. The IDF told the two Palestinians that the area is a closed military area as of 9 of September.
- **10 September:** The IDF closed Huwwara checkpoint for approximately 90 minutes after two pipe bombs were found near the checkpoint.
- 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 towards Jenin city through Kufeirir 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.
- **7 September:** The IDF forced three Palestinian males to take off their clothes at a flying checkpoint between Arraba and Bir al Basha villages. The IDF searched the vehicle that the Palestinians were driving using a remote controlled robot. A complaint was made to the Israeli DCL.

Tubas Governorate:

- No major incidents to report.

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:

- **7 September:** Children living in Ras Tira, Ad Dab'a, Wadi Ar Rasha, Ramadin and Arab Abu Farda (inside Alfei Menashe enclave) were not allowed to enter the enclave through Ras 'Atiya gate unless they are accompanied by one of their parents and holding their certificates of birth.

Salfit Governorate:

- No major incidents to report.

Ramallah / Al Bireh Governorate:

- Ongoing incidents:
 - 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:

- No major incidents to report.

Jericho Governorate:

- **9 September:** Al 'Auja partial checkpoint was operating in the evening hours.
- Ongoing incidents:
 - Palestinian West Bank residents from areas outside of the Jericho Governorate are denied access at Yitav checkpoint near Road 449, north of 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. Residents from 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:

- Ongoing incidents:
 - In Imneizil the construction of the Barrier continues 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:

- 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 become difficult to use.

West Bank: Reported flying checkpoints

Governorate	Location, # of incidents in brackets	Total # of flying checkpoints
Nablus	#57; An Nassariya. Btw; 'Asira ash Shamaliya and Talluza.	2
Jenin	Btw; 'Arraba and Bir al Basha.	1
Tubas	#588; Al Far'a, 'Aqqaba.	2
Tulkarm	Entrance off; Zeita(2), Qaffin(2), Ramin, Kafr Rumman, Bal'a, Baqa ash Sharqiyya, 'Illar, Tulkarm camp, Deir al Ghusun, 'Anabta	12
Qalqiliya	Entrance off; Qalqiliya DCO(2), 'Azzun(4), Habla tunnel(2), 'Izbat at Tabib, Jit junction, Khirbet Sir(3). Btw; Kafr Thulth and 'Azzun,	14
Salfit	Entrance off; Iskaka. Btw: Salfit city and Iskaka	2
Ramallah and Al Bireh	Along #60	n/a
Jerusalem	Ar Ram, Atarot Industrial Zone junction(6).	7
Jericho	Al Mu'arrajat road btw Jericho and Ramallah(4).	4
Bethlehem	Beit Sahur(2), Al 'Ubeidiya(2), Za'tara, Tuqu', Bethlehem city(3), Beit Fajjar, Dar Salah, Doha, Beit Jala,	13
Hebron	Al Fawwar Junction(4), Khallet al Maiyya(2), Adh Dhahiriya, Ar Ramadin(2), Karma, Beit Kahil, Kharas, Al Burj, Hebron city - H1, Halhul	15
Total West Bank		72+

The Gaza Strip and the enclosed areas:

- **12 September:** All Gaza enclaves (As Seafa, Al Mawassi, Al Ma'ani, Abu Nahia and Abu al Ajin area) and internal crossing points were re-opened following the Israeli withdrawal from the Gaza Strip.

6. Additional Protection Issues

- During the week, a total of five 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.
- **7 September:** Mousa Arafat, a senior figure in Gaza, was killed and three of his bodyguards injured following an attack by Palestinian militants against his house in Gaza city. These figures were not included in Section 1.
- **10 September:** An Italian journalist was kidnapped by Palestinians in Deir al Balah, the Gaza Strip. He was released after four hours.
- **11 September:** Israeli security forces arrested 50 Palestinian West Bankers not holding permits for entry to Jerusalem.

Searches/Arrests/Detentions

Governorate	Location of arrests/detention # of searches noted at locations with brackets	Total # of Searches	Total # of Arrested/ Detained
Nablus	No incidents to report.	0	0
Jenin	Kafr Ra'l(1), 'Arab as Suweitat(1), Jaba'(1).	3	2
Tubas	#588, 'Aqqaba(1).	1	5
Tulkarm	'Illar(2), Seida(1), flying CP by Ramin, Kafriat CP.	3	11
Qalqiliya	'Azzun(2), Jinsafut(1), Habla(1).	4	6
Salfit	Deir Istiya(1).	1	0
Ramallah/Al Bireh	Beit Liqya(1), Ras Karkar(1)	2	12
Jerusalem	Ar Ram(1), Qatanna(1), Hizma(1), Wadi Nar CP, Jerusalem, Bir Nabala(1), Beit Hanina(1).	5	7
Jericho	No incidents to report.	0	0
Bethlehem	Dar Salah(1), 'Ayda refuge camp(2), Al 'Ubeidiya(3), Bethlehem city(2), Za'tara(1), Beit Sahur(1), Al Khadr(1), Tuqu'(1),	12	3
Hebron	Adh Dhahiriya(3), As Samu'(1), Ar Ramadin(3), Khursa(1), Karma(1), Yatta(1), Beit Kahil(1), Samu'(1), Beit Ummar(1), Kharas(1), Al Burj(1), Dura(2), Hebron city(4)	21	7
Total Week West Bank		52	53
Gaza Strip	No incidents to report	0	0
Total Week oPt		52	53

Appendix: Checkpoints Status 7 – 13 September 2005

Checkpoint	Status
Tulkarm	
Taybeh	Open from 5.30am to 5pm for UN and international organisations and Palestinians with permits. On 1 September, Palestinians 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’ayyem North eastern entrance on Road 1.	Open for Israelis, Palestinians with Jerusalem ID cards, West Bank and Gaza Strip Palestinians with permits and internationals.
Ar Ram Northern entrance on Road 60 north.	Open for Israelis, Palestinians with Jerusalem ID cards, West Bank and Gaza Strip Palestinians with permits and internationals. UN staff requested on several occasions to show personal ID/national passports in addition to their UN ID card.
Bir Nabala/Atarot Northern entrance on Road 404 /45 Road Atarot Junction.	Open for Israelis, Palestinians with Jerusalem ID cards, West Bank and Gaza Strip Palestinians with permits and internationals. UN staff requested on several occasions to show personal ID/national passports in addition to their UN ID card.
Ramot Alon North western entrance on Road 436	Open for Israelis, Palestinians with Jerusalem ID cards, West Bank and Gaza Strip Palestinians with permits and internationals. UN staff requested on several occasions to show personal ID/national passports in addition to their UN ID card.
Shu’fat Refugee Camp/ Anata Checkpoint	Open 24 hours for Palestinians with Jerusalem IDs and UN and international organisations; Palestinians from the West Bank need a permit. West Bank vehicles are not allowed.
Container (“Wadi nar”) East of Abu Dis, main transit between north and south West Bank	Open for Palestinian vehicles with permits (taxis and municipality trucks), humanitarian reasons and for internationals. Permits not required for Palestinian pedestrians. Israeli-yellow-plated cars are not allowed to cross.
‘Anata Northern entrance.	Open 24 hours for Palestinian residents of ‘Anata and UN and international organisations.
Jericho	
DCO Main checkpoint off Road 1	Open daily 24 hours after the IDF handed security control of Jericho to the Palestinian Authority on 16 March 2005. Open for everyone but Israelis. Vehicles with West Bank registration can pass without permits.
Al Auja (Yitav) On Road 90	Open 24 hours for Palestinian living in Jericho District. Prohibited for Palestinians holding West Bank ID cards from other governorates. Since 1 May, Jericho residents have not been

	allowed to cross from south to north.
Gate opposite Allenby Checkpoint off Road 90	Gate manned by the IDF. Closed at all times. Soldiers open the gate for shuttle busses taking Palestinians to Allenby Border Crossing to Jordan.
Bethlehem	
Gilo North entrance to Bethlehem	Open 24 hours for humanitarian organisations. No Palestinian-plated cars allowed. Only Palestinian Jerusalem permit holders 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, Palestinians with Jerusalem IDs and Palestinians holding valid permits are allowed to pass
Beit Jala DCO Entrance to Beit Jala	Since 31 August the checkpoint is not 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. Palestinian workers and traders with valid permits are allowed to cross.
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. Palestinian workers and traders with valid permits are allowed to cross.
Al Jab'a Crossing to Israel on Road 367, Green Line	Open 24 hours. Palestinian workers and traders with valid permits are allowed to cross
Ein Gedi On Road 90, along Dead Sea.	On bypass Road 90. Used to be located close to the Avnot settlement but has now been moved south to the intersection with the settlement of Mitzpe Shalem. Palestinian workers and traders with valid permits are allowed to cross.
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. Palestinian workers and traders with valid permits are allowed to cross
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 Imneizil village are allowed to cross but other Palestinians are asked for permits. This week teachers going to Imneizil school were denied access.
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	Open only to Palestinians travelling on foot living between it and the settlement.

Beginning of street leading to 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, 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. 7 September: at 12am Erez checkpoint was closed for internationals and reopened on 8 am following day.
Erez Industrial zone	12 September: the zone was reopened following the Israeli withdrawal from the Gaza Strip but it has not become a joint Palestinian-Israeli zone.
Netzarim Junction	12 September: All the Gaza internal crossing points were reopened following the Israeli pullout from the Strip.
Abu Holi Junction	
Abu Al Ajin Road	
Salah Eddin at Kfar Darom	
West Morag Junction	
Beach Road	
Al Muntar Junction	7 September: At 3:00pm Israeli authorities closed Rafah Terminal until further notice.
Rafah Passenger Terminal	

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.