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Protection of Civilians – Weekly Briefing Notes

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Of note this week

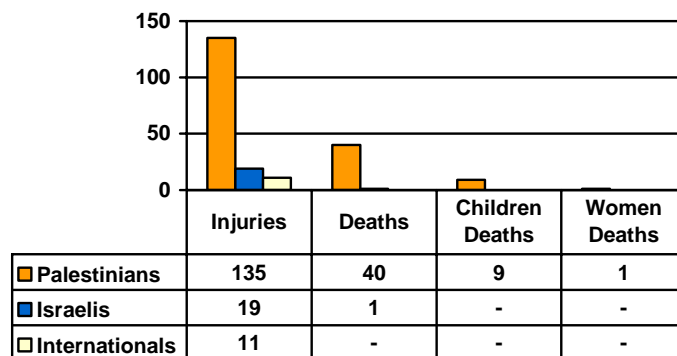
In the Gaza Strip:

- 39 Palestinians were reported killed (including eight children and one woman) in the Gaza Strip and 112 injured.
- Between 16 and 18 July, the IDF re-entered Beit Hanoun from the north and eastern borders with Israel. The IDF also conducted an incursion into the middle areas of the Gaza Strip between 12 and 14 July.
- Palestinians fired at least 75 homemade rockets towards Israel (Sderot and western Negev) injuring two Israelis and one international. The IDF continued its intensive artillery shelling of the northern Gaza Strip.
- The IAF conducted 39 air strikes throughout the Gaza Strip including on two PA institutions. The IAF air strike on the Gazan power plant continues to negatively impact water and electricity services.
- Palestinian residents of As Shoka area south east of Rafah once again fled their homes and sought refuge in an UNRWA school in Rafah following intensive artillery shelling which killed one Palestinian woman.
- Karni crossing re-opened on 12 July for humanitarian and commercial imports. Rafah terminal reopened on 18 July for arrivals only to allow the passage of hundreds of Palestinians trapped on the Egyptian side of the terminal since 25 June. Erez remained partially open for diplomats and humanitarian workers (with prior coordination).

In the West Bank:

- The IDF continued raids on Islamic charitable societies.
- A high number of injuries were reported amongst Palestinian, Israeli and international activists (19) demonstrating against the construction of the Barrier in Bil'in (Ramallah) by the IDF.

1. Physical Protection



Gaza Strip:

- Palestinians have fired at least 75 homemade rockets towards Israel (Sderot and western Negev) and six anti-tank missiles.
- No data is currently available on the number of artillery shells fired by the IDF into the Gaza Strip.
- The IAF have conducted 39 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 towards the seashore next to Gaza city, Beith Lahia and Rafah on a number of occasions. No injuries were reported.

- **12 July:** Nine Palestinians from the same family were killed when the IAF bombed a two-storey house in Gaza city (Gaza Strip). The mother and father were aged 42 and 46 years and the seven children were aged 16, 15, 13, 12, 9, 7 and 4 years. Another 18 Palestinians were injured in the bombing.
- **12 July:** A 23-year-old member of the PA National Security Forces was killed and another injured in armed confrontations with IDF troops in Deir Al Balah (Gaza Strip).
- **12 July:** A 23-year-old member of the PA National Security Forces was killed and another two injured when the IAF fired a missile at the police station located south of AlQarara (Gaza Strip).
- **12 July:** A 38-year-old Palestinian was killed and another four injured when an IAF aircraft fired a missile at a group of Palestinian militants in Deir Al Balah (Gaza Strip).
- **12 July:** Six Palestinian militants were killed [aged 19(2), 20, 22, 23 and 25 years] and another Palestinian injured in confrontations with IDF troops near Deir Al Balah (Gaza Strip).
- **12 July:** Six Palestinian militants were killed [aged 15, 17(2), 18 (2) and 20 years] and another five injured when the IAF fired a missile targeting a group of people near the former Kfar Darom settlement (Gaza Strip).
- **12 July:** A Palestinian was injured when an IDF tank fired 10 shells towards open Palestinian areas near Sufa crossing in Khan Younis (Gaza Strip).
- **12 July:** Four Palestinians including a five-year-old girl received shrapnel wounds in Beit Hanoun from IDF artillery shelling (Gaza Strip).
- **12 July:** A 22-year-old Palestinian from Jabalia (Gaza Strip) died in hospital from injuries sustained in the IDF incursion into the northern area on 6 July.
- **13 July:** A 12-year-old Palestinian girl died of wounds sustained on 9 July when a homemade rocket launched by Palestinian militants exploded near her house north of Beit Lahia (Gaza Strip).
- **13 July:** A 13-year-old Palestinian boy was injured during ongoing IDF artillery shelling in open areas north and east of Beit Hanoun (Gaza Strip).
- **13 July:** A 13-year-old Palestinian boy was injured in the abdomen by shrapnel from IDF artillery shelling in northern Gaza (Gaza Strip).
- **13 July:** A 45-year-old intellectually disabled Palestinian man was injured when an IDF artillery shell landed near him north of Beit Lahia (Gaza Strip).
- **13 July:** A 16-year-old Palestinian boy died in hospital from injuries sustained in an IAF air strike on 10 July in Beit Hanoun (Gaza Strip).
- **13 July:** 14 Palestinians received shrapnel wounds when the IAF targeted the PA Foreign Ministry building in close proximity to their homes in Gaza city (Gaza Strip).
- **13 July:** A 22-year-old Islamic Jihad member was killed and another injured near Deir el Balah junction on Salah ed Din street when the IAF fired two missiles (Gaza Strip).
- **13 July:** Four Palestinians were injured by IDF gunfire in Abu El Ajeen area north of Al Qarara at Salah Ed-Din road (Gaza Strip).
- **13 July:** A 16-year-old Palestinian boy was injured when the IDF opened fire towards the Palestinian area east of Al Shouka village in Rafah (Gaza Strip).
- **13 July:** One Palestinian was injured when IDF troops controlling Salah ed Din street opened fire at Palestinians south of Al Qarara (Gaza Strip).
- **14 July:** A 31-year-old Palestinian was injured by an IDF artillery shell north of Beit Lahia (Gaza Strip).
- **14 July:** A 60-year-old Palestinian woman was seriously injured by an IDF tank shell fired towards the Palestinian area east of Khuza' in Khan Younis (Gaza Strip).
- **14 July:** One Palestinian was injured when an IAF aircraft bombed a bridge north of Nuseirat camp (Gaza Strip).
- **14 July:** A 25-year-old Palestinian was killed and another injured when the IDF fired a tank shell at a car on Salah Ed-Din road in Deir Al Balah (Gaza Strip).
- **14 July:** A 24-year-old Palestinian was injured by an IDF artillery shell east of Jabalia (Gaza Strip).
- **15 July:** A 31-year-old Palestinian was killed and eight Palestinians, including two children injured when an IAF aircraft fired a missile targeting a two-storey building in Gaza city (Gaza Strip).
- **15 July:** An 18-year-old Palestinian was killed when an IDF tank stationed near an IDF military base in Israel fired a shell at Palestinian areas in Abu El Ajeen area east of Deir El Balah (Gaza Strip).
- **15 July:** A 20-year-old Palestinian was injured by an IDF artillery shell north of Beit Lahia (Gaza Strip).
- **15 July:** A Palestinian was injured when an IAF aircraft fired a rocket at a car traveling near Beit Lahia junction (Gaza Strip).

- **16 July:** A Palestinian was injured by an IDF artillery shell north of Beit Lahia (Gaza Strip).
- **16 July:** A 65-year-old Palestinian woman was killed when an IDF tank shell landed near her in Al Shouka village in Rafah (Gaza Strip).
- **16 July:** Two Palestinian militants [both aged 20] were killed and eight others injured when an IAF aircraft fired a missile targeting a group of militants in Beit Hanoun (Gaza Strip).
- **16 July:** A Palestinian was injured by IDF artillery shelling on the Bedouin village north Beit Lahia (Gaza Strip).
- **16 July:** Three Palestinian militants were killed [aged 21 and 24(2) years] and another 17 Palestinians injured in armed confrontations with the IDF in Beit Hanoun (Gaza Strip).
- **17 July:** Two Palestinians were shot and killed [aged 19 and 21 years] and two others injured by the IDF in Beit Hanoun (Gaza Strip).
- **17 July:** Two Israelis were injured when four homemade rockets fired from the Gaza Strip struck a house in the southern Israeli town of Sderot.
- **17 July:** Seven Palestinians were injured when the IAF bombed the PA Foreign Ministry in Gaza City (Gaza Strip).
- **17 July:** A Palestinian was injured when an IDF tank stationed along the border fence with Israel fired two shells at an open area east of Bureij camp (Gaza Strip).
- **17 July:** One IDF soldier was injured during armed confrontations with Palestinians in Beit Hanoun (Gaza Strip).
- **17 July:** Three IDF soldiers were injured by an anti-tank missile fired by Palestinians towards them in Beit Hanoun (Gaza Strip).
- **17 July:** Three Palestinians were injured when an IAF helicopter opened fire towards them in Beit Hanoun (Gaza Strip).
- **18 July:** An international worker was injured when Palestinians fired five homemade rockets landed in Sderot (Gaza Strip).

West Bank:

- **14 July:** Eight Palestinians, three Israeli activists and eight internationals were injured when the IDF fired rubber-coated metal bullets at Palestinians, Israeli and international activists demonstrating against the construction of the Barrier in Bil'in (Ramallah). One Israeli Border Police was also injured by stone throwing.
- **13 July:** Four Palestinian males from Jenin [aged 19 (from Ya'bad), 28 (from Bartaá ash Sharqiya), 18 and 23 (Imreiha)] were injured by live ammunition when an Israeli settler opened fire at them near Khermesh settlement while they were coming back from their work in the Palestinian charcoal factories.
- **13 July:** Two Israeli settlers were injured on Road 55 near Ázzun (Qalqiliya) when Palestinians stoned Israeli vehicles passing on the road.
- **14 July:** A 16-year-old Palestinian boy from Surif (Hebron) was injured when the IDF fired rubber-coated metal bullets at a group of Palestinians stone throwers.
- **15 July:** Four Palestinian males [aged 16, 19, 20 and 34] from Kallet Darr (Hebron) were physically assaulted by a group of IDF soldiers.
- **15 July:** Two international activists [aged 26 and 50] were injured by a group of Israeli settlers from Tel Rumeida settlement, located in the H2 area of Hebron city (Hebron). The settlers attacked the two internationals while they were escorting a Palestinian child to his house in Al Shohada street.
- **16 July:** A 13-year-old Palestinian boy from the Tel Rumeida neighbourhood, located in the H2 area of Hebron city (Hebron) was attacked by an Israeli settler while walking along the Tel Rumeida street.
- **16 July:** A 14-year-old Palestinian boy was injured by live ammunition in Ázzun (Qalqiliya) when the IDF opened fire at Palestinian stone throwers.
- **16 July:** A 17-year-old Palestinian boy from Jenin camp died in a Jordanian hospital from injuries sustained on 6 July.
- **16 July:** An Israeli settler was injured on Road 55 near Ázzun (Qalqiliya) when Palestinians stoned Israeli vehicles passing on the road.
- **17 July:** A 20-year-old IDF soldier was killed and six soldiers injured when Palestinians detonated an explosive device near them in the old city of Nablus (Nablus).
- **18 July:** Two Palestinian drivers of water tankers contracted by the NGO Action Contra el Hambre for the drought response programme in south Hebron were physically assaulted by IDF soldiers manning the Beit Awwa checkpoint (Hebron). The drivers were also delayed before being allowed to pass through to deliver water.

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.]

- **15 July:** Seven Palestinian bystanders were injured in an armed dispute between two families in Khan Younis (Gaza Strip).
- **16 July:** A Palestinian was killed and another six injured in an armed dispute between two families in Gaza City (Gaza Strip).
- **16 July:** A 21-year-old member of the Preventive Security Forces was killed when a group of unknown armed Palestinians opened fire towards him in the Gaza Strip.
- **18 July:** Unknown armed masked men attacked a house of a senior member of the Preventive Security Forces killing one of his bodyguards and injuring two others.
- **17 July:** Two Palestinian militants were injured while making a bomb in a house in Bureij camp (Gaza Strip).

3. [Shelter and Property](#)

Date	Location, Governorate	Structures demolished	Structures damaged	People displaced / affected
11 July	Beit Lahia, Gaza Strip	-	1	0
11 July	Karni, Gaza Strip	-	2	0
12 July	Gaza city, Gaza Strip	1	-	N/A
14 July	Beit Lahia, Gaza Strip	-	1	-
14 July	Deir Al Balah, Gaza Strip	-	9	-
14 July	Al Qararra/ Khan Younis, Gaza Strip	-	2	-
15 July	Jabalia, Gaza Strip	=	1	N/A
15 July	Gaza city, Gaza Strip	-	1	-
15 July	Gaza city, Gaza Strip	1	-	-
17 July	Gaza city, Gaza Strip	-	1	-
Total Week		3	17	N/A

- **11 July** (previously unreported): One Palestinian apartment building was partially damaged when an IDF artillery shell hit the roof north Beit Lahia (Gaza Strip).
- **11 July** (previously unreported): The main gates of UNRWA and WFP warehouses and several UNRWA containers were damaged by the IDF during an incursion around the Karni Industrial Estate near Karni crossing (Gaza Strip).
- **12 July:** A two-storey house was destroyed when it was bombed by the IAF in Gaza city (Gaza Strip). Ten nearby houses were severely damaged.
- **14 July:** The PA legislators' office of Northern Gaza was damaged when it was hit by an IAF rocket in Beit Lahia (Gaza Strip).
- **14 July:** Nine houses were partially damaged by IDF tanks and bulldozers in Abu El Ajeen area east of Deir El Balah (Gaza Strip).
- **14 July:** Two houses were partially damaged by IDF in Abu El Ajeen and north of Al Qarara area in Khan Younis.
- **15 July:** One house was damaged after being hit by several IDF artillery shells east of Jabalia camp (Gaza Strip).
- **15 July:** The IAF bombed the offices of the PA Ministry of Economy in Gaza city (Gaza Strip) damaging one floor.
- **15 July:** A two-storey building was demolished when it was hit by an IAF missile north of Gaza city (Gaza Strip).
- **17 July:** The PA Foreign Ministry Building was severely damaged when it was hit by an IAF missile in Gaza city (Gaza Strip).
- **18 July:** The IDF severely damaged five UNRWA installations (four schools and a health centre) in Beit Hanoun (Gaza Strip). Damage sustained included to external walls, toilets, canteen, classrooms, water pipes and water pumps.

Other related incidents:**Gaza Strip:**

- **12 July:** IDF snipers took positions on the roofs of several houses in Abu Al Ajin area east of Deir Al Balah (Gaza Strip).
- **12 July:** Extensive damage was reported throughout the Karni Industrial Estate (Gaza Strip) including roads, offices and containers following an IDF incursion between 8 – 12 July.
- **14 July:** A road bridge north of Nuseirat camp was damaged after being bombed by the IAF (Gaza Strip).
- **14 July:** Several roads, water pipes, electricity, and telephone polls were damaged by the IDF in Abu El Ajeen and north of Al Qarara area in Khan Younis (Gaza Strip).
- **14 -17 July:** The IDF occupied several Palestinian houses northeast of Beit Hanoun and used them as sniper positions.
- **15 July:** An IAF bombed a bridge located north east of Bureij refugee camp (Gaza Strip) connecting the middle and northern areas. The bridge was completely destroyed.
- **16 July:** An electricity transformer was destroyed when it was hit by an IDF tank shell east of Rafah causing a power outage in Rafah.

West Bank:

- **12 July:** The IDF raided the Az Zakat committee office in Abu Dis (Jerusalem) and confiscated all documents belonging to this offices.
- **12 July:** The IDF occupied one house in Nablus city (Nablus) for six hours and converted it into a military post.
- **13 July:** Settlers from Yizhar settlement stoned Palestinians vehicles passing on Road 60 near Huwwara (Nablus) damaging one vehicle.
- **13 July:** The IDF issued a demolition order for an animal pen belonging to Palestinian farmers from the village of Khallet Sakariya (Bethlehem).
- **16 July:** Palestinians stoned Israeli vehicles passing on Road 55 near Ázzun (Qalqiliya). Four vehicles were damaged.
- **17 July:** The IDF raided (for the second time in two weeks) the Islamic Society for the Orphans in the town of Yatta (Hebron) and closed it down until further notice. Office equipment and hard drives of two computers were confiscated.

4. [Natural Resources](#)**Land levelling/Requisitions/Tree Uprooting¹****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 Khefets and Enav settlements for the construction of a new fence around the settlements.

Qalqiliya Governorate:

15 July: Palestinians, Israeli and international peace activists demonstrated in Izbat at Tabib against the confiscation of land, the construction of the Barrier and the closure of the main entrance of the village.

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.

¹ 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.

Bethlehem Governorate:

17 July: The IDF started to erect concrete road protection (road barrier) on the eastern side of the section of Road 60 south of the Talitha Kumi road.

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.

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 and new structures were installed.
- 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.
- Land leveling for the construction of a road barrier has finished between the Metarim Industrial Zone and the Israeli settlement of Tene along Road 60 and 325. The construction of the road barrier in the vicinity of Tene settlement continues.

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'ayyem. 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:

14 July: 83 dunums of olive, almond, palm and citrus were levelled by IDF bulldozers in Abu El Ajeen area east of Deir El Balah.

14-17 July: IDF bulldozers levelled Palestinian citrus and olive farms east north of Beit Hanoun. No assessment of damage has been undertaken in this area to date.

17 July: Ten IDF armoured vehicles, including bulldozers, entered approximately 300m into Abu El area east of Deir El Balah and extensively levelled land.

18 July: Six IDF tanks and four bulldozers entered approximately 300m into the area south of Sufa crossing and uprooted olive and almond trees.

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

a) Curfew

Date	Location, Governorate	Duration
12 July	Huwwara, Nablus	15 hours
13-16 July	Abu El Ajeen area south east of Deir El Balah, Gaza Strip	72 hours
15 July	Beit Rima and Deir Ghassana, Ramallah	4 hours
Total Week		91 hours

- **12 July:** The IDF imposed curfew on Huwwara village (Nablus) from 2pm until 5am the next morning (13 July).
- **13 – 16 July:** The IDF imposed a curfew on Abu El Ajeen area south east of Deir El Balah for three days.
- **15 July:** At approximately 3am, the IDF imposed curfew on Beit Rima and Deir Ghassana villages and carried out search and arrest campaigns. Two Palestinian males were detained before the curfew was lifted at 7am.

b) Access to education

No incidents to report.

c) Access to employment

There is currently no communication between Israeli and Palestinian authorities and Palestinian workers and traders are now applying directly to the Israeli authorities for permits to enter Jerusalem and Israel.²

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

External closure in the Gaza Strip continues with no Palestinian workers allowed access into Israel since 12 March. According to the PA Ministry of National Economy a limited number of traders had been allowed once again to cross through Erez crossing (estimated between 15-20 traders) between late April and 25 June.

d) Closures/movement restrictions

Nablus Governorate:

12 July - ongoing: All Palestinians males from Nablus, Jenin and Tulkarm between the ages of 16 – 35 years are prevented from heading south through Zaatara checkpoint and

² 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.

from leaving Nablus through Huwwara, Beit Iba and Zaatara checkpoints unless they have permits..

13 July: The IDF closed Yitzhar partial checkpoint for three hours and prevented Palestinians from heading south.

17 and 18 July: The IDF at Beit Iba and Asira ash Shamaliya checkpoints denied access for Palestinians from Talluza village.

Ongoing incidents:

- Since 6 July, the IDF continue closing the road connecting the village of Qaryut with Road 60 and the Mekorot water filling point with an earth mound. The closure separates three villages (Talfit, Jalud and Qaryut) who are connected to the water network from their only source of water.
- 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 15th 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:

15 July: The IDF closed Road 588 near the entrance of Aqqaba with a flying checkpoint for two hours due to a high security alert and prevented Palestinians access between Jenin and Tubas governorate.

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:

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

Ongoing incidents:

- Since 24 May the IDF continue to close with an earth mound the dirt roads connecting Deir al Ghusun with the garbage dump site, the road to Bal'a and a road to Al Jarushiya.
- Since 24 May 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.

Qalqiliya Governorate:

16 July: The IDF closed the commercial shops in Azzun village after Palestinians stoned Israeli vehicles passing on Road 55.

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:

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:

Throughout the reporting period: Waiting times at Atara checkpoint continue to average between 20 to 40 minutes (and longer during rush hours).

15 July: At around 1pm, the IDF closed An Nabi Salih gate for at least three hours. Palestinians from Bani Zeid village cluster took the long alternative road via 'Abud to move in and out of the area.

Bethlehem Governorate:

Ongoing incidents:

- Israeli Border Police stationed on the entrance Khamat 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.
- 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:

12 July: The IDF issued a military order declaring the Tel Rumeida neighbourhood a closed area. The order bars entry to anyone except Israeli citizens, IDF soldiers and Israeli Police or those who have an IDF-issued permit. International humanitarian organisations are required to coordinate their presence 24 hours in advance. Palestinians living beyond the checkpoint leading to the settlements of Ramat Yashai and Tel Rumeida are allowed entry without the need for permits. Their relatives, however, are not allowed through the checkpoint without a permit or a prior coordination.

13 July: The IDF closed the gap in the road barrier along Road 317 leading to the Palestinian hamlet of At Tuwani. This is the direct road connecting the cluster of Palestinian hamlets south of Road 317 and the town of Yatta.

Jerusalem Governorate:

15 July: The IDF deployed flying checkpoints around the old city of Jerusalem and prevented all Palestinian males aged 45 years and under from accessing the Al Aqsa mosque for Friday noon prayers. All Palestinians with West Bank ID cards were not allowed into Al Aqsa mosque regardless of their ages and possession of Israeli permits to enter Jerusalem.

16 and 17 July: Flying checkpoints were set up at Ar Ram road (between Qalandiya checkpoint and Jaba' Junction) during morning and evening rush hours. Long delays were reported.

17 and 18 July: Yitav checkpoint has been relocated to the junction south of its old location to enable the IDF to check traffic travelling from Ramallah (At Tayba) to Jericho. Long delays were reported.

18 July: At 2.30pm the IDF set up a flying checkpoint between Road One and Hizma village checked Palestinian vehicles travelling on the road. Delays were reported.

Jericho Governorate/Jordan Valley:

Throughout the reporting period: Long delays of between 1- 3 hours were experienced at Tayasir checkpoint in Tubas.

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:

- Rafah crossing was closed between 25 June – 17 July but re-opened on 18 July for arrivals only to allow the passage of hundreds of Palestinians trapped on the Egyptian side of the border since 25 June.³
- Karni crossing re-opened at 4pm on 12 July for humanitarian and commercial imports and remained open throughout the reporting period. Karni had been previously closed since 7 July and remains closed for exports.
- Kerem Shalom 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.
- Nahal Oz energy pipelines remained open since 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 Kissufim road near Khan Younis and Deir Al Balah. The IDF declared these areas 'closed military areas' and IDF tanks, APCs and bulldozers have operated in the area.

Between 14 and 17 July people's movement was completely restricted in the areas north east of Beit Hanoun due to ongoing IDF incursions into the areas.

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), Al Madina club on Road 60 (2)	3
Jenin	Sanur (7), 'Arraba (7), Az Zababida (3), Qabatiya (2), Meithalun (2), entrance Jenin city (1), Al Yamun (1)	23
Tubas	Aqqaba (2) Wadi al Fará (4)	6
Tulkarm	Attil (1), Deir al Ghusun (1)	2
Qalqiliya	Entrance Qalqiliya – DCO (7), 'Azzun (7), An Nabi Elyas (7), Habla tunnel (1), Kafr Laqif (1), Wadi Qana (1), Izbat at Tabib (1) Jayyus (1), Ras Átiya (3), Kafr Thulth (2), Ázzun Átma (1)	32
Salfit	Salfit (2) Deir Istiya (1) Bruqin (2), Az Zawiya (1) Iskaka (1), Farkha (1) Yasuf (3), Az Zawiya tunnel (1), Qarawat Bani Hassan (1)	13
Ramallah and Al Bireh	No flying checkpoints observed	0
Jerusalem	Old city of Jerusalem (7)	7
Jericho	Al Mu'rrajat road (2), Rroad one (4), Ar Ram (4)	10
Bethlehem	Al 'Ubeidiya (4), Za'tara (1), Bethlehem city (3), 'Ayda refuge camp (3), Al Khadr (1), Dar Salah (1), Beit Jala (3), Al 'Aza refugee camp (4), Ad Duheisha (3), Beit Sahur (3), Tuqu (1)	27
Hebron	Yatta (3), Beit Ummar (4), Bani Na'im (4), Dura (3), Hebron city - H1 (4), Halhul (3), Al Arrub refugee camp (2), Ad Dhahiriya (1), Ar Ramadin (2), Sa'ir (2), Ash Shuyukh (1), Surif (1)	30
Total West Bank		153

³ On 14 July a group of armed Palestinians men created a 4m wide hole in cement border fence to the west of Rafah crossing allowing hundreds of Palestinians to re-enter the Gaza Strip from Egypt before PA National Security Forces regained control of the area.

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 (6), Balata RC (2), Askar RC (2), Talfit (1), Asira ash Shamaliya (1), Rujeib (1), Osarin (1), Zawata (1), Talluza (1), Beit Imrin (1).	17	22
Jenin	Jenin city (5), Jenin RC (3), Qabatiya (1), Al Yamun (2), Silat al Harithiya (1), Az Zababida (1), Bartaá ash Sharqiya flying CP.	13	2
Tubas	Tammun (1), Wadi Al Fará flying CP	1	1
Tulkarm	Tulkarm city (3), Anabta (2) Tulkarm camp (2), Iktaba (2), Dhinnaba (1).	10	3
Qalqiliya	'Azzun (3), Qalqiliya city (5), Izbat at Tabib (1), Jayyus (1).	10	2
Salfit	Salfit (2), Bruqin (1), Deir Istiya (1), Iskaka (1).	5	6
Ramallah/Al Bireh	Ramallah (4), Al Amari refugee camp (1), Silwad Al Janiya (1), Deir Ghassana (1), Beit Rima (1)	8	17
Jerusalem	Jerusalem city (1)	1	1
Jericho	Jericho city (1)	1	0
Bethlehem	Beit Sahur (2), Al 'Aza refugee camp (2), Dar Salah (1), 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)	20	10
Hebron	Hebron City (5), Beit Ummar (3), Al 'Arrub Camp (1), Idhna (1), Dura (4), Tarqumiya (1), Beit Awwa (1), Beit Ula (2), Surif (1), Yatta (4), Adh Dhahiriya (4), Sa'ir (3)	30	30
Total Week West Bank		115	94
Gaza Strip	Beit Hanoun	0	5
Total Week oPt		115	99

Appendix: Checkpoints: 12 - 18 July 2006

Checkpoint	Status
Tulkarm:	
Taybeh	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.
Efrayim	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.
Kafriat	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.
Kafriat Tunnel	The checkpoint is controlling all traffic heading south from Tulkarm including residents of Jenin. Long queue and delays were reported.
'Anabta	A checkpoint on the eastern entrance of Tulkarm on Road 57. Manned daily during the reporting period. Long queue and delays were reported.
Qalqiliya:	
Jaljoulia	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.
Qalqiliya North	Open between 4am and 7pm Sunday to Thursday and from 4am and 12am on Fridays for Palestinian permit holders.
Jit junction partial checkpoint	Partial checkpoint at the key junction connecting the governorates of Nablus, Qalqiliya and Tulkarm.
Salfit:	
Deir Ballut	Open between 6am and 6pm. The checkpoint controls movement between Ramallah and the villages in the western part of Salfit governorate.
Kafr Qasem (Road 5)	Open 24 hours for UN and international organisations and Palestinians with permits.
Nablus:	
Huwwara 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 16 and 35 years are not allowed to exit Nablus unless they have special permits.
Beit Iba 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 16 and 35 years are not allowed to exit Nablus unless they have special permits. Long delays and queues were reported.
Al Tur 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.
Beit Furik 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 16 and 35 years are not allowed to exit Nablus unless they have special permits.
Shave Shomeron Northwest, main road to Jenin	Closed since 28 March for all traffic.

Maale Efrayim 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.
Hamra 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.
Zaatara (Tappouah) South, main road to Ramallah	The checkpoint is controlling Palestinian movement on Road 60 southwards, Residents of Nablus aged between 16-35 years are not allowed through the checkpoint without special permit.
17' 'Asira ash Shamaliya Road to the north villages of Nablus	Open between 6am to 8pm for UN and humanitarian organisations, 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.
Yizhar partial checkpoint (new)	Partial check point north of Huwwara village on Road 60
Jenin:	
Al Jalama Main entrance to Israel	Open between 7am and 4pm Sunday to Thursday. On Fridays open between 7am and 12pm.
Imreiha (Reikhan) 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.
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	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.
Ramallah/Al Bireh:	
Qalandiya	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.
Bet El/DCO	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.
Atara Bridge	Between 30 – 60 minutes delays were reported during morning and evening rush hours.
An Nabi Salih gate (partial)	Open.
At Tayba (partial)	Open.
Makkabim On Highway 443	Usually open for Israelis, Jerusalem ID holders and foreign passport holders. Road 443 is off limits to West Bank Palestinians, except those with permits to enter Israel/Jerusalem.
Ni'lin	Open for Israelis, Palestinians with Jerusalem ID cards and internationals. Since 1 June, West Bank Palestinians with valid permits are not allowed to cross.
Rantis	Usually open for Jerusalem ID holders, foreign passport holders and Palestinians with permits to enter Israel.
Jerusalem:	
Hizma 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.

Az Za'ayyem 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.
Ar Ram 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.
Bir Nabala/Atarot 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.
Ramot Alon 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.
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 plated cars are not allowed to cross.
Ras Abu Sbeitan (Olive) North eastern entrance on Road 1	Open 24 hours, Palestinians pedestrians with West Bank ID cards with valid permits can use the checkpoint.
Abu Dis Between Abu Dis and Ras al 'Amoud	Open for pedestrians with Jerusalem IDs and children attending schools in Jerusalem.
Lazarus	Open for pedestrians with Jerusalem IDs and children attending schools in Jerusalem.
As Sawahira ash Sharqiya 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.
Jericho:	
DCO 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.
Al Auja (Yitav) On Road 90	Open 24 hours for Palestinian living in Jericho District. Prohibited for Palestinians holding West Bank ID cards from other governorates unless they hold Israeli permits to allow them access to the area.
Gate opposite Allenby 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.
An Nwemeh (partial) North Jericho	Open and unmanned by the IDF this week. The checkpoint leads to Mu'arrajat old road, the only road to Ramallah.
Bethlehem :	
Gilo (Rachel's Tomb) 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. West Bank Palestinians (including those working for the UN and other international agencies) have to walk through the terminal to undergo search procedures. Jerusalem ID holders passing into Bethlehem have to prove that that reside in areas falling with the Israeli Jerusalem Municipal boundaries.
Khallet an Nu'man West of Al Khas, off Road 398	Manned by the Israeli Border Police. Only Palestinians living in the village are allowed through while essential service providers are not allowed to enter the village nor members of extended families.
Ein Yalow 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.
Beit Jala DCO Entrance to Beit Jala	Rarely manned and open 24 hours. Movement allowed in both directions for all kind of vehicles including private cars.
Tunnels 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.
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. IDF soldiers checking northbound vehicles. Private Palestinian plated cars can pass
Wadi Fukin Crossing to Israel on Road 375, Green Line	Open 24 hours for Israelis and international organisations.
Al Jab'a 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.
Ein Gedi On Road 90, along Dead Sea.	Open 24-hours; restricted to Palestinian movement.
Hebron :	
Beit Awwa At entrance to Negohot settlement, on Road 354	Crossing along Road 354 only for humanitarian organisations and critical service providers. Two Palestinian drivers of water tankers were physically assaulted by IDF soldiers at the checkpoint on 18 July.
Tarqumiya 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. Since 25 June, family visits to Palestinians detained in Israel were allowed to cross. Agricultural products were not allowed through.
Meitar Crossing to Israeli. Road 60 on the Green Line	Open 24 hours and manned by the Israeli Border Police. On May 25, the IDF relocated the checkpoint close to the new Meitar Terminal.
Shani At turn for Shani settlement on Road 317.	Manned by the IDF. The road barrier was finished in the vicinity of the checkpoint.
Beit Yatir 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.
Prayers Road, H2 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.
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. Palestinians and internationals have to go through a metal detector in the shape of a caravan to access the area.
Ibrahimi Mosque, H2 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.
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. Entry point for Palestinian fire trucks and ambulances. No longer allowed for the use of international humanitarian organisations.
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. A military order was issued during the reporting period that declared the area a closed military area barring the entry of anyone beyond the checkpoint except Israeli citizens, IDF soldiers and Israeli Border Police and those who are issued permits.
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 problematic during Friday prayers.
Ar Ramadin 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.
"Nabi Younis"	Partial checkpoint at the entrance to Halhul, monitored by the nearby

Halhul - Sa'ir Junction on road 60	observation tower.
Al Fawwar Al Fawwar-Dura junction on road 60	Partial checkpoint monitored from the nearby observation tower.
Tarqumiya – Idhna The junction between the two towns on Road 35	Partial checkpoint manned on a temporary basis by the Israeli Border Police. Road infrastructure improved at the crossing to regulate traffic.
Gaza Crossings/Checkpoints	
Erez crossing	Closed for Palestinian labourers since 12 March. Open for internationals and humanitarian cases. 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.
Rafah Passenger Terminal	Closed between 25 June – 17 July. Reopened on 18 July and 4,290 people crossed into Gaza between 9am and 11pm.
Commercial checkpoints:	
Tulkarm/Qalqiliya	
Taybeh	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.
Nablus	
Awarta checkpoint 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.
Jenin	
Al Jalama Northern entrance/ main commercial check point.	Open between 7am to 4pm, Sunday to Thursday and 7 am to 12pm on Fridays.
Ramallah/AI Bireh	
Beituniya 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.
Gaza Strip	
Sufa	Closed since 21 June.
Karni	Partially open for commercial and humanitarian imports all week.
Kerem Shalom	Closed since 25 June.
Nahal Oz energy pipelines	Partially open all week except for Saturday

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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.