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### Protection of Civilians - Weekly Briefing Notes

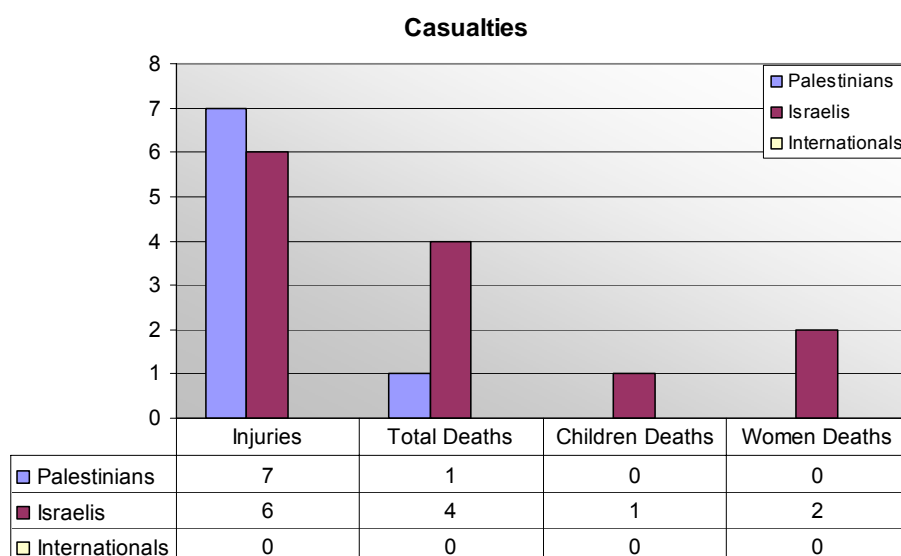
**12 – 18 October 2005**

**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:**

- Following two separate Palestinian militant attacks that killed three Israeli settlers and wounded six others, the IDF and Border Police tightened movement restrictions throughout the West Bank. These restrictions, particularly in Ramallah, Bethlehem and Hebron governorates restricted Palestinians access to major bypass roads and isolated some communities after additional closure measures were put in place.

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



#### **Casualty Incidents:**

- 13 October:** One Palestinian infant was injured when Israeli settlers stoned the vehicle he was traveling in East Jerusalem during Yom Kippor (the child and his family were trying to reach a hospital at the time of the incident).
- 14 October:** At around 1pm, three Palestinians were injured during a demonstration against the construction of the Barrier in Bil'in, Ramallah.
- 15 October:** An IDF soldier died from injuries he had sustained on 7 January 2005 in a drive by shooting incident by Palestinian militants near Migdalim settlement, Nablus.
- 16 October:** IDF soldiers assaulted a 16-year-old Palestinian shepherd near Al 'Aqaba village, Tubas.
- 16 October:** IDF soldiers shot at a car near the southern entrance of Jenin City, Jenin, killing a 26-year-old Palestinian and injuring a Palestinian bystander.
- 16 October:** A 13-year-old Palestinian was injured in the town of Tarqumiya, Hebron, when IDF soldiers responded to stone throwing by firing rubber-coated metal bullets.

- **16 October:** Three Israeli settlers (23, 21, and 15 years old) were killed and another four were injured when Palestinian militants opened fire toward group of Israeli settlers near Gush 'Etzion junction, Bethlehem. Two of the three people killed were living in the Israeli settlement of Karmel while the third person killed was a resident of Ma'on settlement, Hebron.
- **16 October:** Two Israeli settlers from 'Eli settlement, Nablus, were injured after Palestinian militants opened fire toward them near the settlement.

## 2. Shelter and Property

Date	Location, Governorate	# Structures demolished	# Structures partially destroyed	# People displaced / affected
12 October 2005	Adh Dhahiriya, Hebron	0	1	0
<b>Total Week</b>		<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>

### Shelter Incidents:

- **12 June:** The IDF partially destroyed a house belonging to a Palestinian family from the town of Adh Dhahiriya, Hebron, while pursuing a Palestinian who was hiding inside the house. According to the Municipality of Adh Dhahiriya the estimated cost of the house is of approximately two million NIS.

## 3. Natural Resources

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

#### Nablus, Jenin and Tubas Governorate:

- No incidents to report.

#### Tulkarm Governorate:

- **12 October:** The Palestinian DCL received two copies of amendments to orders requisitioning an additional 61.6 dunums (6.2 hectares) under order T/68/05 and 102.5 dunums (10.3 hectares) under order T/77/05 of Palestinian land. The requisition orders are to build a new fence around Avnei Khefets and Enav settlements.
- Ongoing incidents:
  - Land levelling around Avnei Khefets and Enav settlements continues for the construction of a new fence around the settlements for a buffer zone.

#### 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 and Deir Ballut villages for the construction of the Barrier.

#### Ramallah / Al Bireh Governorate:

- **7 October** (previously unreported): At least 500 grape trees belong to a Palestinian from 'Abud were uprooted by settlers from the nearby settlements in the area (Ofarim and Beit Arye settlements).
- Ongoing incidents:
  - Land levelling for construction of the Barrier continues between Budrus to the south of al Midya and between Kharbatha Bani Harith, Bil'in and Saffa villages (all west Ramallah). Land levelling 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:

- Ongoing incidents:
  - Land leveling for construction of the Barrier is ongoing along the southern section of the Green Line, east of Shani settlement and up to Ar Ramadin, and on the western side of

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

Idhna. Israeli contractors are also leveling land for a new terminal along the last section of Road No. 60 before crossing into Israel.

#### **Bethlehem Governorate:**

- Contractors for the construction of the Barrier finished fencing the area around Khallet an Nu'man. The road from Al Khas remains open.
- Ongoing incidents:
  - Land levelling and building construction continues inside of the settlement of Efrat and in its two northern outposts (Givat Hatamar and Givat Hadagan), as well as north east of Neve Daniel (in its most recent expansion), and in Har Gilo and Betar Illit.

#### **Jerusalem Governorate:**

- Ongoing incidents:
  - Construction of the Barrier 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 planned Bir Nabala enclave.

#### **Jericho Governorate:**

- No incidents to report.

#### **The Gaza Strip:**

- **12 October:** The IDF started constructing a separation security wall north of Beit Hanoun in the northern Gaza Strip.

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

- The ICRC family visitation programme to Israeli prisons remained suspended as a result external closures imposed on the West Bank and Gaza Strip since 24 September.
- **16 - 18 October:** Following two attacks by Palestinian militants in Bethlehem and Nablus governorates, the IDF further restricted internal movement in the West Bank. As of 18 October, the access and movement for international humanitarian organisations and critical service providers was re-established.
- **17 October:** Palestinian working with International and medical organizations were denied access through the DCO checkpoint for Ramallah (the normal crossing point) which caused long delays and disruption.

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

#### **a) Curfews**

Date	Location / Governorate	Duration
16 October	Kafr Qalil village, Nablus	3 hours
<b>Total Week</b>	<b>1 incident(s)</b>	<b>3 hours</b>

- **16 October:** The IDF imposed a curfew on Kafr Qalil village, Nablus, for three hours during a search and arrest campaign.

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

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

- **15 October:** Students from Beit Rima, Deir Ghassanah and An Nabi Saleh were unable to reach their schools due to an IDF search and arrest campaign in Beit Rima and Deir Ghassaneh area.
- **18 October:** Palestinian students from Deir Nidham were unable to reach their schools in neighbouring villages and Ramallah due to a flying checkpoint at the north western entrance which is the only road open to the village.
- **18 October:** Delays in schools starting in the northern villages of Ramallah were reported due to the movement restrictions imposed by the IDF along bypass Road No. 465. Both teachers and students experienced long delays reaching their schools.

##### **Jerusalem/Jericho governorates:**

- **18 October:** A number of students were unable to reach Abu Dis University due to the tight closure and the movement restrictions on Palestinians which were imposed by the IDF.

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

- Ongoing incidents:

- Teachers coming from the Palestinian towns of Yatta and Samu' are still facing problems in reaching Imneizil elementary school. This week IDF soldiers managing the Beit Yatir checkpoint denied the teachers access, detaining 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. On **16 October** the escort was two and half hours late for the return trip. On **17 October** the IDF DCL informed the community that they would suspend the military escort for the students for seven days in view of the greater insecurity in the area. So far no alternatives have been provided to the schoolchildren except to take a detour of 10 km on foot.
- This week the IDF and Israeli border police intensified their presence around Hebron University and Al Quds Open University, in the H1 area of Hebron City. The soldiers harassed and physically assaulted students and staff from both universities. The long checking system which the soldiers use disturbed the normal study day.
- Children attending the Al Ibrahimiyah and Cordoba primary school in the Old City of Hebron have continued to pass through the metal detector set up by the IDF in the main roads which lead to the schools.

### c) Access to Employment

This week, the IDF and Israeli Border Police continued to impose external closure on the West Bank and the Gaza Strip; workers and traders with valid permits were not allowed to enter Israel. These closures have been in place since 24 September.

### d) Closures/Movement restrictions

#### Nablus Governorate:

- **12 - 13 October:** The IDF closed 'Awarta commercial checkpoint due to the Jewish holidays.
- **16 - 17 October:** The IDF closed Zaatara checkpoint in both directions.
- **17 October:** The IDF closed the southern entrance of Jamma'in village, Nablus, with an earth mound.
- **17 October:** The IDF closed the eastern main entrance to As Sawyia village, Nablus, and one agricultural road with earth mounds.
- **17 - 18 October:** Starting at 2 pm on 17 October, the IDF closed 'Awarta commercial checkpoint due to the Jewish holidays.
- 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 Kufeirir village.
  - The IDF closed Road No. 585 from Mevo Dotan settlement entrance to Kharmesh 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 their charcoal factories and olive groves in the area.

#### 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:

- **12, 13, 17 and 18 October:** The IDF closed Taybeh commercial checkpoint due to the Jewish holidays.
- 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:**

- **17 October:** The IDF closed the entrance of Deir Istiya village with an earth mound and closed the gate at the entrance of Kafr ad Dik.

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

- **15 October:** At around 6am, the IDF closed An Nabi Salih gate for approximately three hours during a search and arrest operation carried out in Beit Rima village.
- **17 October:** Thousands of Palestinians were stranded on both sides of Qalandiya checkpoint during the evening and Palestinians experienced long delays going to their homes to make it for "Iftar" (breaking of the fast during Ramadan).
- **17 October:** The IDF prohibited all movements of Palestinian plated vehicles on Road No. 465. Palestinians from the villages had to use dirt tracks to be able to get in/out of their villages following Palestinian militant attack near Eli settlement the previous day.
- **18 October:** All Palestinian vehicles were not allowed access through An Nabi Salih gate following a shooting incident at the Israeli settlement of Khalamish on 17 October. Palestinians from Bani Zeid area had to travel via Ajjul and then to Atara partial checkpoint.
- Ongoing incidents:
  - Temporary traffic and pedestrian arrangements are now in place at Qalandiya checkpoint while new construction there continues. The main road through the old checkpoint is now closed by a roadblock. Traffic is being rerouted to a new road to the east that joins the main road between Qalandiya and Jaba'. A temporary fenced walkway is in place for pedestrians.

#### **Jerusalem/Jericho governorates:**

- **17 October:** The IDF imposed tight closure around Jerusalem and at the checkpoints to the City after two separate Palestinian militant attacks on 16 October,
- **17 - 18 October:** A flying checkpoint was in operation at Jaba' (Geva Binyamin) junction to prevent Palestinian plated cars from movements on Road No. 60.

#### **Hebron/Bethlehem governorates:**

- **16 -18 October:** Following the attack by Palestinian militants on 16 October, the IDF imposed additional movement restrictions on Hebron and Bethlehem governorates along the Road No. 60 axis. No Palestinian private vehicles are allowed on Road No. 60 south of Jerusalem, but as of 18 October Palestinian public transport vehicles were allowed back onto this road ensuring connections between Hebron and Bethlehem. Villages in western Bethlehem, the city of Hebron, as well as Yatta and its surrounding villages were under total closure.

#### **Hebron Governorate:**

- **13 and 14 October:** The Israeli authorities denied access for Palestinians to the Tomb of the Patriarchs (Al-Ibrahimi Mosque). It is currently the holy month of Ramadan for Muslims as well as important holydays for the Jewish population.
- **16 - 18 October:** The IDF sealed all the entrances to the city of Hebron (population of 170,000) from Road No. 60 and 35 and some of its surrounding villages and towns. The junction of Halhul-Sa'ir was closed on both sides with earth mounds; similarly, the Dura-Al Fawar junction was also blocked with dirt mounds, restricting the movement of another 100,000 Palestinians living in town of Yatta and its surrounding villages and cutting off further the 6,000 Palestinians living south of Road No. 317. The gates at the Idhna-Tarqumiya junction (across Road No. 35) and at Zif (from Road No. 317) have been closed. No Palestinian traffic is allowed south of the Halhul - Sa'ir junction and only Palestinian buses and taxis are allowed to move on Road No. 60 between Halhul and the Al Khadr-Husan junction. At least seven new flying checkpoints were recorded in the governorate, particularly along bypass roads and in the western areas at critical junctions.

#### **Bethlehem Governorate:**

- **14 October:** At Gilo checkpoint, the Israeli Border Police allowed only Palestinians of 45 years or more to cross into Jerusalem to attend Friday Prayers at the Al Aqsa Mosque in the Old City. "Jerusalem" permits were not considered a valid travel document on the day.
- **16 -18 October:** The IDF closed with road blocks the Al Khadr- Husan junction leaving all the western villages (16,000 people) with no access to Bethlehem but on foot; the road from Al Jab'a to Surif has also been closed off with road blocks. No private cars are allowed to travel on any of the by bypass roads but Palestinian public transportation is permitted to reach the Al Khadr

without need for permits. The IDF re-established the Efrat checkpoint and closed Beit Jala DCO to all vehicles, although pedestrians can get through.

- Ongoing:
  - In Imneizil the construction of the Barrier continues to close the main road which leads to the village forcing residents to use a difficult and insecure road to enter the village from the nearby bypass road.

#### **West Bank: Reported flying checkpoints**

Governorate	Location, number of incidents in brackets	Total # of flying checkpoints
Nablus	On road connecting 'Asira ash Shamaliya with Talluza village (2). Entrance of Jurish village. On Road No. 60 near; Al Lubban ash Sharqiya (2). On Road No. 57 near; Al Badhan village.	6
Jenin	On Road No. 60 near; Meithalun. On Road No. 588 near; Al Kufeir	2
Tubas	On Road No. 588 near; Tammun (2), Kashda, 'Aqqaba, Tubas City. Entrance of 'Ein el Beida village	7
Tulkarm	Entrance; Kafriat tunnel, Kafr al Labad, Kaf Sur	3
Qalqiliya	Entrance; Qalqiliya DCU (3), 'Izbat at Tabib (2), Habla tunne, 'Azzun (1), Jinsafut and Jit Junction (2). Near; 'Azzun on Road No. 50	11
Salfit	Entrance; Iskaka	1
Ramallah and Al Bireh	Entrance; Deir Nidham	1
Jerusalem	No incidents to report.	0
Jericho	No incidents to report.	0
Bethlehem	Dar Salah, Beit Sahur(2), Al 'Ubeidiya(2), Za'tara, Tuqu', Beit Jala, 'Ayda refuge camp, Al Khadr(4), Ash Shawawra, Husan junction, Al Jab'a,	16
Hebron	Adh Dhahiriya(2), Zif gate, Ar Rifa'iyya, At Tuwani entrance, Al Majd, As Samu'(3), Ar Ramadin, Khursa, Karma, Yatta(4), Beit Ummar, Dura(2),, Beit Kahil, Hebron city - H1(6), Halhul, Idhna, Surif(2), Sa'ir, Tarqumiya, Al Fawwar(4)	36
<b>Total West Bank</b>		<b>83</b>

#### **The Gaza Strip:**

This week, the IDF and Israeli Border Police continued to impose external closure on the West Bank and the Gaza Strip; workers and traders with valid permits were not allowed to enter Israel. These closures have been in place since 24 September. Rafah crossing point has remained closed since 7 September.

### **6. Additional Protection Issues**

- **15 October:** A group of settlers from Itamar (Tel Haym) settlement approached the vicinity of Beit Furik village, Nablus, and threw stones and molotov cocktails at some houses in the village. No injuries were reported. One Palestinian car was damaged.
- **14 October:** Four international activists were detained during a demonstration against the construction of the Barrier in Bil'in, Ramallah.
- **12 October:** The municipality of the Israeli settlement of Kiryat Arba, Hebron, expanded and paved the main entrance of the settlement. The paved road will be used also as security road around the settlement.
- **15 October:** One store belonging to Palestinian trader from the old city of Hebron was burned down when settlers from the Israeli settlement of Avraham Avinu settlement set fire to it. Due to the strict closures in place in the Old City by the IDF it took the Palestinian fire department three hours to reach the site.
- **16 October:** Three settlers from the Israeli settlement of Ma'on, Hebron, attacked a flock of sheep near the Palestinian village of At Tuwani killing one animal and wounding another.

#### **Searches/Arrests/Detentions**

Governorate	Location of arrests/detention, number of searches noted at locations with brackets	Total # of Searches	Total # of Arrested/ Detained
Nablus	Huwwara checkpoint; Kuf Qalil village; Beit Iba checkpoint; Balata refugee camp	2	4
Jenin	Flying checkpoint at Meithalun and Al Kufeir village; Yabbad village	1	10

Tubas	Tammun, Flying checkpoint near Tammun; Tubas city	2	2
Tulkarm	Iktaba ; Qaffin	2	4
Qalqiliya	Flying checkpoint between Kafr Thulth and Sanniriya ; Kafr Qaddum	1	3
Salfit	Harris; Salfit city; Marda, Mas-ha, Deir Istiya	5	3
Ramallah/ Al Bireh	Ramallah, Beit Rima, Beituniya	3	6
Jerusalem	Old city of Jerusalem	0	6
Jericho	No incidents to report.	0	0
Bethlehem	Beit Sahur, Al 'Ubeidiya (2) , Za'tara(2), Tuqu' , Bethlehem city(4), Beit Fajjar, Dar Salah(3) , Beit Jala(3), 'Ayda refuge camp(4), Al Khadr(4), Ash Shawawra, Husan, Artas(2)	31	9
Hebron	Adh Dhahiriya(3), As Samu'(3), , Yatta(4), Beit Ummar(2), Dura(2), , Hebron city - H1(8), Halhul(2), Idhna, Ash Shuyukh(2), Beit Awa, Tarqumiya(2), Al Fawwar refugee camp (2), Ar Rihya	33	14
<b>Total Week West Bank</b>		<b>80</b>	<b>61</b>
Gaza Strip		0	0
<b>Total Week oPt</b>		<b>80</b>	<b>61</b>

## 7. Olive Harvest

- **12 October:** A group of Israeli settlers from Elkana settlement prevented Palestinian farmers from Mas-ha and Az Zawiya villages, Salfit, from picking olives from their land located inside the settlement fence.
- **12, 13, 17 and 18 October:** Barrier gates in the northern West Bank were closed due to the Jewish holidays. Palestinian farmers were not able to reach their olive groves for the olive harvest during these periods.
- **17 October:** A group of settlers from Elon More settlement set fire to olive trees near Salim village, Nablus, and damaged some trees.

## Appendix: Checkpoints Status 12 – 18 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 No. 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 now usual 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’ayem</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 No. 1	No vehicles currently are allowed through, only pedestrians.
<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. Teachers going to Imneizil school are still being 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. 13-14 October Palestinians were denied entry.
<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)	Permanent checkpoint which filters Palestinian movement from the Kasaba area directed to the Tomb of the Patriarchs. Movement is segregated for incoming and outgoing movement. Palestinians exiting the Kasaba 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. On 13 and 14 October Palestinian Muslims 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. Closed on 12, 13, 17 and 18 October during Jewish holidays.
<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. Closed on 12, 13, 17 and 18 October during the Jewish holidays.
<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. Closed on 12, 13, 17 and 18 October during the Jewish holidays.
<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 is in operation. 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 open for half a day on 17 October and closed on 18 October due to the Jewish holidays.
<b>Sufa</b>	Reopened for construction materials only.

## 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.