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Protection of Civilians – Weekly Briefing Notes

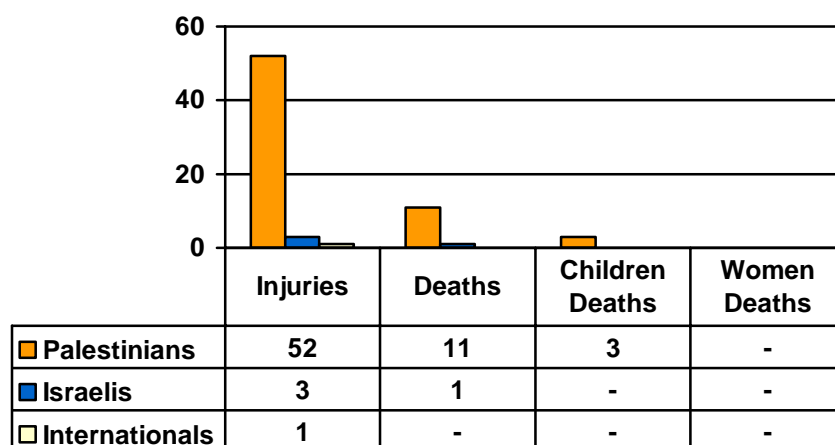
6 - 12 September 2006

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

- During the week, IDF soldiers conducted three incursions into the Gaza Strip and at the end of the reporting period IDF soldiers remain present around the Gaza International airport, east of Rafah. During one of the operations in Khuza'a, eastern Khan Younis over three days, two Palestinian civilians, including a child, were killed, and more than eight Palestinians injured. 200 dunums of olive groves and agricultural land were bulldozed and several houses were partially damaged.
- At least seven (7) homemade rockets were fired by Palestinian militants from inside the Gaza Strip towards targets inside Israel, mainly into Sederot and Western Negev. Two anti-tank missiles were also fired at the IDF from inside the Gaza Strip.
- 88 artillery shells were fired, mainly into northern Gaza. The IAF conducted four (4) air strikes throughout the Gaza Strip. The IDF also opened fire at Palestinian fishing boat, injuring a Palestinian fisherman. IDF soldiers destroyed a 10 metre deep tunnel in Abu El Ajeen, east of Deir Al Balah.
- Gaza Strip essential services - hospitals, water and sewage pumps – have continued to operate but at a reduced capacity for over two months following the bombing of the power plant. Electricity continues to enter the Gaza Strip from Israel and has been rationed and redistributed to the rest of the Strip. On 11 September, the southern Gaza town of Rafah was connected with a 5 megawatt (MW) electricity line from Egypt. Electricity load share schedule of Rafah has increased from 7 hours up to 12 hours.

In the West Bank:

- All employees of PA ministries including teachers and health workers continued the general strike (since 2 September) against the non-payment of their monthly salaries for the past six months. The strikes caused the closure of up to 95% of PA schools in some governorates. The strike for teachers in the Gaza Strip was suspended for one month following an agreement reached with the Teachers' Union.
- Increased casualties were reported in the West Bank (six deaths and 36 injuries) including a 12 year-old boy who was killed in Bethlehem when IDF soldiers fired at Palestinian stone throwers.
- A group of Israeli settlers, accompanied by IDF soldiers, entered Al Nabi Younis Mosque in Halhul (Hebron) and performed prayers for half an hour.

1. Physical Protection

Gaza Strip:

- **6 September:** Two Palestinians, aged 16 and 24 years, were killed, and eight others were injured by the IDF during an IDF military operation in Khuza'a village east of Khan Younis.
- **6 September:** A 27 year-old Palestinian fisherman was injured when IDF gunboats opened fire at Palestinian fishing boats west of Beach Camp in Gaza City.
- **6 September:** Five Palestinians were injured by the IDF during armed clashes in Khuza'a village east of Khan Younis.
- **9 September:** A 23 year-old Palestinian man was injured by IDF during armed clashes in Khuza' east of Khan Younis.
- **9 September:** A 20 year-old Palestinian militant died of wounds sustained on 6 September by the IDF in Khuza'a village east of Khan Younis.
- **10 September:** A 14 year-old Palestinian boy was killed and his 22 year-old brother injured when an IDF artillery shell landed near houses in Al Shouka area southeast of Rafah.
- **12 September:** An IDF soldier was killed during armed clashes with Palestinian militants east of Deir El Balah.

West Bank:

- **6 September:** A 22 year-old Palestinian man was injured by rubber-coated metal bullets in Kafr Dan (Jenin) when the IDF opened fire at Palestinian stone throwers during a search and arrest campaign.
- **6 September:** A 24 year-old Palestinian man was shot dead in Jenin city (Jenin) by an IDF undercover unit.
- **7 September:** Three Palestinian men, aged 26, 33 and 35 years, were killed in Qabatiya (Jenin) when an exchange of fire took place between Palestinian gunmen and the IDF during a military operation. 16 Palestinians were injured, eight of them men (aged 19, 20 (2), 25, 29 (2), 35 and 50 years) by live ammunition. The other eight Palestinians were injured by shrapnel; four women (aged 18, 37, 42 and 65 years) and four men (aged 20, 21 and 29 (2) years).
- **8 September:** Fifteen (15) Palestinians and one international activist were injured by sponge and rubber-coated metal bullets during a demonstration organised by Palestinians, internationals and Israeli activists against the Barrier construction in Bil'in (Ramallah).
- **9 September:** A 7 year-old boy from the H1 area of Hebron city (Hebron) was injured when he was run over by an IDF jeep in Al Sheikh Neighbourhood in the H2 part of the city.
- **9 September:** A 16 year-old Palestinian man was injured by live ammunition in Anabta (Tulkarm) when the IDF opened fire at Palestinian stone throwers during a search and arrest campaign.
- **11 September:** A 47 year-old Palestinian man was shot dead and two Palestinian men, aged 18 and 36 years, injured by live ammunition in Rummana village (Jenin) when an alleged IDF undercover unit opened fire at their vehicle in the early morning while they were travelling to Jenin city.
- **11 September:** Palestinians stoned an Israeli vehicle in Qalandiya camp (Jerusalem). Three Israelis were reported injured.
- **12 September:** A 12 year-old boy from Bethlehem city (Bethlehem) was killed when a group of IDF soldiers opened fire towards Palestinian stone throwers.

2. Palestinian internal violence and other incidents

[This includes casualties related to Palestinian inter-factional fighting, family and community disputes and reckless use of weapons. Also reported in this section are casualties indirectly related to the conflict such as incidents involving unexploded ordnance (UXOs), traffic accidents between Israeli and Palestinians in the oPt and deaths resulting from delay in receiving medical treatment at a checkpoint or during a military operation/curfew. These incidents are not reported in the total in Section 1.]

- **7 September:** Two Palestinian police officers were injured in an exchange of fire between drug dealers and the PA police in Al Shouka area in Rafah (Gaza Strip).
- **7 September:** A 75 year-old Palestinian man was killed when a group of unknown gunmen opened fire at his son, who is an officer in the PA military intelligence (Gaza Strip).
- **7 September:** A Palestinian bystander was injured when a group of armed masked men opened fire at a PA officer from the presidential guard in Khan Younis.

- **9 September:** A 24 year-old Palestinian bystander was killed and three others were injured in an armed family feud (Gaza Strip).
- **9 September:** A 9 year-old Palestinian boy was injured in Balata camp (Nablus) when an unexploded ordnance (UXO) detonated while he was playing with it.
- **10 September:** An 8 year-old Palestinian girl from An Nabi Elyas (Qalqiliya) died when a vehicle driven by an Israeli settler hit her on Road 55 when passing through the village.
- **11 September:** Two Palestinian bystanders, aged 63 and 75 years, were killed, and two others were injured in an armed clash between a local family and the Executive Security Force (ESF) in Deir Al Balah (Gaza Strip).
- **12 September:** One ESF member was injured during an armed clash with a local family in Gaza City (Gaza Strip).

3. Shelter and Property

Date	Location, Governorate	Structures demolished	Structures damaged	People displaced / affected
11 September	Tura. al Gharbiya/ Jenin	1	-	N/A
12 September	Gaza City	1	-	N/A
12 September	Bethlehem	2	-	12
12 September	Bethlehem	1	-	10
Total		5	-	22

Gaza Strip:

- **12 September:** One house was demolished when it was hit by an IAF aircraft missile in Al Sabra area of Gaza city. Several houses nearby were lightly damaged (not recorded in table above).

West Bank:

- **11 September:** The IDF demolished a chicken farm in Tura al Gharbiya (Jenin) for reportedly being built without a permit (the farm was constructed 15 years ago).
- **12 September:** In Tuqu' village (Bethlehem), the IDF demolished a storage room (120 m²) and an animal pen (200 m²) for reportedly being built in Area C without a building permit. The structures were the main source of income for a family of 12 individuals including six children.
- **12 September:** The IDF demolished a Palestinian house (150 m²) in the village of Al Furedis (Bethlehem) for reportedly being built without a permit. The house was home to a family of ten.

Other related incidents:

- **6 September:** The IDF issued a demolition order for a Palestinian commercial structure located near the North Qalqiliya checkpoint (Qalqiliya)
- **8 September:** The IDF raided the branches of the Prisoner's Advocate Society in the towns of Nablus, Jenin, Tulkarm, Qalqiliya and Salfit. A number of computers and files were confiscated. The IDF placed a flyer in the premises stating that the offices would be closed down for two years.
- **9 September:** The IDF raided the branches of the Prisoner's Advocate Society in the towns of Bethlehem and Hebron. A number of computers and files were confiscated. The IDF placed a flyer in the premises stating that the offices would be closed down for two years.
- **10 September:** A group of Israeli settlers, accompanied by IDF soldiers, entered Al Nabi Younis Mosque in Halhul (Hebron) and performed prayers for half an hour. Al Nabi Younis Mosque is situated in centre of the Palestinian town of Halhul.
- **11 September:** An IAF aircraft fired a missile targeting a group of Palestinian militants traveling in a car north of Rafah camp. The rocket missed the target and the militants fled the scene. The IAF fired another rocket which destroyed the car. No injuries were reported.

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:

Ongoing incidents:

- Barrier construction: the IDF continues to level land near Immatin village and between 'Azzun and Kafr Thulth and between Azzun and Kafr Laqif for the construction of the Barrier.

Salfit Governorate:

Ongoing incidents:

- Barrier construction: Israeli contractors continue to level 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:

- 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 Israeli court has approved a new route of the Barrier in 'Abud to create "a special security arrangement" around Beit Arye and Ofarim settlements.
 - Barrier construction has resumed in Deir Qaddis between the village and Modi'in Ilit settlement. The construction was stopped for almost 1 ½ years due to technical problems related to building contractors.
 - The IDF continues with the construction of the Barrier near Umm Safa, parallel to bypass Road 465, to create a buffer zone around the settlement of Ateret. The land earlier requisitioned by the IDF belongs to Palestinians from Atara and Umm Safa villages.

Jerusalem Governorate:

Ongoing incidents:

- Barrier construction:
 - Work continues all along the projected route of the Barrier 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.
 - Barrier construction near Ar Ram checkpoint between Dahiyat Al Bareed and Atarot is ongoing. Detours through the neighbourhoods of Ar Ram

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

and Dahiyat Al Bareed due to the construction continue and changes are experienced on a daily basis. New areas of concrete wall were set up on 25 August 2006 further exasperating the access of vehicles through the neighbourhood and beyond the Barrier.

- The construction of a road barrier continues on Road 1, east of Az Za'ayyem. Palestinians with Jerusalem ID cards who are intending to drive to Jerusalem, now have to drive south to Ma'ale Adumim and then return through Az Za'ayyem checkpoint.
- Construction of an Israeli police station in E1 or East 1 (an area north of Ma'ale Adumim and Road 1 within Jerusalem governorate and the West Bank) is ongoing.
- The road between Anata and Al 'Eizariya is under construction (Road 70). Another road (Road 80) is being planned that will link Abu Dis to Road 1 by encircling east of the planned Barrier around Ma'ale Adumim. The road will be open for Palestinians only.

Jericho Governorate:

No incidents to report.

Bethlehem Governorate:

12 September: The IDF issued a military order (No. T/77/06) requisitioning 102 dunums of agricultural land belonging to Palestinian farmers from the villages of Artas and Al Khader. The land was requisitioned for the construction of the Barrier.

Ongoing incidents:

- Barrier construction: Land levelling continued for the construction of the Barrier in the section of Road 60 between the Palestinian village of Al Khadr and Al Nashshash (southern entrance of the city of Bethlehem).
- 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 continued of a protection fence next to Al Khadr Boys School along the southern side of Road 60.
- Land levelling and digging continued for the construction of the proposed tunnel near Al Khadr village. This week new land levelling took place along the southern side of Road 60 leading to the western villages of the Governorate.
- Land levelling continued for the construction of the new terminal next to Al Jab'a checkpoint.
- Land levelling continued during the reporting period for the construction of the Barrier in the vicinity of the settlement of Har Gilo.

Hebron Governorate:

Ongoing incidents:

- Barrier construction: construction of the Barrier continued in the vicinity of the Tarqumiya checkpoint.
- Land levelling 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. Electrical posts were added.

Gaza Strip:

9 September: 200 dunums of land covered with olive trees were destroyed by IDF bulldozers in Khuza'a village during a military operation.

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

a) Curfew

No incidents to report.

b) Access to education

During the reporting period: All employees of PA ministries including teachers and health workers continued an open strike against the non-payment of their monthly salaries for the past six months. The strike started on 2 September.

In the West Bank, 80% of governmental schools in the northern West Bank, 90% of schools in both the Hebron (north) and Bethlehem and 85% of schools in Hebron (south) were not operating.

In the Gaza Strip, as much as 75% of governmental schools were reported to be disrupted following the continued strike. However, an agreement was reached on 9 September between the PA Education Ministry and the Teachers' Union reached to suspend the strike for one month. On 10 September, all PA schools were again operating.

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

All Palestinians should directly apply to the Israeli authorities to obtain Israeli permits. The criteria for people to be eligible for an Israeli permit are similar for both workers and traders; a Palestinian should be above 35 years old, married with children and with no security files. Criteria to apply for work permits inside Atarot industrial zone; a person should be above 21 years old, married with children.

During the reporting period, significant delays were reported by Palestinians trying to get magnetic cards from the Israeli DCL in the governorates of Hebron and Bethlehem.

On 12 September, 20 UNRWA staff members travelling from Abu Dis to their field office in Jerusalem were denied entry through the Za'ayem checkpoint (Jerusalem).

d) Closures/movement restrictions

Gaza Strip:

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

West Bank:

10 September: The IDF lifted the age restriction on Palestinians males from Nablus and Tulkarm. The age restriction was lifted for males from Jenin last week. Males from the three governorates between the ages of 16 – 30 years are now permitted to head south through all permanent, semi-permanent and flying checkpoints in the northern West Bank after full body searches.

Nablus Governorate:

6 September: The IDF changed the closing time at Beit Iba checkpoint for pedestrian and vehicular movement. The closing time was changed from 8pm to 7:30pm.

6 September: The IDF established eight road gates on both sides of Road 505 east of Zaatara checkpoint.

8 September: The IDF closed Huwwara checkpoint for two hours and control-detonated an explosive device.

11 September: The IDF closed Beit Iba checkpoint for two hours and control-detonated an explosive device.

11 September: The IDF closed Asira ash Shamaliya checkpoint for two hours.

Ongoing incidents:

- The IDF continues to close the road connecting Qaryut village with Road 60 and the Mekorot water filling point with a road block. The closure separates three villages (Talfit, Jalud and Qaryut), from their source of water.
- The IDF continues 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. According to Palestinian Chamber of Commerce in the north, 698 workers and 507 traders from Nablus, 600 workers and 283 traders from Jenin, 70 workers and 118 traders from Tubas, 57 traders from Tulkarm, 1300 workers and 468 traders from Qalqiliya, and 434 workers and 165 traders from Salfit currently have permits.

- The IDF has closed Al Badhan road with three earth mounds preventing Palestinians vehicular movement between Jenin, Tubas and Nablus governorates for 23 consecutive weeks.

Jenin Governorate:
Ongoing incidents:

- Since 30 August the IDF have allowed 40 commercial trucks (with less than a two tonnes freightload) to transport food products to Barta'a enclave. A list with the plate numbers of the trucks is present at the checkpoint. Other materials require prior coordination.

Tubas Governorate:

No incidents to report.

Tulkarm Governorate:
Ongoing incidents:

- The IDF continues to prevent Palestinians with Israeli IDs from entering Palestinian areas unless they have relatives living in Tulkarm.
- The IDF continues to close the road between Bala' and Anabta with an earth mound.
- 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.

Qalqiliya Governorate:
Ongoing incidents:

- The IDF closed the main entrance to 'Izbat at Tabib village with an earth mound.
- The IDF continues to close the dirt roads connecting Kafr Qaddum with Hajja, Kur and Beit Lid villages.

Salfit Governorates:

7 September: The IDF closed Marda road gate for several hours. Marda gate is the only entrance to Marda village.

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:

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Bethlehem Governorate:

7 August: Israeli Border Police manning An Nu'man checkpoint denied access of a UN team to Khallet An Nu'man.

Ongoing:

- 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 Khallet Nu'man continued to deny the access of the essential services (such as dump trucks) to the village. Harassment of the Palestinians residents has also continued. International organization national staff are required to show their national IDs along with their organization ID. Furthermore, during the reporting period the village has been without running water, as the Israeli contractor for the construction of the Barrier broke the main pipe supplying the village with water.

Hebron Governorate:

7 September: Israeli Border Police manning the Ibrahimi Mosque checkpoint in the H2 area of Hebron city prevented members of a UN team from entering the Ibrahimi Mosque.

7 September: Israeli Border Police manning the checkpoint close to the Gutnick Center in the H2 area of Hebron city, physically blocked the way of a UN team for more than 45 minutes.

Jerusalem Governorate:

NTR

Jericho Governorate/Jordan Valley:

NTR

Gaza Strip

6 – 9 September: While IDF troops were operating in eastern Khan Younis village of Khuza'a, Palestinian residents of Khuza'a and the surrounding areas had severe access difficulties.

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

- Rafah Passengers' terminal (as EU Observers cannot reach the terminal due to the closure of Kerem Shalom crossing) was closed all the week.
- 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 being decided on a case-by-case basis).
- Nahal Oz energy pipelines were 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. This area, in the former enclosed area of As Siafa, is home to more than 250 Palestinians. As a result of IDF artillery shelling, more than half the families in the area have relocated to surrounding localities outside the buffer zone. Entry into the area is only possible with prior coordination from the IDF.

Reported flying (random) checkpoints – West Bank

Governorate	Location, # of flying checkpoints in brackets	Total # of flying checkpoints
Nablus	Bar El (7)	7
Jenin	Sanur (7), 'Arraba (7), Az Zababida (2), Qabatiya (1), Fahma (2), Ajja (1) Rummana (1).	21
Tubas	Tubas (2), Tammun (4) Aqqaba (1) Wadi Al Fará (1)	8
Tulkarm	Balá (1)	1
Qalqiliya	Entrance Qalqiliya – DCO (7), 'Azzun tunnel (1), Izbat Salman (1), Wadi Qana (5), Izbat at Tabib (2), Jayyus (3), Ras Átiya (2), Kafr Thulth (1), Jinsafut (3), Habla tunnel (2)	27
Salfit	Iskaka (1), Yasuf (1), Deir Istiya (1)	3
Ramallah and Al Bireh	No flying checkpoints observed	0
Jerusalem	No flying checkpoints observed	0
Jericho	No flying checkpoints observed	0
Bethlehem	Al 'Ubeidiya (3), Za'tara (2), Bethlehem city (2), 'Ayda refugee camp(1), Al Khadr (2), Dar Salah (2), Beit Jala (1), Al 'Aza refugee camp (1), Ad Duheisha (2), Beit Sahur (1), Tuqu (2), Ash Shawawreh (2), Batir (1), Husan (1)	23
Hebron	Yatta (2), Beit Ummar (3), Bani Na'im (1), Dura (3), Hebron city - H1(2), Halhul (1), Al Arrub refugee camp (1), Ad Dhahiriya (2), Ar Ramadin (2), Sa'ir (2), Ash Shuyukh (1), Surif (2) .	22
Total West Bank		112

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 (2), Yatma (1) Askar RC (3), camp No1 (2), Salim (1), Kafr Qalil (1), As Sawiya (1), Deir Sharaf (1), Huwwara CP, Zaatara CP,	19	17
Jenin	Jenin city (4), Jenin RC (1), Qabatiya (2), Arraba (1), Kafr Raí (1), Al Yamun (1), Kafr Dan (1), Beit Qad (1)	12	10
Tubas	Tubas (3), Tammun (4),	7	-
Tulkarm	Tulkarm city (4), Tulkarm RC (1), Dhinnaba (1), Izbat al Jarad (1) Shuweika (1)	8	10
Qalqiliya	'Azzun (4), Qalqiliya city (3), DCO flying CP	7	5
Salfit	Haris (1), Salfit city (1), Deir Istiya (1),	3	3
Ramallah/Al Bireh	Ramallah (4), Beituniya (1), An Nabi Salih gate, Bir Zeit (1), Atara checkpoint	6	27
Jerusalem	Abu Dis (1)	1	1
Jericho	Jericho (1)	1	3
Jordan Valley			
Bethlehem	Beit Sahur (3), Al 'Aza refugee camp (2), Dar Salah (2), Al 'Ubeidiya (2), 'Ayda refuge camp (1), Al Khadr (1), Beit Jala (2), Za'atara (2), Bethlehem (3), ad Duheisha Camp (2), Tuqu (1), Ash Shawawreh (2), Ad Doha (2), Batir (2), Husan (2), Al Fureidis (2)	31	11
Hebron	Hebron City (3), Beit Ummar (1), Al 'Arrub Camp (2), Idhna (1), Dura (2), Tarqumiya (2), Beit Awwa (1), Beit Ula (2), Surif (1), Yatta (2), Adh Dhahiriya (1), Sa'ir (2), Ash Shuyukh (1)	21	7
Total Week West Bank		116	94
Khan Younis	Khuza'a (2), near Sofa crossing	1	17
Total Week oPt		118	111

Appendix: Checkpoints: 6 – 12 September 2006

Checkpoint	Status
Tulkarm:	
Taybeh	Open between 5.30am to 8pm Sunday to Thursday and 5:30am to 12 am on Fridays for humanitarian organisations and Palestinians with permits. The checkpoint leads to the back-to-back checkpoint.
Efrayim	Open from 4am to 7pm Sunday to Thursday and 4am to 12pm on Fridays for Palestinian workers and traders.
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, the 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.
Kafriat Tunnel	The checkpoint is controlling all traffic heading south from Tulkarm including residents of Jenin. Long queues and delays were reported. Males from Tulkarm and Jenin districts aged between 16 and 30 years are not allowed to exit Tulkarm unless they have special permits
'Anabta	Check point on the eastern entrance of Tulkarm on Road 57. Manned daily during the reporting period. Long queues and delays were reported. Males from Tulkarm and Jenin districts aged between 16 and 30 years 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. On 31 July to date, closed for all Palestinians with valid permits except for UN organizations critical medical conditions.
Qalqiliya North	Open from 4am to 7pm Sunday to Thursday and from 4am to 12am on Fridays for Palestinian permit holders.
Jit junction partial checkpoint	Partial checkpoint at the key junction connecting the governorates of Nablus, Qalqiliya and Tulkarm. Males from Nablus, Tulkarm and Jenin districts aged between 16 and 30 years are not allowed heading south unless they have special permits.
Salfit:	
Deir Ballut	Open from 6am and 6pm. The checkpoint controls movement between Ramallah and the villages in the western part of Salfit District. Males from Nablus, Tulkarm and Jenin districts aged between 16 and 30 years are not allowed heading south unless they have special permits.
Kafr Qasem (Road 5)	Open 24 hours for UN and international organisations and Palestinians with permits.
Nablus:	
Huwara Southern main entrance	Open from 6am to 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 30 years are not allowed to exit Nablus unless they have special permits. Long delays and queues reported. Long delays and queues were reported due to full body searches for males aged 16-30 years.
Beit Iba Western entrance, mainly for trade	Open from 6am to 7.30pm for humanitarian organisations and Palestinians. Israeli citizens, Palestinian holders of Jerusalem IDs and holders of international passports can pass only following prior liaison with the IDF. Males from Nablus city aged between 16 and 30 years are not allowed to exit Nablus unless they have special permits. Long delays and queues. Long delays and queues were reported due to the full body searches for males aged 16-30 years.
Al Tur Southern checkpoint connecting the Samaritan district of Jarzim with Nablus	Open 6am to 6pm from Sunday to Friday for Samaritans and 13 Palestinian non-Samaritans families living east of the checkpoint.

City	
Beit Furik Eastern gate and checkpoint. After the closure regime main gateway between Nablus and the Jordan Valley	Open 6am to 6pm for villagers from Beit Furik, Beit Dajan. Males from Nablus city aged between 16 and 30 years are not allowed to exit Nablus unless they have special permits. All residents heading south have to enter Nablus and cross through Nablus checkpoints.
Shave Shomeron Northwest, main road to Jenin	Closed since 28 March for all traffic.
Zaatara (Tappouah) South, main road to Ramallah	The checkpoint controls Palestinian movement on Road 60 southwards. Male residents of Nablus, Jenin and Tulkarm 16 and 30 years are not allowed through the checkpoint without special permit. Long delays and queues were reported due to full body searches for males aged 16-30 years.
17' 'Asira ash Shamaliya Road to the north villages of Nablus	Open from 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 the driver is in possession of a special permit. Long delays and queues are reported.
Yizhar partial checkpoint	Partial check point north of Huwwara village on Road 60
Aqraba partial checkpoint	Partial check point on the junction to Aqraba village with Road 505.
Jenin:	
Al Jalama Main entrance to Israel	Open between 7am to 4pm Sunday to Thursday. And 7am to 12am on Fridays.
Imreiha (Reikhan) Main gate to the Barta'a ash-Sharqiya/ Umm ar Rihan enclave	Open between 7am to 9pm. Open for all goods from Israel into West Bank. 40 vehicles with their plate numbers on a list at the checkpoint are allowed to transport foodstuff into the closed area behind the Barrier. Other materials need prior coordination.
Mevo Dotan (New) on road 585 near Ya'bad	Open from 7am to 7pm for all Palestinians
Tubas:	
Bisan Main entrance to Israel	Open 24 hours for Israeli ID card holders and internationals. Palestinians with West Bank IDs are no longer allowed access regardless having a permit to enter Israel and/or working with International organizations.
Tayasir 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. Very long delays are reported on daily basis.
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. Delays for Palestinian commercial vehicles crossing the checkpoint are reported on a daily basis.
Ramallah/AI Bireh:	
Qalandiya	Open for internationals, Jerusalem blue ID holders and Palestinians with West Bank IDs. Long delays are being reported particularly during morning and evening peak travelling times
Bet El/DCO	From 20 August the checkpoint will be in operation from 6 am to 8pm. Access in vehicles reserved only for diplomats, foreign passport holders, UN staff, international humanitarian organisations, and Palestinians with special work permits.
Atara Bridge	Manned by Border Police. Delays are experienced on daily basis. During peak travelling times, commuters report delays of up to one hour.
An Nabi Salih gate (partial)	Open.
At Tayba (partial)	Open.
Makkabim On Highway 443	Usually open for Israelis, Jerusalem ID holders and foreign passport holders. Road 443 is off-limits to West Bank Palestinians, except those with permits to enter Israel/Jerusalem.
Ni'lin	Usually open for Jerusalem ID holders, foreign passport holders. Palestinians with West Bank IDs are no longer allowed through regardless of any valid 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 have been 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, with exceptions only for West Bank Palestinians working in international organisations.
Az Za'ayyem 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 working with international organisations and residents of the southern part of Dahiyat al Bareed (soon to be within the Barrier) with their names and ID numbers registered on a list held at 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 have been 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.
Bir Nabala At the new road between Rafat and Bir Nabala village	Delays are experienced on daily basis. During peak traveling times, commuters report delays of up to 30 minutes.
Jaba' At the road between Jaba' Junction and Qalandiya checkpoint	Random checks by the IDF soldiers. Some delays were reported.

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 peak traveling times.
Al Auja (Yitav) On Road 90	Open 24 hours for Palestinians 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 have been reported by people travelling to Ramallah and Al 'Auja.
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. Open 24 hours for humanitarian organisations, diplomats, Jerusalem ID holders and Palestinians with valid permits. 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 are being asked to prove that they reside in areas falling within Jerusalem boundaries. Yellow-plated tourist buses are
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	allowed to enter Bethlehem only if driven by an Arab Israeli. From 20 August, Palestinians holding valid work permits were being given access to Israel through this checkpoint. The 45-year age restriction to Palestinians wishing to enter Israel through the checkpoint was lifted. UN national staff can pass through the checkpoint without having to be physically checked. The checkpoint is currently manned by the Israeli Border Police.
Khallet an Nu'man On the main entrance of Khallet an Nu'man from Beit Sahur side .	Manned by the Israeli Border Police. Only Palestinians living in the village are allowed through. Essential services (garbage collection and vegetable trucks) are not allowed into the village. Members of the extended family are not allowed to visit. Incidents of harassment and denial of access were reported during the reporting period. International organisations wishing to enter the village are required to hold a permit, show their organisation's ID and their national IDs and/or passports. On 7 September Israeli Border Police denied a UN team entry to the village.
Ein Yalow Bypass road east of Walaja, on Green Line	Open 24 hours for Israeli-plated cars and international organisations only. Since 3 February, Palestinians are no longer allowed through. As of 20 August, Palestinians holding valid work permits are being 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 vehicles.
Tunnels Road 60 at Har Gilo	Open 24 hours for international members of international humanitarian organisations. Since 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 are being requested to show additional identification in order to proceed to Jerusalem. Commercial trucks are only allowed to go through between 11am and 4pm. On 6 September the checkpoint was closed down for an hour due to a stone throwing incident. On 7 September, members of the Israeli Border Police manning the checkpoint delayed three UN staff from reaching their work in Jerusalem for more than 2 hours.
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 ongoing to enlarge the checkpoint. As of 20 August, Palestinians holding valid work permits were allowed access to Israel through this checkpoint
Ein Gedi On Road 90, along Dead Sea.	Open 24 hours; restricted to Palestinian movement.
Hebron :	
Beit Awwa At entrance to Negohot settlement, on Road 354	Crossing along Road 354 only for humanitarian organisations and critical service providers: no other movement allowed. Manned by the Israeli Border Police. Water tankers associated with Action Against Hunger stopped using the checkpoint to reach the targeted communities due to a number of physical abuse incidents 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 5 am to 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. Family visits to Palestinians detained in Israel were permitted. Such visits were denied between 25 June and 6 August. Agricultural products destined for Gaza and Israeli markets were allowed to go through. Also, as of 20 August, Palestinians holding valid work permits were allowed access to Israel through this checkpoint. Family visits to Palestinians detained in Israel were allowed to cross.
Meitar Crossing to Israeli. Road 60 on the Green Line	Manned by Border Police. Open 24 hours. On 25 May, the IDF relocated the checkpoint close to the new Meitar Terminal. As of 20 August, Palestinians holding valid work permits were allowed access to Israel through this checkpoint
Shani At turn for Shani settlement on	Manned by the IDF. The road barrier is finished in the vicinity of the checkpoint.

Road 317.	
Beit Yatir On Road 316, at the turn for Imneizel	Open 24 hours and 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 mobile metal detector.
Ibrahimi Mosque, H2 Access to the Mosque	Worshippers and visitors are searched upon entry. Residents living in the vicinity of the Mosque must hold a special permit to gain access to their homes. Israeli Border Police manning the checkpoint denied access of a UN team to the Mosque.
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 on 17 July that declared the area beyond the checkpoint as a "Closed Area" barring the entry of anyone beyond the checkpoint except Israeli citizens, IDF and Israeli Police or those who have an IDF-issued permit.
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 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.
Gaza Crossings/Checkpoints	
Erez crossing	Closed for Palestinian workers since 12 March. Open for internationals and humanitarian cases.
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 9 am to 6:30 pm 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 16 and 35 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 7am 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. As of 29 May 2006, ICRC and UN vehicles are not permitted to cross.
Gaza Strip	
Sufa	6 September: Open for livestock and fodder. 7 September: Closed. 8 September: Open for non-construction materials. 9 September: Closed – scheduled to be closed on Saturday. 10, 11 and 12 September: Open for non-construction materials.
Karni	Open all week except on 9 September (scheduled to be closed)
Kerem Shalom	6 – 10 September: Closed. 11-12 September: Open for import of humanitarian supplies.
Nahal OZ Energy Pipelines	Open all week except on 9 September (weekend).

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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.