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Protection of Civilians – Weekly Briefing Notes

20 - 26 September 2006

Of note this week

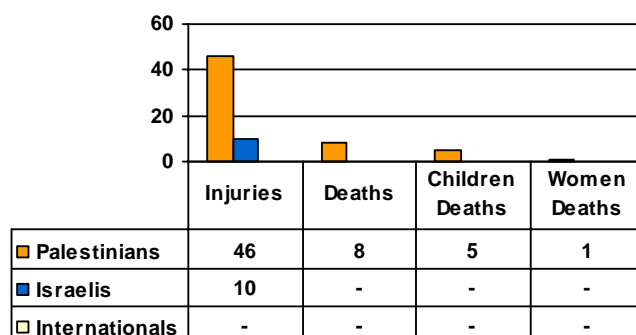
- 8 Palestinians killed, 46 injured. 10 Israelis injured.
- 60 Palestinians arrested in the West Bank, 16 in the Gaza Strip.
- PA employees including teachers and health care workers continued a strike against the non-payment of their monthly salaries since March 2006.
- The strike is worsening conditions in the health sector; the majority of the hospitals in the West Bank have stopped most of their medical interventions.

In the Gaza Strip:

- Three Palestinian boys were killed in an IAF air strike. A Palestinian girl died of wounds sustained in an earlier IDF operation.
- More than 132 Palestinians were displaced by house demolitions.
- The IDF conducted 11 incursions into various locations in the Gaza Strip. At the end of the reporting period IDF soldiers remain inside the Gaza Strip.
- At least 22 homemade rockets were fired by Palestinian militants from inside the Gaza Strip towards targets inside Israel injuring two Israelis. More than 49 artillery shells were fired by the IDF, mainly into northern Gaza. The IAF conducted five air strikes.
- The first shipment of electricity transformers needed to repair the Gaza power plant entered the Gaza Strip. The impact of IAF 28 June air strike on the plant continues to be felt by the entire population who are receiving on average 6-8 hours of electricity per day.
- A UN vehicle was hijacked by a group of gunmen in Gaza city after a UN staff member was stopped at gunpoint and told to leave the vehicle.
- Palestinian-Palestinian (internal) violence continued in the Gaza Strip leaving seven Palestinians dead.

In the West Bank:

- 129 flying checkpoints were observed.
- The IDF forcibly entered 14 money changing shops and a branch of the National Jordanian Bank in cities across the central and northern West Bank and confiscated NIS 6 million (1.5m).
- Between 22 - 24 September, the IDF prevented all West Bank Palestinians with valid permits to enter East Jerusalem and Israel over the Jewish holiday. Exceptions applied to urgent medical cases and staff of international organizations.
- Palestinian security forces clashed with masked armed Palestinians who tried to attack the Catholic church in Rafedya (Nablus).

1. Physical Protection¹

¹ Note that this excludes Palestinian-Palestinian internal violence.

Gaza Strip:

- **20 September:** A 14 year-old Palestinian girl died from the wounds she sustained during an IDF operation in Beit Hanoun on 3 September.
- **20 September:** A 22 year-old Palestinian shepherd was killed, and another Palestinian man injured when an IAF aircraft fired a missile in the Abu Safia area, south of Beit Hanoun.
- **20 September:** A 14 year-old Israeli boy was injured when two home-made rockets fired from Beit Hanoun impacted in the Western Negev, southern Israel.
- **21 September:** Three Palestinian children, aged 15 and 16 (2) years, were killed when an IAF aircraft fired a missile towards them east of Jabalia camp. The children were believed to be shepherds though the IDF has claimed that they were involved in launching a homemade rocket.
- **21 September:** A 35 year-old Palestinian woman and 28 year-old Palestinian man, were killed, and seven others injured, by the IDF during a military operation in An Nasser area, north of Rafah.
- **24 September:** A 19 year-old Palestinian man was injured when an artillery shell fired by the IDF landed impacted in northern Beit Lahia.
- **26 September:** A female IDF soldier was injured when two homemade rockets fired from Beit Hanoun impacted in the southern Israeli town of Sederot.
- **26 September:** A 14-year old Palestinian girl was killed and thirteen others were injured when the IAF targeted a house in the Brazil quarter of Rafah. The casualties were bystanders who had gathered in the street following a first missile strike that missed the target. The IDF has claimed that the house was cover for a weapons-smuggling tunnel.

West Bank:

- **20 September:** Five Palestinian children from Beit Furik village (Nablus) were transported to a nearby health clinic suffering from gas inhalation after the IDF fired sound, fire and gas canisters at Palestinians during a search and arrest campaign, hitting the balcony of the children's house.
- **20 September:** A Palestinian minor was injured by an explosive device found near Mishor Adummim settlement (Jerusalem).
- **21 September:** A 15 year-old Palestinian boy was injured by live ammunition in El Fará camp (Tubas) when the IDF opened fire at Palestinian stone throwers during a search and arrest campaign.
- **21 September:** Two Palestinian boys, aged 9 and 12 years, were injured in Tubas city (Tubas). One boy was injured by live ammunition and the other by rubber-coated metal bullets as the IDF opened fire at Palestinian stone throwers during a search and arrest campaign.
- **22 September:** Three Palestinian boys, aged 11, 13 and 15 years, from Áwarta (Nablus) were injured when two Israeli settlers physically assaulted them while they were on Palestinian property near Aqraba.
- **22 September:** Three Palestinians were injured by rubber-coated metal bullets during a demonstration organized by Palestinian, international and Israeli activists against the construction of the Barrier in Bil'in (Ramallah). In addition, an Israeli Border Police officer was injured by a stone and a Palestinian activist detained during the demonstration.
- **23 September:** The IDF fired at a Palestinian car on Road 60 near Turmus'ayya (Ramallah) as it did not slow down in front of a checkpoint. Four Palestinian men sitting in the car were lightly injured from glass splinters.
- **23 September:** Seven IDF soldiers were injured in Nablus city (Nablus) when Palestinians threw an explosive device at the IDF during a search and arrest campaign.
- **24 September:** Three Palestinian boys, aged 15, 16 and 17 years, were injured in El Fará camp (Tubas). The 16 year-old boy was injured by live ammunition while the other two boys were injured by rubber-coated metal bullets when the IDF opened fire at Palestinian stone throwers during a search and arrest campaign.
- **25 September:** Three Palestinian boys, aged 14 (2) and 15 years, from Al Khadr, (Bethlehem) were injured when IDF soldiers opened fire at Palestinian stone throwers. One boy was injured by live ammunition and the other two injured by rubber-coated metal bullets.
- **26 September:** A 22 year-old Palestinian man was injured by live ammunition in Nablus city (Nablus) when an exchange of fire took place between Palestinian gunmen and the IDF during a search and arrest campaign.
- **26 September:** Three Palestinian boys, aged 11, 12 and 14 years, were injured in El Fará camp (Tubas). The 11 year-old boy was injured by rubber-coated metal bullets and

the other two boys injured by shrapnel when the IDF opened fire at Palestinian stone throwers during a search and arrest campaign.

2. Palestinian internal violence and other incidents

[Casualties recorded here relate 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 casualties are not reported in the total in Section 1.]

- **22 September:** Four Palestinian bystanders were injured in an armed clash between the Hamas-dominated Executive Support Force (ESF) and a group of armed Fatah members, Beit Lahia (Gaza Strip).
- **21 September:** A 13-year old Palestinian boy was injured by shrapnel when an UXO with which he had been playing detonated in Al Maghazi Camp (Gaza Strip).
- **22 September:** A member of the Palestinian Presidential Guard was injured during an armed clash with gunmen near Rafah Terminal (Gaza Strip).
- **23 September:** A UN vehicle was hijacked by a group of four gunmen in Gaza City after UN staff members was stopped at gunpoint and forced to leave the vehicle. The vehicle was recovered on 26 September.
- **26 September:** A 23-year old woman was accidentally shot by one of her family members in Gaza City (Gaza Strip).
- **26 September:** PA security forces discovered two underground tunnels in Block J near the border fence that stretches to the Egyptian side of the border. PA security forces destroyed the tunnels.

3. Shelter and Property

Date	Location, Governorate	Structures demolished	Structures damaged	People displaced / affected
20 September	Rafah	1	N/A (several)	N/A (several)
20 September	Rafah	3	-	N/A
21 September	Jabalia	2	-	N/A
22 September	Rafah	10	1	132
26 September	Rafah	1	N/A (several)	N/A (several)
Total		16	1+	132+

- **20 September:** A two-storey Palestinian house was demolished when it was hit by two missiles fired by an IAF aircraft in the Al Shouka area east of Rafah terminal (Gaza Strip). Several nearby houses were lightly damaged in the blast. The family was warned to leave the house prior to the attack by people claiming to be the IDF.
- **20 September:** Three greenhouses were demolished by IDF tanks and bulldozers south of Sufa crossing, Rafah (Gaza Strip) during an incursion.
- **21 September:** Two water wells were destroyed by IDF tanks and bulldozers east of Jabalia camp (Gaza Strip) during an incursion.
- **22 September:** Ten houses accommodating 14 families (132 persons) were demolished, and another house was partially damaged by the IDF during an incursion in northern Rafah (Gaza Strip).

Other related incidents:

- On 20 September, the IDF broke into a series of money changing stores and one bank in the central and northern West Bank, causing damage to the stores and confiscating money. According to Israeli media, about NIS 6 million was confiscated during the operation. The justification for the series of raids was the money was being illegally transferred into the West Bank to fund terrorist organizations:
 - The IDF forced owners of two money changing shops in Ramallah from their residences and demanded them to open their shops in order to confiscate money.
 - In the northern West Bank, the IDF forcibly entered twelve money changing shops and one Palestinian Bank: (1) In Nablus city, the IDF broke through the main doors of six stores and confiscated money and cheques and arrested an

owner of one of the stores. The IDF also broke into the National Jordan Bank, causing severe interior damage to the first floor, but did not confiscate any funds because they failed to open the bank's vault; (2) In Jenin, the IDF broke into three money changing shops to confiscate money; and (3) In Tulkarm, three money changing stores were raided and had money and computers confiscated.

4. [Natural Resources](#)

Land levelling/Requisitions/Tree Uprooting²

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.
- Since 17 September, the IDF have been levelling land and installing a road fence north of Road 505, east of Zaatara checkpoint

Jenin Governorate:

No incidents to report.

Tubas Governorate:

No incidents to report.

Tulkarm Governorate:

Ongoing incidents:

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

Qalqiliya Governorate:

23 September: The IDF issued a military order (No.T/75/06) requisitioning 1.7 dunums of Palestinian land belonging to residents of Habla (Qalqiliya) to build a new road for the IDF to reach the Barrier.

Ongoing incidents:

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

Salfit Governorate:

20 September: The Israeli Civil Administration issued an eviction order to a Palestinian woman from Deir Istiya to evacuate her land (40 dunums) which Israeli authorities are claiming is State Land.³

Ongoing incidents:

- Barrier construction: Israeli contractors continue land levelling and construction work north of Salfit City, Iskaka and Deir Istiya villages and south of Marda and Kifl Haris villages around Ariel settlement.

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

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

³ In the early 1980s, the IDF reinterpreted operating land law in the West Bank (predominately the Ottoman Land Code) to allow the Commander of the IDF in region to declare as 'State Land' uncultivated and unregistered Palestinian land. Between 1980 and 1984 approximately 800,000 dunums of the West Bank was declared as State Land, at times without the knowledge of West Bank farmers who had possessed the land for decades. See, OCHA/UNRWA, Barrier Update No. 6, January 2006.

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 the 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 was earlier requisitioned by the IDF and 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 stretch 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 and Dahiyat Al Bareed due to the construction continue and changes are experienced on a daily basis. Slabs of the concrete wall have been set up on the main road completely obstructing access unless the narrow streets of the residential neighbourhood are used.
- 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:

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).
 - Land levelling continued for the construction of the Barrier in the vicinity of the settlement of Har Gilo.
- Paving continues on the side of Tunnels checkpoint to expand the site. Six lanes have been paved so far and a telecommunication tower was 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.

Hebron Governorate:

20 – 26 September: Israeli settlers from Karmel, south of Yatta, opened the settlement's sewage pipes on agricultural lands belonging to Palestinian farmers from Yatta.

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 at 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:

20 September: Two IDF bulldozers and IDF tanks entered approximately 200 metres into an area south of Sufa crossing in Rafah and levelled four dunums of olive and almond trees.

25 September: One dunum of land covered with olive trees was levelled by IDF tanks and bulldozers which had entered approximately 200 metres into an area south of Sufa crossing in Rafah.

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 care workers continued an open strike against the non-payment of their monthly salaries since March 2006. The strike started on 2 September and the only group of employees to have temporarily lifted the strike are teachers in the Gaza Strip after an agreement was reached suspending the strike for one month.

The strike is escalating in the health sector; the majority of the hospitals in the West Bank have stopped most of their medical interventions. Five peaceful demonstrations were held in Ramallah and the Gaza Strip, including one in front of the UNESCO office.

The general strike in the West Bank continues to impact upon the functioning of schools.

- Up to 90% of schools in Hebron (north) and Bethlehem governorates did not operate this week while an estimated 80% of schools were impacted in the remaining southern areas of Hebron. This week it was reported that some schools in these two southern governorates were giving regular lessons to Al Tawjihi students and up to three lessons per day in primary schools.
- Up to 80% of schools in the northern West Bank were on strike.
- In the central areas, around 90% of the teachers are on strike. No schools are functioning except for the Tawjihi classes which have been excluded from the strike in most Ramallah schools.

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.⁴

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 both the governorates of Hebron and Bethlehem.

⁴ 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 had permits in August.

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:

22 to 24 September: The IDF imposed a total closure on the West Bank due to the Jewish holiday (Rosh Hashana)/Hebrew New Year. No Palestinians with valid permits were able to enter East Jerusalem and Israel except special categories of Palestinians including urgent medical cases and employees of international organizations.

Since the 13 September: The IDF have imposed a tight closure on the northern West Bank and reenforced again age restrictions on Palestinians males from the governorates of Nablus, Jenin and Tulkarm which had been progressively lifted over the last two weeks. Males from the three governorates between the ages of 16 – 30 years are not permitted to head south through all permanent, semi-permanent and flying checkpoints in the northern West Bank. Males from Nablus city between the ages of 16 – 30 years are not allowed to leave the city through surrounding checkpoints.

Nablus Governorate:

20 September: The IDF closed Huwwara checkpoint for several hours in the evening and prevented Palestinians from moving in both directions. When Palestinians protested the IDF fired tear gas canisters at people queuing up. Several cases of gas inhalation was reported. The IDF opened the checkpoint at 9pm.

22 September: The IDF closed Zaatara checkpoint preventing the movement of Palestinians from the northern West bank heading south for several hours.

25 September: The IDF closed Huwwara, Beit Iba and Asira ash Shamaliya checkpoints in the afternoon, denying Palestinians from other governorates leaving the city of Nablus to head to their homes before the time of Iftar (breaking of the fast) in Ramadan.

20 September to date: The number of reports of long queues and delays at Huwwara and Beit Iba checkpoints increased.

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.
- The IDF has closed Al Badhan road with three earth mounds preventing Palestinians vehicular movement between Jenin, Tubas and Nablus governorates for 26 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 closed the exit from the Kafriat checkpoint leading to the road into Tulkarm, for construction. Residents of Jbarah now have to reach Tulkarm though Kafriat Tunnel. No vehicles from Tulkarm can reach Road 57 through Kafriat checkpoint.

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:

21 September: The IDF closed Qarawat Bani Hassan road gate on Road 505 forcing seven villages west of the gate to take long detours to reach Nablus City.

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 at Atara checkpoint were reported on daily basis during morning and evening rush hours.

Bethlehem Governorate:

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 Khamat 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.

Hebron Governorate:

20-26 September: A large increase in the number of flying checkpoints in the city of Hebron and the Governorate in general.

Jerusalem Governorate:

22 September: The IDF closed Qalandiya checkpoint for several hours due to a security alert received by the IDF.

Jericho Governorate/Jordan Valley:

24 September: The IDF completely closed Tayasir checkpoint for several hours preventing all Palestinians from access in and out of the Jordan Valley area.

Ongoing:

- All Palestinians with West Bank IDs, except Jericho residents, must be in possession of an Israeli permit to be able to leave Jericho via the DCO checkpoint. Others will have to use al Mu'rrajat old road via Yitav checkpoint. Palestinians with Jerusalem ID cards are allowed in and out of Jericho.

Gaza Strip

21 September: While operating in An Naser area north of Rafah, the IDF blocked the main eastern bypass road leading to Rafah terminal. As a result, movement between Rafah and Khan Younis was restricted.

During the reporting period:

- Karni crossing was open for five out of the seven days during the reporting period. Aside from the scheduled closure day on Saturday (weekend), the crossing was also closed on 24 September for reported security reasons by the IDF.
- Rafah Passengers' terminal was open for three out of seven days this week for both arrivals and departures. An estimated 4,500 people entered the Gaza Strip and 3,800 left the Gaza Strip over these three days.
- 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 except on 24 September which is a regular scheduled closure day (weekend).
- Sufa crossing was open on three out of the seven days for the import of construction materials.

- Kerem Shalom crossing was open on four out of the seven days for the import of humanitarian aid supplies.
- Gaza fishermen continued to be prevented from 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), Deir Sharaf (1), Talluza (1), Ázmut (1)	10
Jenin	Sanur (7), ‘Arraba (7), Az Zababida (7), Al Mansura (1), Al Kufair (1), Kafr Raí (1)	24
Tubas	Tubas (2), Tammun (4), El Fará camp (2), Tayasir village (1)	9
Tulkarm	Áttil (1), Farún (1)	2
Qalqiliya	Entrance Qalqiliya – DCO (7), ‘Azzun tunnel (4), Ázzun (3), Wadi Qana (6), An Nabi Elyas (3), Izbat at Tabib (2), Ras Átiya (1), Kafr Thulth (2), Jinsafut (1), Habla tunnel (1) Sir (1)	31
Salfit	Bruqin (1), Marda (1), Kifl Haris (1), Az Zawiya (1), Iskaka (1)	5
Ramallah and Al Bireh	-	0
Jerusalem	-	0
Jericho	-	0
Bethlehem	Al ‘Ubeidiya (1), 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 (1), Batir (1), Husan (1)	21
Hebron	Yatta (3), Beit Ummar (3), Bani Na’im (1), Dura (3), Hebron city - H1(5), Halhul (2), Al Arrub refugee camp (2), Ad Dhahiriya (2), Ar Ramadin (2), Sa’ir (2), Ash Shuyukh (1), Surif (1)	27
Total West Bank		129

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 (6), Camp No.1 (1), Áskar RC (2), Kafr Qalil (1), Rujeib (1), Huwwara CP, Beit Iba CP	18	13
Jenin	Jenin city (6), Jenin RC (5), Silat al Harithiya (1), Az Zababida (2), Al Yamun (2), Deir Abu Daif (2), Jalbun (1), Arraba (1), Kafr Dan (3), Sanur flying CP	23	10
Tubas	Tubas (4), Tammun (2), El Fará camp (3), Wadi al Fará (3), Tammun flying CP	12	7
Tulkarm	Tulkarm city (4), Nur Shams RC (1), Seida (1), Balá (1), Zeita (1)	8	2
Qalqiliya	Qalqiliya city (6), ‘Azzun (2), Kafr Qaddum (1), Jit CP	9	4
Salfit	Haris (1), Salfit city (2), Marda (3), Deir Istiya (1), Flying CP Kifl Haris	7	4
Ramallah/Al Bireh	Ramallah (3), Al Jalazun refugee camp (1), Bil’in, Al Amari refugee camp (1)	5	17
Jerusalem	-	-	-

Jericho Jordan Valley	Ma'ale Adummim (1), Az Zubedat (1)	2	1
Bethlehem	Beit Sahur (2), Al 'Aza refugee camp (2), Dar Salah (2), Al 'Ubeidiya (2), 'Ayda refuge camp (2), Al Khadr (1), Beit Jala (1), Za'atara (3), Bethlehem (1), Ad Duheisha Camp (2), Tuqu (1), Ash Shawawreh (1), Ad Doha (2), Batir (2), Husan (2), Al Fureidis (1)	27	7
Hebron	Hebron City (5), Beit Ummar (2), Al 'Arrub Camp (2), Idhna (2), Dura (2), Tarqumiya (2), Biet Awwa (2), Beit Ula (2), Surif (2), Yatta (2), Adh Dhahiriya (1), Sa'ir (2), Ash Shuyukh (1)	27	8
Total Week West Bank		120	60
Gaza Strip	Al Shouka area (1), former Erez Industrial Zone, Beit Lahia (1), An Nasser (1)	3	16
Total Week oPt		123	76

7. [Olive Harvest](#)

No incidents to report

Appendix: Checkpoints: 20 – 26 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. From 22 – 24 September closed for Palestinians with valid permits except medical cases and humanitarian organizations.
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. Between 13 and 17 September, males from Tulkarm and Jenin governorates aged between 16 and 30 years were not allowed to exit Tulkarm unless they had 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. Between 13 and 17 September, males from Tulkarm and Jenin governorates aged between 16 and 30 years were not allowed to exit Tulkarm unless they had special permits.
Qalqiliya:	
Jaljoulia	Open 24 hours. Access through this checkpoint is only granted for holders of permits into Israel and residents of Ras Tira, Ad Dab'a, Wadi Ar Rasha, Ramadin and Arab Abu Farda. Ambulances from Qalqiliya town to these five villages need prior coordination with DCL. Only vehicles leaving the West Bank are subjects for security checks. On 31 July to date, closed for all Palestinians with valid permits except for UN organizations critical medical conditions. From 22 – 24 September closed for Palestinians with valid permits except medical cases and humanitarian organizations.
Qalqiliya North	Open from 4am to 7pm Sunday to Thursday and from 4am to 12am on Fridays for Palestinian permit holders. From 22 – 24 September closed for Palestinians with valid permits except medical cases and humanitarian organizations.
Jit junction partial checkpoint	Partial checkpoint at the key junction connecting the governorates of Nablus, Qalqiliya and Tulkarm. Males from Nablus, Tulkarm and Jenin governorates 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 governorates 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 organizations and Palestinians with permits. From 22 – 24 September closed for Palestinians with valid permits except medical cases and humanitarian organizations.
Nablus:	
Huwwara Southern main entrance	Open from 6am to 8pm for humanitarian organizations 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 were reported.
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.
Al Tur Southern checkpoint connecting the Samaritan district of Jarzim with Nablus City	Open 6am to 6pm from 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 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.
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. From 22 – 24 September closed for Palestinians with valid permits except medical cases and humanitarian organizations.
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. From 22 – 24 September closed for Palestinians with valid permits except medical cases and humanitarian organizations.
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 20 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 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 / Rafat 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. No permits required for Jericho residents and foreign passports and Palestinians with Jerusalem ID cards. As of 14 August, West Bank ID holders need permits to leave Jericho via the DCO. Palestinian teachers, student and staff of health are permitted through without permits.
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 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. 22 – 25 September Palestinians holding valid permits were not allowed to cross as an external closure was imposed on the Palestinian territory.
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.
Ein Yalow Bypass road east of Walaja, on Green Line	Open 24 hours for Israeli-plated cars and international organisations only. Commercial trucks also are allowed to go through. 22 – 25 September Palestinians holding valid permits were not allowed to cross as an external closure was imposed on the Palestinian territory.
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.
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. Manned by the Israeli Border Police. During the reporting period, Palestinian plated cars were allowed to go through the checkpoint. No clear opening and closing hours for the gate.
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. 22 – 25 September Palestinians holding valid permits were not allowed to cross as external closure was imposed on the Palestinian territory
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	Manned by the IDF. Only Israeli plated cars are allowed to travel

At turn for Shani settlement on Road 317.	through it. Palestinian workers cannot use the checkpoint to access Israel.
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 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 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.
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.
Ras Al Joura Near the junction between Road 35 and Road 60	Partial checkpoint; Manned on a temporary basis by the IDF.
Gaza Crossings/Checkpoints	
Erez crossing	Closed for Palestinian workers since 12 March. Remains partly open for internationals and humanitarian cases. 21 September: Erez Crossing was totally closed for maintenance according to the Israeli authorities from 2pm to 3pm.
Rafah Passenger Terminal	20 and 21 September: Rafah Terminal was closed. 22 September: Rafah Terminal was open from 8am to 5pm. (1,708 arrivals, 1,594 departures). 23 September: The terminal was open from 8am to 5 pm. (3,012 arrivals, 2,125 departures). 24 September: The terminal was open from 8am to 1pm. (225 arrivals, 105 departures). 25 and 26 September: 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 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. Starting from 22 August 2006, UN vehicles are allowed through the checkpoint with prior coordination with the DCL.
Gaza Strip	
Sufa	20 September: Open for construction materials. 21 September: Closed due to IDF activity in the area. 22, 23, 24 September: Closed. 25 and 26 September: Open for construction materials.
Karni	23 September: Scheduled closure day, Saturday 24 September: Closed for security reasons according to the IDF. 26 September: Open except for container traffic.
Kerem Shalom	20 and 21 September: Open for International humanitarian aid. 22, 23 and 24 September: Closed. 25 and 26 September: Open for International humanitarian aid and for the entry of the electricity transformers.
Nahal OZ Energy Pipelines	Open all the week except on 23 September (scheduled closure day, Saturday)

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Method and Sources

The information used to compile these Briefing Notes comes from a range of sources with a field presence in the West Bank and the Gaza Strip. The accuracy of the reported information is ensured through the corroboration of reports by two additional sources. Typically, the OCHA Field Coordination Unit (FCU) receives an initial incident report from a source, which is verified through visits to the incident site in addition to further corroboration with a third source, such as an NGO. In addition, OCHA FCU collects military orders as documentary evidence and provides information on incidents witnessed in person.

In the interests of timeliness and readability, the sources are not listed for each incident within the texts of the report. Listed below are the sources relied upon each week in compiling this Briefing:

- Physical protection: OCHA FCU, Palestine Red Crescent Society (PRCS), United Nations Relief Works Agency (UNRWA), World Health Organization (WHO), Israel Defence Forces (IDF) website, Israel Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MFA), offices of Palestinian Authority (PA) governors, Palestinian District Civilian Liaison (DCL).
- Shelter and property: OCHA FCU, UNRWA, Palestinian DCL.
- Natural Resources: OCHA FCU, Al Mezan Center for Human Rights, UNRWA, Palestinian DCL, Village Councils, Land Defence Committee and Land Research Centre.
- Access for Medical Assistance: OCHA FCU, WHO, PRCS, Palestinian Ministry of Health (MoH), UN World Food Programme, United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF), UNRWA.
- Access and Movement for Civilians: Sources: Palestinian DCL, Christian Peacemakers Team (CPT).
- Curfews: OCHA FCU, Village Councils, UNRWA, Palestinian DCL.
- Access to Education: OCHA FCU, UNRWA, UNICEF, Palestinian DCL, Village Councils.
- Access to Employment: UNRWA, United Nations Office of the Special Coordinator for the Middle East (UNSCO), Palestinian Ministry of Labour (MoL), Palestinian DCL, Palestinian Chamber of Commerce, Israeli DCL.
- Closures/Movement Restrictions: OCHA FCU, UNRWA.
- Additional Protection issues: OCHA FCU, UNRWA, United Nations Department of Safety and Security (UNDSS), UNSCO, Palestinian DCLs, Palestinian Governors' offices, Al Mezan Center for Human Rights, IDF.