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# Protection of Civilians – Weekly Briefing Notes

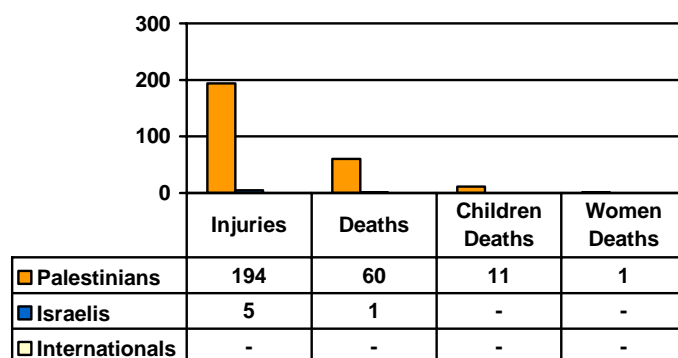
**5 - 11 July 2006**Of note this period**• In the Gaza Strip:**

- 56 Palestinians were killed (including nine children and one woman) in the Gaza Strip and 157 injured.
- Following the attack by Palestinian militants on an Israeli army post at Kerem Shalom on 25 June, the IDF have launched military incursions into the Gaza Strip. Between 6 and 8 July tens of IDF tanks and bulldozers entered approximately 3.5 km into the Palestinian area west of Beit Lahia (As Salateen, Al Sodania and At Tatra areas). High numbers of Palestinian casualties were reported in clashes with the IDF in the area as well as the destruction of Palestinian houses, infrastructure and agricultural land. On 8 July, IDF tanks and bulldozers entered 700m into the Karni Industrial Estate to levelling land and searching for alleged tunnels dug by Palestinian militants.
- 1,000 Palestinians living in Al Shoka area south east of Rafah have fled their houses and took refuge in two UNRWA schools in Rafah due to the ongoing IDF military incursion around the Gaza International Airport. More than 100 Bedouins from the area also moved to Al Junaiana area, north Rafah.
- On 7 July, the IDF forced Palestinian males living in At Tatra area west of Beit Lahia between the ages of 18 and 40 years to leave their houses and gather in a trench in an open area near the American school. Approximately 50 men were held for five hours.
- The IDF have also continued their intensified artillery shelling of the northern Gaza Strip (more than 654 artillery shells were fired during the reporting period). The IAF have conducted 81 air strikes throughout the Gaza Strip, including targeting PA institutions.
- Palestinians have fired at least 79 homemade rockets and 12 anti-tank missiles towards Israel (Sderot and western Negev). At least eight explosive devices were detonated near IDF tanks, bulldozers and APCs.
- The IAF air strike on the Gazan power plant continues to negatively impact the entire Gazan population. Gazan's are receiving on average between 6 – 8 hours of electricity per day and for most families living in urban areas 2- 3 hours of water per day.
- Following the attack on 25 June all crossing points in and out of the Gaza Strip were closed by the IDF. During the reporting period, Erez partially reopened for diplomats and humanitarian workers (with prior coordination) and some humanitarian supplies from WFP and ICRC. Karni, Kerem Shalom, Sufa and Rafah crossings remained closed during the reporting period. 578 Palestinians, including patients who had been referred for medical treatment abroad, are currently trapped on the Egyptian side of Rafah crossing.

**• In the West Bank:**

- Four Palestinians were killed (including two children) in the West Bank and 37 injured.
- Settler violence continued. In one instance, two Palestinian women living near Negohot settlement (Hebron) were stopped by a settlement security guard on their way home. An Israeli settler arrived and started to throw stones at the two females before the woman sought refuge in a nearby valley. Settlers continued to search for the woman for three hours. The Israeli Civil Administration intervened and ensured the safe movement of the two women from the area.
- The IDF issued a number of military orders extending the closure of 650 Palestinian shops in the H2 section of Hebron city. In addition, the military orders renewed the closure of 21 streets to Palestinian traffic including Al Shuhada Street, the Old and New Shalala Street and the streets leading to the Old Municipality Square and in the vicinity of Al Ibrahim Mosque affecting a further 350 shops.
- The IDF continued to raid cultural and charitable organisations throughout the West Bank, confiscating computers and files.

## 1. Physical Protection



### Gaza Strip:

- Palestinians have fired at least **79** homemade rockets and **12** anti-tank missiles towards Israel (Sderot and western Negev). At least **eight** explosive devices were detonated near IDF tanks, bulldozers and APCs.
- The IDF fired **more than 654** artillery shells into the northern Gaza Strip. No data is available on the number of artillery shells fired on 6, 8 and 9 July.
- The IAF have conducted **81** air strikes throughout the Gaza Strip including targeting PA institutions.
- During the week, Israeli naval vessels off the Gaza Strip continued to prevent Palestinian fishing along the coastline. Gunboats fired six artillery shells towards the Gaza shore. No injuries were reported.
- **4 July** (previously unreported): Two Palestinian electrical technicians were shot and injured by the IDF while going to repair a transformer south of Erez crossing (the Gaza Strip) despite prior coordination with the IDF to be present in the area.
- **5 July**: A 12-year-old Palestinian boy was seriously injured when the IDF opened fire at a group of boys attempted to enter the former Erez Industrial Zone (Gaza Strip).
- **5 July**: Four Palestinians were injured when an IAF aircraft fired two missiles targeting the PA Interior Ministry in Gaza City (Gaza Strip).
- **5 July**: A 24-year-old Palestinian man was killed by the IAF when they fired a missile targeting him while he was planting a roadside bomb in an area west of Beit Lahia (Gaza Strip).
- **5 July**: A 30-year-old PA naval officer was killed and nine others injured when Israeli naval vessels fired three shells at the PA Naval base in Beit Lahia (Gaza Strip).
- **6 July**: One IDF soldier was killed and another injured in a gun battle between IDF soldiers and Palestinian militants in At Tatra area west Beit Lahia (Gaza Strip).
- **6 July**: A 19-year-old Palestinian woman was injured when the IDF opened fire in the direction of her house in At Tatra area west Beit Lahia (Gaza Strip).
- **6 July**: A 20-year-old Palestinian man was killed when the IDF opened fire in the direction of his house in At Tatra area west Beit Lahia (Gaza Strip).
- **6 July**: A 25-year-old Palestinian man was killed when an IAF aircraft fired a missile targeting a group of Hamas militants west of Jabalia camp (Gaza Strip).
- **6 July**: Two Palestinian members of the military wing of Islamic Jihad aged 22 and 25 years were killed and another five injured (including a bystander) in an IAF missile strike on a group of Palestinian militants in Abbasan village in Khan Younis (Gaza Strip).
- **6 July**: An IAF aircraft fired a missile towards a group of militants and civilians in the Al Salateen area north west of Beit Lahia (Gaza Strip). Nine Palestinians were killed [aged 18(3) 19 (3), 23(2) and 24] and eighteen injured. Another four Palestinians were killed [aged 21, 22, 23 and 26 years] in a heavy gun battle in the area (21 Palestinians including civilians were injured during the gun battle).
- **6 July**: Seven Palestinians were injured when an IDF artillery shell landed near them north of Beit Lahia (Gaza Strip).
- **6 July**: A 36-year-old Palestinian was injured when the IDF opened fire towards Palestinian areas around the Gaza Airport east of Rafah (Gaza Strip).
- **6 July**: An IAF aircraft fired a missile towards a group of Palestinians west of Beit Lahia. Five Hamas militants were killed [aged 20, 24, 26, 30 and 32 years]. Five others were injured.
- **6 July**: A 23-year-old Palestinian was killed and three others injured when the IDF targeted a group of Palestinian militants west of Jabalia camp (Gaza Strip).

- **6 July:** An IAF aircraft fired a missile at a car carrying Palestinian militants traveling west of Jabalia camp (Gaza Strip). A 22-year-old Palestinian was killed and three others were injured (Gaza Strip).
- **7 July:** Three Israelis were injured by shrapnel when a homemade rocket fired from Beit Hanoun struck a house in Sedrot (Israel).
- **7 July:** A 12-year-old Palestinian boy died from wounds he had sustained on 5 July near the former Erez Industrial Zone (Gaza Strip).
- **7 July:** A 25-year-old Hamas militant was killed and four others injured when an IAF aircraft fired a missile targeting their car in At Tatra area northwest Beit Lahia (Gaza Strip).
- **7 July:** A 22-year-old Hamas militant was killed and two other militants injured in a gun battle with the IDF in At Tatra (Gaza Strip).
- **7 July:** A 16-year-old Palestinian boy who was deaf and could not speak was killed when the IDF opened fire in his direction in northwest Beit Lahia (Gaza Strip).
- **7 July:** Three Palestinian militants [aged 20, 22 and 24 years] were killed when an IAF aircraft fired a missile towards them in Al Salateen area northwest of Beit Lahia (Gaza Strip).
- **7 July:** A 22-year-old Hamas militant was killed in a gun battle with the IDF northwest Beit Lahia (Gaza Strip). A Palestinian journalist was also injured.
- **7 July:** A 25-year-old Palestinian was killed and two other militants of his family injured when an IAF missile struck their house in At Tatra west Beit Lahia (Gaza Strip).
- **8 July:** A 42-year-old Palestinian man who was deaf and could not speak was killed by the IDF in Beit Lahia (Gaza Strip).
- **8 July:** A 26-year-old Palestinian man was killed when an artillery shell fired by IDF landed near him in Beit Hanoun (Gaza Strip).
- **8 July:** Four Palestinian militants [aged 18, 20, 21, 23 years] were killed and another six injured in clashes with IDF soldiers near Karni crossing in Gaza City (Gaza Strip).
- **8 July:** Three Palestinians were killed (a 50-year-old mother, her 20-year-old son and six-year-old daughter) when a tank shell landed in their house. Five other family members were also injured. The IDF denied responsibility for the casualties but confirmed that it launched an air strike in the area.
- **8 July:** 15 Palestinians were injured when an IAF aircraft fired three missiles at a group of people east of Sheijaya neighbourhood in Gaza City (Gaza Strip).
- **8 July:** One Palestinian was injured during IDF shooting towards houses in the Al Shoka area, Rafah (Gaza Strip).
- **9 July:** An Israeli was injured by shrapnel when two homemade rockets fired from the Gaza Strip struck his house in Sderot (Israel).
- **9 July:** Eight Palestinians were injured when five artillery shells fired by the IDF landed in Shejayeh area in Gaza City (Gaza Strip).
- **9 July:** Six Palestinian bystanders were injured when an IAF aircraft fired two missiles at a car carrying Hamas militants in Gaza City (Gaza Strip).
- **9 July:** A 14-year-old Palestinian boy was killed and seven others injured when an IAF aircraft fired two missiles at a car carrying Hamas militants in Al Shouka area east of Rafah missed its target (Gaza Strip).
- **9 July:** A 19-year-old Palestinian man was injured by shrapnel during IDF artillery shelling of the Bedouin village north of Beit Lahia (Gaza Strip).
- **10 July:** A 15 month old Palestinian infant died of wounds he sustained during an IAF air strike on his house in Khan Younis (Gaza Strip) on 22 June.
- **10 July:** Two Palestinian Islamic Jihad militants aged 21 and 24 years were killed when an IAF aircraft fired two missiles towards their car in Abbasan east of Khan Younis (Gaza Strip).
- **10 July:** A 27-year-old Palestinian Hamas militant was killed when an IAF aircraft fired a missile at his car east of Gaza City (Gaza Strip). Another militant was wounded.
- **10 July:** Two Palestinians bystanders were injured when an IAF air strike fired a missile at Shejayeh area east of Gaza City (Gaza Strip).
- **10 July:** Three Palestinian boys [aged 16 (2) and 17 years] were killed and another one injured when an IAF aircraft fire a missile targeting a group of militants in Beit Hanoun (Gaza Strip).
- **10 July:** An 18-year-old Palestinian militant was killed and six Palestinians injured when an IAF fire a missile at a group of people in Gaza City (Gaza Strip). Seven Palestinians were injured during shelling and machine gunfire in the area earlier the same day.
- **10 July:** A 20-year-old Palestinian militant died in Shifa hospital of wounds sustained (Gaza Strip).

- **10 July:** A 12-year-old Palestinian girl was injured when a homemade rocket hit her house in the Beit Lahia area (Gaza Strip).
- **11 July:** A 26-year-old PA security member was killed when his car was hit by an IAF missile north east Beit Hanoun (Gaza Strip). A bystander was also injured by shrapnel.
- **11 July:** Two Palestinian militants were injured in an IAF rocket attack on a group of militants east of Beit Hanoun (Gaza Strip).
- **11 July:** A 15-year-old Palestinian died of wounds he had sustained in an IDF incursion north of Beit Lahia (Gaza Strip).
- **11 July:** A Palestinian was injured when an IAF aircraft fired a missile at an open area east of Zaitoun quarter of Gaza City (Gaza Strip).

#### West Bank:

- **5 July:** The IDF broke into a house in 'Ein As Sultan refugee camp in Jericho and shot and killed a 37-year-old Palestinian male.
- **5 July:** Two Palestinian males aged 22 and 30 years from Al Fará camp (Tubas) were injured by live ammunition during confrontation between IDF and Palestinian stone throwers.
- **6 July:** A 16-year-old Palestinian male was killed by IDF in Jenin camp (Jenin) during an exchange of fire between the IDF and Palestinian gunmen. The IDF surrounded a house where Palestinians were offering condolences to the family of a man killed by the IDF on 4 July. 19 Palestinians [aged 16, 17, 20, 22 (2), 24(3), 25(3), 26(2), 27(2), 30, 38 and 40(2)] were injured by live ammunition during the military operation. Four of the injured persons were arrested.
- **6 July:** A 20-year-old Palestinian male was injured by live ammunition in Balata camp (Nablus) after reportedly attempting to throw a fire bomb.
- **6 July:** A 48-year-old Palestinian female was injured by live ammunition in front of her house in Áskar camp (Nablus) when the IDF opened fire at Palestinian stone throwers.
- **7 July:** A 16-year-old Palestinian male died in Jenin camp (Jenin) from wounds sustained on 6 July.
- **7 July:** A 22-year-old Palestinian male was killed and six males injured [aged 12(2), 15(2), 20, 42 years] during an exchange of fire in Áskar camp (Nablus) after the IDF surrounded a house in the camp.
- **7 July:** An 8-year-old Palestinian male was injured by plastic coated metal bullets in Ásira ash Shamaliya (Nablus) during an IDF search and arrest campaign.
- **7 July:** Four Palestinians were injured when the IDF fired rubber coated metal bullets at Palestinians, Israeli and international activists demonstrating against the construction of the Barrier construction in Bil'in (Ramallah).
- **11 July:** Three Palestinian males aged 15, 17 and 20 were injured by rubber-coated metal bullets in Nablus city (Nablus) when a confrontation took place with IDF during a search and arrest campaign.
- **11 July:** A 26-year-old Palestinian male medic from Health Care Committees was injured by live ammunition in Nablus when the IDF opened fire at three medics trying to evacuate an injured Palestinian.

## 2. [Palestinian internal violence \(Gaza Strip\)](#)

[Casualties related to Palestinian inter-factional fighting, family and community disputes and reckless use of weapons in the Gaza Strip are not included in the weekly figures in Section 1.]

- **05 July:** Two Palestinian militants were killed in an explosion while handling a bomb in a house in Gaza City (Gaza Strip).
- **05 July:** One journalist with Al Jazeera was injured when Palestinian militants opened fire at their car in Beit Hanoun (Gaza Strip).
- **05 July:** A 45-year-old senior Hamas official was killed when a group of unknown armed men opened fire at him in Gaza City (Gaza Strip).
- **06 July:** A 12-year-old Palestinian boy was killed in an internal family dispute in Al Nusairat camp (Gaza Strip).
- **06 July:** A 35-year-old bystander was killed in an armed family feud in Khan Younis (Gaza Strip).
- **07 July:** A 35-year-old PA Preventive Security officer was kidnapped by unknown armed masked men. He was later found dead east of Gaza City (Gaza Strip).
- **07 July:** A 20-years-old militant was seriously injured when a bomb he was preparing went off prematurely.

- **08 July:** An 18-year-old Palestinian militant was killed and five other members of his family injured when a bomb went off in their house in Khan Younis (Gaza Strip).
- **08 July:** Three police officers were injured including one in serious condition in an armed dispute between people when Rafah municipality started distributing humanitarian assistance.
- **09 July:** Four Palestinians were injured in an internal family armed feud in Nuseirat camp (Gaza Strip). Later during renewed fighting two Palestinians, a woman and a child bystander, were killed and two others were injured in an armed family feud in Nuseirat camp (Gaza Strip).
- **09 July:** Three Palestinians, including two girls, were injured when a bomb went off inside their house when a Hamas militant was handling it in Gaza City (Gaza Strip).
- **11 July:** Unknown armed masked men opened fire killed a 30-year-old Palestinian man while he was in his shop in Rafah (Gaza Strip).

### 3. Shelter and Property

Date	Location, Governorate	Structures demolished	Structures damaged	People displaced / affected
5 July	Gaza City, Gaza Strip	-	1	-
5 July	Gaza City, Gaza Strip	1	-	-
6 July	Abasan (Khan Younis), Gaza Strip	-	4	29
6 July	Qatanna, Jeruslam	1	-	15
6 & 7 July	At Tatra	-	Unknown number	-
7 July	Beit Lahia, Gaza Strip	-	1	-
8 July	Sufa area (Khan Younis), Gaza Strip	1	-	-
10 July	Gaza City, Gaza Strip	-	1	-
11 July	Rafah, Gaza Strip	-	1	-
11 July	Asira ash Shamaliya, Nablus	-	1	-
<b>Total Week</b>		<b>3</b>	<b>9+</b>	<b>44</b>

#### Gaza Strip:

- **5 July:** An IAF aircraft fired two missiles targeting the PA Interior Ministry in Gaza City (Gaza Strip) completely destroyed two floors of the building. Partial damages to the adjacent buildings were reported.
- **5 July:** An IAF helicopter fired a missile targeting Dar Al Arkam School in Gaza City (Gaza Strip) that is being run by Hamas. The School building was destroyed and several adjacent houses were partially damaged.
- **6 July:** Four houses were partially demolished by IDF in Abbasan village east of Khan Younis (Gaza Strip) affecting 29 Palestinians.
- **6 and 7 July:** Several Palestinian houses were partially damaged in At Tatra area west of Beit Lahia (Gaza Strip).
- **7 July:** An IAF helicopter fired a missile targeting the PA Preventive Security building located in Beit Lahia (Gaza Strip). The ground floor was damaged.
- **8 July:** A chicken farm was completely destroyed by IDF bulldozers south of Sufa crossing in Khan Younis (Gaza Strip).
- **10 July:** A metal workshop was damaged when it was hit by an IAF aircraft rocket in Gaza City (Gaza Strip).
- **11 July:** An IDF tank stationed near the Gaza Airport opened fired causing a Palestinian house to catch fire (Gaza Strip).

#### West Bank:

- **6 July:** The IDF demolished a house in Qatanna (Jerusalem) for reportedly being built without a permit. Thirteen people were left homeless.
- **11 July:** The IDF caused an explosion inside a two-storey building severely damaging the first storey in Asira ash Shamaliya (Nablus). The building was uninhabited.

Other related incidents:**Gaza Strip:**

- **6 and 7 July:** The IDF occupied several Palestinian houses west of Beit Lahia and used them as sniper positions.
- **9 July:** The Beit Hanoun main entry bridge was destroyed when it was hit by an IAF missile (Gaza Strip).

**West Bank:**

- **5 July:** The IDF raided Ibn Al Baz Islamic Centre in As Samu (Hebron) at dawn and confiscated one computer. At the same time, the IDF raided the Islamic Compound for the Zakat Committee in Al Dhahiriya and confiscated five computers. The IDF also raided the Islamic Charitable Society in Hebron, Tafooh and Tarqumiya. Destruction of property was reported. A number of computers were also confiscated.
- **6 July:** The IDF entered the grounds and surrounded the Jenin Governmental hospital (Jenin) and prevented emergency medical staff from entering the hospital.
- **6 July:** The IDF broke into a charitable association for orphans, a medical association and Az Zakat committee in Jericho city (Jericho) and confiscated all the computers and documents belonging to these three offices.
- **6 July:** The IDF forcibly entered the Cultural Centre and two Islamic charitable associations in Tubas city (Tubas) and confiscated computers and files.
- **6 July:** The IDF forcibly entered the Orphans charitable association in Qarawat Bani Hassan and confiscated computers and files.
- **7 July:** The IDF raided the Islamic Charitable Society in Yatta (Hebron) confiscating files and computers.
- **9 July:** Israeli settlers from the settlement of Kiryat Arba (Hebron) built steps on a road leading to the Prayers Road in the Wadi Al Hussain neighbourhood in the city.
- **10 July:** The IDF issued a number of military orders extending the closure of 650 Palestinian shops in the H2 section of the city of Hebron. In addition, the military orders renewed the closure of 21 streets to Palestinian traffic including Al Shuhada Street, the Old and New Shalala Street and the streets leading to the Old Municipality Square and in the vicinity of Al Ibrahimi Mosque affecting a further 350 shops.
- **10 July:** An IDF contractor started erecting a communication tower on the road to the hamlet of Tuba, south of Yatta (Hebron).

**4. [Natural Resources](#)****Land levelling/Requisitions/Tree Uprooting<sup>1</sup>****Nablus Governorate:**Ongoing incidents:

- Since 15 June the IDF continue to level land north of Shave Shomeron settlement (west of Nablus) to install fence and a wall around the settlement.

**Jenin and Tubas governorates:**

No incidents to report.

**Tulkarm Governorate:**Ongoing incidents:

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

**Qalqiliya Governorate:**Ongoing incidents:

- Barrier construction: the IDF continues levelling land near Immatin village and between 'Azzun and Kafr Thulth.
- Since 10 June the IDF are levelling 115 dunums of land belonging to the Palestinian village of Sanniriya near Oranit settlement.

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

**Salfit Governorate:**

## Ongoing incidents:

- Barrier construction: 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.

**Ramallah / Al Bireh Governorate:**

## Ongoing incidents:

- Barrier construction: construction continues between Kharbatha al Misbah and Bil'in and is in the final stages in the section between Beit 'Ur al Fauqa and At Tira villages. Land levelling for the last section of the Barrier in Beit Sira is continuing between the village and Makkaim settlement. The construction of the "special security arrangements" as part of the Barrier around Ofarim and Beit Arye settlements is continuing parallel to bypass Road 465 and east of 'Abud village. The IDF has stopped the construction of the Barrier in 'Abud village pending an Israeli court decision in a case filed by the villagers against the requisition of their land to create the "special security arrangements" around Ofarim and Beit Arye settlements.
- The IDF continues levelling land around Ateret settlement to create a buffer zone. The land belongs to Palestinians from Atara and Umm Safa villages and was earlier requisitioned by the IDF. According to the Israeli DCL this is to create buffer zones around "isolated" settlements.

**Hebron Governorate:**

**5 July:** The IDF issued a military order requisitioning 25 dunums of land at the entrance of the village of At Tuwani, south of the town of Yatta, Hebron Governorate.

## Ongoing incidents:

- Barrier construction: land levelling for the construction of the Barrier continued in the area between the towns of Tarqumiya and Surif.
- Land levelling continues west of the checkpoint of Tarqumiya for a new commercial checkpoint. Paving took place during the reporting period.
- Paving continues at the Beit Yatir checkpoint close to the Palestinian hamlet of Imneizil. A new structure was installed.
- The section of the road barrier between Road 60 - 317 junction and Ma'on settlement is finished.

**Bethlehem Governorate:**

**5 July:** The wastewater treatment unit on the western side of the Israeli settlement of Betar Illit caused sewage water to spill over onto agricultural lands belonging to the Palestinian village of Wadi Fukin between midnight and noon.

## Ongoing incidents:

- Barrier construction: construction of the Barrier around Rachel's Tomb continues.
- Paving continues on the side of Tunnels checkpoint to expand the site.
- Land levelling for the construction of the new terminal next to Al Jab'a checkpoint continues.
- Land levelling for the construction of the proposed tunnel near Al Khadr village continues.
- Construction of a protection fence next to Al Khadr Boys School along the southern side of Road 60 continues.
- Land levelling continues for the establishment of a road barrier along Road 60 close to the Palestinian village of Al Khadr.

**Jerusalem Governorate:**

## Ongoing incidents:

- Barrier construction: construction is ongoing all along the projected route in the Jerusalem governorate; exceptions to this are northeast of Al 'Eizariya towards Ma'ale Adumim settlement. Construction had begun along 3km of the Barrier south of Ma'ale Adumim and Kedar but has stopped since 3 March pending a court case.
- Construction of a road barrier is continuing on Road 1, east of Az Za'ayem. Palestinians with Jerusalem ID cards who are intending to drive to Jerusalem, have to drive south to Ma'ale Adumim and then return through Az Za'ayem checkpoint.



- The road between Anata and Al 'Eizariya is under construction (Road 70). Another road (Road 80) is planned to link Abu Dis to Road 1 by encircling east of the planned Barrier around Maale Adumim. The road will be open for Palestinians only.

#### Jericho Governorate:

No incidents to report.

#### The Gaza Strip:

**6 July:** 50 dunums of olive trees were levelled by IDF bulldozers in Abasan village east Khan Younis.

**7 and 8 July:** An extensive land levelling operation by the IDF was reported in west Beit Lahia. No assessment of damage has been undertaken to date in this area

**8 July:** IDF bulldozers are reported to have levelled lands and uprooted trees around Karni Crossing. No assessment of damage has been undertaken to date in this area

**10 July:** At 1800hrs, four IDF tanks and two bulldozers moved out of Sufa crossing and entered approximately 500m into the Gaza Strip under cover of tank shelling and HMGs. The bulldozers uprooted olive and almond trees and destroyed agricultural land. The sporadic tank shelling continued over night. One of the shells hit a Palestinian house causing damage

**During the week,** IDF bulldozers levelled Palestinian citrus and olive farms east of Beit Hanoun. No assessment of damage has been undertaken to date in this area

## 5. Access and Movement for Civilians

### a) Curfew

Date	Location, Governorate	Duration
6 July 06	Jenin city and Jenin camp	4 hours
<b>Total Week</b>		<b>4 Hours</b>

**6 July:** The IDF imposed curfew on parts of Jenin city and part of Jenin camp (Jenin) during a military operation.

### b) Access to Education

No incidents to report.

### c) Access to Employment

There is currently no communication between Israeli and Palestinian authorities and therefore no figures are available on the number of work and trade permits for Palestinians to enter Israel.<sup>2</sup> Palestinian workers and traders in possession of Israeli permits to enter Jerusalem and Israel are now applying directly to the Israeli authorities.<sup>3</sup>

To be eligible for a permit workers and traders must be over 35 years old, married with children. Criteria for work permits in 'Atarot industrial area in Jerusalem is set for men above 21 years old, married and with children.

External closure in the Gaza Strip continues with no Palestinian workers allowed access into Israel since 11 March. According to the Ministry of National Economy a limited number of traders have been allowed once again to cross through Erez crossing (estimated between 15- 20 traders) since late April.

<sup>2</sup> According to Palestinian Chamber of Commerce in the north, 324 workers and 1,123 traders from Nablus, 269 workers and 400 traders from Jenin, 113 workers and 39 traders from Tubas, 663 traders from Tulkarm, 480 workers and 384 traders from Qalqiliya and 247 workers and 154 traders from Salfit received permits to work in Israel.

<sup>3</sup> OCHA has requested the number of permits issued for Palestinian worker and traders from the Israeli Civil Administration in the West Bank but has not received a response.



## d) Closures/Movement restrictions

### Nablus Governorate:

**6 July:** The IDF closed all checkpoints around Nablus for two hours due to a high security alert.

**6 July:** The IDF closed the road connecting the village of Qaryut with Road 60 and the Mekorot water filling point with an earth mound. The closure separated three villages (Talfit, Jalud and Qaryut), which they do not have a water network, from their source of water.

**8 July:** The IDF closed Beit Iba, Asira ash Shamaliya and Zaatara checkpoints for three hours due to a high security alert

Ongoing incidents:

- Since 31 May all Palestinian males from Nablus between the ages of 18 – 25 years are prevented from leaving Nablus through Huwwara, Beit Iba and Zaatara checkpoints unless they have permits.
- Long delays are experienced at all checkpoints in the governorate including Huwwara, Yitzhar, Beit Iba and Zaatara checkpoints.
- Public taxis and buses continue to be denied access in both directions through Huwwara and Beit Iba checkpoints.
- The IDF continue to close Shave Shomeron checkpoint for all vehicles, including UN and humanitarian organisations.
- For the 14<sup>th</sup> week the IDF continue to close Al Badhan road with three earth mounds preventing Palestinians vehicular movement between Jenin, Tubas and Nablus governorates.

### Jenin Governorate:

Ongoing incidents:

- The IDF continue restricting the crossing of commercial trucks transporting goods to Barta'a enclave. Transportation of food products require prior coordination with the IDF.

### Tubas Governorate:

**8 July:** The IDF closed the entrances of Tammun and Aqqaba with flying checkpoints for several hours due to a high security alert and prevented Palestinian access in and out of the villages.

Ongoing incidents:

- The restrictions on Palestinian movement in and out of the Jordan Valley via Hamra, Tayasir and Efyriam checkpoints remain in place. The three checkpoints are closed for Palestinians aged between 16 - 30 years old. All permits issued by the Civil Administration have been cancelled and only those issued by the Israeli Brigade Commander are active. Teachers, school pupils, health staff and Palestinians with Jordan Valley addresses on their ID cards should be able to cross the checkpoints. Despite the limited number of people who are authorised to cross the checkpoints, long delays have been reported particularly at Tayasir, where access is being authorised by IDF soldiers and waiting times vary considerably.

### Tulkarm Governorate:

**6 July:** The IDF closed Road 57 between Tulkarm and Nablus gate for two hours due to a high security alert in the area.

**6 July:** The IDF prevented Palestinians from the villages south of Tulkarm to enter Tulkarm city at Kafriat tunnel checkpoint.

Ongoing incidents:

- The IDF continue to close the dirt roads connecting Deir al Ghusun with the garbage dump site, the road to Bal'a and a road to Al Jarushiya.
- The IDF continue to close the exit from Kafriat checkpoint leading to the road into Tulkarm for construction. Residents of Jbarah now have to reach Tulkarm through Kafriat Tunnel. No vehicles from Tulkarm can reach Road 57 through Kafriat checkpoint
- The IDF continue to prevent Palestinians with Israeli IDs from entering Palestinian areas unless they have relatives living in Tulkarm.
- The IDF has closed the seasonal agricultural gates in Tulkarm governorate until the coming season, only Qaffin gate remains open for the beneficiaries of an ICRC program.

**Qalqiliya Governorate:**

**6 July:** The IDF closed Jit checkpoint for two hours and enforced restrictions on Road 55 due to a high security alert in the area.

Ongoing incidents:

- Since 25 June the IDF have closed the main entrance to 'Izbat At Tabib villages with an earth mound.
- Since 19 June the IDF have closed the main entrance to of 'Azzun village with road blocks

**Salfit Governorate:**

**6 July:** The IDF closed Qarawat Bani Hassan gate for two hours due to a high security alert in the area.

Ongoing incidents:

- Since 11 June the IDF continue to close the northern entrance of Dir Istiya village with an earth mound.
- The IDF continue to close the gate at the northern entrance of Kafr ad Dik.
- The IDF continue to close the agricultural gates in the Barrier near Mas-ha and Az Zawiya, preventing farmers from accessing their land.
- The IDF continue to close the road connecting Bruqin village with Barqan Industrial Area and Road 5 with three earth mounds preventing Palestinian vehicular movement from the south.

**Ramallah / Al Bireh Governorate:**

**5 July:** At approximately 7am, the Israeli Border Police set up a flying checkpoint at the Rafat new road which is the link between Ramallah and Bir Nabala closed area. The checkpoint was removed at approximately 11am. Long delays were reported.

**8 and 9 July:** The IDF deployed flying checkpoint at the road between 'Ein 'Arik and Beituniya. The checkpoints were in operation during the two days. Delays were reported.

**Bethlehem Governorate:**

**7, 9 and 10 July:** IDF presence was boosted at the main entry points to Bethlehem, including Al Nashash and Beit Jala in addition to tighter control measures at the Container checkpoint.

Ongoing incidents:

- Israeli Border Police stationed on the entrance Khallet Nu'man continue to delay residents entering and exiting the village. Essential services (including gas and garbage trucks) are still not allowed to enter the village. Physical violence against the residents of the village was documented during the reporting period.
- The road from Al Jab'a to Surif remains closed by road blocks. The closure was reinforced after IDF soldiers added new cement blocks.

**Hebron Governorate:**

**9 July:** IDF soldiers prevented Palestinian farmers from the town of Beit Ula from reaching their lands located behind the Barrier.

**Jerusalem Governorate:**

**7 July:** The IDF deployed flying checkpoints around the old city of Jerusalem and prevented all Palestinian males 45 years and under from access into Al Aqsa mosque for the Friday noon prayers.

**Jericho Governorate/Jordan Valley:**

**10 July:** At approximately 4pm, the IDF closed Tayasir checkpoint for approximately two hours. Outside of this closure, delays continue to be reported daily.

**Gaza Strip**

Following the attack on the IDF military post near Kerem Shalom on 25 June, the IDF closed all of Gaza's crossing points:

- Kerem Shalom, Rafah (as EU Observers cannot reach the terminal due to the closure of Kerem Shalom crossing) and Sufa (previously closed since 21 June) crossings remain closed during the reporting period.
- Erez crossing was partially reopened for the movement of diplomats, humanitarian workers (non-diplomats including require prior coordination with the IDF which is being decided on a case by case basis) and some humanitarian supplies from WFP and ICRC.

- Karni crossing was open partially on 6 July for imports but has remained closed since 7 July for all commercial and humanitarian supplies.
- Nahal Oz energy pipelines reopened partially on 9 July for the import of fuel (following a closure between 5 and 8 July).

Palestinian Security Forces were told to leave their positions along the border with Israel between Sufa and Kerem Shalom crossings, around the Gaza Airport and Rafah crossing and declared these areas 'closed military areas'.

On 6 and 7 July people's movement was completely restricted in the areas of At Tatra, Al Esra'a and As Salatten west of Beit Lahia due to ongoing IDF incursions into the areas. The IDF incursion in the area around the Gaza Airport and Al Shoka continue. 1,000 Palestinians left the area and moved into temporary shelter set up in Rafah.

Ongoing incidents:

- The IDF announced that Palestinians should keep a distance of at least 150 metres away from the border fence in the eastern and northern Gaza Strip.
- The IDF informed the Palestinian DCO that the eastern part of Beit Hanoun (about one km) has been declared a closed military area.
- The IDF declared parts of the northern Gaza Strip a "no go" or enlarged buffer zone on 28 December 2005. Palestinian's movement inside this area continues to be restricted and entry in this area is only possible with prior coordination from the IDF. This area, in the former enclosed area of As Siafa, is home to more than 250 Palestinians. As a result of the intensive IDF artillery shelling, more than half the families have relocated to surrounding localities outside the buffer zone.

#### Reported flying (random) checkpoints – West Bank

Governorate	Location, # of flying checkpoints in brackets	Total # of flying checkpoints
Nablus	Jamma'in (1), Qablan (1), Al Lubban ash Sharqiya (2), Al Madina club on Road 60 (1), Doma (1), Asira ash Shamaliya (1), Askar camp (1)	8
Jenin	Sanur (7), 'Arraba (7), Az Zababida (3), Bir al Basha (3), Qabatiya (3), Ya'bad (1), Silat adh Dhahr (1), Anza (1) Mirka (1)	27
Tubas	Aqqaba (3), Tubas (2), Tammun (2) Wadi al Fará (2)	9
Tulkarm	Bal'a (4), Attil (1), Deir al Ghusun (2)	7
Qalqiliya	Entrance Qalqiliya – DCO (7), 'Azzun (7), An Nabi Elyas (7), Habla tunnel (2), Immatin (1) Wadi Qana (3), Izbat at Tabib (3), Jinsafut (1), Jayyus (1), Ras Átiya (1), Kafr Thulth (1), Ázzun tunnel (1)	35
Salfit	Deir Istiya (1) Marda (2), Az Zawiya (1) Iskaka (1), Kafr ad Dik (1)	6
Ramallah/Al Bireh	Rafat (1), Between 'Ein 'Arik and Beituniya (2)	3
Jerusalem	Shu'fat (11), Ar Ram (1), road near Qalandiya checkpoint (2), Abu Dis entrance (6), Road one (1)	21
Jericho	No flying checkpoints reported.	0
Bethlehem	Al 'Ubeidiya (2), Za'tara (1), Bethlehem city (2), 'Ayda refuge camp (2), Al Khadr (1), Dar Salah (1), Beit Jala (1), Al 'Aza refugee camp (2), Ad Duheisha (2), Beit Sahur (2), Tuqu (2)	18
Hebron	Yatta (2), Beit Ummar (2), Bani Na'im (2), Dura (3), Hebron city - H1(3), Halhul (2), Al Arrub refugee camp (2), Ad Dhahiriya (1), Ar Ramadin (2), Sa'ir (1), Ash Shuyukh (1), Surif (2).	23
<b>Total West Bank</b>		<b>157</b>

## 6. [Additional Protection Issues](#)

### Searches/Arrests/Detentions

Governorate	Location of arrests/detention, number of searches noted at locations with brackets	Total # of Searches	Total # of Arrested/ Detained
Nablus	Nablus city (7), Balata RC (3), Beit Iba CP, Zaatara CP, Áskar RC (5), Camp No.1 (1), Beita (2), Asira ash Shamaliya (2), Yasid (1), Ájjul flying CP, Qablan flying CP, Asira ash Shamaliya flying CP .	21	35
Jenin	Jenin city (5), Jenin RC (5), Birqin (1), Fahma (1)	11	6
Tubas	Tubas (1), Tammun (1), Tubas flying CP	2	1
Tulkarm	Tulkarm (5), Nur Shams RC (2), Áttil (1), Ánabta (1), Kafr al Labad (1), Tulkarm camp (1), Ikataba (1), Dhinnaba (1).	13	15
Qalqiliya	'Azzun (1), Qalqiliya city (5), An Nabi Elyas (1),	7	9
Salfit	Kafr ad Dik (1), Qarawat Bani Hassan (1), Bruqin (1), near Barkan Industry area flying CP.	3	2
Ramallah/Al Bireh	Ramallah (6), Beit Rima (1), Kharbatha al Misbah (1), Kafr 'Ein (1)	9	37
Jerusalem	Jerusalem city (2), Al 'Ezariyeh	2	9
Jericho	Jericho city (1)	1	0
Bethlehem	Beit Sahur (2), Al 'Aza refugee camp (2), Dar Salah, Al 'Ubeidiya (2), 'Ayda refuge camp (1), Al Khadr (2), Beit Jala (2) , Za'atara (1), Bethlehem (2), ad Duheisha Camp (1), Tuqu (2), Ash Shawawreh (1)	18	6
Hebron	Hebron City (2), Beit Ummar (1), Al 'Arrub Camp (1), Idhna (1), Dura (2), Tarqumiya (1), Biet Awwa (1), Beit Ula (2), Surif (1), Yatta (2), Adh Dhahiriya (2), Sa'Ir (1).	17	9
<b>Total Week West Bank</b>		<b>104</b>	<b>129</b>
Gaza Strip	Beit Lahia, Sufa	0	4
<b>Total Week oPt</b>		<b>104</b>	<b>133</b>

## Appendix: Checkpoints: 5 – 11 July 2006

Checkpoint	Status
<b>Tulkarm:</b>	
<b>Taybeh</b>	Open between 5.30am and 8pm Sunday to Thursday and 5:30am and 12pm on Fridays for humanitarian organisations and Palestinians with permits. The checkpoint leads to the back-to-back checkpoint.
<b>Efrayim</b>	Open between 4am and 7pm Sunday to Thursday and 4am and 12pm on Fridays for Palestinian workers and traders. The checkpoint is constructed as a crossing point into Israel for Palestinian workers and traders and others from Tulkarm governorate with a special permit to enter Israel. Since 15 January an Israeli civilian company operating at the checkpoint.
<b>Kafriat</b>	Open 24 hours. 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; and one that controls movement to and from Jubara. On 24 May IDF closed the section leading to the road into Tulkarm so residents of Jubara have to reach Tulkarm through Kafriat Tunnel. No vehicles from Tulkarm can reach road 57 through Kafriat checkpoint.
<b>Kafriat Tunnel</b>	The checkpoint is controlling all traffic heading south from Tulkarm including residents of Jenin. Long queue and delays were reported.
<b>'Anabta</b>	A checkpoint on the eastern entrance of Tulkarm on Road 57. Manned daily during the reporting period. Long queue and delays were reported.
<b>Qalqiliya:</b>	
<b>Jaljoulia</b>	Open 24 hours. 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.
<b>Qalqiliya North</b>	Open between 4am and 7pm Sunday to Thursday and from 4am and 12am on Fridays for Palestinian permit holders.
<b>Jit junction partial checkpoint</b>	Partial checkpoint at the key junction connecting the governorates of Nablus, Qalqiliya and Tulkarm.
<b>Salfit:</b>	
<b>Deir Ballut</b>	Open between 6am and 6pm. The checkpoint controls movement between Ramallah and the villages in the western part of Salfit governorate.
<b>Kafr Qasem (Road 5)</b>	Open 24 hours for UN and international organisations and Palestinians with permits.
<b>Nablus:</b>	
<b>Huwwara</b> Southern main entrance	Open between 6am and 8pm for humanitarian organisations and Palestinians. Israeli citizens, Palestinian holders of Jerusalem IDs and holders of international passports can pass only after prior liaison with the IDF. Males from Nablus city aged between 18 and 25 years are not allowed to exit Nablus unless they have special permits.
<b>Beit Iba</b> Western entrance, mainly for trade	Open between 6am and 8pm for humanitarian organisations and Palestinians. Israeli citizens, Palestinian holders of Jerusalem IDs and holders of international passports can pass only after prior liaison with the IDF. Males from Nablus city aged between 18 and 25 years are not allowed to exit Nablus unless they have special permits. Long delays and queues were reported.
<b>Al Tur</b> Southern checkpoint connecting the Samaritan district of Jarzim with Nablus City	Open between 6am and 6pm Sunday to Friday for Samaritans and 13 Palestinian non-Samaritans families living east of the checkpoint.
<b>Beit Furik</b> Eastern gate and checkpoint. After the closure regime main gateway between Nablus and the Jordan Valley	Open between 6am and 6pm for villagers from Beit Furik, Beit Dajan. Males from Nablus city aged between 18 and 25 years are not allowed to exit Nablus unless they have special permits.
<b>Shave Shomeron</b> Northwest, main road to Jenin	Closed since 28 March for all traffic.

<b>Maale Efrayim</b> Southeast connecting Jericho and Nablus	Closed for Palestinians 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. Palestinians between 16-30 years are not permitted through the checkpoint regardless of their place of residence.
<b>Hamra</b> East, before closure regime main road to Jordan, Tubas, Jenin	Closed for Palestinians 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. A security zone has been declared by the IDF around Al Hamra checkpoint. No land has been confiscated; however any Palestinian crossing the area that is not owner of the land will be arrested. Landowners' names have been compiled in a list at the checkpoint. Delays for traders crossing the checkpoint are reported on a daily basis. Palestinians between 16-30 years are not permitted through the checkpoint regardless of their place of residence.
<b>Zaatara</b> (Tappouah) South, main road to Ramallah	The checkpoint is controlling Palestinian movement on Road 60 southwards, Residents of Nablus aged between 18-25 years are not allowed through the checkpoint without special permit.
<b>17' 'Asira ash Shamaliya</b> Road to the north villages of Nablus	Open between 6am to 8pm for UN and humanitarian organizations, ambulances and Palestinian from the villages of Burqa, Sabastiya, Ijnisnya, Nisf Jubeil, Beit Imrin, 'Asira ash Shamaliya, Yasid and Talluza. Taxis and Palestinian private vehicles are not allowed through unless having special permit.
<b>Yizhar partial checkpoint (new)</b>	Partial check point north of Huwwara village on Road 60
<b>Jenin:</b>	
<b>Al Jalama</b> Main entrance to Israel	Open between 7am and 4pm Sunday to Thursday. On Fridays open between 7am and 12pm.
<b>Imreiha (Reikhan)</b> Main gate to the Barta'a ash-Sharqiya/ Umm ar Rihan enclave	Open between 7am and 9pm. Open for all goods from Israel into West Bank. Vegetables are allowed into Israel after prior coordination.
<b>Tubas:</b>	
<b>Bisan</b> Main entrance to Israel	Open 24 hours for permit holders. Since 16 November closed for Israeli and Palestinian commercial trucks.
<b>Tayasir Gate</b> Gate to the Tubas eastern agricultural lands in the Jordan Valley	Closed for Palestinians 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. Palestinians between (16-30) years old are not permitted through the checkpoint regardless of their place of residence. Very long delays are reported on daily basis.
<b>Ramallah/Al Bireh:</b>	
<b>Qalandiya</b>	Open for internationals, Jerusalem blue ID holders and Palestinians with West Bank ID. Long delays are reported particularly during morning and evening rush hours. Improvements were added to the checkpoint due to the opening of extra lanes for yellow plated cars to go to Jerusalem.
<b>Bet El/DCO</b>	Open between 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</b>	Between 30 – 60 minutes delays were reported during morning and evening rush hours.
<b>An Nabi Salih gate (partial)</b>	Open.
<b>At Tayba (partial)</b>	Open.
<b>Makkabim</b> On Highway 443	Usually open for Israelis, Jerusalem ID holders and foreign passport holders. Road 443 is off limits to West Bank Palestinians, except those with permits to enter Israel/Jerusalem.
<b>Ni'lin</b>	Open for Israelis, Palestinians with Jerusalem ID cards and internationals. Since 1 June, West Bank Palestinians with valid permits are not allowed to cross.
<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 437/Psigat Ze'ev settlement	Open for Israelis, Palestinians with Jerusalem ID cards and internationals. UN staff requested on several occasions to show personal ID/national passports in addition to their UN ID card. Since 3 February, West Bank Palestinians with valid permits are not allowed to cross, the only exception is for West Bank Palestinians working for international organisations.

<b>Az Za'ayem</b> North eastern entrance on Road 1.	Open for Israelis, Palestinians with Jerusalem ID cards and internationals. Since 3 February, West Bank Palestinians with valid permits are not allowed to cross.
<b>Ar Ram</b> Northern entrance on Road 60 north.	Open for internationals, diplomats, Palestinians with Jerusalem ID cards and have Beith Hanina or Dahiyat al Bareed address on their ID cards. Palestinians working with international organisations with valid Israeli permits are allowed through the checkpoint.
<b>Bir Nabala/Atarot</b> Northern entrance on Road 404 /45 Road Atarot Junction.	Open for Israelis, Palestinians with Jerusalem ID cards, Palestinians with valid 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 436	Open for Israelis, Palestinians with Jerusalem ID cards and internationals. UN staff requested on several occasions to show personal ID/national passports in addition to their UN ID card. Since 3 February, West Bank Palestinians with valid permits are not allowed to cross.
<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 plated cars are not allowed to cross.
<b>Ras Abu Sbeitan (Olive)</b> North eastern entrance on Road 1	Open 24 hours, Palestinians pedestrians with West Bank ID cards with valid permits can use the checkpoint.
<b>Abu Dis</b> Between Abu Dis and Ras al 'Amoud	Open for pedestrians with Jerusalem IDs and children attending schools in Jerusalem.
<b>Lazarus</b>	Open for pedestrians with Jerusalem IDs and children attending schools in Jerusalem.
<b>As Sawahira ash Sharqiya</b> Between the villages of As Sawahira ash Sharqiya and As Sawahira al Gharbiye	Open 24 hours for pedestrians with Jerusalem ID cards and school children.
<b>Jericho:</b>	
<b>DCO</b> Main checkpoint off Road 1	Open daily 24 hours, after the IDF handed security control of Jericho to the Palestinian Authority on 16 March 2005. Open for everyone but Israelis. Vehicles with West Bank registrations can pass without permits.
<b>Al Auja (Yitav)</b> On Road 90	Open 24 hours for Palestinian living in Jericho District. Prohibited for Palestinians holding West Bank ID cards from other governorates unless they hold Israeli permits to allow them access to the area.
<b>Gate opposite Allenby</b> Checkpoint off Road 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>An Nwemeh (partial)</b> North Jericho	Open and unmanned by the IDF this week. The checkpoint leads to Mu'arrajat old road, the only road to Ramallah.
<b>Bethlehem :</b>	
<b>Gilo (Rachel's Tomb)</b> North entrance to Bethlehem	New terminal-like crossing currently manned by the Israeli Border Police. Open 24 hours for humanitarian organisations, diplomats, Jerusalem ID holders and Palestinians with valid permits. Yellow-plated tourist buses are allowed to enter Bethlehem only if driven by an Arab Israeli. In order to cross into Jerusalem, West Bank Palestinians (including those working for the UN and other international agencies) have to walk through the terminal to undergo search procedures. During the reporting period, major delays in accessing Jerusalem were reported at this checkpoint.
<b>Khallet an Nu'man</b> West of Al Khas, off Road 398	Manned by the Israeli Border Police. A new terminal and a new military camp are being constructed in the vicinity of the village, isolating it from the West Bank. Only Palestinians living in the village are allowed through while essential service providers have difficulty in reaching the village.
<b>Ein Yalow</b> Bypass road east of Walaja, on Green Line	Open 24 hours and only for Israeli-plated cars and international organisations. As of 3 February, Palestinians are not allowed through it.
<b>Beit Jala DCO</b> Entrance to Beit Jala	Rarely manned and open 24 hours. Movement allowed in both directions for all kind of vehicles including private cars. On 9 and 10 July, the checkpoint was manned by IDF soldiers.



<b>Tunnels</b> Road 60 at Har Gilo	Open 24 hours for international members of international humanitarian organisations. As of 3 February, Palestinians with permits are not allowed to cross and are redirected to Gilo checkpoint. The checkpoint is still used by Jerusalem ID holders and will remain the main access point for commercial goods originating from Palestinian areas into Jerusalem. UN staff have been requested additional identification in order to proceed to Jerusalem.
<b>Settlers' Checkpoint – Efrata</b> Southern entrance to settlement	Open 24 hours. Checkpoint manned by settlers with movement beyond it restricted for Palestinians.
<b>Gush Etzion</b> On Road 60, at Etzion turn	Open 24 hours. IDF soldiers checking northbound vehicles. Private Palestinian plated cars can pass. Slow traffic caused by ID checks carried out by IDF soldiers manning the checkpoint was reported.
<b>Wadi Fukin</b> Crossing to Israel on Road 375, Green Line	Open 24 hours for Israelis and international organisations.
<b>Al Jab'a</b> Crossing to Israel on Road 367, Green Line	Open 24 hours for Israelis and international organisations. Land levelling is on-going to enlarge the checkpoint.
<b>Ein Gedi</b> On Road 90, along Dead Sea.	Open 24-hours; restricted to Palestinian movement.
<b>Hebron :</b>	
<b>Beit Awwa</b> At entrance to Negohot settlement, on Road 354	Crossing along Road 354 only for humanitarian organisations and critical service providers: no other movement allowed. Palestinian tankers not contracted by international NGOs carrying water for distribution were not allowed across the checkpoint during the reporting period.
<b>Tarqumiya</b> Entrance for commercial goods (back-to-back), west of Hebron on Road 35 for both Hebron and Bethlehem districts	Workers are usually allowed to cross from 5am – 5pm. The back-to-back section is open from 7am to 5pm; goods are moving across smoothly and all cargo is checked by the IDF Military Police. During the reporting period, family visits to Palestinians detained in Israel were allowed to cross.
<b>Meitar</b> Crossing to Israeli. Road 60 on the Green Line	Open 24 hours. On May 25, the IDF relocated the checkpoint close to the new Meitar Terminal. Four structures were added.
<b>Shani</b> At turn for Shani settlement on Road 317.	Manned by the IDF. The road barrier was finished in the vicinity of the checkpoint.
<b>Beit Yatir</b> On Road 316, at the turn for Imneizel	Open 24 hours. Manned by the IDF. The checkpoint is restricting the movement of Palestinians living south of it next to the settlement of Beit Yatir. On 10 July, IDF soldiers manning the checkpoint delayed members of a family living next to the settlement of Beit Yatir for hours before letting them go after OCHA coordination.
<b>Prayers Road, H2</b> Access to area of Ibrahimi Mosque	Closed to Palestinians. During the reporting period, both Israeli settlers and IDF soldiers prevented Palestinian residents from accessing this road.
<b>Shohada street, H2</b> 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. Palestinians and internationals have to go through a metal detector in the shape of a caravan to access the area.
<b>Ibrahimi Mosque, H2</b> Access to the Mosque	Worshippers and visitors searched upon entry. Residents living in the vicinity of the Mosque must hold a special permit to gain access to their homes.
<b>Bab Al Baladiyye , H2</b> 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.
<b>Qarantina, H2</b> Junction with Shohada Street	Closed to Palestinians. Entry point for Palestinian fire trucks and ambulances. No longer allowed for the use of international humanitarian organisations.
<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 it and 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 problematic during Friday prayers.

<b>Ar Ramadin</b> At the entrance to Ar Ramadin village from Road 325	Manned by the Israeli Border Police. All Palestinians are allowed after an ID check. The checkpoint also restricts the movement of Palestinians and Arab Israelis on Road 325. UN staff are often requested additional identification in order to cross it.
<b>"Nabi Younis"</b> Halhul - Sa'ir Junction on road 60	Partial checkpoint at the entrance to Halhul, monitored by the nearby observation tower.
<b>Al Fawwar</b> Al Fawwar-Dura junction on road 60	Partial checkpoint monitored from the nearby observation tower.
<b>Gaza Crossings/Checkpoints</b>	
<b>Erez crossing</b>	<p>Closed for Palestinian labourers since 12 March. Open for internationals and humanitarian cases.</p> <p>From 25 June open only for diplomats, humanitarian workers including UN staff (reviewed on a case-by-case basis by the IDF) and humanitarian cases.</p> <p><b>5 July:</b> IDF reopened Erez checkpoint to allow about 30 foreign journalists to leave Gaza Strip through the checkpoint which was closed again at 2130hrs.</p> <p><b>6 July:</b> IDF reopened Erez checkpoint for a few hours for foreigners intending to leave and enter Gaza.</p> <p><b>7 and 8 July:</b> During the weekend Erez checkpoint remained closed by IDF for security reasons. Exceptional crossings for UN international were reported with special co-ordination with the IDF liaison office.</p>
<b>Rafah Passenger Terminal</b>	Closed all week. 578 Palestinians including medical patients referred to treatment abroad are trapped on the Egyptian side of the terminal.
<b>Commercial checkpoints:</b>	
<b>Tulkarm/Qalqiliya</b>	
<b>Taybeh</b>	An Israeli private company took over the responsibility of controlling checkpoint. The back-to-back system has been operational from 9am to 6:30pm Sunday to Thursday and 9am to 12pm on Fridays.
<b>Nablus</b>	
<b>Awarta checkpoint</b> Main commercial checkpoint in Nablus since July 2003.	Open from 6am to 5pm, Sunday to Thursday, Friday from 6am to 2pm and closed on Saturday. Males from Nablus city aged between 18 – 25 years are not allowed to exit Nablus unless they have special permits.
<b>Jenin</b>	
<b>Al Jalama</b> Northern entrance/ main commercial check point.	Open between 7am to 4pm, Sunday to Thursday and 7 am to 12pm on Fridays.
<b>Ramallah/AI Bireh</b>	
<b>Beituniya</b> Back-to-back checkpoint	Officially open between 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. Since 29 May, ICRC and UN vehicles are not permitted to cross.
<b>Gaza Strip</b>	
<b>Sufa</b>	Closed since 25 June.
<b>Karni</b>	Karni crossing was partially open on 6 June for imports only.
<b>Kerem Shalom</b>	Closed all week
<b>Nahal Oz energy pipelines</b>	Closed between 5 and 8 July and partially reopened from 9 – 11 July.

### 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.