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Protection of Civilians - Weekly Briefing Notes

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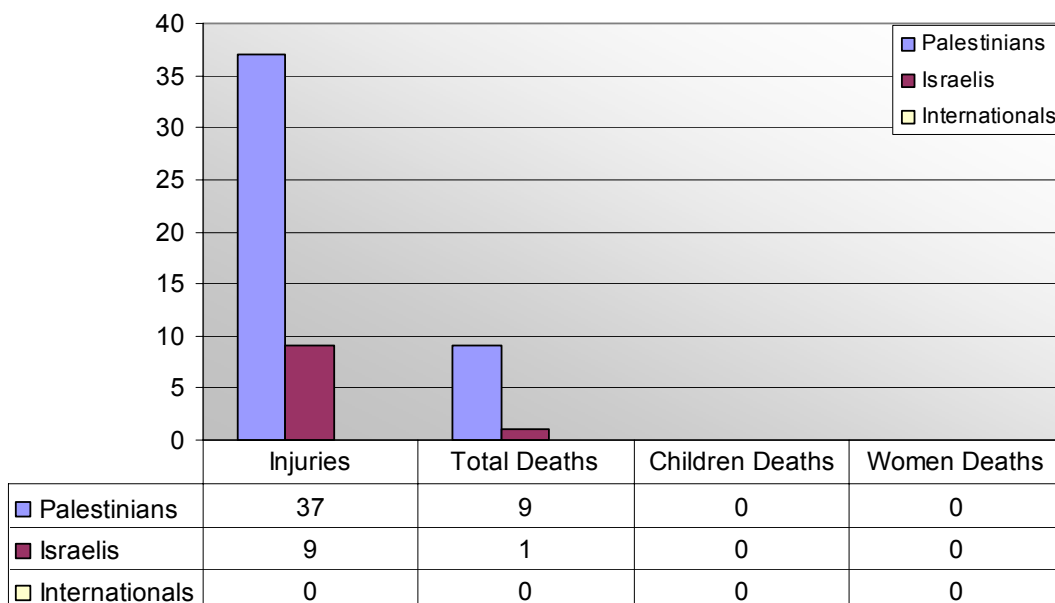
Protection – Deaths and injuries ▪ **Shelter and Property** – People displaced, House demolitions, Demolition orders ▪ **Natural Resources** - Land levelling, Requisitions, Tree Uprooting ▪ **Access for Medical Assistance** - Incidents involving safety and movement of ambulances, medical teams, humanitarian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

Of note this week:

- There was an escalation of violence this week in the Gaza Strip and the West Bank resulting in an increase in the number of Palestinian and Israeli casualties. In the Gaza Strip, IDF aerial attacks also caused property and infrastructure damage while in the West Bank IDF search and arrest campaigns led to a large number of Palestinian arrests.
- Israel withdrew from the remaining two settlements in the northern West Bank after Israeli disengagement.

1. Physical Protection¹

Casualties



Casualty Incidents:

- **22 September:** The IDF injured a Palestinian at Beit Furik checkpoint, Nablus.
- **22 September:** The IDF killed a 19-year-old Palestinian and injured another Palestinian near Dotan military post, Jenin. The Palestinians were in the proximity of the military post while the IDF were dismantling the post.
- **23 September:** The IDF entered 'Illar village, Tulkarm, and surrounded a house where Palestinians wanted by the IDF were believed to be located. An exchange of fire took place resulting in the death of three Palestinians.

¹ Three Israeli injuries were due to attack from Israeli settlers.

- **23 September:** Israeli security contractors along the Barrier opened fire and injured one Palestinian from Beit Amin, Qalqiliya, while he was working on his land near the Barrier.
- **24 September:** Palestinian militants opened fire at the Israeli DCO in Tulkarm. The IDF returned fire and one Palestinian was injured.
- **24 September:** Three Israeli activists were injured by settlers from the Israeli settlement of Susya, Hebron. The three activists were attacked while they were escorting Palestinian farmers who had been denied access to their land by the settlers.
- **24 September:** Palestinian militants opened fire at IDF soldiers at Beit Iba checkpoint, Nablus. The IDF returned fire and injured three Palestinian bystanders.
- **24 September:** Palestinian militants fired 22 home made rockets from Beit Hanoun, the Gaza Strip, at the Israeli western Negev town of Sderot. Six Israelis were wounded.
- **24 September:** The IAF fired rockets at Jabalia camp and Al Zaitoun area, the Gaza Strip. Three Palestinians were injured.
- **24 September:** The IAF fired a rocket targeting a Palestinian vehicle traveling northeast of Al Zaitoun area, the Gaza Strip. Two Palestinians were killed.
- **24 September:** A 14-year-old Palestinian boy from Halaweh village, Hebron, died from injuries he sustained on 17 August 2005 when an Israeli UXO in an adjacent area to his village exploded.
- **24 September:** The IAF fired a rocket at a house in Khan Younis, the Gaza Strip, injuring two Palestinians.
- **25 September:** The IAF fired a rocket targeting a Palestinian vehicle traveling on the Coastal road in Gaza City, the Gaza Strip; two Palestinians were killed and another three injured.
- **25 September:** The IAF fired a rocket at Al Akram Islamic School in the Al Tuffah neighborhood of Gaza City, the Gaza Strip. 20 Palestinians including women and children were wounded by shrapnel and flying debris.
- **25 September:** One Palestinian was injured when an IDF patrol ran him over at the entrance of Bal'a village, Tulkarm.
- **26 September:** The IAF fired a rocket at the main entrance of Beit Hanoun, the Gaza Strip, injuring one Palestinian woman.
- **26 September:** Palestinian militants kidnapped and killed an Israeli man from Pisgat Ze'ev settlement, Jerusalem. The body of the Israeli was discovered near Ramallah on the 26 September.

2. Shelter and Property

Date	Location, Governorate	# Structures demolished	# Structures partially destroyed	# People displaced / affected
24 September 2005	Khan Younis, Gaza Strip	1	-	n/a
24 September 2005	Jabalia camp, Gaza Strip	-	1	n/a
24 September 2005	Gaza City, Gaza Strip	-	1	n/a
25 September 2005	Beit Hanoun, Gaza Strip	-	1	n/a
25 September 2005	Beit Lahia, Gaza Strip	-	1	n/a
25 September 2005	Gaza City, Gaza Strip	-	1	n/a
26 September 2005	Gaza City, Gaza Strip	-	1	0
26 September 2005	Khan Younis, Gaza Strip	1	1	n/a
26 September 2005	Rafah, Gaza Strip	1	-	n/a
27 September 2005	Qabatiya, Jenin	1	-	8
27 September 2005	Khan Younis, Gaza Strip	2	-	n/a
Total Week		6	7	8+

Incidents:

- **27 September:** The IDF demolished one house in Qabatiya town, Jenin, during a search and arrest campaign. The house was shelter for eight persons.
- The damage/demolition of the remaining structures reported this week occurred during IAF rocket attacks in the Gaza Strip.

Other shelter/property related incidents:

- **22 September:** The IDF delivered a 'cease construction' order on a Palestinian house that being constructed in Jinsafut, Qalqiliya. The IDF stated that the building was being built without a permit.

- **26 and 27 September:** The IAF targeted three access routes into Beit Hanuon in the northern Gaza Strip resulting in damage to two bridges.
- IDF occupation of Palestinian homes in H2 area, Hebron City, continued to take place during the reporting period. IDF soldiers occupied 12 houses for a period of between 12-36 hours during the week.

3. Natural Resources

Land levelling/Requisitions/Tree Uprooting²

Nablus, Jenin and Tubas Governorates:

- No incidents to report.

Tulkarm Governorate:

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

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:

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

Hebron Governorate:

- **22 September:** The IDF issued requisition order, T/164/05, for 13 dunums (1.3 hectares) of agricultural land belonging to Palestinian farmers from the villages of Imneizil and Haribat an Nabi. According to the order the requisitioned land will be used to build passage on the area where the Barrier crosses Road No. 316
- **25 September:** In an area adjacent to the Israeli settlements of Adora, IDF bulldozers started levelling agricultural land belonging to farmers from the Palestinian town of Tarqumiya. According to a previous requisition order received the land will be used to create security buffer zone around the settlement.
- 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:
 - 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 continues in the settlements of northern Efrat, western Neve Daniel, Giv'at Ha Tamar, El'azar, Har Gilo and Betar Illit

Jerusalem Governorate:

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

- 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:

- No incidents to report.

4. Access for Medical Assistance

West Bank:

Date	Location / Governorate	Affected Organisation	Denial	Delay	Shooting/Damage to Ambulance
19 September 2005 ³	DCO checkpoint, Jericho	PRCS	-	1	-
25 September 2005	Jaljoulia checkpoint, Qalqiliya	PRCS	-	1	-
Total Week			0	1	0

- **19 September** (previously unreported): A PRCS ambulance was delayed at Jericho DCO checkpoint, Jericho, for 168 minutes.
- **25 September:** A PRCS ambulance was delayed at Jaljoulia checkpoint, Qalqiliya, for 20 minutes.

5. Access and Movement for Civilians

a) Curfew

Date	Location / Governorate	Duration
22 September 2005	Deir Istiya, Salfit	4 hours
24 September 2005	Jamma'in, Nablus	4 hours
Total Week	2 incidents	8 hours

- **22 September:** The IDF imposed curfew on Deir Istiya for four hours during a search campaign.
- **24 September:** The IDF imposed curfew on Jamma'in for four hours during a search campaign.

b) Access to Education

Hebron:

- **24 - 25 September:** The new checkpoint which was constructed at the entrance of Ar Ramadin village last week denied movement to 25 teachers travelling to their schools.
- Ongoing incidents:
 - For the third week, teachers coming from the Palestinian towns of Yatta and Samu' had difficulty reaching Imneizil elementary school. IDF soldiers managing Beit Yatir checkpoint denied the teachers' access and detained them for several hours. In some cases the teachers were sent back for not having the proper permits to reach the Palestinian village of Imneizil.
 - The IDF continues to escort Palestinian students walking from Tuba to their school in At Tuwani, south Hebron. The escort is taking place to protect the students from possible 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.

³ This incident was not previously reported. The incident is not however included in medical access incidents for the reporting period.

b) Access to Employment

Since 24 September the IDF have imposed a total closure on the West Bank & Gaza Strip. No permit holders were allowed access to Israel.

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
21 September 2005	195	193
22 September 2005	189	314
23 September 2005	132	165
24 September 2005	Closed	Closed
25 September 2005	Closed	Closed
26 September 2005	Closed	Closed
27 September 2005	Closed	Closed

d) Closures/Movement restrictions

Following the firing of Qassam rockets from the Gaza Strip at the Negev area inside Israel a general closure on the oPt has been in place since 24 September. Permits previously issued are no longer valid and only in some humanitarian cases has access been granted to Israel.

Nablus Governorate:

- **25 September to date:** IDF closed vehicular movement at Zaatara (Tappuah) checkpoint for residents of northern west bank (Jenin, Tubas, Nablus, Tulkarm and Qalqiliya). Only those with a special permit will be allowed access to the central and southern West Bank.
- **25 September:** The IDF shortened the opening times of Huwwara checkpoint by three hours from 11pm to 8 pm.
- **25 September:** The IDF closed Huwwara checkpoint for 90 minutes after two 14-year-old Palestinians were caught carrying weapons.
- **26 September:** The IDF closed Huwwara checkpoint for four hours.
- **26 September:** The IDF partially closed Beit Iba checkpoint. Only residents of Nablus and An Najah university students were allowed through.
- Ongoing incidents:
 - Shave Shomeron checkpoint remains closed.
 - All entrances connecting Sabastiya village with Road No. 60 remain blocked by earth mounds.

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 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.
- **21 August to date:** The IDF continue to restrict access to Road No. 585 from the entrance off Mevo Dotan settlement to the entrance off Kharmesh settlement.

- **21 September:** The IDF withdrew from the remaining two settlements (Kaddim and Ganim) following Israeli disengagement from the northern West Bank. According to the Palestinian DCL the settlement areas have not been officially handed over to the PA.
- **21 September:** Following the withdrawal of the IDF from the remaining two settlements, three roads were opened for the first time since late 2000 connecting the villages east of Jenin city with the city. Dahiat Sabah al Khays checkpoint was also dismantled.
- **22 September:** The IDF dismantled Dotan military post near Arraba village (see Section 1 for a related causality incident).
- **24 September:** The IDF closed Jalama commercial checkpoint.
- **25 and 26 September:** The IDF closed Imreiha Reikhan Barrier gate.
- **26 and 27 September:** The IDF closed Jalama commercial checkpoint.

Tubas Governorate:

- Ongoing incidents:
 - Palestinians holding crossing permits to the "Jericho area" are denied access at Tayasir checkpoint. Only Palestinian residents from Kardala and Bardala villages holding permits are allowed to cross.

Tulkarm Governorate:

- **22 September:** The IDF dismantled the observation tower at the entrance of Qaffin village.
- **25 September:** The IDF closed Kafriat checkpoint for several hours.
- **27 September:** The IDF closed the checkpoint on the road from 'Anabta to Bizzariya for several hours.
- 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:

- **24 - 25 September:** The IDF closed Deir Ballut checkpoint for all Palestinian movement. From 26 September only residents from Deir Ballut were allowed to cross.
- **26 September:** The IDF closed an agricultural road with an earth mound in Deir Ballut. A water pipe line servicing was damaged during the operation.

Ramallah / Al Bireh Governorate:

- 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:

- **23 September:** The IDF denied Palestinian farmers from Beit Iksa access to harvest their land located on the other side of the Barrier.

Jericho Governorate:

- **25 September:** The IDF closed the main entrance/exit for Jericho city at Jericho DCO checkpoint for five hours (see Section 4 for related incident of access for medical assistance).
- 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:

- For the second week in a row IDF soldiers at the checkpoint on the main entrance to the Palestinian village of Ar Ramadin continue to check and search Palestinian civilians travelling to and from a cluster of Palestinian villages around Ar Ramadin (approximately 4,000 residents). All travellers including, service providers, teachers, university students, were denied access on the

25 and 26 September. The checkpoint continues to restrict the movement of Palestinians and Arab Israelis on Road No. 325.

- 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	#57 near; An Nassariya, Al Badhan(2).	3
Jenin	No incidents to report.	0
Tubas	#588 near; Tammun, 'Aqqaba, El Far'a camp.	3
Tulkarm	Junction off; Bal'a, 'Anabta. Btw; Bal'a and Al 'Attara, Tulkarm and Ar Ras, Kafr al Labad and Dhinnaba, Bal'a and Iktaba. Entrance off; Ar Ras, Kafriat tunnel.	8
Qalqiliya	Btw; 'Azzun and Kafr Thulth(2), 'Izbat Jal'ud and Ras 'Atiya, Jayyus and Khirbet Sir(3), 'Azzun and Jayyus(2), Jayyus and Kafr Jammal. Entrance off; Qalqiliya DCO(5), Immatin(2), Khirbet Sir, Jit junction(3), 'Azzun, Kafr Thulth, Habla tunnel(3).	25
Salfit	Underpass to; Iskaka(2). Junction off; Haris, Mas-ha. Btw; Salfit and Iskaka.	5
Ramallah and Al Bireh	Btw; Surda and Ramallah. Near; Ras Karkar. #60(14).	16
Jerusalem	Entrance off; 'Anata. Junction off; 'Atarot industrial area(4), #1 /458(2), Jaba'/#60.	8
Jericho	Al Mu'arrajat btw Jericho and Taybe CP. Entrance off; 'Ein ad Duyuk.	2
Bethlehem	Beit Sahur, Al 'Ubeidiya (2) , Za'tara, Tuqu' (2), Bethlehem city(3), Beit Fajjar, Dar Salah(2) , Beit Jala, 'Ayda refuge camp(2), , Al Khadr, Husan, Ash Shawawra, Al 'Aza refugee camp, Battir, Ad Duheisha refugee camp., Ad Doha	22
Hebron	Adh Dhahiriya(3), As Samu'(2), Ar Ramadin(3), Khursa , Karma, Yatta, Beit Ummar, Kharas, Dura(2), Beit Kahil, Hebron city - H1(5), Halhul(3), Idhna, Sa'ir	25
Total West Bank		117

The Gaza Strip:

- **24 September:** The IDF announced that it had closed all external crossing points in the Gaza Strip until further notice (Rafah crossing point had been closed since the 7 September).
- **24 September:** IDF naval ships opened fire at Palestinian fishing boats along the Gaza Strip coast, forcing them to return to their ports.

6. Additional Protection Issues

- During the week, a total of 58 homemade rockets, mortar shells and anti tank missiles were fired from different locations inside the Gaza Strip towards Israel.
- **23 September:** 19 Palestinians were killed and another 130 were injured in a large explosion at a Hamas rally in Jabalia camp, the Gaza Strip. These casualties were not included in Section 1.
- **24 – 27 September:** Loud explosions (sonic booms) were heard across the Gaza Strip as a result of Israeli F16 fighter jets flying low and breaking the sound barrier. Broken windows and other minor damage was reported.
- **25 September:** The ICRC suspended their prisoners' family visits to Israeli prisons programme in West Bank and Gaza due to the total closure imposed on the oPt since 24 September.
- **27 September:** Palestinian militants opened fire at an Israeli vehicle near 'Azzun, Qalqiliya. The vehicle sustained some damage but no injuries were reported.
- **27 September:** IAF helicopters dropped thousands of leaflets over the north-eastern Gaza Strip warning of Israeli retaliation if rockets were launched inside Israel.

Searches/Arrests/Detentions

Governorate	Location of arrests/detention, number of searches noted at locations with brackets	Total # of Searches	Total # of Arrested/ Detained
Nablus	Nablus city(1), Jamma'in(1), Huwwara CP, Hamra CP, 'Asira ash Shamaliyya(1).	3	14
Jenin	Jenin camp(1), Deir Ghazala(1), Jenin city(1), Jaba'(1), 'Anza(1), Silat al Harithiya(1).	6	21
Tubas	Tayasir CP, Aqqaba(2), Tubas city(1).	3	2
Tulkarm	Nur Shams camp(1), Shuweika(1), Qaffin(1), 'Anabta gate, Tulkarm city(3), Bal'a(1), Tulkarm camp(1), 'Attil(1), 'Illar(1).	10	32
Qalqiliya	Kafr Qaddum(1), entrance off 'Azzun. Qalqiliya city(1). Btw; Khirbet Sir and Jayyus, 'Azzun(1).	3	7
Salfit	Marda(1), Qarawat Bani Hassan(1), Iskaka(1), Yasuf(1)	3	7
Ramallah/Al Bireh	Ramallah(3), Al Bireh(1), Shuqba(1), Al 'Amari camp(1), 'Abud(1), Qarawat Bani Zeid(1), Bil'in, Silwad(1).	9	28
Jerusalem	Beit Hanina(1), Abu Dis(3), Hizma(1), Biddu(1), Beit Surik(1), Qatanna(1), Al 'Eizariyya(2), Jaba'(1), 'Anata(1), Rafat(1).	13	78
Jericho	Allenby Bridge, Al Jiftlik(1).	1	4
Bethlehem	Beit Sahur(2), Al 'Ubeidiya (3) , Za'tara(2), Tuqu' (3), Bethlehem city(5), Beit Fajjar, Dar Salah(3) , Beit Jala(3), 'Ayda refuge camp(3), Al Khadr(3), Husan(1), Ash Shawawra(1), Al 'Aza camp(1), Battir(2), Ad Duheisha camp(2),Ad Doha(1).	37	43
Hebron	Adh Dhahiriya(4), As Samu'(3), Ar Ramadin(3), Khursa(2) , Yatta(4), Beit Ummar(2), Kharas(1), Dura(4),Beit Kahil(1), Hebron city - H1(7), Halhul(5), Al Burj(1), Idhna(4), Dura(4), Sa'ir(3), Ash Shuyukh(2).	50	70
Total Week West Bank		138	306
Gaza Strip	Israeli/Egyptian border(3) – trying to enter Israel.	0	20
Total Week oPt		138	326

Appendix: Checkpoints Status 21 – 27 September 2005

Checkpoint	Status
Tulkarm	
Taybeh	Open from 5.30am to 5pm for UN and international organisations and Palestinians with permits. Since the 24 September Palestinians with permits were denied access to Israel due to total closure on the oPt.
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 – 7pm and Palestinian workers and traders are instructed to cross through. Since the 24 September Palestinians with permits were denied access to Israel due to total closure on the oPt.
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 proper; and one that controls movement to and from Jubara. On 24 August the Tunnel near the checkpoint under Road No. 57 was opened reducing the need to use the checkpoint.
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 Since the 24 September Palestinians with permits were denied access to Israel due to total closure on the oPt.
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. From 24 to 25 September closed, on 26 September partially reopened, only residents of Deir Ballut were allowed to cross.
Kafr Qasem (Road 5)	Open 24 hours for UN and international organisations and Palestinians with permits. Since the 24 September Palestinians with permits were denied access to Israel due to total closure on the oPt.
'Anabta Gate	Re-established 14 th July 2005. Closed, but Palestinians are allowed to use the back to back system to cross in and out of 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. Movement is allowed from 4:30 am to 8 pm.
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 IDF before access can be granted. Incoming movement is allowed from 6am to 11 pm. Outgoing movement is allowed from 6am to 6 pm.
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 and open between 6am and 6pm.
Shave Shomeron (Sabastia) 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 permit. Delays were reported. IDF bulldozing land near the checkpoint to expand it.

Zaatara (Tappouah) South, main road to Ramallah	Vehicular movement for residents of northern west bank (Jenin, Tubas, Nablus, Tulkarm and Qalqiliya) is prohibited unless they have a special permit.
Jenin	
Al Jalama Main entrance to Israel	Closed 24, 26 and 27 of September.
Dahiat Sabah al Khayr "al Amn al Watani" Northern entrance of Jenin	Dismantled 21 September
Imreiha (Reikhan) Main gate to the Barta'a ash-Sharqiya/ Umm ar Rihan enclave	Open between 7 am to 9 pm. Closed 25 and 26 September
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	Closed for all Palestinians even if they have permits. The checkpoint is only open for residence of Kardala and Bardala villages (Tubas).
Ramallah/AI 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 No. 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.
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.
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 private vehicles with permits and for Palestinian taxis trucks with goods, humanitarian reasons and for internationals. Permits not required for Palestinian pedestrians.
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.
Yitav	Open 24 hours for Palestinian living in Jericho District. Prohibited for Palestinians holding

Northern entrance	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. Since the 24 September Palestinians with permits were denied access to Israel due to total closure on the oPt.
Ein Yalow Bypass road east of Walaja, on Green Line	Open 24 hours and only for Israeli-plated cars and international organisations. Since the 24 September Palestinians with permits were denied access to Israel due to total closure on the oPt.
Beit Jala DCO Entrance to Beit Jala	Since 31 August the checkpoint is not manned. Palestinian public and private vehicles including commercial trucks are passing..
Tunnels Road No.60 at Har Gilo	Open 24 hours for humanitarian organisations. Since the 24 September Palestinians with Jerusalem permits were denied access due to total closure on the oPt.
Settlers' Checkpoint - Efrata Southern entrance to settlement	Open 24 hours only for Israeli 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. Since the 24 September Palestinians with Jerusalem permits were denied access due to total closure on the oPt.
Al Jab'a Crossing to Israel on Road No. 367, Green Line	Open 24 hours. Since the 24 September Palestinians with Jerusalem permits were denied access due to total closure on the oPt.
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. Since the 24 September Palestinians with permits were denied access to Israel due to total closure on the oPt.
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. The checkpoint was moved 200 metres to the south. Since the 24 September Palestinians with permits were denied access to Israel due to total closure on the oPt.
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 Ibrahimiyah 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	On 24 September; IDF announced that Erez crossing will be closed until further notice, in effect Palestinians, diplomats and Internationals were not allowed through. On 26 September; Erez crossing was kept closed for Palestinians and reopened for Internationals with prior coordination.
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. On 23 September; at 7:00am, the crossing was temporarily reopened for Palestinians with special cases like student and patients. It was closed again on 24 September at 7:15pm.

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 24, 26 and 27 of September.
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	Closed since 24 September 2005.
Sufa	Closed since 24 September; 2005.

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.