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Protection of Civilians - Weekly Briefing Notes

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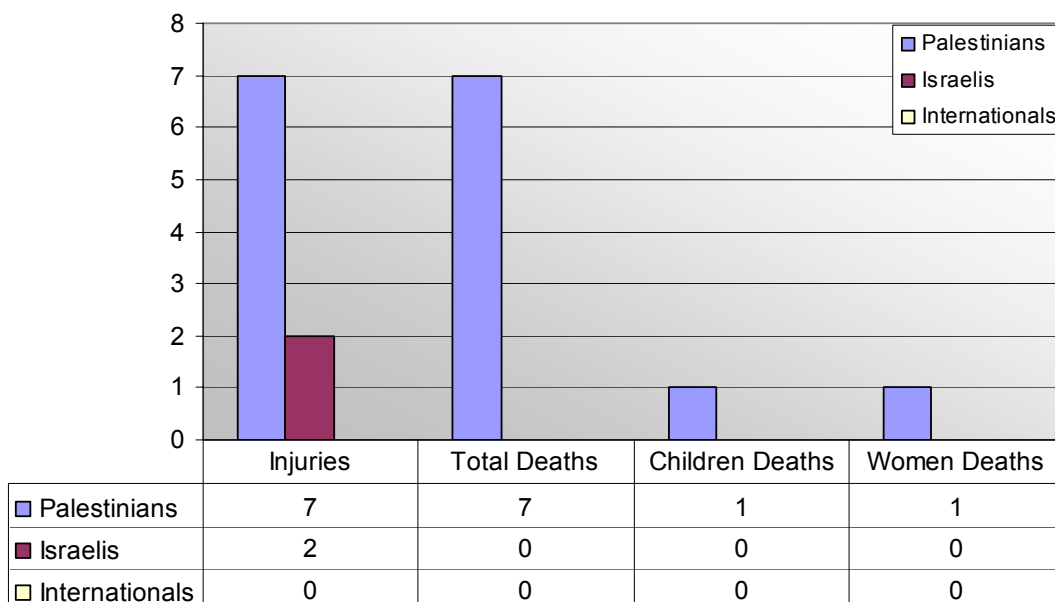
Protection – Deaths and injuries ▪ **Shelter and Property** – People displaced, House demolitions, Demolition orders ▪ **Natural Resources** - Land levelling, Requisitions, Tree Uprooting ▪ **Access for Medical Assistance** - Incidents involving safety and movement of ambulances, medical teams, humanitarian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

Of note this week:

- The IDF maintained a total closure of the West Bank and Gaza Strip which has been in place since 24 September 2005. No Palestinians with permits were allowed to cross into Israel except in some limited humanitarian cases.

1. Physical Protection

Casualties



Casualty Incidents:

- 28 September:** A group of Israeli settlers sprayed an unidentified toxic material on a Palestinian man near Ramin village, Tulkarm. He was admitted to hospital with critical injuries.
- 29 September:** The IDF entered Birqin village, Jenin, and surrounded a farm near the village. An exchange of fire took place between the IDF and Palestinians resulting in the death of two Palestinians.
- 29 September:** Israeli settlers from Beit Hadassah settlement, Hebron, threw stones through the protective net erected by the IDF above Old Al Shallalah street in the H2 area and injured a Palestinian woman. The woman was hospitalised with serious injuries.
- 29 September:** The IDF entered Jenin City, Jenin, and exchanged fire with Palestinian gunmen resulting in the death of one Palestinian.

- **30 September:** The IDF fired tear gas and rubber-coated metal bullets at Palestinian, Israeli and internationals demonstrating against the Barrier construction in Bil'in, Rammalah/Al Bireh, injuring one Palestinian.
- **30 September:** An 11-year-old Palestinian was injured after the child was hit by an Israeli plated car near the entrance of Jinsafut village, Qalqiliya.
- **30 September:** The IDF entered Balata refugee camp, Nablus, and exchanged fire with Palestinian gunmen. Two Palestinians were killed. One Palestinian and one IDF soldier were injured.
- **30 September:** The IDF killed a 13-year-old Palestinian boy near 'Askar refugee camp, Nablus, during a military operation in the camp.
- **3 October:** The IDF shot and injured a 16-year-old Palestinian boy at Beit Furik checkpoint, Nablus, after he reportedly attempted to stab an IDF soldier.
- **3 October:** The IDF injured a 12-year-old Palestinian boy during a search and arrest campaign in Tubas city, Tubas.
- **4 October:** A Palestinian women stabbed a female IDF soldier in the face at Huwwara checkpoint, Nablus. The soldiers at the checkpoint shot and killed the Palestinian woman.

2. Shelter and Property

Date	Location, Governorate	# Structures demolished	# Structures partially destroyed	# People displaced / affected
28 September 2005	Gaza City, the Gaza Strip	-	1	n/a
28 September 2005	Al Bureij camp, the Gaza Strip	-	1	0
Total Week		0	2	n/a

Incidents:

- **28 September:** IAF helicopters fired two rockets at a two-storey building owned by the head of the Special Office for Presidential Security in Tel Al Hawwa in Gaza City, the Gaza Strip. The building was severely damaged and electricity was cut in the area
- **28 September:** An IAF helicopter fired missiles at a PFLP office in Al Bureij camp, the Gaza Strip. The office was severely damaged.

Other shelter/property related incidents:

- **28 September:** IAF F16 fighter jets fired missiles at the main entrance of Beit Hanoun town, the Gaza Strip, causing severe damage to the road. The air strike caused an electricity cut across a large part of the northern area of the Gaza Strip.
- **28 September:** An IAF helicopter fired a rocket towards a building in the Al Tuffah neighborhood of Gaza City, the Gaza Strip. The strike destroyed an electrical transformer and cut electricity to the area.
- **29 September:** The IDF issued four 'cease construction' orders for uninhabited houses in the Palestinian village of Al Burj, Hebron. The IDF stated that they were being constructed without permits.
- The temporary occupation of houses by the IDF continued to take place in H2 area of Hebron City. This week IDF occupied four houses for a period of 12 to 36 hours.

3. Natural Resources

Land levelling/Requisitions/Tree Uprooting¹

Nablus Governorate:

- **28 September:** IDF leveled 3 dunums (0.3 hectares) of land near Sarra village and erected an observation tower on the land.

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.

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

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:

- **3 October:** Israeli settlers from Eli Zahav settlement levelled land belonging to Palestinians from Kafr ad Dik village for the expansion of the settlement.
- 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:

- **2 October:** The IDF handed to the Palestinian DCL three land requisition orders totaling 929 dunums (92.9 hectares) of land in three villages south of Ramallah: T/171/05 requisitioning 613 dunums (61.3 hectares) in Deir Ghassaneh; T/170/05 requisitioning 251 dunums (25.1 hectares) from 'Abud; and T/165/05 requisitioning 65 dunums (6.5 hectares) in Al Lubban al Gharbi.
- 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:

- **29 September:** Israeli settlers cut down the branches of 17 olive trees located close to Kiryat Arba settlement. The trees belonged to a Palestinian farmer from the neighbourhood of Al Buweiri.
- Ongoing incidents:
 - Land leveling for construction of the Barrier is ongoing along the southern section of the Green Line, east of Shani settlement, and on the western side of Idhna. From the northern side the final layer of fence has reached Al Burj village. Along the last section of Road No. 60 contractors are busy leveling land for a new terminal, a back-to-back area and what could be a new section of the bypass road.

Bethlehem Governorate:

- **18 September** (previously unreported): The IDF issued requisition order T/168/05 for 110 dunums (11 hectares) of agricultural land belonging to Palestinian farmers from the villages of Al Jab'a (Bethlehem governorate) and Surif (Hebron governorate). According to the order the land will be used to create a new terminal crossing.
- **2 October:** 210 fruit trees (peach, apricot, plum, figs, and almonds) aged between 7 to 15 years belonging to a Palestinian farmer from Khallet Zakariya were cut down in agricultural land adjacent to Alon Shvut settlement.
- 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.
 - Construction on the Za'tara bypass road is still taking place near Khallet an Nu'man; the bridge across Road No. 398 is now accessible.
 - Land levelling continues around the settlements of northern Efrat, western Neve Daniel, Giv'at Ha Tamar, El'azar, Har Gilo and Betar Illit

Jerusalem Governorate:

- 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 and Movement for Civilians

a) Curfew

Date	Location / Governorate	Duration
3 October	Yasuf/Salfit	9 hours
Total Week	1 incident(s)	9 hours

b) Access to Education

Tubas:

- **4 October:** IDF soldiers at Tayasir checkpoint, Tubas, prohibited teachers' vehicular access.

Hebron:

- Ongoing incidents:
 - For the fourth 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 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 Ibrahimiyeh primary school in the Old City of Hebron who approach it from the south continue to have to pass through new metal detector gates set up by the IDF north of the Abu Rish Mosque.

c) Access to Employment

Since 24 September the IDF have imposed a total closure on the West Bank and Gaza Strip. No permit holders were allowed access to Israel. The closure was intensified 3 October due to the Jewish New Year holiday.

c) Closures/Movement restrictions

No permit holders were allowed access to Israel. However, in some limited humanitarian cases access was granted to Israel.

Nablus Governorate:

- **29 September:** The IDF established a checkpoint at the entrance of Madama and 'Asira al Qibliya villages for several hours preventing all Palestinians from going through the checkpoint.
- **29 September:** The IDF closed Huwwara checkpoint for outgoing movement for two hours.
- **2 October:** The IDF created an earth mound west of Bazzariya village on the road leading to 'Anabta town.
- **4 October:** The IDF closed Huwwara checkpoint for 90 minutes after a Palestinian woman stabbed a female soldier at the checkpoint.
- Ongoing incidents:
 - Shave Shomeron checkpoint remains closed.
 - All entrances connecting Sabastiya village with Road No. 60 remain blocked by earth mounds.
 - IDF has closed Zaatara (Tappuah) checkpoint for Palestinian vehicular movement for residents of northern West Bank (Jenin, Tubas, Nablus, Tulkarm and Qalqiliya) unless they have a permit to cross through checkpoints in the West Bank.

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 Kufeir village.
- **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.
- **1 October:** IDF established a metal gate on a road leading from Ya'bad town and Road No. 585. The gate and two checkpoints on the road near Mevo Dotan and Kharmesh settlement entrances are preventing Palestinians from reaching charcoal factories and olive groves in the area.
- **28 September, 30 September, 1 October, 2 October and 4 October:** Al Jalama commercial checkpoint was closed.

Tubas Governorate:

- Ongoing incidents:
 - Palestinians holding permits to the “Jericho area” were denied access at Tayasir checkpoint. Only Palestinian residents from Kardala and Bardala villages and Palestinian holders of West Bank permits are allowed to cross.

Tulkarm Governorate:

- **28 September:** The IDF searched the offices of the Al Ihsan Charitable Society, Zakat Committee, the Office of the Islamic Jihad Movement and the Qur’anic Studies Centre. They confiscated a number of files and two computers.
- **3 October:** The IDF closed Taybeh commercial checkpoint in the afternoon due to the Jewish New Year holiday.
- 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.
 - The IDF is still manning a checkpoint west of ‘Anabta village on the junction to Bizzariya village.

Qalqiliya Governorate:

- **28 September:** The IDF closed the Disabled Rehabilitation Society, Islamic Club and a Qur’anic Studies Society for two years and confiscated a number of files and computers.

Salfit Governorate:

- **28 September:** The IDF closed Deir Ballut checkpoint for all Palestinian movement for two hours.
- **28 September:** The IDF opened the Barrier gates three times a day and some of the agricultural roads to facilitate the access of farmers to their land during the olive harvest.
- **29 September:** The IDF opened the Qarawat Bani Hassan roadblock and erected a gate to facilitate the access of Palestinians during the municipal elections in the area. The gate was closed the next day.

Ramallah / Al Bireh Governorate:

- **28 September:** The partial checkpoint at Atara was operated by the IDF for one hour. The IDF soldiers stopped all vehicles going out of Bir Zeit/Ramallah and checked their IDs.
- 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:

- **All week:** A tightened closure around Jerusalem occurred during the reporting period due to the Jewish New Year holiday.

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:

- **28 September:** The Israeli DCL stated that they would not reissue expired magnetic cards over the next three months but that they would extend the validity of current cards over this period.
- **28 September:** The IDF searched the office of the Islamic Charitable Society in Hebron City and five branches of the Society in other villages in Hebron governorate. They confiscated computers, cell phones and files.
- **28 September- 4 October:** The IDF erected flying checkpoints on entrances to major Palestinian towns and on main roads. Vehicles travelling between Bethlehem and Hebron faced problems getting through Gush Etzion checkpoint.
- 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.
- For the third week the checkpoint on the main entrance of the Palestinian village of Ar Ramadin, Hebron governorate continues to check and search Palestinian civilians travelling to and from a cluster of Palestinian villages (4,000 people) around Ar Ramadin area. The checkpoint continues to restrict the movement of Palestinians and Arab Israelis on Road No. 325.
- 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:

- **28 September:** The IDF searched the offices of the Al Ihsan Charitable Society in Bethlehem and three of its other branches in the governorate. They confiscated computers, cell phones and files.

West Bank: Reported flying checkpoints

Governorate	Location, number of incidents in brackets	Total # of flying checkpoints
Nablus	On Road No. 57 near; Badhan(2). On Road No. 60 near; Burin.	3
Jenin	Between; 'Aqqaba and Al Kufair.	1
Tubas	On Road No. 588 near; Tammun(2), 'Aqqaba(2). Southern entrance off Tubas city.	5
Tulkarm	Between; Tulkarm and Ar Ras. Entrance off; 'Attil(2), Ramin, Zeita, Far'un.	6
Qalqiliya	Between; Jayyus and Kafr Jammal, Jayyus and Khirbet Sir. Entrance off; 'Azzun(3), Jit junction(3), Al Funduq(2), Habla tunnel, Qalqiliya city, Immatin.	13
Salfit	No incidents to report.	0
Ramallah and Al Bireh	Near; Khalamish settlement.	1
Jerusalem	Entrance off; Al 'Eizariyya(2), Atarot industrial settlement(4).	6
Jericho	Near; Vered Yericho settlement, Al Mu'arrajat road(4), Al 'Auja(2).	7
Bethlehem	Entrance off; Beit Sahur, Al 'Ubeidiya(2), Za'tara, Tuqu', Beit Jala, 'Ayda camp, Al Khadr, Ash Shawawra, Ad Duheisha camp, Ad Doha.	11
Hebron	Entrance off; Adh Dhahiriya(2), As Samu'(2), Ar Ramadin(5), Khursa(3), Karma, Yatta, Beit Ummar, Dura(2), Beit Kahil, Halhul, Idhna, In; Hebron city - H1(5).	25
Total West Bank		78

The Gaza Strip:

- **24 September to date:** The IDF closed all external crossing points in the Gaza Strip until further notice (Rafah crossing point had been closed since the 7 September).
- **24 September to date:** Palestinian fishing boats have not been prevented from fishing along the Gaza Strip coastline.

6. Olive Harvest

- **28 September:** 406 Palestinian owners of olive groves from Ya'bad town, Jenin, who applied for permits to enter their land during the olive harvest were rejected by the Israeli DCL. The land they own is located west of the Barrier.
- **1 October:** IDF soldiers took clothes and ID card from a Palestinian farmer from Kafr al Labad, Tulkarm, and forced him to leave his land. The farmer was picking olives from his land near Avnei Khefets settlement.

7. Additional Protection Issues

- During the week, more than 11 homemade rockets were fired from different locations inside the Gaza Strip towards Israel.
- **28 September:** IAF F16 fighter jets fired two missiles into unpopulated areas around Beit Hanoun. No injuries were reported.
- **2 October:** Three Palestinians were killed, including a Major in the police, and 43 were injured in armed clashes between Hamas members and the PA police forces in Gaza City, the Gaza Strip.

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(3), Balata camp(1), Beit Furik CP.	4	20

Jenin	Jenin city(1), Jenin camp(1), Burin(1).	3	6
Tubas	Tayasir CP, Tubas city(2), Tammun(1).	3	5
Tulkarm	Bal'a(1), Illar(2), Kafriat CP, Tulkarm city(2), 'Anabta(1), 'Attil(1), Seida(1).	8	14
Qalqiliya	Qalqiliya city(1), 'Azzun(1).	2	8
Salfit	Marda(1), Qarawat Bani Hassan(1).	2	4
Ramallah/Al Bireh	Beit Rima(2), Al Jalazun camp(1), Ramallah(5), Arura(1), Beitunia(1), Qarawat Bani Zeid(2), Nil'in CP, At Tira(1), Rantis(1), Kafr 'Ein(1), Qalandiya CP.	15	47
Jerusalem	East Jerusalem(1), Shu'fat camp(1), Biddu(1), Old City(1), Abu Dis(1).	5	6
Jericho	Al Jiftlek(1).	1	2
Bethlehem	Beit Sahur(2), Al 'Ubeidiya (2), Za'tara(2), Tuqu'(1), Bethlehem city(5), Beit Fajjar(1), Dar Salah(2), Beit Jala(2), 'Ayda camp(2), Al Khadr(3), Ash Shawawra(1), Al 'Aza camp(1), Battir(2), Ad Duheisha camp(2).	28	63
Hebron	Adh Dhahiriya(2), As Samu'(2), Khursa(2), Yatta(4), Beit Ummar(2), Kharas(1), Dura(2), Beit Kahil(1), Hebron city - H1(7), Halhul(2), Idhna(2), Sa'ir(2), Ash Shuyukh(2).	31	15
Total Week West Bank		102	190
Gaza Strip		0	0
Total Week oPt		102	190

Appendix: Checkpoints Status 28 September – 4 October 2005

Checkpoint	Status
Tulkarm	
Taybeh	Open from 5.30am to 5pm for UN and international organisations and Palestinians with permits. Since 24 September to date Palestinians with permits were denied access to Israel due to total closure on the West Bank. On 3 October the closure intensified due to the Jewish New Year Holiday.
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 24 September to date workers with permits were denied access to Israel due to total closure on the West Bank. On 3 October the closure intensified due to the Jewish New Year Holiday.
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 24 September to date Palestinians with permits were denied access to Israel due to total closure on the West Bank. On 3 October the closure intensified due to the Jewish New Year Holiday.
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. On 28 September closed for two hours.
Kafr Qasem (Road 5)	Open 24 hours for UN and international organisations and Palestinians with permits. Since 24 September to date Palestinians with permits were denied access to Israel due to total closure on the West Bank. On 3 October the closure intensified due to the Jewish New Year Holiday.
'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,	Closed for Palestinians unless having permits. Palestinians from Furush Beit Dajan and Al Jiftlik villages are allowed to pass the checkpoint without permit. Delays were reported. IDF bulldozing land near the checkpoint to expand it.

Jenin	
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 28 September, 30 September, 1 October, 2 October and 4 October
Imreiha (Reikhan) Main gate to the Barta'a ash-Sharqiya/ Umm ar Rihan enclave	Open between 7 am to 9 pm.
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. Operated by the IDF for an hour on 28 September.
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. However due to the current closure access has been reduced.
Az Za'ayem North eastern entrance on Road 1.	Open for Israelis, Palestinians with Jerusalem ID cards, West Bank and Gaza Strip Palestinians with permits and internationals.
Ar Ram Northern entrance on Road 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. However due to the current closure access has been reduced.
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. However due to the current closure access has been reduced.
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 plate cars are not allowed to cross.
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 Northern entrance	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 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.
Gush Etzion On Road 60, at Etzion turn	Open 24 hours. This week the IDF soldiers restricted the movement of the Palestinians travelling between Hebron and Bethlehem districts.
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 No. 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 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 24 September Erez has been closed for Palestinians, with a little exception for people with special humanitarian needs.
Rafah Passenger Terminal	Since 7 September Rafah Passenger Terminal has been closed. On 3 October the terminal was temporarily opened for some hours (from 3:00pm-1:00am on 4 October) for humanitarian cases.

Commercial checkpoints:

Tulkarm/Qalqiliya	
Taybeh	The back-to-back system has been operational from 5.30am to 5pm except on Saturday. Since the afternoon of 3 October closed due to the Jewish New Year Holiday.
Nablus	
Awarta checkpoint Main commercial checkpoint in Nablus since July 2003.	Open from 6am to 6pm Sunday to Friday. Since 2pm on 3 October closed.
Jenin	
Al Jalama Northern entrance/ main commercial check point.	Closed 28 September, 30 September, 1 October, 2 October and 4 October.
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.
Gaza Strip	
Karni	Since 24 September 2005 closed.
Sufa	Since 24 September 2005 closed.

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.