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Protection of Civilians – Weekly Briefing Notes

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Of note this week

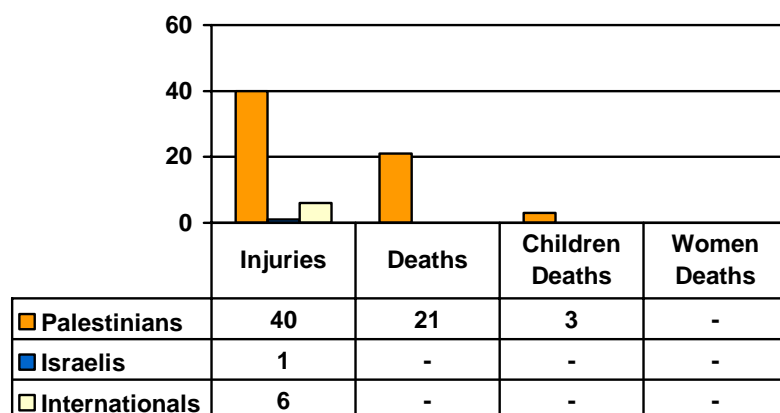
In the Gaza Strip:

- Palestinian civilians remain vulnerable as IDF artillery shelling and IAF missile attacks strike targets in populated areas. This week, 19 Palestinians were killed (including four children) and 30 injured.
- A three-day newborn was killed when she fell from her mother's hands who was fleeing shelling in Al- Shoka area south east of Rafah.
- UNRWA provided shelter to 67 families (450 people) who fled IDF shelling in the southern area of Al- Shoka and Al Tanour in Rafah. Four UNRWA schools are still providing shelter in Jabalia for 1,480 people (266 families) who have fled shelling in Beit Lahia and Beit Hanoun north of the Gaza Strip.
- The IDF fired more than 638 artillery shells into northern Gaza; the IAF conducted 9 air strikes throughout the Gaza Strip. At least 36 homemade rockets and several antitank missiles were fired by Palestinian militants from the Gaza Strip towards targets inside Israel.
- Three Palestinian houses were destroyed by Israeli air strikes, following telephone warnings by callers identifying themselves as the Israeli military. These calls have caused panic across Palestinian neighbourhoods.
- Gazans still receive on average between 6 – 8 hours of electricity per day and for most families living in urban areas 2- 3 hours of water per day as a result of the IDF bombing of the power plant.
- Four Palestinians were killed and eight injured due to internal feuding.

In the West Bank:

- The IDF detained 24 Palestinian men from Ramallah including the Head of the Palestinian Legislative Council (PLC) and two other PLC members. In total 107 Palestinians were arrested or detained in the West Bank during the last week.
- For the fourth consecutive week, the Israeli Border Police prevented all West Bank Palestinians ID card holders from entering the Old City for Friday prayers. In addition, except for residents, no male Palestinian ID card holders below the age of 45, including children, were able to enter the Old City to pray on Friday.
- 6,000 olive trees (more than 500 dunums or 50 hectares of Palestinian land) were burnt on the western side of the Barrier in Farún (Tulkarm) when a fire broke out. The circumstances remain unclear.
- Since 31 July, the IDF has imposed a total closure on the West Bank preventing Palestinians with valid Israeli permits from entering Israel with only limited exceptions.

1. Physical Protection



Gaza Strip:

- Palestinian militants fired approximately 36 homemade rockets towards Israel (Sderot and western Negev).
- 638 artillery shells were fired by the IDF into the northern Gaza Strip and the IAF conducted nine air strikes throughout the Gaza Strip.
- **2 August:** Two Palestinian boys were reported injured when an artillery shell fired by the IDF landed near Palestinian houses in Al Shouka area southeast Rafah.
- **3 August:** A 14 year-old boy was injured when an artillery shell fired by the IDF landed in northern Beit Hanoun.
- **3 August:** Two Palestinians were killed (aged 18 and 23 years) and another Palestinian injured when an IAF aircraft fired a missile targeting the main road of Al Shouka.
- **3 August:** Two Palestinian militants (aged 20 and 24 years) were killed and another militant was injured when an IAF aircraft fired a targeted missile at Al Shouka.
- **3 August:** Four Palestinians were injured in two separated incidents when the IAF fired missiles at the Al Jenayneh area in Rafah.
- **3 August:** Two Palestinians were injured when the IAF fired a missile at the Salah Edin road in Rafah.
- **3 August:** A 25 year-old Palestinian militant was killed when an IDF artillery shell fired by the IDF struck Salah Edin road in Rafah.
- **3 August:** A 12 year-old Palestinian boy was killed and another six Palestinians injured when an IAF aircraft fired two missiles at Al Shouka.
- **3 August:** Two Palestinians were killed (aged 22 and 42 years) and another three were injured when a number of IDF artillery shells struck Palestinian houses in Al Shouka.
- **3 August:** A 55 year-old Palestinian was killed and two other Palestinians injured when an IAF aircraft fired a missile west of the Al Shouka.
- **4 August:** A Palestinian was injured when an IAF helicopters fired a rocket into Beach Camp in Gaza City.
- **4 August:** A Palestinian was injured when an IAF F-16 fired a rocket at a Palestinian house in Gaza City.
- **4 August:** Two Palestinians were killed (aged 20 and 25 years) when an IAF aircraft fired two missiles near a Palestinian house in Al Shouka.
- **4 August:** A 20 year-old Palestinian militant was killed and another Palestinian injured when an IAF aircraft fired a missile targeting a group of militants south of Al Shouka.
- **4 August:** Four Palestinians were injured when a tank shell fired by the IDF struck near Salah Edin road in Rafah.
- **4 August:** A 15 year-old Palestinian boy was injured when artillery shells fired by the IDF landed near Palestinian houses in Al Shouka.
- **5 August:** A Palestinian was injured by IDF artillery shelling south of Beit Hanoun village.
- **5 August:** A Palestinian was injured when IDF tanks opened fire in the direction of the evacuated northern settlements of Dugit and Eli Sinai.
- **5 August:** A Palestinian was injured when a tank shell fired by the IDF landed near Al Nada apartment blocks, northeast Beth Lahia.
- **5 August:** IDF soldiers stationed east of Maghazi camp opened fire at labourers working at a chicken farm, injuring one Palestinian.

- **5 August:** Two Palestinian minors (aged 15 and 17 years) were killed and another two people, including one child, were injured when the IAF fired a missile into the Al Jenayneh area in Rafah.
- **5 August:** A 22 year-old Palestinian was killed when a missile fired by an IAF aircraft hit George Street in Rafah.
- **5 August:** A 23 year-old Palestinian was killed when an IAF aircraft fired a missile into Rafah.
- **5 August:** A Palestinian was injured when an IAF aircraft fired a missile into Rafah.
- **5 August:** Two Palestinians were injured when an IAF aircraft fired a missile into the Al Salam Quarter south of Rafah.
- **6 August:** A 65 year-old Palestinian man died from injuries sustained on 13 July when a number of F-16 missiles struck the building of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in Gaza City.
- **6 August:** A 15 year-old Palestinian boy was killed and another Palestinian injured when an IAF aircraft fired one missile at a Palestinian house in the Al Salam area in Rafah.

West Bank:

- **1 August:** Two Palestinians were injured during a demonstration in protest at the IDF military operations in the Gaza Strip. Three international activists were detained by the IDF and the Israeli Border Police at the same demonstration in Jerusalem.
- **3 August:** An 18 year-old Palestinian man from Dura (Hebron) was injured by a rubber-coated metal bullet when IDF soldiers on patrol opened fire at Palestinian stone throwers in the town.
- **3 August:** A rocket fired from South Lebanon landed in an open area 1.5 Km south of the green line near Faqqou'a village (Jenin). No casualties or damages were reported.
- **4 August:** An Israeli settler was injured on Road 60 near Huwwara (Nablus) when Palestinians stoned his passing vehicle.
- **4 August:** Palestinians, Israeli and international activists held their weekly demonstration 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 though no serious injuries were reported (and therefore not reflected in the injury total above).
- **5 August:** Three internationals in the H2 area of Hebron city (Hebron) were injured when a group of Israeli settlers from Beit Hadassa settlement threw stones at them while they were accompanying two elderly Palestinian men through Al Shohada Street.
- **6 August:** A 23 year-old Palestinian man was shot dead in Silat Al Harithiya (Jenin) when the IDF surrounded a house and opened fire.
- **6 August:** A 48 year-old Palestinian man from Habla (Qalqiliya) was shot dead and his 18 year-old son injured when an Israeli settler opened fire at their vehicle on Road 458 near Doma village (Nablus).
- **6 August:** A 15 year-old Palestinian minor from Tubas city (Tubas) was physically assaulted before being arrested by the IDF in Tubas.
- **7 August:** A 26 year-old Palestinian woman was injured at Áwarta checkpoint (Nablus) when Palestinian gunmen opened fire at the checkpoint.
- **7 August:** A 10 year-old Palestinian boy from Ash Shyoukh (Hebron) was injured when a group of IDF soldiers physically assaulted him while searching his house before arresting his father.
- **8 August:** Six Palestinians were injured in Qabatiya (Jenin). Three children (aged 12, 15 and 16 years-old) by shrapnel, one 40 year-old by rubber coated metal bullets and two women aged 55 and 22 were physically assaulted during confrontations in the city after the IDF surrounded a house and arrested three Palestinians.
- **8 August:** Four Palestinian children (aged 14, 16/2 and 17) were injured by live ammunition in Tubas city during a search and arrest campaign when confrontation took place between the IDF and Palestinian stone throwers.

2. Palestinian internal violence (Gaza Strip)

[Casualties related to Palestinian inter-factional fighting, family and community disputes, and the reckless use of weapons are reported separately from section 1 and are excluded from the weekly casualty total.]

- **2 August:** A 44 year-old member of the Preventative Security Forces was killed when a group of unknown armed men opened fire in his direction in Khan Younis.

- **4 August:** Four Palestinians were injured in an armed family feud in Al Nuseriat refugee camp.
- **5 August:** Three Palestinians were injured in an internal family dispute in Gaza City. On 6 August one of the Palestinians died of his wounds.
- **5 August:** A 32 year-old Palestinian was found dead near Abu Holi junction in Deir Al Balah. The reason of the killing is unknown.
- **6 August:** The head of the Military Intelligence Forces in the northern area was injured along with two others when a group of armed people opened fire in the direction of his car in Jabalia camp. He died from his injuries on 7 August.

3. [Shelter and Property](#)

Date	Location, Governorate	Structures demolished	Structures damaged	People displaced / affected
02 August	Bureij camp		1	N/A
03 August	Erez	1		Non
04 August	Beach Camp – Gaza city	1		N/A
04 August	Gaza City		1	N/A
06 August	Al Shoka area	54	15	13
07 August	Beit Lahia	1		N/A
7 August	Beit Hanina, Jerusalem	3	-	-
8 August	Qabatiya, Jenin	-	1	-
8 August	Al-Jaradat, Rafah	4	4	74
		64	22	88

Gaza Strip:

- **1- 6 August:** 15 Palestinian houses were partially damaged, four Palestinian s were demolished and 50 green houses were bulldozed by the IDF in Al Shoka area southeast of Rafah.
- **02 August:** One Palestinian house was demolished when targeted by an IAF aircraft missile in the Bureij camp. The family received a telephone warning by the IDF prior to the attack .
- **03 August:** IDF troops demolished an empty factory building at the former Erez Industrial Zone in Northern Beit Lahia.
- **04 August:** One Palestinian house was demolished by a targeted rocket fired by an IAF helicopter in Beach Camp in Gaza City. The family received a telephone warning by the IDF prior to the attack .
- **04 August:** One three-storey apartment building was partially damaged when targeted by an IAF F-16 rocket in Gaza City.
- **07 August:** One Palestinian house was demolished when it was targeted by an IAF F-16 rocket in the Al Attatra area west of Beit Lahia. The family received a telephone warning by the IDF prior to the attack .
- **08 August:** four houses were demolished and four partially damaged by the IDF in Al-Jaradat area south east of Rafah.

West Bank:

- **8 August:** The IDF surrounded and damaged a Palestinian house in Qabatiya (Jenin) in an exchange of fire with Palestinian gunmen located inside.

Other related incidents:

- **5 August:** The IDF destroyed a Palestinian vehicle with explosives near Sarra village (Nablus) and arrested the driver after finding an explosive belt in the area.
- **7 August:** Three Palestinian houses in the final stages of construction were demolished in Beit Hanina for reportedly being built without building permits. According to reports, the Jerusalem Municipality has told the owners that they will issue permits so the houses can be rebuilt in the future.
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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 a fence and a wall around the settlement and the IDF have begun work to erect the fence.

Jenin Governorate:

No incidents to report.

Tubas Governorate:

No incidents to report.

Tulkarm Governorate:

4 and 5 August: 6,000 olive trees (more than 500 dunums of Palestinian land) were burnt on the western side of the Barrier in Farún (Tulkarm). The cause of the fire remains unclear.

Ongoing incidents:

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

Qalqiliya Governorate:

7 August: The IDF issued Military Order No. T/70/06 requisitioning eight dunums of land belonging to Palestinians from Kafr Laqif and Hajja (Qalqiliya) to build a military base near Qarne Shomrom settlement.

7 August: The IDF opened the north entrance of Ázzun at the junction with Road 55, which had previously been closed for a number of months.

Ongoing incidents:

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

Salfit Governorate:

Ongoing incidents:

- Barrier construction: Israeli contractors continue work on 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.
- The IDF continue 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 levelling is to create buffer zones around "isolated" settlements.

Jerusalem Governorate:

Ongoing incidents:

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

- Barrier construction: construction is ongoing along the projected route in Jerusalem governorate; exceptions to this are northeast of Al 'Eizariya towards Ma'ale Adumim settlement. Construction had begun along a 3km stretch 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, resulting in daily detours through the neighbourhoods of Ar Ram and Dahiyet Al Bareed.
- Construction of a road barrier continues 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 continues of an Israeli Police Station in E1 (or East 1), an area north of Ma'ale Adumim and Road 1 in Jerusalem district and the West Bank.

Jericho Governorate:

No incidents to report.

Bethlehem Governorate:

5 and 6 August: Sewage from Betar Illit settlement spilled over onto Palestinian lands from Wadi Fukin village.

Ongoing incidents:

- Barrier construction: construction of the Barrier around Rachel's Tomb continues. Land levelling for the construction of the Barrier continues 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. So far, six lanes have been created and paved.
- Land levelling continues for the construction of the new terminal next to Al Jab'a checkpoint.
- Land levelling continues for the construction of the proposed tunnel near Al Khadr village.
- 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 with Road 60.

Hebron Governorate:

3 August: The IDF issued a military order confiscating small pieces of land (in total 1 m²) belonging to Palestinian farmers from the H2 area of Hebron city. The land will be used for the installation of security cameras in the vicinity of Kiryat Arba settlement.

5 August: The IDF issued an amendment to Military Order No. T/06/98 requisitioning 85 dunums of land belonging to Palestinian farmers from Beit Awwa and Fuqeiqs villages. The land will be used for the establishment for some type of road protection on the road leading to Negohot settlement.

Ongoing incidents:

- Barrier construction: construction of the Barrier continues in the area between the towns of Tarqumiya and Surif.
- Land levelling continues west of Tarqumiya checkpoint for a new commercial checkpoint. Paving work was carried out 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.

Gaza Strip:

1 August: four IDF bulldozers entered the Palestinian area south of Erez industrial zone. The bulldozers levelled and excavated west of Salah Ed-Din main road.

1 August: four IDF tanks and a bulldozer entered the Palestinian area east of Khuza' in Khan Younis to level land.

06 August: 1,500 dunams of olives trees, grapes and almonds were bulldozed by IDF during a military operation in the Al Shoka area in Rafah.

5. Access and Movement for Civilians

a) Curfew

Date	Location, Governorate	Duration
4 August	Al Funduq village, Qalqilya	3
Total Week		3 hours

- **4 August:** The IDF imposed a curfew on Al Funduq village (Qalqilya) for three hours during a demonstration in front of the village by Israeli settlers on Road 55.

b) Access to education

No incidents to report.

c) Access to employment

There is currently no communication between Israeli and Palestinian authorities; 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 the Atarot industrial area near Jerusalem is set for males above 21 years old who are married with children.

Gaza Strip:

The external closure of the Gaza Strip continues with no Palestinian workers being given access into Israel since 12 March.

West Bank:

Since 31 July the IDF have imposed external closure on the West Bank and all checkpoints leading into Israel were closed for West Bank Palestinian workers and traders holding valid Israeli permits. Special categories of permit holders were exempted, including critical medical cases and UN and international organisation staff.

d) Closures/movement restrictions

Nablus Governorate:

5 August: The IDF closed Huwwara and Beit Iba checkpoints from 2pm until midnight due to a high security alert.

7 August: The IDF closed Beit Iba checkpoint for two hours in the morning.

7 August: The IDF closed Áwarta and Huwwara checkpoints for two hours following a shooting incident at Áwarta checkpoint.

Ongoing incidents:

- Since 19 July, all Palestinian males from Nablus, Jenin and Tulkarm between the ages of 16 and 35 years have been prevented from heading south by the IDF through all permanent, semi-permanent and flying checkpoints in the northern West Bank unless they have been issued with special permits.
- Since 6 July, the IDF have continued to block the road connecting the village of Qaryut with Road 60 and the Mekorot water filling point. The closure separates three villages (Talfit, Jalud and Qaryut), which are not connected to the water network, from their only source of water.
- The IDF continue to close Shave Shomeron checkpoint for all vehicles, including UN and humanitarian organisations.

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.

- 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:

6 August: The IDF closed the entrance of Tammun with a flying checkpoint for several hours due to a high security alert in the area.

Ongoing incidents:

- Restrictions on Palestinian movement in and out of the Jordan Valley via Hamra, Tayasir and Efyriam checkpoints remain in place. Only three categories of Palestinians from the West Bank are able to access the Jordan Valley through these three checkpoints: (1) Palestinians with permits to work in settlements; (2) Palestinians with a Jordan Valley address on their ID card; and (3) Palestinians with a Jericho ID card who are in possession of a valid permit.

Tulkarm Governorate:

2 August: The IDF closed Road 57 between Tulkarm and Nablus for several hours due to a high security alert in the area. The IDF prevented Palestinians from using alternative back roads to bypass this closure.

2 and 3 August: The IDF closed Ánabta checkpoint for construction work at the checkpoint. The crossing was reopened on 4 August.

Ongoing incidents:

- Since 25 July, the IDF have continued to close the road between Bala' and Iktaba with an earth mound.
- Since 24 May, the IDF continue to close using 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:

4 August: The IDF, together with Israeli settlers, closed Road 55 between Nablus and Qalqiliya near Al Funduq for three hours due to a demonstration near the village.

6 August: The IDF closed Wadi Qana road with a flying checkpoint for several hours.

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 to the south.

Ramallah / Al Bireh Governorate:

During the reporting period: Delays of three hours were reported at least three times during the week at Atara checkpoint and, on average, a 30 minute delay was experienced.

Bethlehem Governorate:

Ongoing incidents:

- Israeli Border Police stationed at the entrance to Khallet Nu'man continue to deny essential service providers (including gas and refuse trucks) access to 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 has been blocked by four cement blocks.

Jerusalem Governorate:

1 August: The IDF cleared land and began construction of a new checkpoint between Ar Ram and Jaba' junction. The IDF soldiers randomly stopped vehicles for ID checks and delays were reported.

4 August: The Israeli Border Police have prevented all West Bank ID card holders from entering the Old City for Friday prayers. In addition, except for residents, no male Jerusalem ID card holders under the age of 45 (including children) were prevented from entry the Old City to pray.

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

Jericho Governorate/Jordan Valley:

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Gaza Strip

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

- Rafah Passengers' terminal (EU Observers cannot reach the terminal due to the closure of Kerem Shalom crossing) was closed all the week except of 19 July when it was open for arrivals only. Kerem Shalom, Sufa crossings (previously closed since 21 June) remained closed during the reporting period.
- Erez crossing was partially reopened for the movement of diplomats, international humanitarian workers. Non-diplomats require prior coordination with the IDF which is being decided on a case by case basis.
- Karni crossing was partially open with the exception of 8 August when it was closed, for the importation of food stuffs and humanitarian aid only.
- Except for 8 August when it was closed, Nahal Oz energy pipelines were partially open for the import of fuel supplies.
- Gaza fishermen have been unable to access the sea since 25 June.
- Palestinian residents of the Al Shoka and the surrounding areas experienced severe access difficulties between 1 and 6 August during IDF patrols of the Rafah area.

Ongoing incidents:

- The IDF informed the Palestinian DCO that the eastern part of Beit Hanoun (approximately one km along the security fence east of Beit Hanoun) had been declared a closed military area.
- The IDF announced that Palestinians should keep at a distance of at least 150 metres from the perimeter fence in the eastern and northern Gaza Strip.

- The IDF continues to enforce the “no go” or enlarged buffer zone in the Palestinian areas which lie to the north of Gaza on the border with Israel. 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 areas outside the buffer zone.
- Palestinians’ movement inside As Siafa area in the northern Gaza Strip continues to be restricted following the IDF announcement of parts of the northern Gaza Strip as “no go” or enlarged buffer zones on 28 December. The 250 Palestinian residents of As Siafa, which lies within this buffer zone, continue to limit their movement during the day and do not move after dark. Entry into the area is only possible with prior permission of the IDF.

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), Bizzariya (1), Bet Talluza and Al Badhan (6), Yasid (1), Beit Amin (2)	21
Jenin	Sanur (7), 'Arraba (7), Az Zababida (5), Qabatiya (4), Meithalun (3), Fahma (1), entrance of Jenin (1), Wadi Birqin (2), Al Yamun (1), Al Araqa (1), Kafr Dan (3), Kafr Rai' (2), Misliya (1), Ash Shuhada Juc.(1), Al Mansura (1), Bir al Basha (1).	41
Tubas	Tubas city (1), Tammun (4), Áqqaba (2), Wadi al Fará (2),	9
Tulkarm	Áttil (1), Balá (5)	6
Qalqiliya	Entrance Qalqiliya – DCO (7), 'Azzun (7), An Nabi Elyas (3), Habla tunnel (4), Wadi Qana (7), Izbat at Tabib (4), Jayyus (1), Kur (1), Jinsafut (1), Ras Átiya (4), Kafr Thulth (2)	41
Salfit	Salfit city (2), Bruqin (1), Marda (2), Haris (1), Az Zawiya tunnel (1), Qarawat Bani Hassan (1)	8
Ramallah and Al Bireh	Ramallah (1)	1
Jerusalem	Abu Dis (7)	7
Jericho	No flying checkpoints observed	0
Bethlehem	Al 'Ubeidiya (4), Za'tara (3), Bethlehem city (6), 'Ayda refuge camp (5), Al Khadr (3), Dar Salah (4), Beit Jala (4), Al 'Aza refugee camp (5), Ad Duheisha (4), Beit Sahur (4), Tuqu (3)	45
Hebron	Yatta (4), Beit Ummar (4), Bani Na'im (2), Dura (3), Hebron city - H1 (5), Halhul (3), Al Arrub refugee camp (4), Ad Dhahiriya (3), Ar Ramadin (2), Sa'ir (2), Ash Shuyukh (2), Surif (3)	37
Total West Bank		216

6. Additional Protection Issues

Searches/Arrests/Detentions

Governorate	Location of arrests/detention, number of searches noted at locations with brackets	Total # of Searches	Total # of Arrested/ Detained
Nablus	Nablus city (7), Balata RC (3), Iraq Burin (1), Till (1), Huwwara (2), Sarra (1), Camp No.1 (1), Rujeib (1), Huwwara CP, Zaatara CP, Sarra Flying CP, Yasid flying CP.	17	25
Jenin	Jenin city (5), Jenin RC (4), Qabatiya (1), Ánza (1), Fahma (2), Silat al Harithiya (1), Birqin (1), Kafr Rai' (2), Kafr Dan (1) and Bir al Basha (1)	19	7
Tubas	Tubas (2), Tammun (1) El Fará camp (1),	4	1
Tulkarm	Tulkarm city (4), Tulkarm RC (1), Áttil (3), Dhinnaba (1), Balá (1), 'Deir al Ghusun (1), Balá flying CP	11	4
Qalqiliya	'Azzun (1), Qalqiliya city (4)	5	4
Salfit	Salfit (1), Kafr ad Dik (1), Deir Istiya (1), Marda (1), Qarawat Bani Hassan (2)	6	1
Ramallah/Al Bireh	Ramallah(3), Sinjil (1)	4	24
Jerusalem	No search and arrest campaigns or arrests reported	0	0
Jericho	Ein As Sultan (1), Wad al Malih, Tubas district (1)	2	2
Bethlehem	Beit Sahur (3), Al 'Aza refugee camp (3), Dar Salah	33	23

	(3), Al 'Ubeidiya (3), 'Ayda refuge camp (1), Al Khadr (3), Beit Jala (4), Za'atara (3), Bethlehem (5), ad Duheisha Camp (1), Tuqu (2), Ash Shawawreh (2)		
Hebron	Hebron City (6), Beit Ummar (3), Al 'Arrub Camp (3), Idhna (3), Dura (2), Tarqumiya (1), Biet Awwa (2), Beit Ula (2), Surif (1), Yatta (3), Adh Dhahiriya (2), Sa'ir (2).	30	16
Total Week West Bank		131	107
Gaza Strip	North Beit Lahia (1)	-	1
Total Week oPt		131	108

Appendix: Checkpoints: 2 - 8 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. 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, it has been closed for all Palestinians with valid permits except for critical medical cases and staff of UN organisations.
Kafriat Tunnel	The checkpoint controls 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, has been 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, has been closed for all Palestinians with valid permits except for critical medical cases and staff of UN organisations.
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.
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.
Zaatara (Tappouah) South, main road to Ramallah	The checkpoint controls 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.
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. During the reporting period Palestinians holding valid work permits were not allowed access to Israel through this checkpoint.
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 asked for 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 abuses 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. On 6 August family visits to Palestinians detained in Israel were 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 Access to area of Ibrahimi Mosque	Closed to Palestinians. During the reporting period, both Israeli settlers and IDF soldiers prevented Palestinian residents from accessing this road.
Shohada street, H2 Western entrance to Shohada street	Open to Palestinians living beyond it and in the Tel Rumeida area in accordance with a list held by the IDF at the checkpoint. Access possible only on foot. Palestinians and internationals have to go through a metal detector in the shape of a caravan to access the area.
Ibrahimi Mosque, H2	Worshippers and visitors searched upon entry. Residents living in the

Access to the Mosque	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 labourers since 12 March. Open for internationals and humanitarian cases.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 02 August: was closed all day for security reasons. Only urgent humanitarian medical cases and 3 UN staff were allowed to leave. 03 -05 August: was partially open for Palestinian humanitarian medical cases and Internationals. 06, 07 August: was partially open for internationals and Palestinian humanitarian medical cases. 08 August, closed.
Rafah Passenger Terminal	Closed all the week.
Commercial checkpoints:	
Tulkarm/Qalqiliya	
Taybeh	An Israeli private company took over the responsibility of controlling the checkpoint. The back-to-back system has been operational from 9am to 6:30pm Sunday to Thursday and 9am to 12pm on Fridays.
Nablus	
Awarta checkpoint Main commercial checkpoint in Nablus since July 2003.	Open from 6am to 5pm, Sunday to Thursday, Friday from 6am to 2pm and closed on Saturday. Males from Nablus city aged between 18 – 25 years are not allowed to exit Nablus unless they have special permits.
Jenin	
Al Jalama Northern entrance/ main commercial check point.	Open between 7am to 4pm, Sunday to Thursday and 7 am to 12pm on Fridays.
Ramallah/AI Bireh	

Beituniya Back-to-back checkpoint	Officially open between 7am to 5pm Sunday to Thursday, 7am to 1pm on Fridays and closed Saturdays. Open for commercial goods and a back-to-back system is in operation. Only Palestinians from Kafr 'Aqab and Sameeramees holding Jerusalem IDs and driving Israeli yellow-plated trucks are allowed to pass through this checkpoint without using the back-to-back system. This checkpoint is not open for private cars or pedestrians. Since 29 May, ICRC and UN vehicles are not permitted to cross.
Gaza Strip	
Sufa	Closed since 21 June.
Karni	Partially open for imports all the week, except for 8 August
Kerem Shalom	Closed since 25 June.
Nahal Oz energy pipelines	Partially open for imports all the week, except on 8 August when it was closed.

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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.