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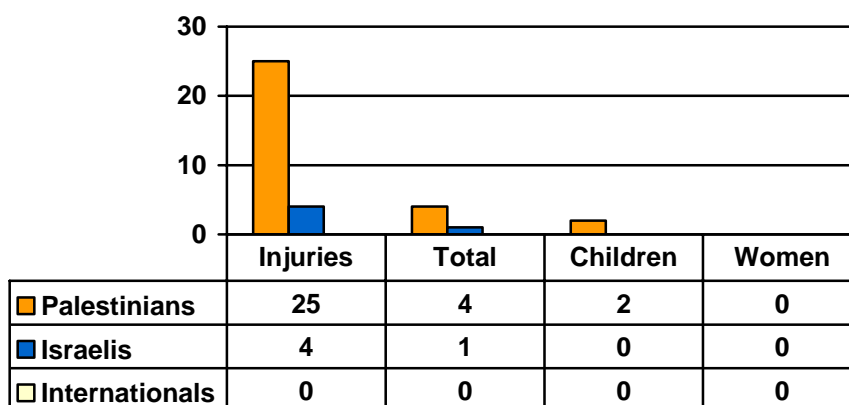
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Protection of Civilians - Weekly Briefing Notes

2 – 8 November 2005

Of note this week

- **External closure (in place since 24 September) of the occupied Palestinian territory continued this week. For the seventh week the IDF and Border Police prohibited Palestinian workers and traders with valid permits to enter Israel.**

1. Physical Protection**Casualties**

- **2 November:** Palestinians threw stones at the IDF during an IDF operation in Jenin city, Jenin. The IDF responded with live fire injuring two Palestinians.
- **2 November:** An exchange of fire took place between Palestinian militants and the IDF during an IDF search and arrest campaign in Qabatiya, Jenin. One 21- year-old Palestinian man was killed and three Palestinian militants injured.
- **2 November:** The IDF stationed on the border north of the evacuated Eli Sinai settlement in the Gaza Strip shot and injured a Palestinian when they opened fire in his direction.
- **2 November:** An Israeli was wounded by mortar shells fired from the Gaza Strip towards the southern Israeli community of Nativ Ha'asrah.
- **2 November:** An exchange of fire took place between Palestinian militants and the IDF during an IDF search and arrest campaign in Mirka, Jenin. One IDF soldier was killed.
- **3 November:** Palestinians threw stones at Israeli plated vehicles on Road No. 55 near 'Azzun, Qalqiliya, injuring one Israeli.
- **3 November:** An Israeli soldier was lightly wounded when mortar shells fired from the Gaza Strip at his base near Nahal Oz.
- **4 November:** One 21-year-old Palestinian from Qabatiya, Jenin, died from injuries he sustained in clashes with the IDF on 30 October 2005.
- **4 November:** During a confrontation between the IDF and Palestinian stone throwers in 'Atil, Tulkarm, three Palestinian minors (12, 14 and 16 years old) were injured by rubber-coated metal bullets.
- **5 November:** During a confrontation between the IDF and Palestinian stone throwers in Qabatiya, Jenin, seven Palestinians, including two minors, were injured by rubber-coated metal bullets.
- **5 November:** During a search and arrest campaign in Idhna, Hebron, two Palestinian boys (13 and 15 years old) were injured when the IDF fired rubber-coated metal bullets towards a group of stone-throwers.
- **5 November:** Palestinians and international protesters held a demonstration against the Barrier construction in Bil'in, Ramallah. One Palestinian protester was injured by the IDF and six Palestinian and four Israeli activists were arrested.
- **5 November:** One 11-year-old Palestinian boy from Jenin died from injuries he sustained during when clashes took place between Palestinian militants and the IDF in Jenin on 3

November. The boy was shot in the head and stomach after the IDF mistook a toy gun he carrying for a real gun on the first day of Al Fitr Feast.

- **8 November:** During clashes between the IDF and Palestinian gunmen in Balata refugee camp, Nablus, a 15-year-old Palestinian minor was shot and injured
- **8 November:** One IDF soldier was injured in Balata refugee camp, Nablus, during a search and arrest campaign when an explosive device exploded near his jeep.
- **8 November:** A 16-year-old Palestinian boy was shot and killed and two other Palestinians injured during clashes between the IDF and Palestinian gunmen near the municipality park in Nablus city, Nablus. A 12-year-old Palestinian child was also injured by a stray bullet.
- **8 November:** One 26-year-old Palestinian man with a mental disorder was shot and injured at north Qalqiliya Barrier gate, Qalqiliya, after he had tried to shake the closed gate.
- **8 November:** One 24-year-old Palestinian from El Far'a camp, Tubas, was shot and injured near a flying checkpoint established near Meithalun village, Jenin.

2. Shelter and Property:

Date	Location, Governorate	Structures demolished	Structures partially destroyed	People displaced / affected
7 Nov	'Anata, Jerusalem	1	-	0
7 Nov	Silwan, Jerusalem	1	-	0
7 Nov	Jabal al Mukabber	1	-	0
Total Week		3	0	0

- **7 November:** The IDF demolished three structures in the Jerusalem governorate: an uninhabited house in 'Anata, a shelter in Jabal al Mukabbir and uninhabited barracks in Silwan. The IDF stated that the structures were demolished for being built without a permit.

Other shelter/property related incidents:

- **6 November:** The IDF handed over a demolition order for one inhabited house in the Palestinian village of Wadi Fukin, Bethlehem. The order stated that the house was built in "Area C" without a permit.

3. Natural Resources:

Land levelling/Requisitions/Tree Uprooting¹

Nablus, Jenin and Tubas Governorates:

No incidents to report.

Tulkarm Governorate:

Ongoing incidents:

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

Qalqiliya Governorate:

Ongoing incidents:

- The IDF continues levelling land near Immatin village and between 'Azzun and Kafr Thulth for the construction of the Barrier.

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

Salfit Governorate:

2 November: The IDF issued a number of land requisition orders requisitioning 37.5 dunums (3.75 hectares) of land in Mas-ha, Biddya, Sarta, Bruqin, Haris, Kifl Haris and Az Zawiya areas, Salfit, for the purposes of installing a 'security fence' along Road No. 505 and 5. Land levelling commenced in Haris village for this purpose.

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 the construction of the Barrier.

Ramallah / Al Bireh Governorate:

6 November: The IDF issued military requisition order (T/59/30) requisitioning 83 dunums (8.3 hectares) of land for the purpose of enlarging Beitunia crossing.

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 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:

7 November: The IDF issued military land requisition order (T/183/05) requisitioning 292 dunums (2.92 hectares) of agricultural land belonging to Palestinian farmers from the towns of Dura and Adh Dhahiriya. The confiscated land will be used to build the last section of the Barrier in the south west of Hebron, around the settlement of Eshkolot and the nearby quarry.

Ongoing incidents:

- Land leveling for construction of the Barrier continues along the southern section of the Green Line. The contractors are paving the security road running along the Barrier to the south of Shani settlement. In the western section the Barrier has reached Ar Ramadin, as well as along the western side of 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:

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 with high presence of the IDF in the area. The local community is facing problems in accessing the main internal road on wet days as the quality of the road has deteriorated during the construction of the Barrier.
- Land levelling and new housing construction continues in the settlements of Efrat and its two northern outposts (Givat Hatamar and Givat Hadagan), as well as northeast of Neve Daniel, and in Har Gilo and Betar Illit.
- Construction of the Barrier continues on the last section of the Barrier around Rachel's Tomb north of the building hosting the Al Waqf.

Jerusalem Governorate:

Ongoing incidents:

- Construction of the Barrier continues 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. Barrier construction has also continued since 28 October alongside the road leading from Qalandiya checkpoint to Atarot checkpoint.

Jericho Governorate:

6 November: Three military requisition orders were reissued to Palestinians living in Al Jiflik, Al Auja and Jericho for construction of military observation towers.

The Gaza Strip:

Ongoing incidents:

- Construction continues of a concrete wall north of Beit Hanoun and Beit Lahia.

4. Access and Movement for Civilians:

a) Curfew

Date	Location, Governorate	Duration
2 November	Huwwara, Nablus	2 hours
2 November	Mirka, Jenin	12 hours
5 November	Sabastiya, Nablus	5 hours
Total Week	3 Incidents	19 Hours

Selected Incidents:

- **2 November:** The IDF imposed a curfew on Huwwara, Nablus, for 2 hours.
- **2 November:** The IDF imposed curfew on Mirka village, Jenin, for 12 hours after the death of one IDF soldier in the village.
- **5 November:** The IDF imposed curfew on Sabastiya village, Nablus, for five hours after confrontation between IDF and Palestinian stone throwers.

b) Access to Education

West Bank:

Hebron:

5 November: Teachers and students from Cordoba elementary school in H2 area of Hebron city were attacked by a group of Israeli settlers from the nearby settlement of Beit Hadassah. The settlers threw garbage and stones towards the Palestinian students.

- Ongoing incidents:
 - Teachers coming from the Palestinian towns of Yatta and Samu' are still facing problems in reaching Imneizil elementary school as IDF soldiers deny them access at Beit Yatir checkpoint.
 - Children attending the Al Ibrahimiyte primary school in the H2 area of Hebron city who approach it from the south continue to have to pass through metal detector gates set up by the IDF north of the Abu Rish Mosque.
 - The IDF and Israeli Police escorted Palestinian students from Tuba to their school in At Tuwani, south Hebron governorate. The escort has been provided since 2004 to protect the students from attacks carried by Israelis from the Ma'on settlement.
 - In order to avoid encountering the Israeli settlers along Road No. 317 while they move to their school in At Tuwani village, students from the Palestinian communities of Susya, Qawawis, and Mantiqat Shi'b al Batin in south Hebron continue to commute to the village using tractors and trailers on dirt roads.

c) Access to Employment

This week, the IDF and 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. This closure has been in place since 24 September.

Hebron:

Special permits were issued for workers in the agricultural sector and large traders.

d) Closures/Movement restrictions

The external closure imposed on the oPt since 24 September limited movement and only in a some limited humanitarian cases was access facilitated to Israel.

Nablus Governorate:

Ongoing incidents:

- Shave Shomeron checkpoint remains closed.

- All entrances connecting Sabastiya village with Road No. 60 remain blocked by earth mounds.
- Hamra checkpoint remains closed for all Palestinian non-residents of the Jordan Valley. Medical personal and teachers are allowed through.
- The IDF continues to close Beit Furik checkpoint for male residents of Beit Furik village below the age of 30 years old.

Jenin Governorate:

Ongoing incidents:

- All entrances to Ya'bad village are closed by the IDF with road blocks and barbed wire. Only one alternative road towards Jenin city is open through Kufeirit village.
- Road No. 585 from Mevo Dotan settlement entrance to Kharmesh settlement entrance is closed with two checkpoints.
- The metal gate at a road leading from Ya'bad town and the two checkpoints on Road No. 585 near Mevo Dotan and Kharmesh settlements entrances are hindering Palestinian movements in the area. Palestinian are using dirt roads to reach there charcoal factorises and olive groves in the area.

Tubas Governorate:

3 November: The IDF opened Tayasir checkpoint in both directions and allowed access to Palestinians on the first day of 'Eid Al Fitr Feast to visit relatives.

Ongoing incidents:

- Tayasir checkpoint remained closed at all other times during the reporting period for all Palestinians non residents of the Jordan valley. Medical personal and teachers are allowed through.

Tulkarm Governorate:

5 - 6 November: The IDF prohibited Palestinians residents of Tulkarm and Qalqiliya cities from entering Nablus through the checkpoints around the city.

7 November: The IDF closed the roads between Deir al Ghusun and Iktaba, Bal'a and Tulkarm with earth mounds.

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 major incidents to report.

Salfit Governorates:

Ongoing incidents:

- The IDF continues to close the entrance of Deir Istiya with an earth mound and closed the gate at the entrance of Kafr ad Dik.

Ramallah / Al Bireh Governorate:

Ongoing incidents:

- Temporary vehicular and pedestrian arrangements are now in place at Qalandiya checkpoint while construction of the new checkpoint continues. The main road through the old checkpoint is now closed. Traffic is being rerouted to a new road to the east that joins the main road between Qalandiya and Jaba'. A temporary fenced walkway is in place for pedestrians.

Hebron and Bethlehem Governorates:

Movement restrictions following 16 October attack by Palestinian militants remain in place for private Palestinian vehicles on Road No. 60; only Palestinian taxis and buses were allowed to move between Zif junction (Road No. 317) and Al Khadr (Road No. 60, in Bethlehem). Palestinians can apply directly to the Israeli Civil Administration to get a special permit to travel on Road 60 in these governorates. Entrance into Bethlehem is possible through the Beit Jala DCO checkpoint.

Hebron

2 November: The IDF closed Adh Dhahiriya junction from Road No. 60.

Ongoing incidents:

- The IDF continues to close Zif gate from Road No. 317.
- The IDF continues to close with earth mounds Yatta gate from Road No. 60.
- In the village of 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.
- Halhul-Sa'ir checkpoint which was erected three weeks ago is still manned with IDF soldiers. After been checked, taxis and buses are allowed to access Road No. 60 and across the checkpoint in all directions. Private and commercial Palestinian vehicles with special permits (issued by the Israeli Civil Administration) are also allowed to travel along Road No. 60.
- Al Fawwar checkpoint which was erected two weeks ago is now manned permanently by IDF soldiers. Palestinian taxis, buses and private vehicles are allowed to cross the junction between Dura and Al Fawwar.
- The IDF continues to patrol the area of H1 area of Hebron city and to perform random checks on Palestinians in violation of the Hebron Protocol.

Bethlehem

7 November: The IDF removed the roadblocks on the Husan road at the Al Khadr - Husan junction on Road No. 60.

Ongoing incidents:

- According to the Palestinian Ministry of Tourism, 30,000 tourists entered the city of Bethlehem during the month of October. This is still three times less than for the same month pre-Intifada (October 1999). In October 2004, a total of 11,550 tourists entered Bethlehem.
- The road from Al Jab'a to Surif is still closed by road blocks.
- No private cars are allowed to travel on any of the by pass roads.

Jerusalem Governorate:

2 November – 8 November: Movement into Jerusalem from the West Bank remained tight this period. For Palestinian men, only West Bank ID holders over the age of 45 years old were able to enter Jerusalem.

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.

Reported flying checkpoints – West Bank:

Governorate	Location, # of flying checkpoints in brackets	Total # of flying checkpoints
Nablus	Between; 'Asira ash Shamaliya and Ijnisiya. Entrance off; Burqa, Sabastiya. #57 near; Al Badhan (3).	6
Jenin	Entrance off; Arraba, Fahma, Qabatiya.	3
Tubas	Entrance off; 'Ein al Beida, Al Far'a.	2
Tulkarm	Junction off; Al Jarushiya, Bal'a (3), Qaffin (2), 'Attil (2), Deir al Ghusun (2). Near; Kafriat tunnel (2). Between; 'Anabta and Tulkarm, Ramin and Bizzariya.	14
Qalqiliya	Entrance off; 'Azzun (4), Qalqiliya (4). #55 near; Izbat at Tabib (3). Near; Mahattat Tahseen Mansur. Junction off; Kafr Laqif.	13
Salfit	Entrance off; Deir Istiya (2), Az Zawiya, Haris. Near; Iskaka. Between; Salfit and Bruqin.	6
Ramallah and Al Bireh	No flying checkpoints observed.	0
Jerusalem	Al Khan al Ahmar.	1
Jericho	No flying checkpoints observed.	0
Bethlehem	Dar Salah, Al 'Ubeidiya, Za'tara, Beit Jala, 'Ayda refuge camp, Al Khadr (4).	9
Hebron	Ar Ramadin(2), Zif gate(6), As Samu, Yatta(2), Beit Ummar(3), Dura(3), H1(3), Halhul(2), Idhna, Al Fawwar(6), Surif, Bani Na'eem	31
Total West Bank		85

5. The Olive Harvest:

- **5 - 6 November:** The IDF closed the Barrier gates near Qaffin and 'Akkaba in Tulkarm governorate. Farmers were unable to reach their fields and olive groves west of the Barrier in the closed areas.
- **8 November:** While farmers in Al Mugayir, Ramallah governorate, were harvesting their olives, Israeli settlers prevented the farmers from loading their crop. The police were called and the matter was resolved. Complaints were filed by Palestinian farmers.

6. Additional Protection Issues:

- This week, 12 home made rockets and 4 mortar shells were fired from the northern Gaza Strip towards the southern Israeli town of Sederot.
- IDF ground forces stationed along the border used artillery shelling and fired at least 28 tank shells at various locations east of Beit Hanoun, Beit Lahia and eastern Khan Younis, 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 (4), Za'atara CP, Beit Iba CP, Beit Furik (1), Balata camp (1), 'Ein Beit Ajma camp (1).	7	11
Jenin	Birgin (1), Qabatiya (1), Arraba (1), Jenin camp (1), Mirka (1), Al Jadida (1). Jenin city (1), Qabatiya flying CP.	7	14
Tubas	El Far'a camp (2), Tubas city (2), Tammun (1), 'Aqqaba (1).	6	1
Tulkarm	Tulkarm city (2), Nur Shams camp (1), Shuweika (1), Kafriat CP, 'Attil (1), Bal'a (1).	6	6
Qalqiliya	'Azzun (2).	2	3
Salfit	Marda (1), Salfit city (1), Iskaka (1), Az Zawiya (1).	4	6
Ramallah/Al Bireh	Bil'in.	0	6
Jerusalem	No incidents to report.	0	0
Jericho	No incidents to report.	0	0
Bethlehem	Al 'Ubeidiya (1), Za'tara (1), Bethlehem city (4), Beit Jala (2), 'Ayda camp (2), Al Khadr (5), Husan (1), Duheisha camp (1), Dar Salah (1).	18	17
Hebron	Adh Dhahiriya (3), Yatta (3), Dura (4), H1 (5), Halhul (2), Idhna (1), Surif (1), Tarqumiya (2), Al Arrub camp (1), Bani Na'eem (1), Al Fawwar camp (2),	25	12
Total Week West Bank		75	76
Gaza Strip	No incidents to report.	0	0
Total Week oPt		75	76

Appendix: Checkpoints 2 – 8 November 2005

Checkpoint	Status
Tulkarm:	
Taybeh	Open from 5.30am to 5pm for UN and international organisations and Palestinians with permits. Since 24 September Palestinians with permits were denied access to Israel due to total closure on the West Bank and the Gaza Strip.
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 Palestinians with permits were denied access to Israel due to total closure on the West Bank and the Gaza Strip.
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 Palestinians with permits were denied access to Israel due to total closure on the West Bank and the Gaza Strip.
Salfit:	
Deir Ballut	Officially open between 6am and 6pm The checkpoint controls movement between Ramallah and the villages in the western part of Salfit District.
Kafr Qasem (Road No. 5)	Open 24 hours for UN and international organisations and Palestinians with permits. Since 24 September Palestinians with permits were denied access to Israel due to total closure on the West Bank and the Gaza Strip.
'Anabta Gate	Re-established 14 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	Open for villagers from Beit Furik, Beit Dajan, and Open between 6am and 6pm.

and the Jordan Valley	
Shave Shomeron (Sabastia) Northwest, main road to Jenin	Since 15 August the checkpoint is closed for Palestinians. Only humanitarian vehicles are allowed through.
Maale Efrayim Southeast connecting Jericho and Nablus	Closed for Palestinians unless having permits.
Hamra East, before closure regime main road to Jordan, Tubas, Jenin	Closed for Palestinians unless having permits. Palestinians from Frush Beit Dajjan and Al Jiftlik villages are allowed to pass the checkpoint without permit. IDF bulldozing land near the checkpoint to expand it.
Zaatara (Tappouah) South, main road to Ramallah	Vehicular movement for residents of northern west bank (Jenin, Tubas, Nablus, Tulkarm and Qalqiliya) is prohibited unless they have a special permit.
Jenin:	
Al Jalama Main entrance to Israel	Open between 7:00 am to 4:00 pm Sunday to Friday
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	IDF closed Tayasir checkpoint for all Palestinians non residents of the Jordan valley. Doctors and teachers are allowed through.
Ramallah/Al Bireh:	
Qalandiya	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.
Bet El/DCO	Open daily from 6am to 10pm. Access in vehicles only for diplomats, foreign passport holders, UN staff, international humanitarian organisations, and Palestinians with special work permits.
Atara Bridge (partial)	Open.
An Nabi Salih gate (partial)	Open.
At Tayba (partial)	Open.
Makkabim On Highway 443	Usually open for Israelis, Jerusalem ID holders and foreign passport holders. Road 443 is off limits to oPt Palestinians, except those with permits to enter Israel/Jerusalem.
Ni'lin	Usually open for Jerusalem ID holders, foreign passport holders and Palestinians with permits to enter Israel.
Rantis	Usually open for Jerusalem ID holders, foreign passport holders and Palestinians with permits to enter Israel.
Jerusalem:	
Hizma Eastern entrance of junction Road No. 437/Psigat Ze'ev settlement	Open for Israelis, Palestinians with Jerusalem ID cards, West Bank and Gaza Strip Palestinians with permits and internationals. UN staff requested on several occasions to show personal ID/national passports in addition to their UN ID card.
Az Za'ayyem North eastern entrance on Road 1.	Open for Israelis, Palestinians with Jerusalem ID cards, West Bank and Gaza Strip Palestinians with permits and internationals.
Ar Ram Northern entrance on Road No. 60 north.	Open for Israelis, Palestinians with Jerusalem ID cards, West Bank and Gaza Strip Palestinians with permits and internationals. UN staff requested on several occasions to show personal ID/national passports in addition to their UN ID card.
Bir Nabala/Atarot Northern entrance on Road No. 404 /45 Road Atarot Junction.	Open for Israelis, Palestinians with Jerusalem ID cards, West Bank and Gaza Strip Palestinians with permits and internationals. UN staff requested on several occasions to show personal ID/national passports in addition to their UN ID card.
Ramot Alon	Open for Israelis, Palestinians with Jerusalem ID cards, West Bank

North western entrance on Road No. 436	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 No. 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 registrations can pass without permits.
Al Auja (Yitav) On Road 90	Open 24 hours for Palestinian living in Jericho District. Prohibited for Palestinians holding West Bank ID cards from other governorates.
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. After the external closure which was imposed on the 24 of September only Palestinians with special permits and Jerusalem ID are allowed to cross.
Ein Yalow Bypass road east of Walaja, on Green Line	Open 24 hours and only for Israeli-plated cars and international organisations On the 24 of September, external closure was imposed on the Palestinian territory, Palestinians with valid permits are not allowed to pass.
Beit Jala DCO Entrance to Beit Jala	Reopened and manned by IDF movement is allowed in both directions for all kind of vehicles including privet cars. Open from 6 am-10 pm.
Tunnels Road No. 60 at Har Gilo	Open 24 hours for humanitarian organisations. After the external closure which was imposed on the 24 of September only Palestinians with special permits and Jerusalem ID were allowed to cross.
Settlers' Checkpoint - Efrata Southern entrance to settlement	Open 24 hours only for settlers. Checkpoint manned by settlers; movement beyond it restricted for Palestinians.
Gush Etzion On Road No. 60, at Etzion turn	Open 24 hours. Following the 16 October attack, IDF soldiers are restricting movement and are checking all vehicles coming from the direction of Hebron.
Wadi Fukin Crossing to Israel on Road 375, Green Line	Open 24 hours. After the external closure which was imposed on the 24 of September only Palestinians with special permits are allowed to cross.
Al Jab'a Crossing to Israel on Road No. 367, Green Line	Open 24 hours. After the external closure which was imposed on the 24 of September only Palestinians with special permits are allowed to cross.
Ein Gedi On Road No. 90, along Dead Sea.	On bypass Road 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. On the 24 of September, external closure was imposed on the Palestinian territory, Palestinians with valid permits are not allowed to pass
Hebron	
Beit Awwa At entrance to Negohot settlement, on Road 354	Crossing along Road 354 only for humanitarian organisations and critical service providers.
Tarqumiya Entrance for commercial goods (back-to-back), west of Hebron on Road 35 for both Hebron and Bethlehem districts	Open from 5am-7pm, After the external closure which was imposed on the 24 of September only Palestinians with special permits are allowed to cross. Prisoners' families' visits took place this week.
Meitar On Road 60, Green Line after intersection with Tene settlement road.	Manned by Israeli Border Police. It was moved 200 meters to the south On the 24 of September, After the external closure which was imposed on the 24 of September only Palestinians with special permits are allowed to cross.
Shani At turn for Shani settlement on Road 317.	Manned by the IDF. A military base has been established nearby.

Beit Yatir On Road 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 repeatedly being denied access
Prayers Road, H2 Access to area of Ibrahim Mosque	Closed to Palestinians.
Shohada street, H2 Western entrance to Shohada street	Open to Palestinians living beyond it and in the Tel Rumeida area in accordance with a list held by the IDF at the checkpoint. Access possible only on foot. The metal detector near the checkpoint is used to check all Palestinians including schoolchildren on their way to the Al Ibrahimiyah school.
Ibrahimi Mosque, H2 Access to the Mosque	Worshippers and visitors searched upon entry.
Bab Al Baladiyye , H2 (formerly Shalala Street) Next to settlement of Beit Romano	The checkpoint is closed to Palestinians heading in the direction of Shohada Street. Soldiers on the checkpoint search all goods going toward the old city. Reports of IDF soldiers taking fingerprints of 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 it and the settlement.
Al Kasaba, H2 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.
Ar Ramadin 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 325.
Fawwar Al Fawwar-Dura Junction on Road No. 60	New permanent checkpoint established in October 2005, manned by IDF soldiers. Palestinian taxis, buses and private vehicles are allowed to cross the junction between Dura and Al Fawwar. Palestinian private cars with valid permit (permits issued after the 17 th of October) are allowed to travel on Road No. 60.
Halhul-Sa'ir "Nabi Yunis" Junction on Road No. 60	New permanent checkpoint established in October 2005, manned by IDF soldiers who check Palestinian taxis and buses travelling on road 60 or across the checkpoint toward Halhul or Sa'ir. Palestinian private cars with valid permit (permits issued after the 17 th of October) are allowed to travel on Road No. 60.

Gaza Crossings/Checkpoints

Erez	Since 24 September Erez has been closed for Palestinians, with a little exception for people with special humanitarian needs. On 7 November Erez crossing was completely closed from 12.00pm – 2.45pm as IDF found suspicious object at the Israeli side of the crossing.
Rafah Passenger Terminal	Since 24 September; Rafah crossing was closed. On 3 November, Rafah terminal was temporarily opened from 12:30am to 9:00am for arrivals only. Between 9:00am – 10:00pm it was open in both directions. On 8 November, Rafah terminal was temporarily opened from 12:30am to 9:00am for arrivals only. Between 9:00am – 10:30pm in both directions. And from 10:30pm – 6:00am (9/11) it was for arrivals only.

Commercial checkpoints:

Tulkarm/Qalqiliya	
Taybeh	The back-to-back system has been operational from 5.30am to 5pm except on Saturday.
Nablus	

Awarta checkpoint Main commercial checkpoint in Nablus since July 2003.	Open from 6am to 6pm. Sunday to Friday
Jenin	
Al Jalama Northern entrance/ main commercial check point.	Open between 7:00 am to 4:00 pm Sunday to Friday
Ramallah/AI 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 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.
Jericho	
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.
Gaza Strip	
Karni	On 2 November , Karni commercial crossing was partially open. From 3 - 5 November , Karni commercial crossing was closed. On 6 November , Karni crossing was partially re-opened and remains open.
Sufa	From 2 – 5 November , Sufa Crossing was closed. On 6 November, Sufa crossing was re-opened for construction materials only.

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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 Defence 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.