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Protection of Civilians – Weekly Briefing Notes

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Of note this week

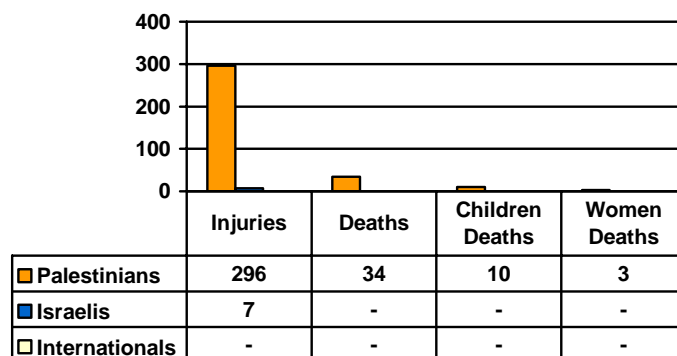
In the Gaza Strip:

- 28 Palestinians were killed (including ten children and three women) and 174 injured during continued IDF military operations.
- 16 of the Palestinians were killed and 107 injured by the IDF during a two-day incursion into Al Maghazi refugee camp. Extensive damage to Palestinians homes (seven demolished and 76 damaged) was reported.
- Eight of the Palestinians were killed (including three children) and 23 injured during continued IDF artillery shelling of northern Gaza (639 artillery shells were fired during the reporting period).
- Palestinians fired at least 75 homemade rockets towards Israel (Sderot and western Negev) injuring one Israeli.
- The IDF telephoned at least five families giving them as little as 30 minutes to evacuate their homes before launching air strikes. The IAF air strike on the Gazan power plant continues to negatively impact water and electricity services.
- An IDF observation post at Erez crossing came under fire from Palestinian militants on 23 July. Since this time Erez has been frequently closed as security alert remains in place. Karni crossing was also closed periodically during the reporting period.

In the West Bank:

- The IDF conducted military operations on 19, 20 and 21 July around the Palestinian Security Forces compound (Al Muqataá) in Nablus city. Five Palestinians were killed and 116 injured (including children) in confrontations with the IDF. One Palestinian was killed by flying debris when the IDF demolished most of the compound.
- The IDF imposed a total closure of the West Bank from 20 July, preventing Palestinians with West Bank ID cards and valid Israeli permits from entering Israel.
- The number of flying (random) checkpoints observed increased during the reporting period to 185 (compared to 153 in the previous week).

1. Physical Protection



Gaza Strip:

- Palestinians have fired at least 49 homemade rockets towards Israel (Sderot and western Negev), eight mortar shells and two ant-tank missiles.
- 630 artillery shells were fired by the IDF into the northern Gaza Strip. During the previous week, 1,068 artillery shells were fired (previously unreported).
- The IAF have conducted 14 air strikes throughout the Gaza Strip.
- During the week, Israeli naval vessels off the Gaza Strip continued to prevent Palestinian fishing along the coastline. Gunboats fired towards the seashore on one occasion.

- **11 July:** Two Palestinian militants were injured when an IAF aircraft fired two rockets at a group of militants in Beit Hanoun.
- **19 July:** Five IDF soldiers were injured in armed clashes with Palestinian militants in Al Maghazi refugee camp in the middle area.
- **19 July:** Nine Palestinians (aged 14, 15, 16(2), 25 (2), 32 (2) and 35 years) including a mother and her two daughters were killed and another 84 injured during an IDF operation in Al Maghazi camp. .
- **19 July:** A four year-old Palestinian boy was injured when an artillery shell landed near the Bedouin village north of Beit Lahia.
- **19 July:** Three Palestinians were injured when IDF gunboats fired several shells targeting the coastal road bridge west of Nuseirat camp.
- **20 July:** Three Palestinians (aged 17, 21 and 25 years) were killed and another 17 injured when an IAF aircraft fired a missile towards a group of people, including civilians, in Al Maghazi camp.
- **21 July:** Three Palestinians from the same family were injured when an IDF artillery shell struck their house east of Beit Hanoun.
- **22 July:** A 70 year-old Palestinian man was injured when an IDF artillery shell struck near him south-east of Beit Hanoun.
- **21 July:** Four Palestinians from the same family (a woman and her two sons and a cousin aged 16, 21, 26 and 45 years) were killed and another two members of the same family injured when an IDF artillery shell struck their house in Gaza City.
- **20 July:** Two Palestinian militant (aged 21 and 22 years) and one civilian (aged 47 years) were killed and six others injured in armed confrontations with IDF soldiers in Al Maghazi camp.
- **21 July:** A 21 year-old Palestinian man died of wounds he sustained on 20 July during an IDF operation in Al Maghazi camp.
- **21 July:** An 18 year-old Palestinian was injured when an IDF artillery shell struck a house in Ma'an village east of Khan Younis.
- **22 July:** An 11 year-old Palestinian boy was injured when an IDF artillery shell struck near him south of As Shoka near Rafah.
- **23 July:** A 42 year-old Palestinian was injured when the IDF opened fire in the direction of the former Erez Industrial Zone north of Beit Lahia.
- **23 July:** Three Palestinian civilians (aged 14 and 30 (2) years) were killed and another 10 injured when an IDF artillery shell struck an apartment building north Beit Lahia.
- **24 July:** A 30 year-old Palestinian woman was injured when IDF troops opened fire in the direction of As Shoka area east of Rafah.
- **24 July:** A 12 year-old Palestinian boy was killed and another five injured when several IDF artillery shells struck an apartment building north of Beit Lahia.
- **24 July:** A mother (50 years old) and her 14 year-old son were killed and another three boys injured (aged between 12-19 years) when an IAF aircraft fired a rocket targeting their donkey-cart northwest of Beit Lahia.
- **24 July:** Two Palestinians were injured when an IAF aircraft fired a missile at a house in Gaza City.
- **24 July:** One Palestinian was injured when an IAF aircraft fired a missile at a house in Gaza City.
- **25 July:** Three Palestinians were injured when an IAF aircraft fired two missiles at house in Gaza City.
- **25 July:** A 28 year-old Palestinian died of his wounds sustained during an IDF operation in Al Maghazi camp on 19 July.
- **25 July:** Two Palestinians were injured when an IAF aircraft bombed a house southeast of Khan Younis.
- **25 July:** Two Palestinians were injured when two shells struck north of Sufa crossing in Khan Younis.
- **25 July:** Fifteen Palestinians were injured when an IAF aircraft fired a missile targeting a house Brazil quarter in Rafah.
- **25 July:** One Israeli was injured when two homemade rockets fired from south of Sufa crossing landed in a Kibbutz in western Negev.
- **25 July:** One Palestinian was injured as a result of IDF artillery shelling in northern Beit Lahia.
- **25 July:** Two Palestinians were injured when an IAF aircraft fired two rockets at the open area in Abbasan east of Khan Younis.
- **25 July:** A 12 year-old Palestinian boy was killed and three injured when the IDF opened fire towards Palestinian houses east of Al Qarara area in Khan Younis.

- **25 July:** Two Palestinians were injured when an IAF aircraft fired two missiles targeting a house in Rafah.

West Bank:

- **19 July:** Five Palestinian males were killed in Nablus city (Nablus) during a military operation when the IDF surrounded the Palestinian Security Forces compound (Al Muqataá). Three of the Palestinians (aged 22 (2) and 23 years from Balata camp) were killed inside the Al Muqataá, one Palestinian (aged 36 years from Jericho) was killed outside the compound and a fifth Palestinian (aged 22 years from Nablus) was killed during armed confrontations in the area. Throughout the day confrontations took place near Al Muqataá between the IDF and Palestinian stone throwers. 43 Palestinians were injured; eight by live ammunition (aged 17(3), 22, 23, 24, 27 and 36) and 35 by rubber-coated metal bullets (21 of which under the age of 18). Others were reported to suffer from tear gas inhalation.
- **19 July:** A 19 year-old Palestinian female from Salfit was injured near Huwwara checkpoint (Nablus) when an Israeli settler ran her over.
- **20 July:** Throughout the day more confrontations took place near Al Muqataá (Nablus) between the IDF and Palestinian stone throwers. 22 Palestinians were injured; one by live ammunition (aged 17 years), two by shrapnel (aged 13 and 24 years) and 19 by rubber-coated metal bullets (seven of who were under the age of 18 years).
- **20 July:** A 16 year-old Palestinian male was injured by live ammunition in Ánabta (Tulkarm) when the IDF opened fire at Palestinian stone throwers during a search and arrest campaign.
- **21 July:** For a third day in a row, confrontations took place near Al Muqataá (Nablus) between the IDF and Palestinian stone throwers. 51 Palestinians were injured; 11 by live ammunition (aged 15, 16(2), 17(2), 18, 21(2), 24, 33, 34, years), six by shrapnel (aged 3, 12(2), 15, 26 and 27 years) and 34 by rubber coated metal bullets (11 under the age of 18). Others were reported to suffer from tear gas inhalation.
- **21 July:** A 40 year-old Palestinian male nurse was killed inside his house in Nablus near Al Muqataá. A piece of concrete hit him inside his house when the IDF used explosive devices and tank rounds to demolish the Al Muqataá.
- **21 July:** One Israeli settler was injured on Road 55 near Ázzun (Qalqiliya) when Palestinians stoned his vehicle passing on the road.
- **21 July:** Palestinians, Israeli and international peace activists demonstrated against the Barrier construction in Bil'in. The IDF fired tear gas canisters at the demonstrators. No serious injuries were reported and no injuries from this incident are included in the reporting period total.
- **22 July:** A 15 year-old Palestinian male from Áskar camp was injured by live ammunition near Huwwara checkpoint (Nablus) when the IDF opened fire at Palestinians near the checkpoint.
- **22 July:** A 31 year-old Palestinian male from Huwwara village (Nablus) was physically assaulted by the IDF on Road 60.
- **22 July:** The IDF physically assaulted and injured one elderly Palestinian woman and two males during a house search campaign in Az Zubeidat village (Tubas).
- **23 July:** A 36 year-old Palestinian male was physically assaulted by IDF at a flying checkpoint near Bet Lid on Road 57.

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.]

- **24 July:** A 27 year-old Palestinian was killed in Al Nuseirat camp. The motive behind the incident is unknown.
- **24 July:** Two Palestinians were injured in an exchange of fire between two groups of militants in Khan Younis.

3. [Shelter and Property](#)

Date	Location, Governorate	Structures demolished	Structures damaged	People displaced / affected
19, 20 & 21 July 06	Nablus city/ Nablus	2	Unknown number	0

21 July	Beit Hanoun, Gaza North	-	1	N/A
21 July	Ma'an Area, Khan Younis	-	1	N/A
24 July	Beach camp, Gaza City	-	1	N/A
24 July	Gaza City	-	1	N/A
25 July	Beit Hanoun, Gaza North	1	-	NA
25 July	Gaza City	1	1	N/A
25 July	Khan Younis	3	2	Six families
25 July	Barazil Area, Rafah	1	-	N/A
19-21 July	Al Maghazi camp, Gaza Middle	7	76 houses	NA
19-21 July	Al Maghazi camp, Gaza Middle	-	3	NA
25 July	Rafah	1	-	NA
Total Week		16	86	Six families+

- **19, 20 and 21 July:** Over three consecutive days the IDF demolished most of the Palestinian Security Forces compound (Al Muqataá) in Nablus city (Nablus), which included the buildings of the Preventive Security Forces, the offices of the Ministry of Interior, the Police station, the military health clinic and the Jail. The IDF also demolished the veterinary department building near the Al Muqataá. The IDF fired tank rounds, used bulldozers and explosive devices which caused extensive damage to many houses in the area. Many vehicles were also destroyed inside and outside the compound.
- **21 July:** One Palestinian house was damaged when it was struck by an IDF artillery shell at open east of Beit Hanoun (Gaza Strip).
- **21 July:** One Palestinian house was damaged when it was hit by an IDF artillery shell at Ma'an village east of Khan Younis (Gaza Strip).
- **23 July:** The IDF issued five demolition orders in the Palestinian village of Khallet Zakariya, Bethlehem Governorate. Three issued orders were for inhabited houses while the other two were for animal pens.
- **24 July:** A three-storey house was severely damaged when it was hit by three missile fired from an IAF aircraft in Beach camp in Gaza City (Gaza Strip).
- **24 July:** One house was partially damaged when it was hit by an IAF aircraft missile in Gaza City (Gaza Strip).
- **25 July:** A Palestinian security base was completely destroyed when it was hit by an IDF artillery shell east of Beit Hanoun (Gaza Strip).
- **25 July:** A two-storey house was demolished when it was struck by two missiles fired from an IAF aircraft in Gaza City (Gaza Strip).
- **25 July:** A three-storey house accommodating six families was demolished when it was struck by IAF missiles southeast of Khan Younis (Gaza Strip). Two nearby houses were damaged.
- **25 July:** One house was demolished when it was struck by an IAF aircraft a missile Brazil quarter in Rafah (Gaza Strip).
- **19-21 July:** Five Palestinian houses and two chicken farms were completely demolished and another 76 were partially damaged by IDF (Gaza Strip).
- **19-21 July:** Dozens of bullet holes were visible in the UNRWA Maghazi Elementary and Preparatory schools and windows were broken in a nearby UNRWA health centre (Gaza Strip).
- **25 July:** One house was demolished when it was hit by two missiles fire by an IAF aircraft in Rafah (Gaza Strip).

Other related incidents:

- **19 July:** The IDF occupied one house in Ázzun (Qalqiliya) for 12 hours and converted it into a military post. The family was held in one room.
- **19, 20 and 21 July:** The IDF occupied the building of the Ministry of Health in Nablus city (Nablus), converted it into a military base and used it as an interrogation centre during the military operation in Al Muqataá. The IDF caused damage to computers, windows and doors of the building.
- **19, 20 and 21 July:** The IDF occupied several buildings around the Muqataá in Nablus city (Nablus) and converted them into military posts.
- **19-21 July:** The IDF occupied several Palestinian houses east of Al Maghazi camp and used them as sniper positions.

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:

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.

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:

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. Four lanes have been created and paved so far.
- 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.
- Construction of the concrete Barrier continued near the Beit Jala junction from Road 60.

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

Hebron Governorate:

19 July: Land levelling for the construction of a new section of the Barrier has started in the planned bubble located around the settlement of Eshkolot.

25 July: Settler from the outpost of Mor Farm, located close to the settlement of Tene opened fire towards Palestinian shepherds from the town of Adh Dhahiriya killing two of the sheep. The settlers called the Israeli Border Police who detained two of the Palestinian shepherds.

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.
- Construction of the road barrier continued along Road 317. 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'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.
- Construction of an Israeli Police Station in E1 (or East 1), an area north of Maale Adumim and Road 1 in Jerusalem district and the West Bank is ongoing.

Jericho Governorate:

No incidents to report.

Gaza Strip:

19 July: Six IDF tanks and four bulldozers entered about 800m into the Palestinian area northeast of Rafah. The bulldozers uprooted olive trees, almond trees and farmland.

19 July: IDF tanks and bulldozers entered into As Shoka area northeast of Rafah. The bulldozers uprooted olive trees, almond trees and farmland.

19-21 July: 200 dunums of olive, palm and almond trees were leveled by IDF bulldozers in Al Maghazi camp.

25 July: Five IDF tanks and two bulldozers entered into the Palestinian area east of Maghazi camp. The bulldozers levelled and excavated farm land. No assessment of extent of the damage has been undertaken to date.

25 July: Six IDF tanks and two bulldozers entered into Al Faraheen area east of Khan Younis. The bulldozers uprooted trees and farmland. No assessment of extent of the damage has been undertaken to date.

5. Access and Movement for Civilians**a) Curfew**

Date	Location, Governorate	Duration
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22 July	Az Zubeidat, Tubas	7
22 July	Marj Al Ghazal	7
Total Week		14 hours

- **22 July:** The IDF imposed a curfew in Az Zubeidat and Marj Al Ghazal villages between 5am and 2pm (7 hours) following the burning of tyres on Road 90. The IDF carried out houses searches in the two villages. No arrests were reported however, three Palestinians including an old woman were physically assaulted by the soldiers.

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.

Gaza Strip:

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. Critical medical cases with prior coordination had been allowed access.

West Bank:

Since 20 July the IDF imposed a total external closure on the West Bank due to a high security alert. All checkpoints leading into Israel are closed for Palestinian workers and traders with West Bank ID cards holding valid Israeli permits except special categories of permits including critical medical cases and UN and international organisation staff.

d) Closures/movement restrictions

Nablus Governorate:

19 – 21 July. All roads around the Al Maqataá were closed with earth mounds during the military operation. Nablus municipality opened the roads after the IDF left.

19 July to date: All Palestinians males from Nablus, Jenin and Tulkarm between the ages of 16 – 35 years are prevented from heading south through all permanent, semi-permanent and flying checkpoints in the northern West Bank unless they have permits.

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 16th 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.

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.

Tubas Governorate:

25 July: The IDF closed the road between Bala' and Iktaba with an earth mound.

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:

22 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 earth mounds the dirt roads connecting Deir al Ghusun with the refuse collection 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:

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:

19 July: The IDF erected a roadblock between Yabrud and Silwad. To travel to Ramallah, villagers are forced to take a very long detour via At Tayba checkpoint and then to Qalandiya. Along this route delays at flying checkpoints are frequent.

19 July: The IDF blocked the gate at the only access road to Umm Safa village. Palestinians from Umm Safa and Deir As Sudan were obliged to take the long road via 'Ajjul and then Atara checkpoint. The gate was re-opened on the 20 July.

Bethlehem Governorate:

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 refuse 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:

24 July: IDF soldiers present in the Tel Rumeida area prevented Israeli activists from reaching a Palestinian family located beyond the Tel Rumeida settlement. The activists were forced to use the long road leading to the house.

24 July: The IDF reinforced the closures along by-pass roads 60 and 317.

Ongoing incidents:

- The only entry point to the Palestinian community of At Tuwani was blocked by four cement blocks. The entry point was blocked on 13 July 2006.

Jerusalem Governorate:

19 July: The IDF has blocked the entrance of Jaba village from Road 60, by filling the entrance of the underpass into the village with concrete. The only access to the village is now via Ar Ram.

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

During the reporting period: Barrier construction near Ar Ram checkpoint between Dahiyet Al Bareed and Atarot is ongoing. Detours through the neighborhoods of Ar Ram and Dahiyet Al Bareed due to construction are experienced on a daily basis.

During the reporting period: Long delays at Yitav checkpoint have been reported on daily basis for Palestinians travelling between Jericho and Ramallah and for those travelling to 'Al Auja and north.

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 and 19 July for arrivals only to allow of the passage of 5,178 Palestinians trapped on the Egyptian side of the border since 25 June.
- Karni crossing was periodically closed since 21 July (closed on 22 and 23 July; until 3:15pm on 24 July, and on 25 July).
- Kerem Shalom and Sufa (previously closed since 21 June) crossings remain closed during the reporting period.
- Erez crossing was frequently closed following an attack by Palestinian militants on 23 July (closed between 11:30am-5:30pm on 23 July; all day on 24 July; and 11:30am-3pm on 25 July).
- Nahal Oz energy pipelines remained open for the import of fuel from Israel.

Palestinian Security Forces were told to leave their positions along the border east of Al Maghazi camp as the IDF declared these areas closed military zones.

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 (3)	4
Jenin	Sanur (6), 'Arraba (7), Az Zababida (4), Qabatiya (2), Meithalun (1), Ash Shuhada (1), Mirka (1), Kufeirt (1), Fahma (1), Al mansura (1), Bir al Basha (1)	26
Tubas	Tubas city (1), Aqqaba (1) Wadi al Fará (1)	3
Tulkarm	Tulkarm city (1), Átil (5), Deir al Ghusun (2), Íllar (1), Balá (1), Kafr Sur (1), Baqa ash Sharqiya (1), Beit Lid (1), Al Jarushiya (1)	13
Qalqiliya	Entrance Qalqiliya – DCO (7), 'Azzun (7), Hajja (4), Kur (1), An Nabi Elyas (1), Habla tunnel (1), Kafr Qaddum (1) Wadi Qana (1), Izbat at Tabib (4) Jayyus (1), Ras Átiya (1), Kafr Thulth (1), Ázzun tunnel (1), Jinsafut (1).	32
Salfit	Salfit city (2) Deir Istiya (2) Bruqin (1), Kafr ad Dik (1), Iskaka (1), Marda (2) Kifl Haris (1), Haris (1), Az Zawiya tunnel (1), Qarawat Bani Hassan (4)	16
Ramallah and Al Bireh	No flying checkpoints observed	0
Jerusalem	Old city of Jerusalem (13), Hizma (2) and Ar Ram (5)	20
Jericho	Al Mu'rrajat road (2), Rroad one (4), Ar Ram (4)	10
Bethlehem	Al 'Ubeidiya (4), Za'tara (1), Bethlehem city (4), 'Ayda refuge camp (4), Al Khadr (2), Dar Salah (1), Beit Jala (3), Al 'Aza refugee camp (3), Ad Duheisha (3), Beit Sahur (3), Tuqu (2).	30
Hebron	Yatta (3), Beit Ummar (2), Bani Na'im (3), Dura (3), Hebron city - H1(4), Halhul (3), Al Arrub refugee camp (4), Ad Dhahiriya (2), Ar Ramadin (2), Sa'ir (2), Ash Shuyukh (1), Surif (2) .	31
Total West Bank		185

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 (4), Áskar RC (1), Asira ash Shamaliya (1), Yasid (1), Jamma'in (1), Beit Iba CP	8	23
Jenin	Jenin city (6), Jenin RC (3), Qabatiya (1), Sanur (1), Ya'bad (1), Az Zababida flying CP, Arraba flying CP.	12	9
Tubas	Tubas (1)	1	-
Tulkarm	Tulkarm city (4), Ánabta (2) Tulkarm RC (2), Nur Shams RC (2), Iktaba (1), Átil (1), Shweika (1), Balá (1)	14	3
Qalqiliya	'Azzun (3), Qalqiliya city (5), Kafr Qaddum (1), Jayyus (1)	10	2
Salfit	Salfit (2), Bruqin (1), Deir Istiya (1), Haris (3), Marda (1)	8	4
Ramallah/Al Bireh	Ramallah(4), Beir Zeit (2), Al Amari refugee camp(1)	7	13
Jerusalem	Jerusalem city (1)	1	5
Jericho	Jericho city (1)	1	0
Bethlehem	Beit Sahur (3), Al 'Aza refugee camp (3), Dar Salah (2), Al 'Ubeidiya (2), 'Ayda refuge camp (1), Al Khadr (4), Beit Jala (3), Za'atara (1), Bethlehem (4), ad Duheisha Camp (2), Tuqu (2), Ash Shawawreh (1)	28	10
Hebron	Hebron City (4), Beit Ummar (3), Al 'Arrub Camp (2), Idhna (1), Dura (3), Tarqumiya (1), Beit Awwa (2), Beit Ula (2), Surif (3), Yatta (3), Adh Dhahiriya (4), Sa'ir (3).	31	20
Total Week West Bank		121	89
Gaza Strip	Erez Industrial Zone (1)	1	15
Total Week oPt		122	104

Appendix: Checkpoints: 19 - 25 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. Since 20 July, closed for all Palestinians with valid permits except for critical medical cases.
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. Since 20 July, closed for all Palestinians with valid permits except for critical medical cases.
Kafriat Tunnel	The checkpoint is controlling all traffic heading south from Tulkarm including residents of Jenin. Long queue and delays were reported. Palestinian males from Tulkarm and Jenin governorates between 16 – 35 years are not allowed to exit Tulkarm unless they have special permits.
‘Anabta	A checkpoint on the eastern entrance of Tulkarm on Road 57. Manned daily during the reporting period. Long queue and delays were reported. Palestinian males from Tulkarm and Jenin governorates between 16 – 35 years are not allowed to exit Tulkarm unless they have special permits.
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. Since 20 July, closed for all Palestinians with valid permits except for critical medical cases.
Qalqiliya North	Open between 4am and 7pm Sunday to Thursday and from 4am and 12am on Fridays for Palestinian permit holders. Since 20 July, closed for all Palestinians with valid permits except for critical medical cases.
Jit junction partial checkpoint	Partial checkpoint at the key junction connecting the governorates of Nablus, Qalqiliya and Tulkarm. Palestinian males from Nablus, Tulkarm and Jenin governorates aged between 16 – 35 years are not allowed to head south unless they have special permits.
Salfit:	
Deir Ballut	Open between 6am and 6pm. The checkpoint controls movement between Ramallah and the villages in the western part of Salfit governorate. Palestinian males from Nablus, Tulkarm and Jenin governorates aged between 16 – 35 years are not allowed to head south unless they have special permits.
Kafr Qasem (Road 5)	Open 24 hours for UN and international organisations and Palestinians with permits. Since 20 July, closed for all Palestinians with valid permits except for critical medical cases.
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. Long delays and queues were reported.
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. Long delays and queues were reported.
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. Since 20 July, closed for all Palestinians with valid permits except for critical medical cases.
Imreiha (Reikhan) Main gate to the Barta'a ash-Sharqiya/ Umm ar Riham 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/AI 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	Delays were experienced on a daily basis. During rush hours, commuters reported delays reaching up to an hour.
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'ayem 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 (taxi 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 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 they reside in areas falling within the Israeli Jerusalem Municipal boundaries. Since 19 July, Palestinians holding valid permits were not allowed access to Israel through this checkpoint.
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. Incidents of harassment and denial of access were reported during the reporting period.
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	Manned by the Israeli Border Police. Crossing along Road 354 only for humanitarian organisations and critical service providers. Water tankers associated with Action Against Hunger use the checkpoint to reach targeted communities. .
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. Since 19 July, Palestinians holding valid work permits were not allowed access to Israel.
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. Since 19 July, Palestinians holding valid work permits were not allowed access to Israel.
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 Ibrahim 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	The checkpoint is closed to Palestinians heading in the direction of Shohada Street and a new gate has been installed across the road

Romano	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" Halhul - Sa'ir Junction on road 60	Partial checkpoint at the entrance to Halhul, monitored by the nearby 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 workers since 12 March. 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. Closed between 11:30am-5:30pm on 23 July; all day on 24 July; 11:30am-3pm on 25 July.
Rafah Passenger Terminal	Closed between 25 June – 17 July. Reopened on 18 and 19 July for arrivals only and 5,198 passengers crossed.
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/Al 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	Karni crossing has been periodically closed since 21 July (closed on 22 and 23 July; until 3:15pm on 24 July; and on 25 July).
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.