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Protection of Civilians – Weekly Briefing Notes

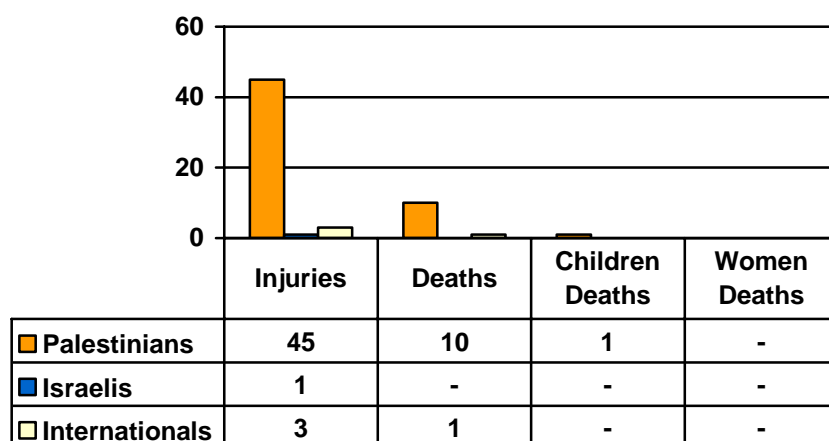
9 – 15 August 2006

Of note this week**In the Gaza Strip:**

- The intensity of IDF operations has declined in the last week, although IDF soldiers remain in the As Shoka area, east of the Gaza International Airport and casualties were reported (six Palestinians killed and 27 injured).
- Two international journalists for Fox News were kidnapped from Gaza City by a group of unknown Palestinians.
- The air strike on 28 June by the IAF on the Gaza power plant continues to affect the entire population, who receive only limited supplies of electricity and water.
- On 9 August, UNRWA closed three school shelters in Jabalia, northern Gaza Strip, which had provided refuge for families forced to flee their homes in Beit Lahia and Beit Hanoun. The families have since received relocation allowances by UNRWA. One UNRWA shelter with 47 families (340 people) remains open for those who have fled IDF shelling in and around Rafah.
- At least 11 homemade (Qassam) rockets were fired by Palestinian militants from the Gaza Strip at Sederot and Western Negev, Israel.
- The number of artillery shells fired by the IDF into the Gaza Strip decreased significantly in the past week. Forty-two shells were fired compared to 638 in the previous week. The IAF conducted 11 air strikes throughout the Gaza Strip hitting Palestinian houses and open areas.
- Several Palestinian families in Gaza have been contacted by phone by people claiming to be from the IDF, to warn them of imminent air strikes and ordering them to evacuate their houses. Six houses were attacked after receiving such calls and in total 11 houses were destroyed by the IDF and IAF in the Gaza Strip.

In the West Bank:

- Three rockets fired from south Lebanon landed in an open area near Fuqqua and Árabuna (Jenin). No injuries were reported but the surrounding fields were set on fire.
- In Hebron, IDF soldiers raided three hospitals located in the H1 section of Hebron city. The IDF soldiers searched the emergency units and other sections of the hospitals. Two ambulances were also searched.
- Since 31 July, the IDF have imposed external closures on the West Bank. All checkpoints leading into Israel were closed for West Bank Palestinian workers and traders holding valid Israeli permits.

1. Physical Protection

Gaza Strip:

- **9 August:** Two Palestinian militants aged 17 and 24 years, and a three year-old girl were killed, and another three Palestinians were injured when two rockets were fired by IAF helicopters at a PRC training base in Gaza City.
- **11 August:** One Palestinian was injured when the IAF fired a rocket at a house in Jabalia camp, northern Gaza Strip. The IDF have telephoned the previous owner and warned them to leave the house prior to the attack.
- **11 August:** A Palestinian was injured when IDF tanks stationed near Sufa crossing opened fire at nearby house east of the As Shoka area.
- **13 August:** A Palestinian was injured in the open area east of the Abu Al Ajeen area (Deir Al Balah) when two IDF tanks and two bulldozers entered 300m in the Gaza Strip.
- **13 August:** Two Palestinians including a 12 year-old were injured when IDF troops opened fire towards the eastern part of the Al Bureij Camp in central Gaza.
- **13 August:** A Palestinian was injured when IDF troops opened fire at a group of Palestinians in the former Erez Industrial Zone, northern Beit Lahia.
- **14 August:** Three Palestinian aged 18, 50 and 55 were killed, and another three people were injured (including a 17 year-old minor) when an IAF F-16 fired missiles targeting an area where a homemade rocket had been launched in northern Beit Hanoun. The Palestinians killed were not involved in the firing of the homemade rocket.
- **14 August:** Fourteen Palestinians were injured by shrapnel and flying debris when an IAF aircraft fired a missile at a two-story house in Jabalia camp, northern Gaza. The family had been telephoned and warned to leave the house prior to the attack.
- **15 August:** A 14 year-old boy was injured by IDF gunfire in the As Shoka area, south eastern Rafah.
- **15 August:** A 23 year-old Palestinian militant was killed and another one injured and then arrested by the IDF near the border fence in Abassan village east Khan Younis.

West Bank:

- **9 August:** Two internationals, aged 24 and 28 years, working in the Palestinian community of Susiya, south of Yatta (Hebron Governorate), were attacked by Israeli settlers as they were accompanying Palestinian shepherds. The settlers stole the video cameras belonging to the internationals.
- **9 August:** A 15 year-old Palestinian girl from Deir al Ghusun (Tulkarm) was injured when shrapnel from a sound bomb hit her inside her house.
- **9 August:** Two Palestinian men, aged 20 and 28 years, were killed and a 43 year-old man was injured in Jenin camp (Jenin) when an IAF helicopter fired two missiles at a house. The house was destroyed.
- **10 August:** Two Palestinian children, aged 12 and 13 years, were injured by rubber-coated metal bullets in Az Zababida (Jenin) when confrontations took place with IDF soldiers during a search and arrest campaign.
- **10 August:** An Italian man was stabbed and killed by a Palestinian in East Jerusalem. The details about the incident remain unclear.
- **11 August:** Palestinians, Israeli and international peace activists demonstrated against the construction of the Barrier in Bil'in (Ramallah). The IDF threw sound bombs and fired rubber-coated metal bullets and tear gas canisters at the demonstrators. In addition, the IDF beat the demonstrators who were sitting in front of the army jeeps with batons. One Israeli was hit by a rubber-coated metal bullet in his head and neck, and an international was injured when she was beaten with a baton.
- **11 August:** During an IDF search and arrest campaign in Ramallah, two Palestinians were injured.
- **11 August:** A 19 year-old Palestinian man from Haris (Salfit) was injured by live ammunition at Huwwara checkpoint (Nablus) when the IDF opened fire at Palestinians near the checkpoint.
- **12 August:** A 29 year-old Palestinian male was physically assaulted at Huwwara checkpoint (Nablus).
- **14 August:** The IDF injured and arrested two Palestinians in Ramallah. The incident occurred as the IDF surrounded a house and opened fire in order to arrest the two Palestinians.
- **15 August:** An 80 year-old Palestinian woman died from a heart attack in Áskar camp (Nablus) when IDF used her house as an observation post and refused to evacuate her during a military operation.
- **15 August:** Eight Palestinians, aged 11, 14, 15, 16, 16, 18, 33 and 37 years, were injured by live ammunition in Áskar camp (Nablus) during confrontations with the IDF. The incident took place when the IDF surrounded a house in order to demolish it.

- **15 August:** A 27 year-old Palestinian male from Jenin camp (Jenin) died in a Jordanian hospital from injuries sustained on 6 July.

2. Palestinian internal violence and other incidents

[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.]

- **9 August:** A 21 year-old Palestinian was killed while handling an unexploded artillery shell that he had brought into his house in Jabalia refugee camp, northern Gaza Strip.
- **9 August:** A member of the Palestinian National Security Forces (NSF) was injured when other members of the NSF opened fire at a stolen vehicle in Deir Al Balah (Gaza Strip).
- **10 August:** Two Palestinian women were found dead, and their bodies riddled with bullets, southwest of Al Nuseirat camp (Gaza Strip). The circumstances surrounding these deaths are unclear.
- **11 August:** A Palestinian Police Officer was injured in an armed dispute in Deir Al Balah (Gaza Strip).
- **11 August:** An internal dispute broke out between two families in Deir Al Balah (Gaza Strip) and one injury was reported.
- **12 August:** A 37 year-old captain from the PA Intelligence Force was injured when a group of armed men opened fire at him in Gaza City (Gaza Strip).
- **13 August:** A 26 year-old Palestinian man from Faquá was shot dead in Jenin camp (Jenin) by Palestinian militants accusing him of being a collaborator.

3. Shelter and Property

Date	Location, Governorate	Structures demolished	Structures damaged	People displaced / affected
9 August	Jenin camp, Jenin	1	0	N/A
10 August	Beit Hanoun, Gaza North	0	1	N/A
10 August	Beit Hanoun, Gaza North	1	2	N/A
11 August	Jabalia camp, Gaza North	1	0	N/A
11 August	Jabalia camp, Gaza North	1	1	N/A
11 August	Al Muntar area of Al Shejayeh , Gaza City	1	0	N/A
14 August	Al Shouka area, Rafah	4	4	N/A
14 August	Jabaila camp, Northern Gaza	1	0	N/A
15 August	Áskar camp, Nablus	1	1	14
15 August	Beit Hanoun, Gaza North	1	0	N/A
Total		12	9	14

Gaza Strip:

- **10 August:** A Palestinian house in Beit Hanoun was partially damaged when it was hit by a rocket fired from an IAF F-16 rocket. Prior to the attack, the IDF telephoned the occupants and warned them to leave.
- **10 August:** A Palestinian house in Beit Hanoun was demolished when it was hit by an IAF F-16 rocket. Prior to the attack, the IDF telephoned the previous owners and warned them to leave. In addition, several nearby houses sustained partial damage.
- **11 August:** A Palestinian workshop on Salah Ed-Din Street east of Jabalia Camp was demolished when it was hit by a rocket fired from an IAF F-16.
- **11 August:** A Palestinian house east of Jabalia camp was demolished when it was hit by a rocket fired from an IAF F-16. Prior to the attack, the IDF telephoned the occupants and warned them to leave.

- **11 August:** A Palestinian house was demolished when it was hit by two IAF F-16 rockets in the Al Muntar area of Al Shejaye, Gaza City. Prior to the attack, the IDF telephoned the occupants and warned them to leave.
- **14 August:** Four Palestinian houses were totally demolished, and another four were partially damaged by IDF in the As Shoka area southeast Rafah.
- **14 August:** A two-storey Palestinian house was demolished when hit by IAF missiles in Jabalia refugee camp in northern Gaza. Prior to the attack, the IDF telephoned the occupants and warned them to leave.
- **15 August:** A two-storey Palestinian house in Beit Hanoun was demolished when it was hit by three missiles fired by an IAF aircraft. Prior to the attack, the IDF telephoned the occupants and warned them to leave.

West Bank:

- **9 August:** An IAF helicopter fired two missiles and demolished a Palestinian house in Jenin camp (Jenin).
- **15 August:** The IDF demolished a Palestinian house in Askar camp (Nablus). The house belonged to the family of a wanted Palestinian. As a result of the demolition, 14 people lost their accommodation. The IDF also caused damage to another house when they used it as an observation post.

Other related incidents:

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4. [Natural Resources](#)

Land levelling/Requisitions/Tree Uprooting¹

Nablus Governorate:

Ongoing incidents:

- Since 15 June, the IDF have been levelling land north of Shave Shomeron settlement (West of Nablus), to install a fence/wall around the settlement.
- Since 8 June, the IDF have been installing a fence at the northern side of Shave Shomeron settlement.

Jenin Governorate:

No incidents to report.

Tubas Governorate:

No incidents to report.

Tulkarm Governorate:

Ongoing incidents:

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

Qalqiliya Governorate:

9 August: The IDF began levelling land belonging to Kafr Laqif and Ázzun (Qalqiliya) for the construction of the Barrier. About 100 olive trees have been uprooted.

Ongoing incidents:

- Barrier construction: the IDF continues levelling land near Immatin village and between Ázzun and Kafr Thulth.

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 Ariel settlement, and near Az Zawiya and Deir Ballut villages.

Ramallah / Al Bireh Governorate:

Ongoing incidents:

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

- 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 Makkabim 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 and a case filed by the villagers against the requisition of the village's land.
- The IDF continues to level land around Ateret to create a buffer zone around the settlement. The land belongs to Palestinians from Atara and Umm Safa villages and was requisitioned. According to the Israeli DCL, this is to create security areas around the "isolated" settlements.

Jerusalem Governorate:

Ongoing incidents:

- Barrier construction: construction work continues all along the projected route in the Jerusalem governorate. Exceptions to this are northeast of Al 'Eizariya towards Ma'ale Adumim settlement. Construction has begun along 3 km of the Barrier south of Ma'ale Adumim and Kedar, but has been stopped since 3 March pending a court case.
- Construction of a road barrier is continuing on Road 1, east of Az Za'ayem. Palestinians with Jerusalem ID cards who are intending to drive to Jerusalem, have to drive south to Ma'ale Adumim and then return through Az Za'ayem checkpoint.
- Construction of an Israeli police station in E1, or East 1, an area north of Ma'ale Adumim and road 1 within Jerusalem district and the West Bank is ongoing.
- 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.
- Barrier construction near Ar Ram checkpoint between Dahiyat Al Bareed and Atarot is ongoing. Detours through the neighbourhoods of Ar Ram and Dahiyat Al Bareed due to the construction continue and changes are experienced on a daily basis.

Jericho Governorate:

No incidents to report.

Bethlehem Governorate:

Ongoing incidents:

- Paving continues on the side of Tunnels checkpoint to expand the site. Six lanes have been paved so far. New structures were added during the reporting period.
- Construction continues of a protection fence next to Al Khadr Boys School along the southern side of Road 60.
- Land levelling and digging for the construction of the proposed tunnel near Al Khadr village continues.
- Land levelling for the construction of the new terminal next to Al Jab'a checkpoint continues.
- Work on the construction of the Barrier around Rachel's Tomb continues.
- Construction of the concrete Barrier continues near the Beit Jala junction from Road 60.
- 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 of the city of Bethlehem).
- Land levelling for the construction of the Barrier in the vicinity of the settlement of Har Gilo has continued during the reporting period.

Hebron Governorate:

Ongoing incidents:

- Land leveling continues west of the checkpoint of Tarqumiya for a new commercial checkpoint. Paving continued during the reporting period while new structures were installed.
- Construction is ongoing in the agricultural terminal at Meitar checkpoint.

- Paving continues at the Beit Yatir checkpoint close to the Palestinian hamlet of Imneizil. New structures were installed.
- Construction of the road barrier has reached the main entrance of the Israeli settlement of Ma'on along Road 317.
- Construction of the Barrier continues in the area between the towns of Tarqumiya and Surif.
- Construction of the Road Barrier between the Metarim Industrial Zone and the Israeli settlement of Tene along roads 60 and 325 has continued during the reporting period.

Gaza Strip:

13 August: Two IDF tanks and two bulldozers levelled land east of the Abu Al Ajeen area in Gaza City.

15 August: Six IDF tanks and two bulldozers entered about 300 meters into the eastern Khan Younis village of Abassan. The bulldozers uprooted trees and levelled agricultural 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; 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. The criteria for work permits in the Atarot Industrial Area near Jerusalem are males over 21 years old and married with children.

Gaza Strip:

The external closure of the Gaza Strip continues with no Palestinian workers allowed to access Israel since 12 March.

West Bank:

The external closure in the West Bank has continued since 31 July. All checkpoints leading into Israel were closed for West Bank Palestinian workers and traders holding valid Israeli entry permits. Special categories of permit holders are exempted, including critical medical cases and UN and international organisation staff.

d) Closures/movement restrictions

Nablus Governorate:

9 and 11 August: The IDF closed Beit Iba checkpoint for several hours.

10 August: The IDF installed a road gate on Road 57 near Tanib factory.

13 August: The IDF closed Beit Iba checkpoint for three hours in the morning.

13 and 14 August: The IDF enforced restrictions at Huwwara, Beit Furik, Beit Iba and Zaatara checkpoints. Long delays and queues were experienced.

Ongoing incidents:

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

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 continues to close 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), without a water network from their source of water.
- Long delays are experienced at all checkpoints. The IDF continue to close Shave Shomeron checkpoint for all vehicles, including UN and humanitarian organisations.
- The IDF continues to close Al Badhan road with three earth mounds preventing Palestinians vehicular movement between Jenin, Tubas and Nablus governorates for the 19 consecutive weeks.

Jenin Governorate:

Ongoing incidents:

- The IDF continues to restrict the crossing of commercial trucks transporting goods to Barta'a enclave. Food products require prior coordination.

Tubas Governorate:

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:

Ongoing incidents:

- The IDF continues to close the road between Bala' and Ánabta with an earth mound.
- The IDF closed, with earth mounds, the dirt roads connecting Deir al Ghusun with the garbage dump site, the road to Balá and a road to Al Jarushiya.
- The IDF closed the exit from the 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 continues to prevent Palestinians with Israeli IDs from entering Palestinian areas unless they have relatives living in Tulkarm.

Qalqiliya Governorate:

13 August: The IDF closed the dirt roads connecting Kafr Qaddum with Hajja, Kur and Beit Lid villages.

Ongoing incidents:

- The IDF closed the main entrance to 'Izbat at Tabib village with an earth mound.
- The IDF closed the main entrance to 'Azzun village with road blocks.

Salfit Governorates:

Ongoing incidents:

- The IDF continues to close the gate at the northern entrance of Kafr ad Dik.
- The IDF continues to close the agricultural gates in the Barrier near Mas-ha and Az Zawiya and prevented farmers from accessing their land.
- The IDF continues to close the road connecting Bruqin village with Barqan industrial area and Road 5 with three earth mounds, preventing Palestinian vehicular movement from northern West Bank towards south.

Ramallah / Al Bireh Governorate:

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

Bethlehem Governorate:

14 August: A new military watch tower was installed near the checkpoint leading to the Palestinian village of Khallet Nu'man.

Ongoing incidents:

- The road from Al Jab'a to Surif remains closed off by road blocks and was reinforced after IDF soldiers added new cement blocks.
- During the reporting period, Israeli Border Police stationed on the entrance of the Palestinian village Khamet Nu'man continued to deny access for essential services (such as dump trucks) to the village. Harassment of the Palestinian residents continues. National staff of International organisations are required to show their national IDs along with their organization ID.

Hebron Governorate:

9 August: The IDF placed four surveillance cameras at the main entrance to the city of Hebron next to the Halhul Bridge.

- **14 August:** A team from MSF (Doctors without Borders) was denied access through the Beit Awwa checkpoint. The Israeli Border Police manning the checkpoint were verbally abusive and forced the driver to get out of the vehicle. The Border Police informed the driver that the team needed a permit to cross the checkpoint. The Border Police denied the team access despite the intervention of the Israeli DCL.

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:

11 August: The Israeli Border Police prevented all West Bank ID card holders from entering the Old City for Friday prayers. In addition, except for residents of the Old City, no male Jerusalem ID card holders between the ages of 16 and 45 were able to enter the Old City to pray. On 11 August, the closure was particularly tight due to the stabbing of an international the previous evening.

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: The IDF continues to clear land and has begun the construction of a new checkpoint between Ar Ram and Jaba' junction. The soldiers are randomly stopping vehicles for ID checks. Delays were reported.

Jericho Governorate/Jordan Valley:

During the reporting period: A flying checkpoint between Qalandiya and Hizma village at the roundabout was made a permanent checkpoint by IDF. Long delays were experienced.

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 was closed for regular movement all the week. On 10 and 11 August Rafah opened for departures only.
- Kerem Shalom and Sufa (previously closed since 21 June) crossings remained closed during the reporting period.
- Erez crossing was partially open for the movement of diplomats, international humanitarian workers and critical medical cases. (Non-diplomats require prior coordination with the IDF which is considering applications on a case-by-case basis).
- Except for 9 August when it was closed, Karni crossing was partially open for foodstuffs and humanitarian aid imports.
- Except for 9 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.

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 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), Tell (1), Talluza (1) Rd 60 near Bar El (4),	13
Jenin	Sanur (7), 'Arraba (7), Az Zababida (7), Al Kufair (7), Qabatiya (2), Meithalun (4), Al Yamun (1), Fahma (1 Al Mansura (1), Zabda (1)	38
Tubas	Tubas city (7), Tammun (6) Áqqaba (1) Wadi al Fará (1),	15
Tulkarm	Al Jarushiyal (1), Balá (1), Ramin (1)	3
Qalqiliya	Entrance Qalqiliya – DCO (7), 'Azzun (7), An Nabi Elyas (2), Habla tunnel (2), Wadi Qana (7), Izbat at Tabib (4) Jayyus (2), Ázzun tunnel (1), Ras Átiya (2).	34
Salfit	Salfit city (1), Marda (1), Kifl Haris (1), Deir Istiya (1), Qarawat Bani Hassan (1)	5
Ramallah and Al Bireh	No flying checkpoints observed	0
Jerusalem	Shu'fat (2)	2
Jericho	No flying checkpoints observed	0
Bethlehem	Al 'Ubeidiya (2), Za'tara (1), Bethlehem city (3), 'Ayda refuge camp(2), Al Khadr(2), Dar Salah (2), Beit Jala (2), Al 'Aza refugee camp (2), Ad Duheisha (3), Beit Sahur (3), Tuqu (2).	24
Hebron	Yatta (3), Beit Ummar(5),Bani Na'im (3), Dura(1), Hebron city - H1(3), Halhul (3) , Al Arrub refugee camp (2), Ad Dhahiriya (1), Ar Ramadin (2), Sa'ir (2), Ash Shuyukh (2), Surif (2) .	29
Total West Bank		163

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 (3), Áskar camp (1), Camp No.1 (1), Huwwara CP, Beit Iba CP,	11	14
Jenin	Jenin city (4), Jenin RC (4), Qabatiya (1), Al Yamun (2), Fahma (2), Kafr Raí (2), Arraba (1)	16	4
Tubas	Tubas (2), Tammun (1), Flying CP near WadiEl Fará	3	2
Tulkarm	Tulkarm city (1), Ánabta (2), Dhinnaba (1), Kafr Zeibad (1), Kafriat tunnel CP	5	5
Qalqiliya	'Azzun (4), Qalqiliya city (6) Kafr Qaddum (1)	11	6
Salfit	Salfit (1), Qarawat Bani Hassan (1)	2	0
Ramallah/Al Bireh	Ramallah(4)	4	7
Jerusalem	Jaba' junction (1) Old City (3)	1	4
Jericho	No arrests/search and arrests	-	-
Bethlehem	Beit Sahur (1), Al 'Aza refugee camp (1), Dar Salah (1), Al 'Ubeidiya (2), 'Ayda refuge camp (1), Al Khadr (1), Beit Jala (1) , Za'atara (2), Bethlehem (2), ad Duheisha Camp (1), Tuqu (1), Ash Shawawreh (2)	16	3
Hebron	Hebron City (4), Beit Ummar(2), Al 'Arrub Camp (1), Idhna (3), Dura (2), Tarqumiya (2), Biet Awwa (3), Beit Ula (2), Surif (1), Yatta (4), Adh Dhahiriya (3), Sa'ir (2), Ash Shuyukh (1)	30	25
Total Week West Bank		99	70
Gaza Strip		-	1
Total Week oPt		99	71

Appendix: Checkpoints: 9 - 15 August 2006

Checkpoint	Status
Tulkarm:	
Taybeh	Open between 5.30am to 8pm Sunday to Thursday and 5:30am to 12:00 pm on Fridays for humanitarian organisations and Palestinians with permits. The checkpoint leads to the back-to-back checkpoint.
Efrayim	Open from 4am – 7pm Sunday to Thursday and 4 am to 12 pm on Fridays for Palestinian workers and traders. Since 31 July to date, closed for all Palestinians with valid permits except for UN organizations critical medical conditions
Kafriat	Open 24 hours. It is manned and physically divided into three parts: one that controls movement to and from Tulkarm town; one that controls movement to Israel proper; and one that controls movement to and from Jubara. On 24 May IDF closed the part 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. On 31 July to date, closed for all Palestinians with valid permits except for UN organizations critical medical conditions
Kafriat Tunnel	The checkpoint is controlling all traffic heading south from Tulkarm including residents of Jenin. Long queue and delays were reported. Males from Tulkarm and Jenin districts aged between 16 and 35 are not allowed to exit Tulkarm unless they have special permits
'Anabta	Checkpoint on the eastern entrance of Tulkarm on Road 57. Manned daily during the reporting period. Long queue and delays were reported. Males from Tulkarm and Jenin districts aged between 16 and 35 are not allowed to exit Tulkarm unless they have special permits. Since 30 July to date closed due to construction.
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 and 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 and 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:	
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 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 and 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 being 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 Border Police. Delays were experienced on daily basis. During rush hours, commuters reported very long delays reached to 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	Usually open for Jerusalem ID holders, foreign passport holders. 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, exceptions only for West Bank Palestinians working in international organisations.
Az Za'ayem North eastern entrance on Road 1.	Open for Israelis, Palestinians with Jerusalem ID cards and internationals. Since 3 February all West Bank Palestinians with valid permits are not allowed to cross including staff of international organisations.
Ar Ram Northern entrance on Road 60 north.	Internationals, diplomats, Palestinians with Jerusalem ID cards and have Beit Hanina or Dahiyat al Bareed address on their ID cards and are registered on a list held at the checkpoint. 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, and 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 registration 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 move at 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. No soldiers present this week. The checkpoint leads to al Mu'arrajat road; the only road to Ramallah at the moment.
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 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. 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 Ibrahim Mosque	Closed to Palestinians. During the reporting period, both Israeli settlers and IDF soldiers prevented Palestinian residents from accessing this road.
Shohada street, H2 Western entrance to Shohada street	Open to Palestinians living beyond it and in the Tel Rumeida area in accordance with a list held by the IDF at the checkpoint. Access possible only on foot. Palestinians and internationals have to go through a metal detector in the shape of a caravan to access the area.
Ibrahimi Mosque, H2	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	Closed for Palestinian labourers since 12 March. Open for internationals and humanitarian cases. 9 August: Open for internationals and Palestinian medical cases from 8am to 5pm, but was closed for one hour at noon. 10-15 August: Open for internationals and Palestinian medical cases from 8am to 7pm. 14 August: After an attack by anti-tanks missiles on Erez, the crossing was closed for two hours from 5.15 pm – 7.15 pm.
Rafah Passenger Terminal	10 August: Open from 10am – 1pm for selective departures (humanitarian cases, students, and those with residence permits in other countries). EU BAM reported 1,561 Palestinians crossed out. 11 August: Open from 9am – 3pm for selective departures (humanitarian cases, students, and those with residence in the Gulf States). EU BAM reported 2,600 Palestinians crossed out. 12, 13, 14 and 15 August: Rafah Terminal closed.
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.

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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. As of 29 May 2006, ICRC and UN vehicles are not permitted to cross.
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Gaza Strip

Sufa	Closed all the week.
Karni	9 August: closed 10 August: open for palletised imports only. 11 – 15 August: open for imports only
Kerem Shalom	Remained Closed all the Week
Nahal OZ Energy Pipelines	Open for the week except on 9 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.