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### Protection of Civilians - Weekly Briefing Notes

**5 – 11 October 2005**

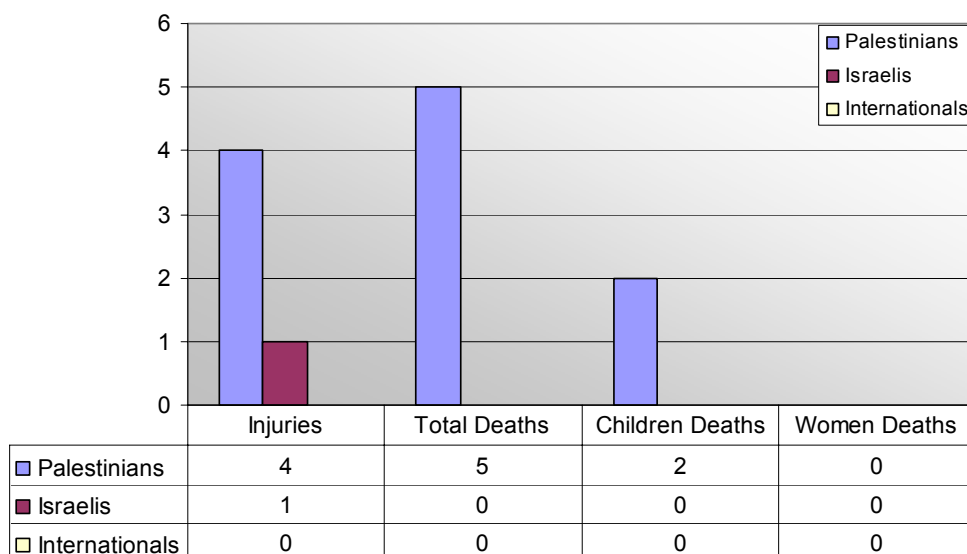
**Protection** – Deaths and injuries ▪ **Shelter and Property** – People displaced, House demolitions, Demolition orders ▪ **Natural Resources** - Land levelling, Requisitions, Tree Uprooting ▪ **Access for Medical Assistance** - Incidents involving safety and movement of ambulances, medical teams, humanitarian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

#### **Of note this week:**

- For the third week, the IDF and Border Police maintained a total closure of the West Bank and the Gaza Strip. No permit holders have been allowed to access Israel since 24 September and only limited humanitarian cases were facilitated. The Israeli military also restricted Palestinians entry into Jerusalem to attend the first Friday prayer during the month of Ramadan at the Al-Aqsa Mosque.

#### **1. Physical Protection**

**Casualties**



#### **Casualty Incidents:**

- 5 October:** A Palestinian attempted to stab an IDF soldier at Beit Furik checkpoint, Nablus. The IDF soldiers fired at the Palestinian which resulted in a Palestinian bystander being injured. The Palestinian who tried to attack the soldier was arrested.
- 5 October:** An Israeli settler was lightly injured when Palestinian youth stoned his car near the village of Mikhmas, Jerusalem. Some damage was also reported to the car.
- 6 October:** A Palestinian was killed when an explosive device prematurely detonated near an Israeli military post in 'Asira ash Shamaliya village area, Nablus.
- 7 October:** An 11-year-old Palestinian boy was seriously injured when Israeli settlers from the settlement of Beit Hadassah threw stones through the protective net erected by the IDF above Old Al Shallalah street, H2 Area of Hebron City.
- 8 October:** A 13-year-old Palestinian minor was injured in the Palestinian town of Surif, Hebron, when the IDF shot him. The circumstances surrounding the incident remain unclear.

- **9 October:** An exchange of fire took place between the IDF and Palestinian gunmen near the 'Asira ash Shamaliya road block north of Nablus City, Nablus. A 24-year-old Palestinian was killed.
- **9 October:** IDF entered 'Ein Beit el Ma refugee camp, Nablus, and clashes erupted between with Palestinian stone throwers. One Palestinian was injured.
- **10 October;** Three Palestinians aged 15, 17 and 20 years old were shot dead by the IDF near the Gaza Strip eastern border in Deir Al Balah.

## **2. Shelter and Property**

### **Incidents:**

- No incidents to report.

### Other shelter/property related incidents:

- **8 October:** Israeli settlers from the outpost of Neve Daniel north have occupied an uninhabited house that belongs to a Palestinian family from the town of Al Khadr, Bethlehem.
- The temporary occupation of houses by the IDF continued to take place in the H2 Area of Hebron City. This week the IDF occupied three houses for a period of 12 to 36 hours.

## **3. Natural Resources**

### **Land levelling/Requisitions/Tree Uprooting<sup>1</sup>**

#### **Nablus, Jenin and Tubas Governorate:**

- No incidents to report.

#### **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:**

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

#### **Hebron Governorate:**

- 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 the Barrier 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:**

- Ongoing incidents:
  - Contractors for the construction of the Barrier fenced in the area around Khamat al Nu'man. The main road from Al Khas is open.

<sup>1</sup> 4 dunums = 1 acre; 10 dunums = 1 hectare

- 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.
- Land levelling has taken place along the eastern section of Road No. 60 between the turn off for Beit Jala and the Al Khadr/Husan junction – a road protection barrier is likely to be installed in accordance with the February 2005 Barrier route revision.

#### **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. Restriction on Humanitarian Assistance**

- **11 October:** The ICRC family visitation programme to Israeli prisons remained suspended as a result of the total closure imposed on the West Bank and Gaza Strip since 24 September.

### **5. Access and Movement for Civilians**

#### **a) Curfews**

Date	Location / Governorate	Duration
9 October	Beita village/Nablus	6 hours
<b>Total Week</b>	<b>1 incident(s)</b>	<b>6 hours</b>

- **9 October:** The IDF enforced a curfew on Beita village, Nablus, for six hours.

#### **b) Access to Education**

##### **Hebron Governorate:**

- **8 - 11 October:** The IDF and Border Police intensified their presence around Hebron University and Al Quds Open University, H1 Area of Hebron City. The IDF soldiers harassed and physically assaulted both the students and university staff. The long checking system which the IDF soldiers employed caused delays and disrupted the school day.
- Ongoing incidents:
  - For the fifth week, teachers coming from the Palestinian towns of Yatta and Samu' had difficulty reaching Imneizil elementary school. IDF soldiers manning 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 and Israeli Police continue 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. During the week the military escort has not met the students returning home on time causing an average delay of one hour.
  - 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 Ibrahimmiyye 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 and Israeli Border Police have imposed a total closure on the West Bank and Gaza Strip. No permit holders (worker or traders) were allowed access to Israel.

#### **d) Closures/Movement restrictions**

##### **Nablus Governorate:**

- **5 October:** The IDF closed the road connecting Sarra village to Road No. 55 near Sarra checkpoint with road blocks.
- **9 October:** The IDF removed restrictions on some vehicular movement at Zaatara (Tapppuah) checkpoint. Since the 25 September the checkpoint had been closed for vehicular movement for residents of northern West Bank (Jenin, Tubas, Nablus, Tulkarm and Qalqiliya) unless they have a special permit to cross checkpoints in the West Bank.
- Ongoing incidents:
  - Shave Shomeron checkpoint remains closed.
  - All entrances connecting Sabastiya village with Road No. 60 remain blocked by earth mounds.

##### **Jenin Governorate:**

- Ongoing incidents:
  - The IDF closed all the entrances to Ya'bad village with road blocks and barbed wire. Only one alternative road is open towards Jenin City through Kufeirit village.
  - The IDF closed Road No. 585 from Mevo Dotan settlement entrance to Khermesh settlement entrance with two checkpoints.
  - The IDF established a metal gate at a road leading from Ya'bad town to Road No. 585 which is hindering Palestinian movement in the area. Palestinians are using alternative dirt roads to reach there charcoal factorises and olive groves in the area.

##### **Tubas Governorate:**

- **9 October:** The IDF detained five shepherds in an area near Al Malaih village, Tubas, and held them at Tayasir checkpoint for several hours.
- 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:**

- **5 October:** The IDF opened Taybeh commercial checkpoint which was closed during 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:**

- No incidents to report.

##### **Salfit Governorate:**

- No incidents to report.

##### **Ramallah / Al Bireh Governorate:**

- **9 October:** At approximately 3pm the IDF checked Palestinian cars at Atara partial checkpoint for about two hours. Delays were reported.
- **10 October:** At approximately 2.30pm the IDF set up a flying checkpoint between Surda and Ramallah for at least two hours. Palestinians experienced long delays and were unable to reach their residents on time for "Iftar" (breaking of the fast during the month of Ramadan).
- **10 October:** At approximately 3pm the IDF set up a flying checkpoint near Ras Karkar for about 1 ½ hours checking Palestinian's vehicles. Delays were reported.
- 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:**

- **7 October:** The Israeli Border Police only allowed Palestinians above the age of 45 years old to enter Jerusalem for the Friday prayer at the Al Aqsa Mosque in the Old City.

**Jericho Governorate:**

- No incidents to report.

**Hebron Governorate:**

- **5 - 11 October:** The IDF erected flying checkpoints at entrances to major Palestinian towns and on the main roads in Hebron governorate. Vehicles travelling between Bethlehem and Hebron faced problems getting through Gush Etzion checkpoint.
- **5, 10, 11 October:** The Israeli authorities denied the access of Palestinians to the Tomb of the Patriarchs (Al-Ibrahimi Mosque) in the Old 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.

**Bethlehem Governorate:**

- **7 October:** At Gilo checkpoint, the Israeli Border Police only allowed Palestinians above the age of 45 years old to enter Jerusalem for the Friday prayer at the Al Aqsa Mosque in the Old City.
- The IDF has removed the military observation tower placed in front of the village of Husan, along Road No. 375.
- According to the Palestinian Ministry of Tourism, 29,000 tourists entered the city of Bethlehem during the month of September. The movement of tourists has increased by 15% to the last month (August) but is still four times less than for the same month pre-intifada (September 1999). In September 2004, a total of 7,515 tourists entered Bethlehem.

**West Bank: Reported flying checkpoints**

Governorate	Location, number of incidents in brackets	Total # of flying checkpoints
Nablus	On Road No. 57 near; Badhan(2), An Nassariya.	3
Jenin	No incidents to report.	0
Tubas	On Road No. 588 near; Wadi al Far'a, 'Aqqaba, Tubas City.	3
Tulkarm	Entrance; Al Jarushiya, Iktaba, Shuweika, Kafriat tunnel and Tulkarm camp.	5
Qalqiliya	Entrance; Qalqiliya DCU (4), Mahattat Thseen Mansur, 'Izbat at Tabib (2), Habla tunnel (3), 'Azzun (3), Kafr Thulth and Jit Junction (2). On the road btw; 'Azzun and Jayyus near the tunnel; Jayyus and Khirbet Sir.	18
Salfit	Entrance off; Kafr ad Dik and Marda. On the Road between Salfit and Iskaka	3
Ramallah and Al Bireh	Near; Khalamish settlement.	1
Jerusalem	No incidents to report.	0
Jericho	No incidents to report.	0
Bethlehem	Beit Sahur, Al 'Ubeidiya, Za'tara, Tuqu' Beit Jala, 'Ayda camp, Al Khadr, Ash Shawawra, Husan	9
Hebron	Adh Dhahiriya, As Samu'(2), Ar Ramadin, Khursa, Karma, Yatta(4), Beit Ummar, Dura(2), Beit Kahil, Hebron city - H1(4), Halhul, Idhna, Surif, Sa'ir	24
<b>Total West Bank</b>		<b>66</b>

**The Gaza Strip:**

Since 24 September the IDF have imposed a total closure on the West Bank and Gaza Strip. No permit holders (worker or traders) were allowed access to Israel from the Gaza Strip. Rafah crossing point has remained closed since 7 September

## 6. Additional Protection Issues

### Searches/Arrests/Detentions

Governorate	Location of arrests/detention, number of searches noted at locations with brackets	Total # of Searches	Total # of Arrested/ Detained
Nablus	Beit Furik CP, Beit Furik village (1), Huwwara CP, Nablus city(1), Askar camp (2).	3	7
Jenin	Jenin city(4, Kafr Ra'I village (2).	2	6
Tubas	Tubas city, Tayasir CP, Tubas city(2), Tammun(1).	1	1
Tulkarm	Flying checkpoints near Al Jarushiya and Kafriat tunnel, Tulkarm city, Tulkarm camp and Deir al Ghusin	3	7
Qalqiliya	'Azzun and Kafr Qaddum	2	1
Salfit	Marda (2), Yasuf and Kifl Harris	4	0
Ramallah/Al Bireh	Bil'in	0	15
Jerusalem	Jaba' (1), Tunnel CP	1	2
Jericho	No incidents to report.	0	0
Bethlehem	Beit Sahur(3), Al 'Ubeidiya (3) , Za'tara(2), Tuqu' , Bethlehem city(2), Beit Fajjar, Dar Salah(2) , Beit Jala(2), 'Ayda refuge camp,, Al Khadr(2), Ash Shawawra, Al 'Aza refugee camp, Husan, Artas(2)	23	12
Hebron	Adh Dhahiriya(3), As Samu'(2), , Yatta(4), Beit Ummar, Kharas, Dura(3),Beit Kahil, Hebron city - H1(4), Halhul(2), Idhna, Sa'ir(2), Ash Shuyukh(2), Beit Awa, Tarqumiya(2), Al Fawwar refugee camp (2)	30	15
<b>Total Week West Bank</b>		<b>69</b>	<b>66</b>
Gaza Strip		0	0
<b>Total Week oPt</b>		<b>69</b>	<b>66</b>

## Appendix: Checkpoints Status 28 September – 4 October 2005

Checkpoint	Status
<b>Tulkarm</b>	
<b>Taybeh</b>	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.
<b>Efrayim</b>	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.
<b>Kafriat</b>	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.
<b>Qalqiliya</b>	
<b>Qalqiliya DCO</b>	Unmanned.
<b>Jaljoulia</b>	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.
<b>Salfit</b>	
<b>Deir Ballut</b>	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.
<b>Kafr Qasem (Road 5)</b>	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.
<b>'Anabta Gate</b>	Re-established 14 <sup>th</sup> July 2005. Closed, but Palestinians are allowed to use the back-to-back system to cross in and out of Tulkarm.
<b>Nablus</b>	
<b>Huwara</b> 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. The checkpoint is open 24 hours.
<b>Beit Iba</b> 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. The checkpoint is open from 5 am to 11 pm.
<b>Sarra</b> South western entrance, before the closure regime main road to Qalqiliya (Road No. 55)	On 5 October, the IDF closed Sarra village entrance with road blocks. The checkpoint and the section of Road No. 55 are used only by military vehicles.
<b>Qusin</b> Internal closure Between Sarra and Nablus	Closed by a gate and an earth mound since mid-March 2004; traffic diverted through Beit Iba checkpoint.
<b>Al Tur</b> Southern checkpoint connecting the Samaritan district of Jarzim with Nablus City	Only open for Samaritans. The gate is occasionally open for vehicles.
<b>Beit Furik</b> 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 5 am to 9 pm.
<b>Shave Shomeron (Sabastia)</b> Northwest, main road to Jenin	Since 15 August the checkpoint is closed for Palestinians. Only humanitarian vehicles are allowed through.
<b>Maale Efrayim</b> Southeast connecting Jericho and Nablus	Closed for Palestinians unless having permits.
<b>Hamra</b> East, before closure regime main road to Jordan, Tubas, Jenin	Closed for Palestinians unless having permits. Palestinians from Furush 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.
<b>Zaatara (Tappouah)</b> South, main road to Ramallah	On 9 October the checkpoint was reopened for all movement. Prior to this vehicular movement for residents of northern west bank (Jenin, Tubas, Nablus, Tulkarm and Qalqiliya) was prohibited unless they have a special permit.
<b>Jenin</b>	

<b>Al Jalama</b> Main entrance to Israel	Open between 7:00 am to 4:00 pm Sunday to Friday.
<b>Dahiat Sabah al Khayr</b> “al Amn al Watani” Northern entrance of Jenin	Dismantled 21 September 2005.
<b>Imreiha (Reikhan)</b> Main gate to the Barta’a ash-Sharqiya/ Umm ar Rihan enclave	Open between 7 am to 9 pm.
<b>Tubas</b>	
<b>Bisan</b> Main entrance to Israel	Open 24 hours for permit holders.
<b>Tayasir Gate</b> 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).
<b>Ramallah/AI Bireh</b>	
<b>Qalandiya</b>	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.
<b>Bet El/DCO</b>	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.
<b>Atara Bridge (partial)</b>	Open.
<b>An Nabi Salih gate (partial)</b>	Open.
<b>At Tayba (partial)</b>	Open.
<b>Makkabim</b> 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.
<b>Ni’lin</b>	Usually open for Jerusalem ID holders, foreign passport holders and Palestinians with permits to enter Israel.
<b>Rantis</b>	Usually open for Jerusalem ID holders, foreign passport holders and Palestinians with permits to enter Israel.
<b>Jerusalem</b>	
<b>Hizma</b> 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.
<b>Az Za’ayyem</b> North eastern entrance on Road 1.	Open for Israelis, Palestinians with Jerusalem ID cards, West Bank and Gaza Strip Palestinians with permits and internationals.
<b>Ar Ram</b> 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.
<b>Bir Nabala/Atarot</b> 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.
<b>Ramot Alon</b> 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.
<b>Shu’fat Refugee Camp/ Anata Checkpoint</b>	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.
<b>Container (“Wadi nar”)</b> 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.
<b>Jericho</b>	
<b>DCO</b> 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.
<b>Al Auja (Yitav)</b> Northern entrance	Open 24 hours for Palestinian living in Jericho District. Prohibited for Palestinians holding West Bank ID cards from other governorates.
<b>Gate opposite Allenby</b> 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.
<b>Bethlehem</b>	



<b>Gilo</b> North entrance to Bethlehem	Open 24 hours for humanitarian organisations. No Palestinian-plated cars allowed. Since the 24 of September, external closure was imposed on the Palestinian territory; Palestinians with valid permits are not allowed to pass. Second lane opens for inbound traffic. On Friday, age restrictions were applied to Palestinians crossing.
<b>Ein Yalow</b> 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.
<b>Beit Jala DCO</b> Entrance to Beit Jala	Since 31 August the checkpoint is not manned. Palestinian public and private vehicles including commercial trucks are passing.
<b>Tunnels</b> 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.
<b>Settlers' Checkpoint - Efrata</b> Southern entrance to settlement	Open 24 hours only for Israeli settlers. Checkpoint manned by settlers; movement beyond it restricted for Palestinians.
<b>Gush Etzion</b> 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.
<b>Wadi Fukin</b> 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.
<b>Al Jab'a</b> 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.
<b>Ein Gedi</b> 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.
<b>Hebron</b>	
<b>Beit Awwa</b> At entrance to Negohot settlement, on Road No. 354	Crossing along Road No. 354 only for humanitarian organisations and critical service providers.
<b>Tarqumiya</b> 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.
<b>Meitar</b> 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.
<b>Shani</b> At turn for Shani settlement on Road No. 317.	Manned by the IDF. A military base has been established nearby.
<b>Beit Yatir</b> 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.
<b>Prayers Road, H2</b> Access to area of Ibrahimi Mosque	Closed to Palestinians.
<b>Shohada street, H2</b> 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.
<b>Ibrahimi Mosque, H2</b> Access to the Mosque	Worshippers and visitors searched upon entry. 5, 10, and 11 of October Muslims were not allowed to go through
<b>Bab Al Baladiyye , H2</b> (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.
<b>Qarantina, H2</b> Junction with Shohada Street	Closed to Palestinians.
<b>Bab Al-Khan, H2</b> Entrance to Avraham Avinu settlement	Closed to Palestinians heading in the direction of Shohada Street and north toward the market.
<b>Tel Rumeida, H2</b> Beginning of street leading to settlement	Open only to Palestinians travelling on foot living between to the settlement.
<b>Al Kasaba, H2</b> 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. 5, 10, and 11 of October Moslems were not allowed to go through
<b>Ar Ramadin</b> At entrance to Ar Ramadin village from Road 325	New permanent checkpoint established in September 2005, manned by IDF soldiers who check and search Palestinian civilians travelling to and from a cluster of Palestinian villages (4,000 people) around Ar Ramadin area. The checkpoint also restricts the movement of Palestinians and Arab Israelis on Road No. 325.
<b>Gaza Crossings/Checkpoints</b>	
<b>Erez</b>	Since 24 September Erez has been closed for Palestinians, with a little exception for people with special humanitarian needs.
<b>Rafah Passenger Terminal</b>	Since 7 September Rafah Passenger Terminal has been closed. On 11 October the terminal was temporarily reopened for two days to allow hundreds of Palestinians pilgrimages to cross.

#### Commercial checkpoints:

<b>Tulkarm/Qalqiliya</b>	
<b>Taybeh</b>	The back-to-back system has been operational from 5.30am to 5pm except on Saturday. Reopened on 5 October following the Jewish New Year holiday.
<b>Nablus</b>	
<b>Awarta checkpoint</b> Main commercial checkpoint in Nablus since July 2003.	Open from 6am to 6pm Sunday to Friday. Since 2pm on 3 October closed.
<b>Jenin</b>	
<b>Al Jalama</b> Northern entrance/ main commercial check point.	Open between 7:00 am to 4:00 pm Sunday to Friday with 24 hours prior coordination through Palestinian DCL.
<b>Ramallah/AI Bireh</b>	
<b>Beituniya</b> 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.
<b>Jericho</b>	
Back-to-back checkpoint/DCO checkpoint	Open, but only for basic necessities, including dairy products. Other goods need a permit to be brought in. Closed from Friday afternoon to Sunday morning. Opening hours are 6am to 8pm.
<b>Gaza Strip</b>	
<b>Karni</b>	Karni crossing was reopened on 09 October 2005 (it had previously been closed since 24 September).
<b>Sufa</b>	Reopened for construction materials only (it had previously been closed since 24 September).

## 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.