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Protection of Civilians – Weekly Briefing Notes

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Of note this week

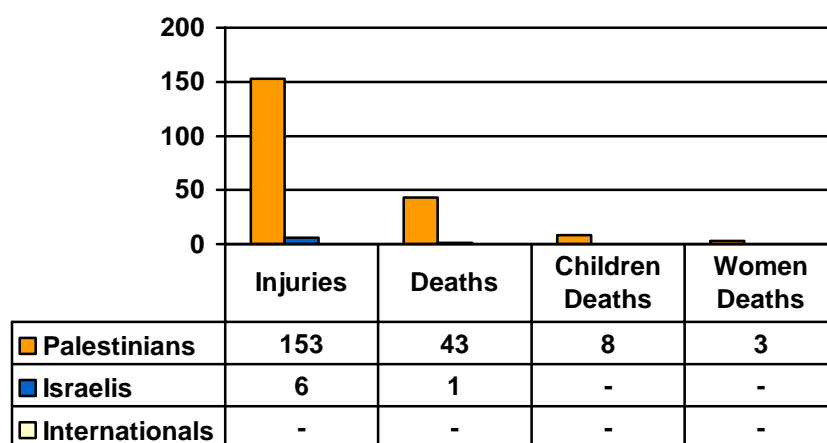
In the Gaza Strip:

- 37 Palestinians were killed (including seven children and three women) and 130 injured during continued IDF military operations. Of these casualties, nine were killed in their homes by IDF artillery shelling, IAF air strikes or during incursions.
- Between 26 – 28 July, an IDF incursion into eastern Gaza City killed 24 Palestinians and injured 97. On 1 August, IDF soldiers entered about 1.5km into the Palestinian area east of Rafah.
- Palestinian militants fired approximately 71 homemade rockets towards Israel (Sderot and western Negev) injuring three Israelis, including two children. More than 1,050 artillery shells were fired by the IDF during the week (compared to 639 the previous week).
- UNRWA provided shelter in four UNRWA schools to 1,553 Palestinians (273 families fleeing the continued IDF shelling in the northern areas).
- The IDF has continued to call Palestinians by phone warning them to leave their homes before launching air strikes which demolished six houses. A further six Palestinian homes and workshops were demolished during IAF air strikes without prior warning. The IAF air strike on the Gazan power plant continues to negatively impact water and electricity services across the Gaza Strip.
- Karni crossing and the Nahal Oz pipelines were closed for three days during the reporting period. Erez crossing opening hours were restricted for diplomats, humanitarian workers and critical (life-saving) medical referrals. Rafah crossing remained closed to exit and enter the Gaza Strip including those seeking medical treatment abroad.
- The UNSCO compound in Gaza city and the OCHA Gaza Field Coordination Unit office were substantially damaged during a demonstration by an estimated 5,000 people voicing anti-UN sentiments following a protest of the Qana bombing in Lebanon.

In the West Bank:

- Since 31 July, the IDF has imposed a total closure on the West Bank preventing Palestinians with valid Israeli permits from entering Israel with limited exceptions.
- The number of flying (random) checkpoints observed increased dramatically during the reporting period to 260 (compared to 185 in the previous week).
- Peaceful demonstrations were held in West Bank cities to protest against the ongoing situation in Lebanon.

1. Physical Protection



Gaza Strip:

- Palestinian militants have fired approximately 71 homemade rockets towards Israel (Sderot and western Negev).
- 1,050 artillery shells were fired by the IDF into the northern Gaza Strip and the IAF conducted 14 air strikes throughout the Gaza Strip.
- During the week, Israeli naval vessels off the Gaza Strip continued to prevent Palestinians from fishing along the coastline (since 25 June) and opened fire on two occasions towards the shore.
- **26 July:** A Palestinian was injured when an artillery shell fired by the IDF landed in northern Beit Lahia.
- **26 July:** A Palestinian was injured when an artillery shell fired by the IDF landed in eastern Beit Hanoun.
- **26 July:** 13 Palestinians were killed including a three year-old girl and another 40 injured in armed clashes with IDF soldiers in eastern Gaza City.
- **27 July:** A Palestinian was injured when an artillery shell fired by the IDF landed inside the agricultural school north of Beit Hanoun.
- **27 July:** Five Palestinians from the same family were injured when an artillery shell fired by the IDF struck their house northeast of Beit Hanoun.
- **26 July:** A 20 year-old intellectually disabled man was killed when the IDF opened fire in the former Dugit settlement north of Beit Lahia.
- **26 July:** A 33 year-old Palestinian mother and her two daughters (aged one and five years) were killed when an artillery shell fired by the IDF struck their house east of Jabalia camp. Two other daughters were injured, including one in serious condition.
- **27 July:** A 60 year-old Palestinian woman was killed when an artillery shell fired by IDF struck her house east of Jabalia camp. Two others persons were injured.
- **27 July:** Eight Palestinians (aged 18, 20, 22, 24, 25/2, 32 and 45 years) were killed in armed clashes with IDF soldiers and during IAF air strikes in eastern Gaza City. Another 44 Palestinians were injured.
- **27 July:** A 15 year-old Palestinian boy was killed when an artillery shell fired by the IDF landed in eastern Beit Hanoun.
- **27 July:** A 12 year-old Palestinian boy was killed at home when IDF soldiers opened fire toward his house east of Jabalia camp.
- **28 July:** Three Palestinians (aged 19, 22 and 25) were killed in armed clashes with IDF soldiers in eastern Gaza City. Thirteen other Palestinians were injured.
- **28 July:** Two Israeli children were injured when a homemade rocket fired from the north of Beit Lahia landed in the southern Israeli city of Ashkelon.
- **28 July:** A 42 year-old Palestinian was killed when a missile fired by an IAF aircraft hit his house in the Bedouin village north of Beit Lahia.
- **28 July:** A Palestinian was injured when an artillery shell fired by the IDF landed north-east of Beit Lahia.
- **29 July:** Five Palestinians were injured when an artillery shell fired by the IDF struck their house north-east of Beit Hanoun.
- **29 July:** A 20 year-old Palestinian was killed when IDF soldiers stationed at the border fence with Israel opened fire towards eastern Abbasan, east of Khan Younis.
- **29 July:** Two Palestinians were injured when the IDF fired at least five artillery shells towards Al Shouka village, east of Rafah.

- **29 July:** A Palestinian was injured when IDF soldiers opened fire west of Sufa crossing, east of Khan Younis.
- **30 July:** A 25 year-old Palestinian died of wounds sustained during an IDF incursion into Beit Hanoun on 17 July.
- **30 July:** An Israeli was injured when a homemade rocket fired from Beit Hanoun hit the Israeli southern town of Sderot.
- **30 July:** Two Palestinians were injured when an IAF aircraft fired a missile at a house north of Gaza City.
- **31 July:** A 17 year-old Palestinian was killed when an artillery shell fired by the IDF struck his house east of Beit Hanoun. A four year-old child was also injured.
- **31 July:** A 21 year-old Palestinian died of wounds sustained during an IDF incursion into the Maghazi camp on 19 July.
- **30 July:** A Palestinian was injured when an IDF tank opened fire towards the Al Shouka area east Rafah.
- **1 August:** A Palestinian was injured when the IDF opened fire in the direction of the Al Shouka area in Rafah.
- **1 August:** A 24 year-old Palestinian woman and 14 year-old boy were killed when a missile fired by an IAF aircraft hit Al Nada apartment blocks east of Beit Lahia. Four other injuries were reported.

West Bank:

- **26 July:** A 60 year-old Palestinian man died at Ázzun north entrance (Qalqiliya) when IDF soldiers at a flying checkpoint at the junction with Road 55 denied him access to cross this junction on foot when he was trying to reach nearby Qalqiliya hospital. The IDF had previously closed this entrance to Azzun with road blocks preventing vehicle access.
- **26 July:** An IDF soldier was injured on Road 505 near Ariel settlement (Salfit) when Palestinians stoned his vehicle passing on the road.
- **26 July:** An 18 year-old Palestinian man died in an Israeli hospital after the IDF opened fire towards him in Kafr Qaddum (Qalqiliya) when he tried to escape after he was arrested with a group of Palestinians during a search and arrest campaign.
- **26 July:** A 21 year-old Palestinian man from Bizzariya (Nablus) was physically assaulted by the IDF at a flying checkpoint on Road 60 near the village.
- **26 July:** The IDF opened fire at a Palestinian vehicle near Deir Abu Masha'l village (Ramallah) around midnight. One Palestinian child and three men were injured.
- **26 July:** A 52 year-old Palestinian man from Husan village (Bethlehem) was shot in the face by an Israeli settler from the Gush 'Etzion settlement block while trying to cross the street near his village.
- **27 July:** During a military operation in Jenin camp (Jenin), a confrontation took place between the IDF and Palestinian stone throwers. Eleven Palestinians were injured; five by live ammunition (aged 13, 14/2, 15 and 18), five by rubber-coated metal bullets (all under the age of 16 years) and a 51 year-old woman was injured by shrapnel.
- **27 July:** An Israeli settler was found dead and burnt in his vehicle on the road between Baqat al Hatab and Kafr Ábbush (Qalqiliya). The circumstances surrounding this incident remain unclear.
- **27 July:** A 17 year-old Palestinian male from Áskar camp (Nablus) died in a Jordanian hospital from injuries sustained on 21 July near the Palestinian Security Forces compound (Al Muqataá) in Nablus city during confrontations with the IDF.
- **27 July:** At around 8pm, an exchange of fire occurred between a Palestinian and the Israeli Border Police near Jabal Al Mukabbir checkpoint (Jerusalem). Two Border Police were injured and the Palestinian man was shot and killed.
- **28 July:** Palestinians, Israeli and international peace activists demonstrated against the construction of the Barrier in Bil'in (Ramallah). The IDF fired tear gas canisters at the demonstrators and several cases of tear gas inhalation were reported. These injuries are not included in the above weekly total.
- **29 July:** Two Palestinian males (aged 22 and 29 years) were shot dead in Nablus Old City by an IDF undercover unit.
- **29 July:** A 20 year-old Palestinian man and his 23 year-old brother from Dura (Hebron) were physically assaulted by Israeli Border Police patrolling Ar Ramadin area, south of Adh Dhahiriya town.
- **29 July:** A 42 year-old Palestinian man from Dura (Hebron) was physically assaulted by a group of Israeli Border Police manning Ar Ramadin checkpoint.
- **29 July:** A 22 year-old Palestinian man from the H2 section of Hebron city (Hebron) was beaten by a group of settlers in the Tel Rumeida neighbourhood. He was later arrested by the Israeli police and released after paying a NIS 1,000 fine.

- **30 July:** A 24 year-old Palestinian male was physically assaulted by the IDF at a flying checkpoint near Talluza (Nablus).
- **30 July:** A 45 year-old Palestinian male was injured inside his house by live ammunition in Jenin city (Jenin) when the IDF opened fire at Palestinian stone throwers during a search campaign.

2. Palestinian internal violence (Gaza Strip)

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

- **26 July:** A 22 year-old Palestinian was killed when an exchange of fire erupted between a group of gunmen and PA Security Forces in Rafah.
- **29 July:** A 47 year-old Palestinian was killed in an armed family dispute in Khan Younis.
- **30 July:** A member of the Palestinian Preventive Security Forces was injured when unknown armed men opened fire at him in Khan Younis.
- **31 July:** A member of the Palestinian Preventive Security Forces was injured when a group of unknown armed men opened fire at him in Bani Sohaila village east of Khan Younis.

3. Shelter and Property

Date	Location, Governorate	Structures demolished	Structures damaged	People displaced / affected
26 July	Kfar Qaddum, Qalqiliya	-	1	9
26 - 27 July	Jabalia, Gaza Strip	5	3	NA
27 July	Gaza City, Gaza Strip	-	1	NA
27 – 30 July	Beit Hanoun, Gaza Strip	2	5	NA
28 July	Khan Younis, Gaza Strip	1	2	-
28 July	Beit Lahia, Gaza Strip	1	-	NA
29 July	Rafah, Gaza Strip	1	-	NA
30 July	Gaza City, Gaza Strip	1	-	NA
30 July	Beit Lahia, Gaza Strip	1	-	NA
31 July	Gaza City, Gaza Strip	1	-	-
1 August	Beit Lahia, Gaza Strip	-	1	-
Total Week		13	13	9+

Gaza Strip:

- **26 July:** A Palestinian house was demolished when it was hit by two rockets fired by an IAF helicopter west of Jabalia camp. The family was warned by telephone to evacuate their home by the IDF before the air strike took place.
- **26 July:** A Palestinian house was demolished when it was hit by artillery shells fired by the IDF east of Jabalia camp.
- **26 July:** A Palestinian house was damaged when it was hit by a rocket fired by an IAF helicopter in Jabalia camp. On 27 July, the house was targeted again by the IAF and demolished.
- **26 July:** A Palestinian house was demolished when it was hit by an IAF aircraft missile east of Jabalia camp. Several nearby houses were damaged as a result of the air strike. The family was warned by telephone to evacuate their home by the IDF before the air strike took place.
- **27 July:** A Palestinian house was damaged when it was hit by three IAF rockets in Gaza City. The family was warned to evacuate their home by the IDF before the air strike took place.
- **27 July:** A Palestinian house was demolished when it was hit by rockets fired by the IAF west of Jabalia camp. The family was warned to evacuate their home by the IDF before the air strike took place.
- **27 July:** A Palestinian house was damaged when it was hit by two artillery shells fired by the IDF north-east Beit Hanoun.

- **27 July:** The Beit Hanoun agricultural school was damaged by an artillery shell fired by the IDF that landed inside the school.
- **27 July:** A Palestinian house was damaged by an artillery shell fired by the IDF east of Jabalia camp.
- **28 July:** An uninhabited Palestinian house was demolished when an IAF helicopter hit it north of Beit Hanoun.
- **28 July:** A house was demolished when an IAF aircraft missile hit the Bedouin village north of Beit Lahia.
- **28 July:** A metal workshop was demolished by an IAF aircraft missile in Khan Younis. Several nearby houses were damaged.
- **29 July:** Three houses were damaged when several artillery shells fired by the IDF landed north east of Beit Hanoun.
- **29 July:** A house was demolished when an IAF aircraft fired a missile towards Rafah.
- **30 July:** A Palestinian house was demolished by an IAF missile strike in Beit Hanoun. The family was warned to evacuate their home by the IDF before the air strike took place.
- **30 July:** A house was demolished by an aircraft missile in Beit Lahia. The family was warned to evacuate their home by the IDF before the air strike took place.
- **30 July:** A house was demolished by an IAF aircraft missile in the Saftawi area, north of Gaza City. The family was warned to evacuate their home by the IDF before the air strike took place.
- **31 July:** A shop was demolished when an IAF helicopter missile hit Gaza City.
- **1 August:** An apartment building in the Al Nada housing project was damaged by an IDF artillery shell east of Beit Lahia.

West Bank:

- **26 July:** The IDF damaged a Palestinian house in Kafr Qaddum (Qalqiliya) home to nine persons. The IDF were reportedly searching for wanted Palestinians.

Other related incidents:

- **26-28 July:** The IDF occupied several Palestinian houses east of Gaza City (Gaza Strip) and used them as sniper positions during a three day long military incursion in the area.
- **28 July:** The main transformer for the Gaza North Governorate was hit by an artillery shell fired by the IDF causing a power outage.
- **30 July:** The IDF issued demolition orders for five structures in the south Yatta area (Hebron); three orders were issued in the village of Ad Deirat against populated houses, a demolition order for an inhabited house was issued in the village of Ar Rifa'iyya while an additional demolition order was issued against an inhabited house in the village of Imneizil.

4. [Natural Resources](#)

Land levelling/Requisitions/Tree Uprooting¹

Nablus Governorate:

Ongoing incidents:

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

Jenin Governorate:

26 July: The IDF issued military orders to cut down three rows of olive trees north of Road 585 near Ya'bad village.

Tubas Governorate:

No incidents to report.

Tulkarm Governorate:

Ongoing incidents:

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

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

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. Land levelling for the construction of the Barrier continued in the section of Road 60 between the Palestinian village of Al Khadr and Al Nashshash (southern entrance to Bethlehem).
- Paving continues on the side of Tunnels checkpoint to expand the site. Six 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 continues near the Beit Jala junction from Road 60.

Hebron Governorate:

Ongoing incidents:

- Barrier construction: construction of the Barrier continues 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 and has reached the main entrance of the Israeli settlement of Mas'on along Road 317.
- Construction of a road barrier between the Metarim Industrial Zone and the Israeli settlement of Tene along Roads 60 and 325 continues.
- Construction is ongoing for the agricultural terminal at Meitar checkpoint.

Jerusalem Governorate:

Ongoing incidents:

- Barrier construction: construction is ongoing 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. Barrier construction near Ar Ram checkpoint between Dahiyet Al Bareed and Atarot is ongoing. Detours through the neighbourhoods of Ar Ram and Dahiyet Al Bareed due to the construction are experienced on a daily basis.
- 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'ayyem 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:

27 - 28 July: IDF bulldozers uprooted dozens of dunums of olive and citrus trees in eastern Gaza City.

29 July: Four IDF tanks and two bulldozers entered about 800 metres into the Palestinian area west of Sufa crossing. The bulldozers uprooted olive and almond trees.

31 July: Two IDF tanks and a bulldozer entered about 100 metres into the Palestinian area east of Al Qarara and levelled land.

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

a) Curfew

No incidents to report.

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 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 who are married with children.

Gaza Strip:

External closure of the Gaza Strip continues with no Palestinian workers allowed access into Israel since 12 March.

West Bank:

For the second week in a row the IDF imposed a period of external closure on the West Bank due to a high security alert. From 31 July all checkpoints leading into Israel were closed for West Bank Palestinian workers and traders holding valid Israeli permits. The closure was exempted for special categories of permits including critical medical cases and UN and international organisation staff.

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.

d) Closures/movement restrictions

Throughout the **northern West Bank**, long queues were experienced at all permanent, semi-permanent and flying checkpoints. The IDF also denied access completely for Palestinians on a number of occasions and Palestinians were forced to use dirt roads and long detours to reach their homes and places of work. Since 19 July, all Palestinian males from Nablus, Jenin and Tulkarm between the ages of 16 – 35 years are prevented from heading south through all checkpoints.

Nablus Governorate:

29 July: The IDF closed Huwwara, Beit Iba and Zaatara checkpoints for four hours due to a high security alert.

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 a road block. The closure separates three villages (Talfit, Jalud and Qaryut) not connected to the water network from their only source of water.
- 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.
- 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:

29, 30 and 31 July: The IDF established a flying checkpoint near Wadi al Fara and closed Road 588 which connects Nablus and Tubas for several hours due to a high security alert in the area.

Ongoing incidents:

- The restrictions on Palestinian movement in and out of the Jordan Valley via Hamra, Tayasir and Efyriam checkpoints were lifted this week. Previously, the three checkpoints were closed for Palestinians between the ages of 16 to 30 years old. Only Palestinians with a Jordan Valley address on their ID cards are allowed access through these checkpoints.

Tulkarm Governorate:

26 and 27 July: The IDF closed Road 57 between Tulkarm and Nablus, Ánabta and Kafriat tunnel checkpoints for several hours due to a high security alert in the area.

30 July – 1 August: The IDF closed Ánabta checkpoint due to construction at the checkpoint.

Ongoing incidents:

- Since 25 July, the IDF continue to close the road between Bala' and Iktaba with an earth mound.
- 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 though 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:

29 July: The IDF closed the two entrances of Qalqiliya city for several hours (eastern entrance (DCO) and southern entrance (Habla tunnel)).

29 and 30 July: Settlers from Qarne Shmron settlement closed Road 55 between Nablus and Qalqiliya near Kafr Laqif for several hours and stoned Palestinian vehicles after an Israeli settler was found dead near Baqat al Hatab (Qalqiliya).

Ongoing incidents:

- Since 25 June, the main entrance to 'Izbat At Tabib villages has been closed by the IDF with an earth mound.
- Since 19 June, the main entrance to of 'Azzun village has been closed by the IDF 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:

31 July: Palestinians experienced long delays at a flying checkpoint erected by the IDF at the Ein Arik road throughout the day.

During the reporting period: Atara checkpoint was manned by the Israeli Border Police on a 24 hour basis. Delays of 30 minutes on average were reported during morning and evening rush hours.

Bethlehem Governorate:

Ongoing incidents:

- Israeli Border Police stationed on the entrance Khallet Nu'man continue to deny access for essential service providers (including gas and refuse trucks) to enter the village. Harassment of the Palestinian residents has also continued.
- 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:

Ongoing incidents:

- Since 13 July, the main entry point to the Palestinian community of At Tuwani is blocked by four cement blocks.

Jerusalem Governorate:

28 July: The IDF deployed flying checkpoints around the old city of Jerusalem and prevented all Palestinian males aged 45 years and younger 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.

Jericho Governorate/Jordan Valley:

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

During the reporting period: Age restrictions on Palestinians from the Jordan Valley area going through Ma'ali Efrayim, Hamra and Tayasir checkpoints were lifted. Only Palestinians with Jordan Valley addresses on their ID card are allowed access through these checkpoints.

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 has remained closed during the reporting period. It has been closed for regular movement since 25 June (although opened on 18 and 19 July to allow of the passage of 5,178 Palestinians trapped on the Egyptian side).
- Karni crossing was closed between 26-29 July and re-opened on 30 July for imports only. No exports have crossed since 23 June.

- Kerem Shalom and Sufa (previously closed since 21 June) crossings remain closed during the reporting period.
- Erez crossing was partially opened for the movement of diplomats, international humanitarian workers (non-diplomats require prior coordination with the IDF which is be granted on a case-by-case basis) and critical (life-saving) medical cases.
- Nahal Oz energy pipelines were closed between 27 – 29 July and re-opened on 30 July for the import of fuel from Israel.

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.

Reported flying (random) checkpoints – West Bank

Governorate	Location, # of flying checkpoints in brackets	Total # of flying checkpoints
Nablus	Áqraba (7), Jamma'in (1), Al Madina club on Road 60 (3), Till (1), As Sawiya (1), Deir Sharaf (2), Bizzariya (1) Talluza (6), Yasid (6), Beit Amin (6), Al Badhan (6)	40
Jenin	Sanur (7), 'Arraba (7), Az Zababida (6), Qabatiya (4), Meithalun (2), Kufeirt (1), Fahma (1), entrance of Jenin (2), Jaba (1) , Ájja (1), Silat adh Dhahar (1), Kufeirt (1) and Kafr Rai'(1)	35
Tubas	Tubas city (4), Tammun (3) Áqqaba (2), Wadi al Fará (6), Kashda (6)	21
Tulkarm	Tulkarm city (2), Áttil (6), Balá (3), Beit Lid (3), Farún (1).	15
Qalqiliya	Entrance Qalqiliya – DCO (7), 'Azzun (7), Hajja (4), An Nabi Elyas (2), Habla tunnel (2), Kafr Qaddum (1), Wadi Qana (7), Izbat at Tabib (3), Jayyus (2), Kur (1), Jinsafut (3).	39
Salfit	Salfit city (2), Deir Istiya (2), Bruqin (2), Marda (1), Kifl Haris (2), Haris (2), Az Zawiya tunnel (1), Qarawat Bani Hassan (4)	16
Ramallah and Al Bireh	Ein Arik (1)	1
Jerusalem	Old city of Jerusalem (9), Ar Ram (1), Abu Dis (10)	20
Jericho	No flying checkpoints observed	0
Bethlehem	Al 'Ubeidiya (4), Za'tara (2), Bethlehem city (4), 'Ayda refuge camp (4), Al Khadr (2), Dar Salah (4), Beit Jala (3), Al 'Aza refugee camp (3), Ad Duheisha (4), Beit Sahur (4), Tuqu (2)	36
Hebron	Yatta (4), Beit Ummar (4), Bani Na'im (3), Dura (3), Hebron city - H1(4), Halhul (4), Al Arrub refugee camp (4), Ad Dhahiriya (2), Ar Ramadin (2), Sa'ir (2), Ash Shuyukh (2), Surif (3) .	37
Total West Bank		260

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 (1), Asira ash Shamaliya (1), Beit Furik (1), Huwwara (1), Huwwara CP, Zaatara CP, Beit Iba CP.	10	21
Jenin	Jenin city (6), Jenin RC (6), Qabatiya (2), Arraba (1).	15	-
Tubas	Tubas (1), Tammun (1), El Fará camp (1), El Fará village flying CP	3	2
Tulkarm	Tulkarm city (4), Ánabta (3), Tulkarm RC (1), Nur Shams RC (2), Iktaba (1), Beit Lid (1), Shweika (1), Beit Lid flying CP	13	12
Qalqiliya	'Azzun (2), Qalqiliya city (7), Kafr Qaddum (2), Baqat al Hatab (1).	12	12
Salfit	Salfit (1), Bruqin (1), Deir Istiya (1), Biddya (1), Marda (1), Az Zawiya (1), Qarawat Bani Hassan (1).	7	-
Ramallah/Al Bireh	Ramallah (2), Al Amari refugee camp (1), Kafr Ni'ma (1), Beituniya (1), Shuqba (1), Beit Rima (1), Um Sharayet (1)	8	14
Jerusalem	Al 'Eizariya (2), Jerusalem	2	3
Jericho	Aqbat Jaber refugee camp (1)	1	1
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	7
Hebron	Hebron City (4), Beit Ummar (2), Al 'Arrub Camp (2), Idhna (1), Dura (1), Tarqumiya (1), Beit Awwa (2), Beit Ula (2), Surif (1), Yatta (2), Adh Dhahiriya (2), Sa'ir (3).	23	10
Total Week West Bank		122	82
Gaza Strip	No incidents to report	-	2
Total Week oPt		122	84

Appendix: Checkpoints: 26 July – 1 August 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 31 July, closed for all Palestinians with valid permits except for critical medical cases and staff of UN organisations.
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 31 July, closed for all Palestinians with valid permits except for critical medical cases and staff of UN organisations.
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 31 July, closed for all Palestinians with valid permits except for critical medical cases and staff of UN organisations.
Qalqiliya North	Open between 4am and 7pm Sunday to Thursday and from 4am and 12am on Fridays for Palestinian permit holders. Since 31 July, closed for all Palestinians with valid permits except for critical medical cases and staff of UN organisations.
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 31 July, closed for all Palestinians with valid permits except for critical medical cases and staff of UN organisations.
Nablus:	
Huwara 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	Open between 6am and 8pm for humanitarian organisations and

Western entrance, mainly for trade	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 31 July, closed for all Palestinians with valid permits except for critical medical cases and staff of UN organisations.
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/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.
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	Manned by the Israeli Border Police. Delays were experienced on a daily basis. During rush hours, commuters reported delays reaching up to an 30 minutes

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. Palestinians with West Bank IDs are no longer allowed regardless their possession of permits to enter Israel.
Rantis	Usually open for Jerusalem ID holders, foreign passport holders and Palestinians with permits to enter Israel.
Jerusalem:	
Hizma Eastern entrance of junction Road 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 including staff of international organisations.
Ar Ram Northern entrance on Road 60 north.	Open for internationals, diplomats, Palestinians with Jerusalem ID cards and have Beit 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	Closed. Access only for military and Barrier construction contractors.
Lazarus	Closed. Access only for military and Barrier construction contractors.
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. Delays were reported during rush hours.
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. The checkpoint has been moved to the junction south of the old location. Long delays for people travelling to Ramallah and those going to Al 'Auja have been experienced.
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 31 July, closed for all Palestinians with valid permits except for critical medical cases and staff of UN organisations. For the third consecutive Friday an age restriction has been applied for Palestinians wishing to enter 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. Since 31 July, closed for all Palestinians with valid permits except for critical medical cases and staff of UN organisations.
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 stopped using this checkpoint to reach targeted communities following on physical abused by members of the Border Police manning it.
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 not allowed to cross. Agricultural products were not allowed through. Since 31 July, closed for all Palestinians with valid permits except for critical medical cases and staff of UN organisations.
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 31 July, closed for all Palestinians with valid permits except for critical medical cases and staff of UN organisations.
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	Closed to Palestinians. During the reporting period, both Israeli

Access to area of Ibrahim Mosque	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" 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	<p>Closed for Palestinian workers since 12 March.</p> <p>26 July: Erez crossing was opened for internationals, NGOs and humanitarian cases from 09.00am – 12.00pm and from 4.30pm to 7.00pm</p> <p>27 July: Erez crossing was opened for internationals, NGOs and humanitarian cases from 08.00am – 12.00pm and from 3.00pm to 7.00pm</p> <p>28 July: Erez crossing was opened for internationals, NGOs and humanitarian cases from 08.30am – 11.30pm and from 3.30pm to 7.30pm.</p> <p>29 July: Erez was open for diplomats only and humanitarian cases from 10.30am – 1.00pm, exception was made for two UNICEF diplomats in the afternoon, otherwise the crossing was closed.</p> <p>30 July: Erez crossing was open for internationals, NGOs and humanitarian cases from 07.30am – 10.30am and from .00pm – 7.00pm.</p> <p>31 July: Erez crossing was open for internationals, and humanitarian cases from 08.00am – 5.00pm.</p> <p>1 August: Erez was closed all day for security reasons only humanitarian medical cases were allowed to leave.</p>
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Rafah Passenger Terminal	Closed all week
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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	Closed between 26 – 29 July. Open for imports only between 30 July – 1 August.
Kerem Shalom	Closed since 25 June.
Nahal Oz energy pipelines	Closed between 26 – 29 July. Open for the import of fuel between 30 July – 1 August.

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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.