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Protection of Civilians - Weekly Briefing Notes

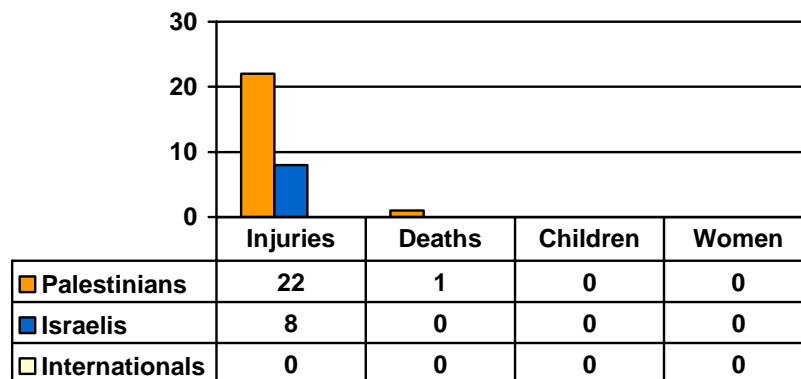
23 – 29 November 2005

Of note this week

- **Palestinian workers and traders with valid permits were allowed access to Israel from the West Bank and the Gaza Strip. Higher numbers of workers crossing through Erez crossing in the Gaza Strip was reported.**

1. Physical Protection

Casualties



- **23 November:** The IDF killed one 22-year-old Palestinian during clashes in Jenin city (Jenin). 11 Palestinians were also injured. Prior to the clashes, three IDF soldiers were injured in the city during clashes with Palestinian gunmen.
- **24 November:** Two Palestinians were injured during confrontations between the IDF and Palestinian stone throwers in Jenin city.
- **24 November:** One Palestinian was injured in Kafr Qalil (Nablus) when the IDF responded to stone throwing with tear gas canisters and rubber-coated metal bullets. The IDF were surrounding a Palestinian house at the time.
- **24 November:** One Israeli was injured when Palestinian gunmen opened fire at his vehicle as it was traveling along Road No. 55 near Qalqiliya.
- **25 November:** One Palestinian was injured by the IDF during a demonstration organised by Palestinians, international and Israeli activist against the construction of the Barrier in Bil'in (Ramallah).
- **25 November:** Four Palestinians and two IDF soldiers were injured during a demonstration organised by Palestinians, international and Israeli activists against the construction of the "special security arrangements" around Ofarim and Beit Arye settlements.
- **25 November:** One 53-year-old Palestinian man from Artas (Bethlehem) was physically assaulted and injured by Israeli settlers near Gilo checkpoint.
- **25 November:** Two Palestinians were injured when Israeli settlers stoned their car near Pisgat Za'eve settlement.
- **27 November:** Two Israeli Border Police were injured in Anata during a clash with Palestinians demonstration against the construction of the Barrier in the area.

2. Shelter and Property:

Date	Location, Governorate	Structures demolished	Structures partially destroyed	People displaced / affected
23 Nov	Jenin city, Jenin	0	1	60
24 Nov	Jenin city, Jenin	3	0	0
Total Week		3	1	60

- **23 November:** A three storey building was damaged by an IDF bulldozer demolishing the northern side of the building. The building was shelter for 12 families (60 persons). Three apartments of the building were completely destroyed and nine apartments were partially damaged.
- **24 November:** The IDF demolished two warehouses and a shop in Jenin city.

Other shelter/property related incidents:

- **23 November:** The IDF issued 14 military orders to Palestinian farmers to remove their vegetable stands on Road No. 90.
- **25 November:** The IDF issued military orders to demolish commercial structures along Road No. 90 near 'Ein el Beida, Bardala and Kardala villages (Tubas).
- **27 November:** The IDF issued a military order closing 45 Palestinian shops along the main street in the Wadi Al Hussein, H2 area of Hebron city. The order, valid for six months, will affect the commercial activity of 55 Palestinian families living in the area.

3. Natural Resources:

Land levelling/Requisitions/Tree Uprooting¹

Nablus Governorate:

Ongoing incidents:

- The IDF continues levelling land along side Road No. 505 near Jamma'in village to install a security fence.

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.

Salfit Governorate:

23 November: The IDF began installing a security fence along side Road No. 505 near Marda village.

Ongoing incidents:

- Israeli contractors continue 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.
- The IDF continues levelling land alongside Road No. 505 near Marda and Haris villages to install a security fence.

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

Ramallah / Al Bireh Governorate:

24 November: The IDF started levelling land on the western side of 'Abud village and parallel to Road No. 465 for construction of the "special security arrangements" around Beit Arye and Ofarim settlements.

29 November: The IDF cleared an area in Beit Liqya village to build a new road between Beit Liqya (Ramallah) and Beit Anan (Jerusalem).

Ongoing incidents:

- The construction of the Barrier between Budrus to south of Al Midya is in the final stage. The construction of the Barrier between Kharbatha Bani Harith, Bil'in and Saffa villages (all west Ramallah) continues. Construction of the Barrier is also ongoing 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:

26 November: An unspecified number of trees (grapevines and almond and olive trees) belonging to Palestinian farmers from Hebron city were uprooted in areas adjacent to the Israeli settlement of Kharsina. The land cleared will be used for a buffer zone and security road around the settlement.

28 November: The IDF denied Palestinian farmers from the villages of Susiya and At Tuwani to plough their land close to the settlements of Susya and Ma'on.

Ongoing incidents:

- Land leveling for construction of the Barrier is ongoing 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 levelling 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 Khamat 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 is ongoing 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 is ongoing in the last section around Rachel's Tomb north of the building hosting the Al Waqf.

Jerusalem Governorate:

Ongoing incidents:

- The construction of the Barrier is ongoing 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.
- The IDF closed the road from Qalandiya checkpoint towards Atarot Checkpoint; construction is taking place in the area to continue the part of the Barrier near Qalandiya and Al Ram area for the new arrangements at the Qalandiya checkpoint.

Jericho Governorate:

No incidents to report.

The Gaza Strip:

Ongoing incidents:

- Construction continues of a concrete wall north of Beit Hanoun and Beit Lahia. The borders are also being enforced with the placement of new military bases and observation towers.
- The IDF informed the Palestinian DCO that the eastern part of Beit Hanoun (about one km along the security fence east of Beit Hanoun) had been declared a closed military zone.

- The IDF announced that Palestinians should keep a distance of at least 150 metres away from the perimeter fence in the eastern and northern Gaza Strip.

4. [Access for Medical Assistance:](#)

No reported incidents.

5. [Access and Movement for Civilians:](#)

a) Curfew

Date	Location, Governorate	Duration
23 Nov	Jenin city/camp, Jenin	19 hours
28 Nov	Sabastiya, Nablus	24 hours
Total Week	Incidents	43 hours

- **23 November:** The IDF imposed curfew on Jenin city and Jenin camp (Jenin) for 19 hours during an IDF operation in the city.
- **28 November:** The IDF imposed curfew on Sabastiya village (Nablus) for 24 hours after Palestinians stoned Israeli vehicles on Road No. 60 near the village.

b) Access to Education

West Bank:

Jenin:

23 November: School students in Jenin city and camp could not attend their schools due to the imposition of curfew by the IDF.

Nablus:

29 November: School students in Sabastiya village could not attend their schools due to the imposition of curfew by the IDF.

Hebron:

- 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 Ibrahimmiyye 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.

c) Access to Employment

West Bank: November

Governorate	Work Permits to Israel	Trade permits to Israel
Nablus	361	605
Jenin	46	36
Tubas	0	77
Tulkarm	71	450
Qalqiliya	541	370
Salfit	0	200
Ramallah and Al Bireh	1,332	700
Jericho	36	n/a
Jerusalem	241	n/a
Bethlehem	648	n/a

Hebron	1,089	n/a
Total Permits Issued West Bank	4,365	2,438+

The Gaza Strip:

As of 23 November the total number of Gaza Strip workers with valid permits is **4,105** including **245** with overnight permission. All workers must over 35 years old (over 40 years old for an overnight permit) and married with children.

Date	Gaza Workers crossing to Israel	Gaza Traders crossing to Israel
23 November	2,520	195
24 November	2,918	180
25 November	1,900	195
26 November	137	43
27 November	3,815	265
28 November	3,526	199
29 November	3,733	198

d) Closures/Movement restrictions

Nablus Governorate:

23 November: Palestinians opened all the entrances connecting Beita with the surrounding villages except the road connecting the village with Odala.

24 November: The IDF closed Huwwara checkpoint for one hour after arresting three Palestinians in possession of explosive device.

Ongoing incidents:

- Shave Shomeron checkpoint remains closed.
- All entrances connecting Sabastiya village with Road No. 60 remain blocked with earth mounds.
- Hamra checkpoint remains closed for all Palestinian non-residents of the Jordan Valley. Medical personnel and teachers are allowed access.
- The dirt road connecting Tulkarm with Road No. 60 near Sabastiya (at the junction with Road No. 57) continues to be blocked with earth mounds.

Jenin Governorate:

Ongoing incidents:

- All entrances to Ya'bad village remain 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 remains 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 movement. Palestinians are using dirt roads to reach there charcoal factories and olive groves in the area.
- The IDF restricted the crossing of commercial trucks transporting goods to Barta'a enclave to 35 trucks a day carrying food products.
- The IDF closed all agricultural Barrier gates and prevented farmers from reaching their land.

Tubas Governorate:

Ongoing incidents:

- Tayasir checkpoint remains closed for all Palestinian non-residents of the Jordan Valley. Medical personnel and teachers are allowed access.
- The IDF closed Bisan checkpoint for Palestinian and Israeli commercial trucks transporting vegetables from Jordan Valley into Israel. The trucks had to go to Al Jalama crossing via Hamra checkpoint.

Tulkarm Governorate:

24 November: The IDF closed roads to the garbage dump sites in Al Jarushiya and Deir al Ghusun 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 IDF continues to close the roads between Deir al Ghusun and Iktaba, Bal'a and Tulkarm by earth mounds.

Qalqiliya Governorate:

23 and 24 November: The IDF intensified their checking of Palestinians at 'Azzun 'Atma Barrier gate. Delays were reported.

26 November: The IDF prevented Palestinians with Israeli IDs from entering Qalqiliya.

28 November: The IDF opened a new crossing point at north Qalqiliya Barrier gate to Palestinian permit holders such as workers, traders and humanitarian cases from 4:30am to 7:30pm.

Salfit Governorates:

27 November: The IDF installed a road gate in place of the closure of Qarawat Bani Hassan on Road No. 505.

Ongoing incidents:

- The western entrance of Deir Istiya remains closed with an earth mound.

Ramallah / Al Bireh Governorate:

26 November: The partial checkpoint at An Nabi Salih gate was in operation during morning rush hours.

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 placed on private Palestinian vehicles on Road No. 60 have been increasingly relaxed. The Gush Etzion checkpoint is allowing Palestinian private vehicles to pass in both directions and entrance into Bethlehem is possible through the Beit Jala DCO checkpoint (predominately unmanned).

Hebron

Ongoing incidents:

- The IDF continues to close Zif gate from Road No. 317.
- The IDF continues to close Yatta gate with earth mounds off Road No. 60.
- No access is possible along the original road to the village of Imneizil as construction for the Barrier in the area is being completed. Local Palestinian residents are increasingly discouraged from moving by car to and from the village along the path of the Barrier by the security guards hired to protect the contractors. Palestinians from Imneizil often resort to walking on foot to reach the nearest urban area as movement is also restricted by the presence of an IDF checkpoint (Beit Yatir) and along Road No. 317.
- The IDF continues to patrol the H1 area of Hebron city and to perform random checks on Palestinians in violation of the Hebron Protocol.

Bethlehem

Ongoing incidents:

- The road from Al Jab'a to Surif remains closed with road blocks.
- The new checkpoint at Gilo is reported to be creating delays of up to 20 minutes for people crossing out of Bethlehem to Jerusalem by foot.

Jerusalem Governorate:

24 November: The IDF detained five Palestinian males at Abu Dis checkpoint for at least three hours.

26 November: At approximately 4pm, the Israeli Border Police set up a flying checkpoint at the Hizma-Jericho junction for approximately two hours. Delays were reported.

28 November: At approximately 7pm, the Israeli Border Police set up a flying checkpoint at the junction of Atarot on Road No. 443.

Jericho Governorate:

Ongoing incidents:

- The IDF continues to prohibit all Palestinians from going to the Jordan Valley unless they have a Jordan Valley address on their ID cards or in possession of an Israeli permit to allow them to be present in the Jordan Valley areas. However, Palestinians with permits are not allowed to stay overnight in the area.

Reported flying checkpoints – West Bank:

Governorate	Location, # of flying checkpoints in brackets	Total # of flying checkpoints
Nablus	At; Al Badhan road (2). Entrance off; Till. Between; 'Asira ash Shamaliya and Talluza.	4
Jenin	Entrance off; Jenin city. Road to; Qabatiya.	2
Tubas	Entrance off; 'Aqqaba, Tammun, Wadi al Far'a. Between; Tayasir and Tubas city.	4
Tulkarm	In; Tulkarm city. Entrance off; Ar Ras, Ramin, Deir al Ghusun.	4
Qalqiliya	Entrance off; An Nabi Elyas, Qalqiliya city (4), Kafr Laqif, 'Azzun (2), Habla tunnel, 'Izbat at Tabib. Between; Hajja and Al Funduq.	11
Salfit	Entrance off; Iskaka.	1
Ramallah and Al Bireh	Between; Ramallah and Surda. Entrance off; 'Abud. Road 60 near; Geva Binyamin settlement.	3
Jerusalem	At Hizma-Jericho junction, Atarot	2
Jericho	No flying checkpoints observed.	0
Bethlehem	Dar Salah, Al 'Ubeidiya, Za'tara, 'Ayda camp, Al Khadr (2), Tuqu (2), Ash Shawawra, Husan, Beit Sahur (2), Battir.	13
Hebron	Zif gate (2), As Samu, Yatta (2), Beit Ummar, Dura (2), H1 (3), Halhul (2), Tarqumiya, Idhna.	15
Total West Bank		59

6. The Olive Harvest:

- **27 November:** Israeli settlers from Elon More settlement cut down approximately 60 olive trees belonging to Palestinian farmers from Salim village (Nablus). The Israeli Police are investigating the incident.

7. Additional Protection Issues:

- During the reporting period, one Qassam rocket and three mortar shells were fired from different locations inside the Gaza Strip towards Israel. The IDF fired 21 artillery shells into open areas north of Beit Hanoun.
- **23 November:** In coordination with the IDF, PA security forces safely detonated two road side bombs near the border fence east of Bureij camp (Gaza Strip).
- **23 November:** The IDF has installed new monitoring cameras along Road No. 317 near the Palestinian community of Ad Deirat (Hebron). Until now, Palestinian vehicles are not allowed to drive along this road.
- **26 November:** Israeli settlers from Tel Rumeida, H2 area of Hebron city, stoned and harassed Palestinian families living around the Old City of Hebron.
- **26 November:** The IDF denied access to Palestinian worshippers at the Tomb of the Patriarchs, opening the holy site completely for Jewish worshippers. This is, according to the IDF, one of the ten holy days in which the site is restricted to one of the faiths.

Searches/Arrests/Detentions

Governorate	Location of arrests/detention, number of searches noted at locations with brackets	Total # of Searches	Total # of Arrested/ Detained
Nablus	Nablus city (3), Balata camp (1), Kafr Qalil (1), Huwwara CP.	5	18
Jenin	Jenin city (1), Az Zababida (1).	2	9
Tubas	Tayasir CP.	0	2
Tulkarm	Deir al Ghusun (1), Kafriat CP, 'Attil (1).	2	3
Qalqiliya	'Azzun (1), Jit (1), Kafr Qaddum (1).	3	0
Salfit	Marda (1).	1	0
Ramallah/Al Bireh	Ramallah(1), Qibya (1).	2	2
Jerusalem	No incidents to report.	0	0
Jericho	No incidents to report.	0	0
Bethlehem	Al 'Ubeidiya (1), Za'tara (2), Bethlehem city (2), Beit Jala (2), 'Ayda camp (2), Al Khadr (3),	16	3

	Tuqu (1), Dar Salah (1), Ash Shawawra (1), Adh Duheisha camp (1).		
Hebron	Adh Dhahiriya (1), Yatta (2), Dura (2), H1 (4), Halhul (3), Al Arrub camp (1), Bani Na'eem (1), Idhna (1), Beit Kahil (1), Ash Shuyukh (1), Sa'ir (1).	18	12
Total Week West Bank		49	49
Gaza Strip	East of Beit Hanoun (attempted border crossing)	0	3
Total Week oPt		49	52

Appendix: Checkpoints 23 – 29 November 2005

Checkpoint	Status
Tulkarm:	
Taybeh	Open from 5.30am to 5pm for UN and international organisations and Palestinians with permits. Since 16 November Palestinian workers and traders with valid permits were again allowed access to Israel.
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 16 November Palestinian workers and traders with valid permits were again allowed access to Israel.
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.
'Anabta	This gate was reestablished on 14 July 2005. Since 16 November open for Palestinian vehicles to cross in and out of Tulkarm.
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.
Qalqiliya North (new)	The IDF opened a new crossing point on 28 November north of Qalqiliya Barrier gate to Palestinian permit holders such as workers, traders and humanitarian cases. The crossing is open from 4:30am to 7:30pm.
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 5)	Open 24 hours for UN and international organisations and Palestinians with permits.
Nablus:	
Huwwara 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 4:30am to 8pm.
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. Movement is allowed from 6am to 8pm.
Sarra South western entrance, before the closure regime main road to Qalqiliya	Closed except to villagers from Sarra or Qusin, who occasionally are let through.
Qusin Internal closure between Sarra and Nablus	Closed by a gate and an earth mound since mid-March 2004; traffic diverted through Beit Iba checkpoint.
Al Tur Southern checkpoint connecting the Samaritan district of Jarzim with Nablus City	Only open for Samaritans. The gate is occasionally open for vehicles.
Beit Furik Eastern gate and checkpoint. After the closure regime main gateway between Nablus and the Jordan Valley	Open for villagers from Beit Furik, Beit Dajan, and open between 6am and 6pm.
Shave Shomeron	Since 15 August the checkpoint is closed for Palestinians. Only

(Sabastia) Northwest, main road to Jenin	humanitarian vehicles are allowed access.
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.
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 7:00am to 4:00pm Sunday to Friday
Imreiha (Reikhan) Main gate to the Barta'a ash- Sharqiya/ Umm ar Rihan enclave	Open between 7am to 9pm.
Tubas:	
Bisan Main entrance to Israel	Open 24 hours for permit holders. Since 16 November closed for Israeli and Palestinian commercial trucks.
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. Medical personnel and teachers are allowed access.
Ramallah/AI 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 Road No. 443	Usually open for Israelis, Jerusalem ID holders and foreign passport holders. Palestinians from the West Bank are not allowed to use Road No. 443 except those with valid 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'ayem North eastern entrance on Road No. 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 North western entrance on	Open for Israelis, Palestinians with Jerusalem ID cards, West Bank and Gaza Strip Palestinians with permits and internationals. UN staff

Road No. 436	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 No. 90	Open 24 hours for Palestinian living in Jericho governorate. 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	The old checkpoint has been replaced by the new terminal-like crossing. . Open 24 hours for humanitarian organisations, diplomats, Jerusalem ID holders and Palestinians with valid permits. Crossing times are improving but UN staff on buses are required to cross on foot.
Ein Yalow Bypass road east of Walaja, on Green Line	Open 24 hours and only for Israeli-plated cars and international organisations.
Beit Jala DCO Entrance to Beit Jala	Manned by IDF, movement is allowed in both directions for all kind of vehicles including private cars. Open from 6am to 10pm. During the reporting period the checkpoint was predominately manned only in night hours.
Tunnels Road No. 60 at Har Gilo	Open 24 hours for humanitarian organisations, Palestinians with valid permits and Jerusalem ID are allowed to cross.
Settlers' Checkpoint - Efrata Southern entrance to settlement	Open 24 hours. Checkpoint manned by settlers with movement beyond it restricted for Palestinians.
Gush Etzion On Road 60, at Etzion turn	Open 24 hours. Following the 16 October attack, IDF soldiers are checking vehicles in both directions but are not always manning the checkpoint. Private Palestinian cars allowed to pass.
Wadi Fukin Crossing to Israel on Road No. 375, Green Line	Open 24 hours. Palestinians with valid permits are allowed to cross. Land levelling on the northern side.
Al Jab'a Crossing to Israel on Road No. 367, Green Line	Open 24 hours. Palestinians with valid permits are allowed to cross.
Ein Gedi On Road No. 90, along Dead Sea.	Used to be located close to the Avnot settlement but has now been moved south to the intersection with the settlement of Mitzpe Shalem.
Hebron	
Beit Awwa At entrance to Negohot settlement, on Road No. 354	Crossing along Road No. 354 only for humanitarian organisations and critical service providers.
Tarqumiya Entrance for commercial goods (back-to-back), west of Hebron on Road No. 35 for both Hebron and Bethlehem districts	Open from 5am-7pm. Palestinians with valid permits are allowed to cross. Prisoners' families' visits took place this reporting period.
Meitar On Road No. 60, Green Line after intersection with Tene settlement road.	Open 24 hours. Manned by Israeli Border Police. It was moved 200 meters to the south.
Shani At turn for Shani settlement on Road No. 317.	Manned by the IDF. A military base has been established nearby.
Beit Yatir On Road No. 316, at the turn	Manned by the IDF. Open 24 hours. Residents of Imneizil village are allowed to cross but other Palestinians are asked for permits.

for the settlement of Beit Yatir	Teachers going to Imneizil school are repeatedly being denied access
Prayers Road, H2 Access to area of Ibrahimi Mosque	Closed to Palestinians.
Shohada street, H2 Western entrance to Shohada street	Open to Palestinians living beyond 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 Ibrahimmiyye school.
Ibrahimi Mosque, H2 Access to the Mosque	Worshippers and visitors searched upon entry.
Bab Al Baladiyye , H2 Next to settlement of Beit Romano	The checkpoint is closed to Palestinians heading in the direction of Shohada Street and a new gate has been installed across the road blocking physical access towards it.
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 the entrance to Ar Ramadin village from Road No. 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.
"Nabi Younis" Halhul - Sa'ir 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 No. 60 or across the checkpoint toward Halhul or Sa'ir. Not always manned, new cameras have been installed on the military observation tower.
Al Fawwar Al Fawwar-Dura junction on Road No. 60	New 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. Not always manned.
Gaza Crossings/Checkpoints	
Erez Crossing	Open all week except on 27 November between 4pm and 7pm when it was close.
Rafah Passenger Terminal	23 November: Open 9am – 1.30pm for arrivals. 24 November: Open 1.30am – 9.00pm for arrivals/departures. 25 November: Rafah terminal was closed for official reopening ceremony. 26 November: Rafah terminal was officially announced opened under Palestinian control. Initially it will operate for four hours per day. 26 November: 601 arrivals/ 790 departures. 27 November: 402 arrivals/ 1,180 departures. 28 November: 270 arrivals/ 780 departures.
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 7:00am to 4:00pm, 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.
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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.
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Gaza Strip

Karni	This week, Karni commercial crossing was partially open.
Sufa	This week, Sufa crossing was partially open 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 District Civilian Liaison (DCL).
- Shelter and property: OCHA FCU, UNRWA, Palestinian DCL.
- Natural Resources: OCHA FCU, Al Mezan Center for Human Rights, UNRWA, Palestinian 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, United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF), UNRWA.
- Access and Movement for Civilians: Sources: Palestinian DCL, Christian Peacemakers Team (CPT).
- Curfews: OCHA FCU, Village Councils, UNRWA, Palestinian DCL.
- Access to Education: OCHA FCU, UNRWA, 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: OCHA FCU, UNRWA.
- Additional Protection issues: OCHA FCU, UNRWA, United Nations Department of Safety and Security (UNDSS), UNSCO, Palestinian DCLs, Palestinian Governors' offices, Al Mezan Center for Human Rights, IDF.