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Protection of Civilians – Weekly Briefing Notes

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Of note this week

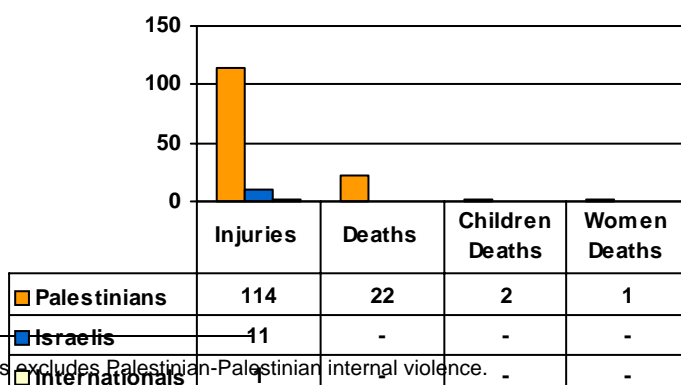
- 22 Palestinians were killed and 114 injured throughout the oPt. Ten Israelis and one international were injured. One Israeli was injured in Western Negev. The vast majority of the deaths were in the Gaza Strip, while most of the injuries were in the West Bank.
- PA employees, including teachers and health care workers, continued a general open-ended strike in protest against the non-payment of their monthly salaries since March 2006. The strike is being imposed more comprehensively in the West Bank than in the Gaza Strip.
- During the reporting period OCHA field offices reported 14 incidents where the IDF or Israeli settlers caused problems for Palestinians picking olives.

In the Gaza Strip:

- IDF soldiers conducted 16 operations into various locations in the Gaza Strip. IDF soldiers remain present inside the Gaza Strip around the airport, east of Rafah. For the first time since Israel's unilateral disengagement from the Gaza Strip the IDF entered Rafah town. The IDF demolished 13 structures including nine houses, affecting more than 82 Palestinians.
- Palestinian internal violence continued in the Gaza Strip leaving ten Palestinians dead and 26 injured.
- At least 46 homemade rockets and three anti-tank rockets were fired by Palestinian militants from the Gaza Strip towards targets inside Israel. This week, more than 52 artillery shells were fired by the IDF, mainly into northern Gaza. The IAF conducted ten air strikes.
- Shortages of electricity in the Gaza Strip following the IAF bombing of the electricity plant in Gaza has affected services - hospitals, water and sewage pumps.
- In two separate incidents, a Spanish journalist and a Spanish NGO worker were kidnapped and held hostage for several hours by groups of armed and masked men in Gaza city and Deir Al Balah. Both of them were released unharmed.

In the West Bank:

- 179 flying checkpoints were reported by OCHA field staff. 198 IDF search and arrest campaigns were conducted by the IDF during which 162 Palestinians were arrested.
- The fourth Friday of Ramadan witnessed restrictions on access for Palestinians to Jerusalem and Al-Aqsa mosque. Again, although the Israeli DCO had provided general guidelines on access regulations, it was clear that the actual implementation was at the discretion of the senior military officer of each particular checkpoint/terminal.
- Masked men set fire to an ICRC vehicle in Qalqiliya.
- *Settler violence is escalating:* Settlers damaged Palestinian property in Hebron, Salfit and Nablus. In two separate incidents, settlers from the Eli and Qarne Shomron settlements held two Palestinians for several hours before they were released. In Bethlehem, Qalqiliya and Hebron settlers attacked Palestinians as they were picking olives.

1. Physical Protection¹

¹ Note that this excludes Palestinian-Palestinian internal violence.

Gaza Strip:

- **17 October:** Three Palestinian men, aged 21 and 25 (2) years, were killed when IDF troops at the border line east of Jabalia camp fired an artillery shell.
- **18 October:** Two Palestinians, aged 23 and 25 years, were killed and another was injured during an IDF military operation in Al Salam area south of Rafah.
- **20 October:** One Israeli was injured when a homemade rocket fired from Beit Lahia landed in western Negev.
- **20 October:** A 50-year old Palestinian man was killed and another Palestinian was injured during an IDF ground incursion west of Sufa crossing, Khan Younis.
- **23 October:** Seven Palestinians, including three brothers, aged 23 (2), 27 (2), 35 (2), 37 and 40 years, were killed and 31 others were injured when an IDF undercover unit attacked a house in Beit Hanoun.
- **26 October:** A 30-year old Palestinian farmer was killed when the IDF opened fire at a group of farmers, east of Beit Hanoun.
- **26 October:** One Palestinian was injured when IDF soldiers opened fire in eastern Beit Hanoun.
- **26 October:** Two Palestinians, including a PA security officer, aged 18 and 27 years, were killed, and three others were injured during an IDF ground incursion in Abbasan area east of Khan Younis. One IDF soldier was injured during the operation.
- **26 October:** One Palestinian was injured when the IDF opened fire in Al Shouka area east south of Rafah.
- **26 October:** A Palestinian farmer was injured when the IDF opened fire in the direction of some chicken farms east of Al Maghazi refugee camp.
- **28 October:** A 50 year-old Palestinian woman died of wounds she sustained during an IDF incursion in Beit Hanoun on 23 October.
- **28 October:** One Palestinian was injured when the IDF opened fire in the direction of Al Shouka area, south east of Rafah.
- **31 October:** Three Palestinian militants, aged 18, 22 and 23 years, were killed and three other were injured during an IDF ground incursion into Abbasan area, east of Khan Younis.

West Bank:

- **18 October:** At Wadi al Nar checkpoint (Jerusalem) the IDF physically assaulted and injured one Palestinian.
- **18 October:** An 18-year old woman from Hebron city (Hebron) was injured when Israeli Border Police beat her during interrogation at the Container checkpoint (Jerusalem), while en route to Al Aqsa Mosque.
- **18 October:** Two Palestinian boys, aged 12 and 16 years, from Hebron/H2 (Hebron) were injured by rubber-coated metal bullets the IDF opened fire towards Palestinian worshippers trying to access the Ibrahimi Mosque to pray during Laylat Al Qadr.
- **18 October:** A 16 year-old boy from the Hebron/H2 (Hebron) was injured when a sound bomb thrown by IDF soldiers hit him in the head while trying to access the Ibrahimi Mosque to pray during Laylat Al Qadr.
- **19 October:** A 39 year-old mentally challenged Palestinian man was injured near Salem checkpoint (Jenin). The IDF shot him when he stoned the soldiers at the checkpoint.
- **20 October:** An Israeli settler was injured near Bruqin village (Salfit) when Palestinians stoned his vehicle while passing on the bypass road between Road 5 and Deir Ballur checkpoint.
- **20 October:** At 1:30 pm the IDF fired tear canisters and rubber-coated metal bullets at Palestinians at the Gilo checkpoint (Jerusalem). Twenty Palestinians were reported injured from tear gas inhalation.
- **22 October:** A 22 year-old Palestinian man was killed, and 19 Palestinian men, aged 8, 13 (3), 15, 16 (3), 18 (6), 19 (2), 22 (2) and 32 years, were injured by live ammunition in Tammun (Tubas) when an exchange of fire erupted between the IDF and Palestinian gunmen and stone throwers.
- **22 October:** Two Palestinian men, aged 20 and 21 years, were injured in Jenin camp (Jenin) by live ammunition when an exchange of fire erupted between the IDF and Palestinian militants during a search and arrest campaign.
- **22 October:** An Israeli settler was injured near Huwwara village (Nablus) when Palestinians stoned his vehicle while passing on Road 60 through the village.
- **25 October:** A 23 year-old Palestinian man was injured by shrapnel in Jaba' (Jenin) when the IDF opened fire at Palestinian stone throwers.

- **25 October:** Five Palestinians, three men aged 17, 20 and 25 years, and two women aged 22 and 50 years, from Far'ata (Qalqiliya) were injured near Havat Gil'ad settlement outpost (Nablus) when settlers attacked and physically assaulted them while they were picking olives. One Israeli settler also was injured.
- **26 October:** A middle-aged Israeli settler from the settlement of Kharsina (Hebron) was injured by a bullet in his hand when attacked by Palestinians while driving on Road 35.
- **27 October:** A 28 year-old Palestinian man was killed, and his two brothers, aged 21 and 36 years, were injured in Al Yamun (Jenin) when IDF opened fire at their house during a military operation in the village. The man was killed when he went to bring a vehicle to evacuate his injured brothers.
- **27 October:** Ten Palestinians and six Israeli activists were injured by rubber-coated metal bullets during a demonstration organised by Palestinian, Israeli and International peace activists against the Barrier construction in Bil'in (Ramallah). Another four Israeli activists and two Palestinians were detained. Two Israeli soldiers were reported injured by stone throwing.
- **27 October:** Two Palestinians, aged 17 and 27 years, were killed, and a 17 year-old Palestinian boy was injured in El Fará camp (Tubas) by live ammunition when the IDF opened fire when they approached an IDF jeep during the night.
- **28 October:** A 22-year old female international volunteer was injured when three female settlers from the Tel Rumeida settlement (Hebron) attacked her while she was helping a Palestinian family to pick olives from their land in the vicinity of the settlement.
- **30 October:** A clash between the IDF and a group of Palestinian youth erupted during a search and arrest campaign carried out by the IDF in Al Jalazun refugee camp (Ramallah). The IDF fired rubber-coated metal bullets and tear gas canisters. Three Palestinians were injured and another 22 Palestinians were detained.

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 (UXO), 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.]

Gaza Strip:

- **17 October:** A Fatah member died of wounds sustained during armed clashes between Fatah and Hamas on 1 October.
- **17 October:** A 32 year-old Palestinian man was killed when a group of armed masked men opened fire in Al Bureij camp.
- **17 October:** Three Palestinian bystanders were injured during an armed family feud in Khan Younis.
- **17 October:** A Fatah member was injured when a group of armed masked men attacked his house in Khan Younis.
- **17 October:** A Palestinian bystander was injured during an armed family feud in Rafah.
- **18 October:** A Palestinian man was injured during an armed family feud in Khan Younis.
- **19 October:** A 31 year-old Executive Support Force (ESF) member was killed when his colleague opened fire after a dispute.
- **19 October:** One Palestinian was injured during an armed family feud in Al Bureij camp.
- **20 October:** Three Palestinians were injured during armed clashes between Fatah and Hamas in Beit Hanoun.
- **20 October:** A 15-year old Palestinian boy was injured by shrapnel while playing with a UXO in Deir Al Balah.
- **20 October:** A 30 year-old Fatah member was kidnapped, and shot and injured by unknown gunmen in Khan Younis.
- **21 October:** Two ESF members were injured during armed clashes with Fatah in Al Bureij camp.
- **22 October:** A 27-year old PA Preventive Security member was killed when the ESF opened fire in Al Buraij camp. Fatah members then burned two vehicles owned by Hamas and set a shop run by a Hamas activist on fire.
- **22 October:** A 27 year-old PA Preventive Security Officer was killed when a group of armed masked men opened fire south of Khan Younis.
- **23 October:** A Palestinian man was injured during an exchange of fire between the ESF and the PA Preventive Security in the Tel Es-Sultan quarter in Rafah.
- **24 October:** Three Palestinians were injured during an armed family feud in Rafah.

- **24 October:** A Palestinian man was injured during an armed family feud in Khan Younis.
- **25 October:** A Palestinian man was injured when a group of armed men opened fire on a car in Khan Younis.
- **25 October:** A 25 year-old Fatah activist was stabbed by four masked men in Bureij camp.
- **26 October:** A 30 year-old Palestinian man was killed during an armed family feud in Khan Younis.
- **27 October:** An Arab Israeli woman was shot injured and her husband kidnapped by a group of armed masked men in Beit Lahia.
- **27 October:** A Fatah activist was injured when a group of armed masked men opened fire in Al Nusairat camp.
- **28 October:** A 40 year-old Palestinian man was killed when four armed masked men opened fire in Younis camp.
- **29 October:** A 20-year old Palestinian was killed while digging a tunnel between Rafah and Egypt. The tunnel collapsed because of heavy rains.
- **29 October:** A 30-years old Palestinian was killed when PA security forces opened fire at a group of people who entered Gaza airport.
- **30 October:** A 23 year-old Palestinian was killed when an explosive device he was handling exploded. Two other Palestinians were injured
- **30 October:** One Palestinian was injured during an armed family feud in Rafah.

West Bank:

- **18 October:** A 42 year-old Palestinian man was killed in Nablus city (Nablus) when three masked men opened fire at him in the city center.
- **22 October:** A Palestinian male from Jericho (Jericho) was shot and killed by unknown masked persons.
- **23 October:** A 22 year-old Palestinian man was killed in Tulkarm city (Tulkarm) when masked men opened fire at him in the city.
- **25 October:** Around 20 Palestinians were injured when gunfire was exchanged between two groups of Palestinians from Yatta (Hebron) and Doha (Bethlehem) during a land ownership dispute.

3. [Shelter and Property](#)

Date	Location, Governorate	Structures demolished	Structures damaged	People displaced / affected
19 October	Beit Lahia	1	-	N/A
21 October	Beit Hanoun	-	3	N/A
21 October	Rafah	9	-	82
27 October	Jabalia	1	-	N/A
30 October	Khan Younis	1	-	N/A
31 October	Gaza City	1	-	N/A
Total		13	3	82

- **19 October:** One abandoned factory building was completely demolished by the IDF in the former Erez Industrial in Beit Lahia.
- **21 October:** A boundary wall, house and a work shop were all damaged by IDF bulldozers in the Beit Hanoun Industrial Zone.
- **21 October:** Nine Palestinian homes accommodating 12 families (82 persons) were completely demolished by IDF troops in Al Salam quarter south of Rafah.
- **27 October:** A two-storey house was completely demolished when hit by an IAF missile in Jabalia camp. The family was told by the IDF to leave the house 30 minutes prior to the air strike.
- **30 October:** One house was demolished when hit by an IAF missile in Khan Younis. The family was informed by the IDF to leave the house five minutes prior to the air strike.
- **31 October:** One workshop was demolished when hit by an IAF missile in Gaza City.

Other incidents:

- **24 October:** Israeli settlers from the Avigayil outpost, south of Yatta(Hebron) plowed land belonging to Palestinian farmers from the village of Um Faggarah.

- **28 October:** The IDF handed demolition orders for three makeshift houses in 'Arab ar Ramadin ash Shamali (Qalqiliya) due to a lack of construction permits.

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 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 barrier 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 Khefets and Enav settlements for the construction of a new fence around the settlements.

Qalqiliya Governorate:

Ongoing incidents:

- Barrier construction: the IDF continues 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:

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.
 - The last section of the Barrier in Beit Sira is completed between the Beit Sira village and Makkabim settlement. A short section (400 metres) between the village and Beit Nuba is still under construction where a gate is being installed.
 - Following a decision by the Israeli High Court that approved a new route of the Barrier in 'Abud, construction of the Barrier resumed parallel to bypass Road 465, as well as between 'Abud, and Ofarim and Beit Arye 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.

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

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. During the last week, an opening in the concrete slabs near the main Ramallah-Jerusalem road has been left open allowing vehicles to cross through the barrier into the Dahiyat Al Bareed neighbourhood. This is not very useful as any vehicles travelling through would hit the Al-Ram checkpoint if they were trying to reach Jerusalem. However, it temporarily eases access between these two neighbourhoods.
- 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.
- Barrier construction near Ar Ram checkpoint between Dahiyat Al Bareed and Atarot is ongoing. Detours through the neighborhoods of Ar Ram and Dahiyat Al Bareed due to the construction continue and changes are experienced on a daily basis.

Jericho Governorate:

No incidents to report.

Bethlehem Governorate:

Ongoing incidents:

- 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 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 checkpoint. Six lanes have been paved so far. Additional construction work is also taking place.
- 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 a 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:

Ongoing incidents:

- Construction of the Barrier continued in the vicinity of the Tarqumiya checkpoint and the Ashkalot settlement.
- 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:

During all IDF ground operations in the Gaza Strip, IDF tanks and bulldozers have levelled agricultural land. No exact figures on how many dunums have been levelled are available.

5. Access and Movement for Civilians**a) Curfew**

No incidents to report.

b) Access to education

During the reporting period: Employees of PA ministries, including teachers and health care workers, continued an open-ended strike in protest 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.

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.

All Palestinians need to apply directly to the Israeli authorities to obtain Israeli permits. The criteria for eligibility 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 file. To apply for work permits inside Atarot industrial zone, a person should be above 21 years old, and married with children.

24 - 30 October: Increased number of Israeli Border Police patrols in Al Ramadien area, (Hebron) attempting to stop Palestinians without work permits from reaching Israel.

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:

11 October to date: Age restrictions for Palestinian males from Nablus aged 18 – 25 heading south through Zaatara checkpoint.

Nablus Governorate:

From 11 October to date: Age restrictions for Palestinian males from Nablus aged 18 – 25 at Huwwara and Beit Iba checkpoints.

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 since 1 April 2006.

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:

24 October: The IDF opened the Kafriat tunnel road after finishing construction work.

31 October: The IDF closed the Kafriat tunnel for several hours.

Ongoing incidents:

- The IDF continues to prevent Palestinians with Israeli IDs from entering Palestinian areas unless they have relatives living in Tulkarm.

Qalqiliya Governorate:

23 October: The IDF closed the eastern entrance of Qalqiliya city (DCO) for four hours after a shooting incident in the area.

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:

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:

21 – 25 October: Delays up to two hours were experienced at Atara checkpoint.

Bethlehem Governorate:

20 October: Israeli Border Police manning the Gilo checkpoint used sound bombs against Palestinian crowds trying to enter Jerusalem for Ramadan prayer. The access was hindered by Israeli Border Police, IDF soldier and undercover units at the checkpoint. Age restrictions was enforced on Palestinian males below 45 years. A pre-screening process was taking place before men entered through the two openings in the Barrier. Another screening was taking place inside the terminal. Those rejected were escorted out of the Terminal by IDF soldiers. Women were allowed entry without ID checks.

Ongoing incidents:

- The road from Al Jab'a to Surif remains closed off by road blocks and was reinforced with additional concrete 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 and gas trucks) to the village. This happened despite prior coordination with the Israeli DCL.

Hebron Governorate:

29 October: Israeli soldiers manning the Tarqumiya checkpoint delayed Palestinian families returning from visiting their relatives in Israeli prisons for more than three hours.

Jerusalem Governorate:

No incidents to report.

Jericho Governorate/Jordan Valley:

Ongoing incidents:

- As of 14 September the IDF announced that only Palestinians with Jericho residency and Jerusalem ID holders would be able to exit via the Jericho DCO checkpoint, forcing all others to either request a permit or travel on the Al Mu'arrajat old road to reach the rest of the West Bank.

Gaza Strip

24 October: The DCL informed OCHA the Gaza fishermen are allowed to fish next to Gaza City and Deir Al Balah areas only, and only six nautical miles into the sea. Northern Gaza, Khan Younis and Rafah waters are still closed.

24 October: From 8pm till 9.15pm IDF troops blocked the main entrance of Beit Hanoun, as a result access in and out of the town was restricted.

During the reporting period:

- Karni crossing was closed for six of fourteen days.
- Rafah Passengers' terminal was open for three of fourteen 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). Partly closed for two days due to construction work and for security reasons.
- Nahal Oz energy pipelines were open for the import of fuel supplies for ten of fourteen days.
- Sufa crossing was open on ten of fourteen for the import of construction materials.
- Kerem Shalom crossing was open on three of fourteen days for the import of humanitarian aid supplies.
- During the IDF ground operations in Beit Hanoun and Al Salam area south of Rafah, Palestinian movement inside and around those areas were severely restricted.

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.
- Gaza Strip essential services - hospitals, water and sewage pumps - continue to operate at a reduced capacity. Electricity continues to enter Gaza from Israel and has been rationed.

Reported flying (random) checkpoints – West Bank

Governorate	Location, # of flying checkpoints in brackets	Total # of flying checkpoints
Nablus	Zawata (2), Tell (2)	4
Jenin	Sanur (5), 'Arraba (8), Az Zababida (4), Qabatiya (1), Anza (1), Jalqamus (1), Al Jalama (1), south Jenin (1)	22
Tubas	Tammun (3), Wadi al Fará camp (1), Tubas (2), Áqqaba (1)	7
Tulkarm	Bala'(3)	3
Qalqiliya	Entrance Qalqiliya – DCO (14), 'Azzun tunnel (4), Ázzun (5), Wadi Qana (4), An Nabi Elyas (7), Izbat at Tabib (4), Ras Átiya (5), Kafr Thulth (2), Al Funduq (1), Habla tunnel (4), Immatin (1), Jayyus (2), Sanniriya (1)	54
Salfit	Deir Istiya (1), Kifl Haris (2), Bruqin (1)	4
Ramallah and Al Bireh	Road 60 (13), Abud (3), Ein 'Arik (3)	19
Jerusalem	Isawiya (1)	1
Jericho	-	-
Bethlehem	Al 'Ubeidiya (3), Za'tara (3), Bethlehem city (4), 'Ayda refugee camp (2), Al Khadr (2), Dar Salah (2), Beit Jala (3), Al 'Aza refugee camp (1), Ad Duheisha (3), Beit Sahur (3), Tuqu (1), Ash Shawawreh (2), Batir (1), Husan (2)	32
Hebron	Yatta (4), Beit Ummar (3), Bani Na'im (1), Dura (4), Hebron city - H1 (4), Halhul (2), Al Arrub refugee camp (2), Ad Dhahiriya (2), Ar Ramadin (1), Sa'ir (3), Ash Shuyukh (1), Surif (1), Hebron City – H2 (5)	33
Total West Bank		179

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 (10), Balata RC (4), Camp No.1 (1), Áskar RC (1), Zawata (2), Huwwara Village (1), Sabastiya (1), Beit Iba V (1), Salim (1), Asira ash Shamaliya (1), Flying CP Tell, Zaatara CP	23	21
Jenin	Jenin city (9), Jenin RC (8), Kafr Raí (2), Al Yamun (4), Qabatiya (5), Birqin (2), Ya'bad (3), Az Zababida (1), Jalqamus (1), Jaba'(1), Fahma (1), Arraba (1), Flying Cps Arraba, Az Zababida, Salem CP	38	32
Tubas	Tubas (5), El Fará RC (1), Tammun (3), Tayasir (1), Al Aqaba (1), Áqqaba (1)	12	7
Tulkarm	Tulkarm city (3), Tulkarm RC (2), Nur shams RC (1), Bala'(1), Ánabta CP	7	6
Qalqiliya	Qalqiliya city (8), 'Azzun (1), Al Funduq (1), Jayyus (1), Flying CP Jayyus	11	3
Salfit	Salfit (3), Kafr ad Dik (3), Bruqin (2), Rafat (1), Deir Ballut (1)	10	2
Ramallah/Al Bireh	Ramallah (7), Beit Liqya (1), Beit Rima (1), Bil'in	9	31
Jericho	Jericho (3)	3	8
Jordan Valley			
Jerusalem	Abu Dis (1)	1	5
Bethlehem	Beit Sahur (3), Al 'Aza refugee camp (2), Dar Salah (3), Al 'Ubeidiya (5), 'Ayda refuge camp (3), Al Khadr (4), Beit Jala (3), Za'atara (2), Bethlehem (4), Ad Duheisha Camp (2), Tuqu (3), Ash Shawawreh (2), Ad Doha (3), Batir (2), Husan (2)	43	25
Hebron	Hebron City (6), Beit Ummar (3), Al 'Arrub Camp (3), Idhna (2), Dura (6), Tarqumiya (2), Biet Awwa (2), Beit Ula (3), Surif (3), Yatta (3), Adh Dhahiriya (1), Sa'ir (2), Ash Shuyukh (3), Khursa (2)	41	21
Total Week West Bank		198	161
Gaza Strip		-	-
Total Week oPt		198	161

West Bank:

- **18 October:** At Gilo checkpoint (Bethlehem) where many Palestinians were gathered to try to enter Jerusalem, the IDF threw sound bombs at the crowd.
- **18 October:** Three local UNRWA staff members were stopped by Israeli Border Police at Bab el-Zahreh (Jerusalem) on their way to the Old City of Jerusalem. Their IDs were confiscated and they were delayed for 70 minutes.
- **19 October:** During the night masked men set fire to a parked ICRC vehicle in Qalqiliya.
- **21 and 23 October:** A group of Israeli settlers attacked Palestinian houses in Bruqin village (Salfit) breaking windows of some houses. The IDF evacuated the settlers from the village.
- **22 October:** Unknown persons set fire to the southern barrier gate in Jayyus (Qalqiliya). The IDF conducted a search and arrest campaign. No arrests were reported.
- **28 October:** Israeli settlers from the settlement of Tel Rumeida H2/Hebron, damaged the water pipes of Palestinian homes nearby for the 5th time in two months. The location of the broken pipes is right next to the checkpoint leading to the settlement.

Ramadan access:

- **19 October:** Hundreds of Palestinians clashed with the IDF near Al-Ram checkpoint north of Jerusalem when the IDF prevented them from entering Jerusalem to attend Laylat al-Qader prayers in Al Aqsa Mosque. According to the IDF, Al-Ram is no longer open for Palestinians to enter into Jerusalem, even with permits. No injuries were reported.
- **20 October:** Between 8 and 10:45 am the IDF fired sound bombs several times at Palestinians making their way through the Gilo checkpoint (Bethlehem) to go to the Al Aqsa mosque for Friday Ramadan prayers.
- **20 October:** At 11:20 am the IDF denied entry to the Palestinians trying to go through the Gilo checkpoint (Bethlehem). A large group of young men finally turned away from the checkpoint and began their prayers on the street.

Gaza Strip:

- **18 October:** For the first time since the disengagement IDF troops entered Rafah town. The IDF conducted search operations for tunnels on the borders between Rafah and Egypt.
- **18 October:** Five Palestinians were arrested during an IDF ground operation in the area west of Sufa Crossing in Khan Younis.
- **18 October:** During an IDF ground military operation in Al Salam area south of Rafah, IDF snipers were placed on roofs of high buildings and several houses were searched. IDF ordered male Palestinians aged 13 - 60 to gather in an area next to the border. People were questioned before they were released after several hours in detention.
- **19 October:** An IAF aircraft fired a missile targeting a house in Brazil quarter, but the missile did not explode.
- **21 October:** A three-storey house was occupied by the IDF for one day for the use of a sniper during an IDF operation in the area west of Sufa crossing in Khan Younis
- **21 and 22 October:** PA national security forces closed several junctions and roads in Gaza City to protest at the non-payment of their salaries.
- **24 October and 30 October,** In two separate incidents, two Spanish nationals, a journalist and an employee and an NGO worker were kidnapped and held hostage for several hours by groups of armed and masked men in Gaza city and Deir Al Balah. Both were released unharmed.
- **24 October:** PA security guards at Rafah terminal found an explosive device in a bus transporting passengers from the Gaza Strip to Egypt. PA police dismantled the device before the bus reached Rafah terminal.
- **27 October:** Egyptian security forces destroyed a tunnel east of the Rafah Terminal (on the Egyptian side).
- **30 October:** Three Palestinian fishermen were arrested by the IDF while fishing waters outside Rafah.
- **During the reporting period:** IDF gunboats opened fire at least six times at fishing boats outside the Gaza strip. On **30 October**, IDF gunboats opened heavy fire in the direction on fishing boats west of Rafah. Several boats were damaged.
- **During the reporting period:** Several times IAF helicopters opened heavy fire in the direction of the Philadelphia corridor between Egypt and Gaza.
- Gaza Strip essential services - hospitals, water and sewage pumps - continue to operate but at a reduced capacity. Electricity continues to enter Gaza from Israel and has been rationed and redistributed to the rest of the Strip. Last week, 27 MWh were generated by the newly repaired power plant another 33 MWh are planned to be generated by next week.

7. Olive Harvest

- **18 October:** Israeli soldiers fired shots in the air while trying to prevent Palestinians from reaching their lands in Wadi Ahmad in Beit Jala (Bethlehem).
- **21 October:** A group of Israeli settlers from Eli settlement cut down olive trees and detained two Palestinians from Al Lubban ash Sharqiya (Nablus) for about two hours. The settlers claimed the ownership of the land. After talks with the Palestinian DCO, the IDF evacuated the settlers and allowed the farmers to pick olives.
- **24 October:** A group of Israeli settlers from Qarne Shomron settlement detained two Palestinians from Jinsafut (Qalqiliya) for two hours while they were picking olives near the settlement. Settlers claimed the ownership of the land. Israeli Police released the Palestinians.
- **24 October to date:** Delays of opening hours were experienced at the Barrier gates in Salfit and Qalqiliya governorates.
- **24 – 27 October:** During the reporting period Israeli settlers from the settlement of Bat Ayn (Bethlehem) attacked Palestinians trying to pick olives from land located in the vicinity of the settlement.
- **25 October:** Five Palestinians, three men aged 17, 20 and 25 years and two women aged 22 and 50 years, from Far'ata (Qalqiliya) were injured near Havat Gil'ad outpost (Nablus) when settlers attacked and physically assaulted them while they were picking olives. One Israeli settler also was injured in the incident.
- **28 October:** A 22 year-old female international volunteer was injured when a group of three female settlers from the I settlement of Tel Rumeida, H2/Hebron attacked her while helping a Palestinian family picking olives on their land in the vicinity of the settlement.

- **28 October:** The IDF closed the gate to the Barrier and prevented Palestinians from Farún (Tulkarm) accessing their land on the west side of the barrier to pick their olives. The Israeli DCL intervened and opened the gate the following day.
- **29 October:** The IDF prevented the Palestinian farmers from Sanniriya, Ázzun átma and Beit Amin (Qalqiliya) from picking olives inside Oranit and Shaáre Tiqwa settlements since the IDF was not present to escort them.
- **29 October:** Israeli settlers from the settlement of Otni'el (Hebron) tried to prevent international volunteers and Palestinian landowners from collecting olives from land in the vicinity of the settlement. After a delay of two hours, the volunteers and the landowners managed to reach the land and pick the olives.
- **29 October:** Israeli soldiers prevented 60 farmers from the town of Kharas (Hebron) from accessing their land through Al Dier gate, Surif (Hebron).
- **29 October:** Israeli soldiers prevented Palestinian landowners from accessing their land in Bethlehem governorate through four agricultural gates. The soldiers informed the landowners that they should coordinate with the DCL and show a proof of land ownership.
- **30 October:** A group of settler youth from Talmon settlement (Ramallah) entered olive groves belonging to Palestinians from Al Janiya village. The settlers stole harvest equipment and partially damaged at least 11 olive trees.
- **During the reporting period:** Villagers from Bet Anan (Jerusalem) have found the barrier gates leading to their land closed.

Appendix: Checkpoints: 18 – 31 October 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. On 6 to 10 October closed due to Jewish holiday (Sukkot).
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 controls all traffic heading south from Tulkarm including residents of Jenin. On 24 October, the IDF reopened the road after finishing construction work.
'Anabta	Check point on the eastern entrance of Tulkarm on Road 57. Manned daily during the reporting period.
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 governorates aged between 18 and 25 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 governorate. Males from Nablus, Tulkarm and Jenin governorates aged between 18 and 25 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.
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 between 18 and 25 years are not allowed through the checkpoint. Public transportation and private vehicles need permits to pass the checkpoint. Commercial trucks are not allowed to pass.
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 18 and 25 years are not allowed to exit Nablus unless they have special permits. Public transportation, commercial truck carrying aggregates and private vehicles need permits to pass the checkpoint.
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 and non-Samaritan 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 5.30am to 9pm for villagers from Beit Furik, Beit Dajan. Males from Nablus city aged between 18 and 25 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	Open 24 hours. The checkpoint controls Palestinian movement on Road 60 and Road 505 southwards. No need for permits. Males from Nablus between 18 and 25 years are not allowed through the checkpoint.
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. Males from Nablus between 18 and 25 years are not allowed through the checkpoint.
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. On 6 to 10 October closed due to Jewish holiday (Sukkot).
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. Israeli plated trucks are not allowed through if Palestinian agricultural produces are on board.
Tayasir Gate to the Tubas eastern agricultural lands in the Jordan Valley.	Officially open between 6am-10pm. 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. Same restrictions applied to commercial trucks. Very long delays are reported on daily basis.
Maale Efrayim Southeast connecting Jericho and Nablus	Officially open between 6am-10pm. 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. Same restrictions applied to commercial trucks.
Hamra East, before closure regime main road to Jordan, Tubas, Jenin	Officially open between 6am-10pm. 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. Same restrictions applied to commercial trucks. 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. Only drivers of vehicles and their family members are allowed through inside the vehicle. Passengers, both West Bank ID holders and Jerusalemites, have to cross through the pedestrian lanes. 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. No permits required to cross the checkpoint. Delays are experienced on daily basis. During peak travelling times, commuters report delays of up to 40 minutes. Some delays were reported.
An Nabi Salih gate (partial)	Open. Delays up to 20 minutes were reported on daily basis during travelling rush hours.
At Tayba (partial)	Open.

Makkabim On Highway 443	Usually open for Israelis, Jerusalem ID holders and foreign passport holders. Road 443 is off-limits to West Bank Palestinians, except those with permits to enter Israel/Jerusalem.
Ni'lin	Open daily 24 hours for Israelis, Jerusalem ID holders, foreign passport holders. Palestinians with West Bank IDs not allowed through regardless of any valid permits to enter Israel.
Rantis	Open daily 24 hours for Israelis, 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'ayem North eastern entrance on Road 1.	Open for Israelis, Palestinians with Jerusalem ID cards and internationals. As this is not one of the four terminals into Jerusalem, West Bank Palestinians with valid permits are not allowed to cross.
Ar Ram Northern entrance on Road 60 north.	Open for 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. As this is not one of the four terminals into Jerusalem West Bank Palestinians with valid permits are not allowed to cross.
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. Commercial trucks are not allowed through this checkpoint unless the merchandise itself is from Shu'fat camp. All other commercial trucks from the West Bank must use Beituniya checkpoint.
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. No vehicles are allowed through this 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.
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. All vehicles including public taxis and commercial trucks have to have checkpoint permits to exit Jericho via this checkpoint unless they have Jericho or Jerusalem registration.
Al Auja (Yitav) On Road 90	Open 24 hours for Palestinians living in Jericho Governorate. Palestinians non-residents of Jericho and hold West Bank IDs going north towards al Auja and the Jordan Valley area are prohibited though unless they hold Israeli permits to allow them access to the area. No permit required for those travelling to Ramallah. 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'arajat 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. However, in the period between 6 October and 10 October, Palestinians holding valid permits were not allowed to cross as an external closure was imposed on the Palestinian Territories. Only those holding agricultural work permits were allowed to reach their work places. UN national staff can pass through the checkpoint without having to be physically checked. The checkpoint is currently manned by the Israeli Border Police. On 20 October, Israeli Border Police, Israeli Police and undercover units manning the checkpoint used sound bombs and tear gas to delay the entry of Muslims to East Jerusalem to go to Al Aqsa Mosque. Women were allowed access with no ID check while men were checked for both ID and permits. A pre-screening of men was taking place.
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. 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. During the reporting period, harassment of Palestinians trying to enter and exit the checkpoint continued.
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. In the period between 6 and 10 October Palestinians holding valid permits were not allowed to cross as an external closure was imposed on the Palestinian Territory due to the Jewish holiday of Sukkot. Only those holding agricultural work permits were allowed to cross.
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. In the period between 6 and 10 October Palestinians holding valid permits were not allowed to cross as an external closure was imposed on the Palestinian Territory due to the Jewish holiday of Sukkot. Only those holding agricultural work permits were allowed to cross.
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. Long search processes took place during the reporting period
Tarqumiya Entrance for commercial goods (back-to-back), west of Hebron on Road 35 for both Hebron and Bethlehem governorates	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. Agricultural products destined for Gaza and Israeli markets were allowed to go through. On 29 October Israeli soldiers manning the checkpoint delayed Palestinian families returning from visiting their relatives in Israeli prisons for more than three hours. Throughout the reporting period Palestinian farmers were allowed to cross in order to harvest their olive tress.
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. In the period between 6 and 10 October Palestinians holding valid permits were not allowed to cross as an external closure was imposed on the Palestinian Territory due to the Jewish holiday of Sukkot. Only those holding agricultural work permits were allowed to cross.
Shani At turn for Shani settlement on Road 317.	Manned by the IDF. Only Israeli plated cars are allowed to travel 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. Next to the checkpoint construction work is taking place for constructing a new terminal.
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. A mobile metal detector unit was occasionally in use during the reporting period, as IDF soldiers were searching Palestinians trying to access the Old City and the Ibrahim Mosque.
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. During the reporting period long queues of Palestinians wanting to access the Ibrahim Mosque for prayers were formed as IDF soldiers checked their IDs.
Abu Rish, H2 Near the Abu Rish Mosque at the end of Al Shohada St.	Manned by the IDF. The only access point for international organizations into the Old City. Palestinians have to go through a mobile metal detector.
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. Harassment and long search process took place during the reporting period

"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 labourers since 12 March. Open for internationals and humanitarian cases.
Rafah Passenger Terminal	24 October: Rafah terminal was open from 8am – 5.30pm. 1,716 arrivals, 1,509 departures. 25 October: Rafah terminal was open from 9am – 7.45pm 1,017 arrivals, 1,411 departures. 31 October: Rafah terminal opened at 8am, but at 12.45pm gunmen fired in the air to allow their relatives to get through the terminal. As a result, EU observers closed the terminal until the situation was brought under control. At 1.25pm the terminal reopened until 6pm. The other days Rafah Crossing was 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. Commercial trucks need permits to pass the checkpoint. Males from Nablus city aged between 18 and 25 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. On 1 and 2 October closed due to Jewish holiday (Yom Kippur).
Ramallah/Al Bireh	
Beituniya Back-to-back checkpoint	Officially open between 7am to 5pm Sunday to Thursday, 7am to 1pm on Fridays and closed Saturdays and Jewish holidays. Open for commercial goods and a back-to-back system is in operation. Only Palestinians holding Jerusalem IDs and driving Israeli yellow-plated trucks are allowed to pass through this checkpoint without using the back-to-back system. Palestinians holding Israeli IDs and drive Israeli yellow-plated trucks are allowed through without using the back –to-back system only if bill lading stipulates Kafr 'Aqab and /or Sameeramees offloading destination. This checkpoint is not open for private cars or pedestrians. UN staff is allowed through with prior coordination with the Israeli DCL.
Gaza Strip	
Sufa	21 October: Sufa crossing was closed for Weekend. 23 - 25 October: Sufa was closed for the Eid holiday.
Karni	21 and 22 October: Karni Crossing was closed. 23 - 25 October: Karni commercial crossing was closed for the Eid holiday. 28 October: Closed for the weekend.
Kerem Shalom	18 - 22 October: Kerem Shalom was closed. 23 - 27 October: Kerem Shalom was closed. 29 and 30 October: Kerem Shalom was open. 31 October: Kerem Shalom was closed.
Nahal OZ Energy Pipelines	23 – 25 October: Nahal Oz was closed for the Eid holiday. 27 October: Nahal Oz was closed.

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Method and Sources

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

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

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