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Protection of Civilians - Weekly Briefing Notes

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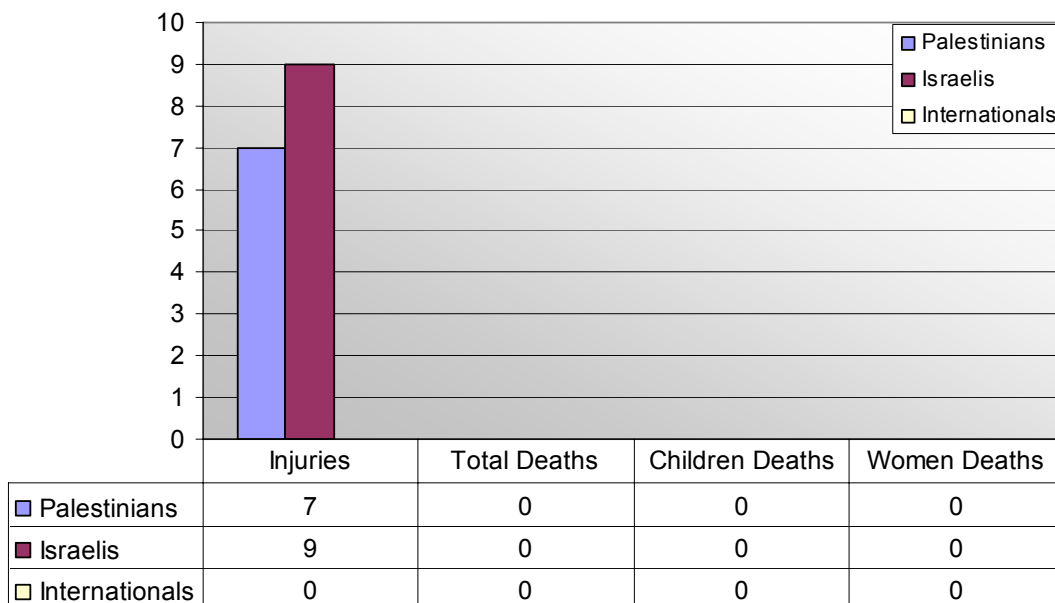
Protection – Deaths and injuries ▪ **Shelter and Property** – People displaced, House demolitions, Demolition orders ▪ **Natural Resources** - Land levelling, Requisitions, Tree Uprooting ▪ **Access for Medical Assistance** - Incidents involving safety and movement of ambulances, medical teams, humanitarian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

Of note this week:

- Israel withdrew from two further settlements in the northern West Bank.

1. Physical Protection

Casualties



Casualty Incidents:

- **16 September:** The IDF fired tear gas and rubber-coated metal bullets at Palestinian, Israeli and Internationals activists demonstrating against the Barrier construction in Bil'in, Ramallah. Five Palestinians and four IDF soldiers were injured.
- **16 September:** Israeli settlers from Tko'a injured a Palestinian from the village of Tuqu' in Bethlehem Governorate. The settlers attacked the shepherd and his herd with stones, resulting in the death of two of his sheep.
- **16 September:** Palestinians stoned an Israeli vehicle near al Funduq village, Qalqiliya. Three Israelis were injured.
- **17 September:** A group of Palestinian youths from Budrus, Ramallah, stoned an IDF patrol during a search campaign and the IDF responded with rubber-coated metal bullets. One Palestinian and one IDF soldier were injured.
- **19 September:** A female Israeli settler was injured in Huwwara village, Nablus, after Palestinians threw stones at her vehicle as it was moving in the village.

2. Shelter and Property

Date	Location, Governorate	# Structures demolished	# Structures partially destroyed	# People displaced / affected
13 September 2005 ¹	Al 'Isawiya, Jerusalem	1	-	0
20 September 2005	Beit Hanina, Jerusalem	-	-	7
Total Week		0	0	7

Incidents:

- **13 September** (not reported previously): The Israeli Jerusalem municipality demolished one uninhabited house in Al 'Isawiya, Jerusalem, stating that it was built without permit.
- **20 September**: After their home was demolished in Beit Hanina (Jerusalem) in April 2005 for being built with a permit, a family of seven have been living in a caravan on the same location of the demolished house. On 20 September the Israeli Jerusalem municipality confiscated the caravan.

Other shelter/property related incidents:

- **15 September**: The IDF occupied one house in Kafr Qaddum, Qalqiliya, and held the residents and some relatives (20 persons) in one room for approximately 6 hours during a search campaign.
- **14-20 September**: The IDF occupied 4 inhabited houses in H2 area, Hebron city (home to 30 persons). In each house the soldiers held the residents in one room and restricted their movement.

3. Natural Resources

Land levelling/Requisitions/Tree Uprooting²

Nablus and Tubas Governorates:

- No incidents to report.

Jenin Governorate:

- **20 September**: The IDF paved and surrounded with barbed wire an area of approximately 30 dunums (3.0 hectares) west of the Barrier near Dhaher al Malih village.

Tulkarm Governorate:

- Ongoing incidents:
 - Land levelling around Avnei Khefets and Enav settlements continues for the construction of a new fence around the settlements.

Qalqiliya Governorate:

- **15 September**: The Israeli High Court of Justice ruled that Israel must reconsider an alternative route for the Barrier around the Alfei Menashe settlement after a petition was submitted by the residents of five Palestinian villages located inside the closed area.
- Ongoing incidents:
 - The IDF continued levelling land near Immatin village and between 'Azzun and Kafr Thulth for the construction of the Barrier.

Salfit Governorate:

- **14 September**: The Palestinian DCL received two land requisition orders: T/163/05 for 23.5 dunums (2.35 hectares) in Bruqin and No 321/5729/1969 for 0.4 dunums (0.04 hectares) in Haris. Both requisition orders are for the purpose of erecting military observation towers.
- 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:

¹ Not included in the total for the reporting period.

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

- 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, south of Beit Liqya and north and south of Rantis checkpoint.

Hebron Governorate:

- **15 September:** IDF bulldozers started levelling agricultural land belonging to Palestinian farmers from H2 area, Hebron city, around the Israeli settlement of Kiryat Arba. The land is used for vineyards and provides the main source of income for six Palestinian families living in the area. According to a previous requisition order the land will be used to create a security road.
- 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:

- **15 September:** 31 fruit trees belonging to a Palestinian farmer from Khallet Zakariya were cut down adjacent to Alon Shvut settlement.
- **15 September:** The IDF issued requisition order, T/157/05, for 21 dunums (2.1 hectares) of agricultural land belonging to Palestinian farmers from the towns of Al Khadr and Beit Jala. The land is to be used to expand the Tunnel checkpoint on Road No. 60.
- Ongoing incidents:
 - Contractors for the construction of the Barrier fenced in the area around Khallet an Nu'man. The main road from Al Khas is open and the alternative road opened by the IDF remains difficult to access by car.
 - Construction on Za'tara bypass is still taking place near Khallet an Nu'man; the bridge across Road No. 398 is now accessible.
 - Land levelling and housing construction continues in the settlements of northern Efrat, western Neve Daniel, Giv'at Ha Tamar, El'azar, Har Gilo and Betar Illit

Jerusalem Governorate:

- **16 September:** Israeli contractors carried out excavation work under Palestinian houses located near the Al Aqsa Mosque, Jerusalem Old City.
- Ongoing incidents:
 - Barrier construction is taking place all along the projected route in the Jerusalem governorate; exceptions to this are northeast of Al 'Eizariyya towards Ma'ale Adumim settlement and the Bir Nabala planned enclave.

Jericho Governorate:

- No incidents to report.

The Gaza Strip:

- **18 September:** IDF bulldozers supported by IDF armored vehicles entered approximately 200 metres into the Palestinian area east of Beit Hanoun near the border fence with Israel. The bulldozers started to establish what is believed to be a new buffer zone along the security fence between the Gaza Strip and Israel.

4. Access for Medical Assistance

West Bank:

Date	Location / Governorate	Affected Organisation	Denial	Delay	Shooting/Damage to Ambulance
10 September 2005 ³	DCO, Jericho	PRCS		1	-
14 September 2005	Imreiha, Jenin	UNRWA	1	-	-
Total Week⁴			1	-	

³ This incident was not previously reported as information was not available from PRCS. The incident is not included in the weekly total for the current reporting period.

⁴ PRCS data for the reporting period between 17 – 20 September are currently unavailable.

5. Access and Movement for Civilians

a) Curfew

Date	Location / Governorate	Duration
16 September 2005	Zububa/Jenin	11 hours
Total Week	1 incident	11 hours

- **16 September:** The IDF announced curfew on Zububa village, Jenin, for 11 hours during a search campaign.

b) Access to Education

Hebron:

- **14- 20 September:** Teachers coming from the Palestinian towns of Yatta and Samu' were unable to reach Imneizil elementary school as IDF soldiers managing Beit Yatir checkpoint denied them access and detained them for several hours. The teachers had previously been denied entry at this checkpoint on 7 and 8 September 2005 for not holding the correct permits and the school was closed for these two days.
- **15 September:** Teachers and students from Cordoba elementary school in the H2 area, Hebron city were attacked by group of settlers from the Israeli settlement of Beit Hadassah. The settlers threw stones and empty bottles towards the Palestinians.
- 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.
 - In order to avoid encountering the Israeli settlers along Road No. 317 students from the Palestinian communities of Susya, Qawawis and Mantiqat Shi'b al Batin in south Hebron continue to use tractors and trailers on dirt roads to reach their school in At Tuwani village.
 - Children attending the Al Ibrahimmiyye 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

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	168	n/a	760
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	2,051	n/a	2,710+

The Gaza Strip:

As of 9 September, the total number of Gaza Strip workers permits was 278 including 124 with overnight stay. 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
14 September 2005	188	118	On 12 September, the entire estate was dismantled and is no longer a shared Palestinian-Israeli industrial area.
15 September 2005	179	170	
16 September 2005	34	39	
17 September 2005	1	15	
18 September 2005	0	Closed (0)	
19 September 2005	205	240	
20 September 2005	195	239	

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 No. 60 from Shave Shomeron settlement to Araba junction, on Road No. 585 from Araba junction to Quffin entrance and on the section of Road No. 60 from Kadim and Gamin settlements to Jalama Barrier gate.

Nablus Governorate:

- **17 September:** The IDF withdrew from the Khomesh settlement as part of the Israeli disengagement plan.
- **21 August to date:** All the entrances connecting Sabastiya village with Road No. 60 are blocked by earth mounds.
- Ongoing incidents:
 - Shave Shomeron checkpoint remains closed.

Jenin Governorate:

- **20 September:** The IDF withdrew from Sa Nur settlement as part of the Israeli disengagement plan.
- **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 Kufeirit village.
- **21 August to date:** The IDF closed Road No. 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.

Tubas Governorate:

- Ongoing incidents:
 - Palestinians holding crossing permits to the "Jericho area" are denied access at Tayasir checkpoint. Only Palestinians holding permits for the West Bank area are allowed to cross.

Tulkarm Governorate:

- **17 September:** The IDF closed the Kafriat tunnel under Road No. 57 for several hours and prevented Palestinian vehicular movement between Tulkarm and the southern villages.
- 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:

- No major incidents to report.

Salfit Governorate:

- No major incidents to report.

Ramallah / Al Bireh Governorate:

- Approximately 500 permits were issued to Christians from Ramallah to access Jerusalem for religious ceremonies in the city.
- Ongoing incidents:
 - Temporary vehicular and pedestrian arrangements are now in place at Qalandiya checkpoint while construction of the new checkpoint continues. The main road through the old checkpoint is now closed. 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 No. 449, north of Jericho. Jericho residents can cross the checkpoint from south to north to go to Al Auja. Travel on Road No. 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 No. 90 north of Yitav checkpoint without a permit.

Hebron Governorate:

- **14 September:** The IDF has constructed a new permanent checkpoint on the main entrance to the Palestinian village of Ar Ramadin. The IDF soldiers check and search Palestinians travelling to and from Palestinian villages around Ar Ramadin area (approximately 4,000 Palestinian residents). The checkpoint also restricts the movement of Palestinians and Arab Israelis on Road No. 325.
- **15 September:** The IDF relocated concrete road blocks from the entrance of the New Al - Shallalah Street to the H1 - H2 area border on the same street. New road blocks were installed on the entrance of the Old Al - Shallalah Street in H2 area, Hebron city.
- Ongoing incidents:
 - In Imneizil the construction of the Barrier continues close to the main road which leads to the village. Palestinians are still using alternative difficult and insecure roads to enter the village.
 - The IDF continues to patrol the H1 area of Hebron city and 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, number of incidents in brackets	Total # of flying checkpoints
Nablus	Road. No. 60 near; Yits'har junction (3). Road No. 57 near; Badhan. Btw; Talluza and Badhan.	5
Jenin	No incidents to report.	0
Tubas	Near; 'Aqqaba. Tammun (2). Road No. 588 near; Kashda. Btw; Sisris and Tubas city. Road No. 88 and Road No. 57 (2).	7
Tulkarm	Btw; Tulkarm town and Ar Ras (2), 'Illar and 'Attil, near; Kafr al Labad. Entrances off; 'Illar (2), 'Anabta, Zeita.	8
Qalqiliya	Entrances off; Qalqiliya DCO (3), 'Azzun (2), Habla junction, Immatin, Jit junction. Btw; Kafr Thulth and 'Azzun, 'Azzun and Jayyus, Kafr Jammal and Jayyus.	11
Salfit	Btw; Salfit town and Iskaka.	1
Ramallah and Al Bireh	Btw; Surda and Abu Qash. Entrance off; Saffa.	2
Jerusalem	'Atarot industrial junction (5), Junction Road No. 1/ Road No. 458, Biddu.	7
Jericho	Al 'Auja, Al Mu'arrajat btw Jericho and Ramallah (3), junction to Vered Yericho settlement.	5
Bethlehem	Beit Sahur, Al 'Ubeidiya (2), Za'tara, Tuqu', Bethlehem city (3), Beit Fajjar, Dar Salah, Beit Jala.	11
Hebron	Al Fawwar Junction (2), Khallet al Maiyya, Adh Dhahiriya (3), Ar Ramadin(2), Beit Kahil, Hebron city – H1(3), Halhul	13
Total West Bank		70

The Gaza Strip:

- **14 September:** The IDF announced that Israeli citizens and people permanently residing in Israel, including Palestinians with Jerusalem IDs, are prohibited from entering the Gaza Strip via the Erez crossing.

6. Additional Protection Issues

- **15 September:** Three armed Israeli settlers entered a Palestinian area near 'Ein ad Duyuk, Jericho and were escorted out by the IDF after liaison through the Palestinian DCL.
- **19 September:** A South African journalist was abducted in Gaza city. After a police chase the kidnappers pushed him out of the car and escaped.

Searches/Arrests/Detentions

Governorate	Location of arrests/detention, number of searches noted at locations with brackets	Total # of Searches	Total # of Arrested/ Detained
Nablus	Near Yits'har settlement, Nablus city (2)	2	6
Jenin	Bir al Basha (1)	1	0
Tubas	Tayasir CP, Bardala (1), 'Ein ek Beida (1), flying CP near Tubas city	2	4

Tulkarm	Kafriat CP, Shuweika (1), Tulkarm city (1)	2	2
Qalqiliya	Kafr Qaddum (4), Hajja (2), 'Azzun (2), Qalqiliya city (1), Kafr Thulth (1), Jit junction	10	8
Salfit	Marda (1)	1	1
Ramallah/Al Bireh	Budrus (2), Bil'in, Ramallah (1)	3	6
Jerusalem	Flying CP Biddu, Al 'Isawiya (1), Ath Thuri (1), Silwan (1), 'Anata (1), Beit Duqqu (1), Container CP, Beit 'Anan (1)	5	4
Jericho	Flying CP near Vered Yericho settlement	1	2
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), Husan (1), Ash Shawawra (1), Al 'Aza refugee camp (1)	15	10
Hebron	Adh Dhahiriya (3), As Samu' (1), Ar Ramadin (3), Khursa (1), Karma (1), Yatta (1), Beit Ummar (1), Kharas (1), Dura (2), Hebron city (5)	19	13
Total Week West Bank		61	56
Gaza Strip	Israeli/Egyptian border (infiltrate Israel).	0	20
Total Week oPt		61	76

Appendix: Checkpoints Status 14 – 20 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 is closed for Palestinians. Only humanitarian vehicles are allowed through
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 holding permits of west bank area from 5am to 10pm.
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 No. 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 No. 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 No. 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 No.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 No. 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)	Open 24 hours for Palestinian living in Jericho District. Prohibited for Palestinians holding

On Road No. 90	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 No. 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 No.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 No. 60 to Road No. 356	Open 24 hours. Not always manned.
Gush Etzion On Road No. 60, at Etzion turn	Open 24 hours. Not always manned.
Wadi Fukin Crossing to Israel on Road No. 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 No. 367, Green Line	Open 24 hours. Palestinian workers and traders with valid permits are allowed to cross
Ein Gedi On Road No. 90, along Dead Sea.	On bypass Road No. 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 No. 354 only for humanitarian organisations and critical service providers.
Tarqumiya Entrance for commercial goods (back-to-back), west of Hebron on Road No. 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 No. 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 No. 317.	Manned by the IDF. A military base has been established nearby.
Beit Yatir On Road No. 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 the checkpoint 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 to 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, Israel has closed Erez crossing for Palestinians. A small number of workers, medical referrals and other humanitarian cases are being allowed to cross into Israel. On 18 September, Erez crossing was completely closed for Palestinians and internationals. It was reopened for Internationals only at 3:00pm.
Erez Industrial zone	On 12 September, the entire estate was dismantled and is no longer a shared Palestinian-Israeli industrial area.
Rafah Passenger Terminal	Since 07 September Israeli authorities announced that the Rafah Terminal is closed until further notice. Since 12 September there has been no Israeli presence at the 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 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.