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Protection of Civilians – Weekly Briefing Notes

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Of note this week

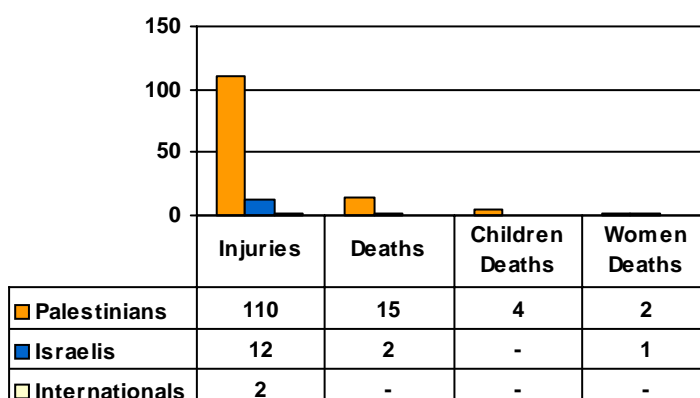
- Fifteen Palestinians were killed and 110 were injured throughout the oPt, including four children and two women. A high injury rate from clashes during IDF military operations inside Palestinian urban areas in the West Bank marks this week.
- Two Israelis were killed and seven other were injured by homemade rockets fired from the Gaza Strip.
- The IDF demolished 28 structures and damaged more than ten others throughout the oPt.

In the Gaza Strip:

- 12 Palestinians were killed and 41 were injured during IDF military operations in the Gaza Strip. IDF troops entered the Gaza Strip on eight occasions for military operations.
- At least 90 homemade rockets and five mortar shells were fired by Palestinian militants from the Gaza Strip towards Israel. More than five tank shells were fired by the IDF, mainly into northern Gaza. No artillery shells were reported to have been fired during the week.
- The IAF conducted 17 air strikes and in eight incidents Palestinian homes were demolished following warnings to the residents to leave. In a new development, Palestinians congregated in large numbers around the houses that the IDF had advised to evacuate leading the IDF to call off the air strikes on three occasions.
- Palestinian internal violence continued in the Gaza Strip leaving two Palestinians dead and 12 injured.
- Two ICRC international staff were kidnapped by a group of Palestinian armed men. Both were released unharmed nine hours later.

In the West Bank:

- Three Palestinians, including two children, died, and 69 others were injured as a result of IDF and settler activity in Nablus, Qalqiliya, Ramallah, Hebron, Jerusalem, Jericho and Bethlehem.
- On 18 November, thousands of Israeli settlers and supporters entered H2/Hebron for a Jewish celebration. A number of acts of violence were carried out by settlers, leading to the injury of two internationals and three Palestinians. On the same day the IDF prevented Muslims from entering the Ibrahimi Mosque, keeping it open for Jewish worshippers only.
- Israeli settler violence continues: Settlers from the Havot Ma'on outpost chased Palestinian students from Tuba and Umm Faqqara as they were going to school in Twani. The same group of settlers entered Tuba and attacked Palestinian property.
- 149 flying checkpoints were reported by OCHA field staff. 141 search and arrest campaigns were conducted by the IDF in which 122 Palestinians were arrested.
- Long delays of up to 3 hours at Tayasir, Badhan, Atara, and Khallat Numaan checkpoints.
- The IDF shut down a branch of the Orphan Care Society in Bethlehem city.

1. Physical Protection¹

¹ Note that this excludes Palestinian-Palestinian internal violence.

Gaza Strip:

- **15 November:** Two Israelis, including a 17 year-old boy, were injured when two homemade rockets fired from Beit Lahia impacted near a house in the Israeli town of Sderot.
- **15 November:** A 57 year-old Israeli woman was killed and another Israeli was injured when two homemade rockets fired from east of Jabalia camp impacted in a residential area in Sderot.
- **18 November:** Three Palestinians (two children aged 16 and 17 years and a 22 year-old man) were killed and six others injured when an IDF Undercover Unit clashed with armed Palestinian men in northern Beit Lahia.
- **18 November:** Two Palestinian children were shot and injured in an UNRWA school in Beit Lahia. A seven year-old boy was shot in the head in his classroom and a 12 year-old girl was injured in the leg in the school grounds.
- **18 November:** A 28 year-old Palestinian woman died of wounds sustained during an IDF air strike on Sheikh Zayed city, east of Beit Lahia on 6 November.
- **16 November:** One Palestinian was injured when an IAF aircraft fired a missile at a house in Jabalia camp.
- **16 November:** Three Palestinians were injured when an IAF aircraft fired a missile at a house in Al Shaboura camp in Rafah.
- **18 November:** A 25 year-old Palestinian man died of wounds sustained during an IAF air strike on 4 November in Jabalia.
- **19 November:** Three Israelis were injured when two homemade rockets fired from Jabalia impacted in Sderot.
- **19 November:** A 70 year-old Palestinian man was killed and eight others injured when an IAF aircraft fired a rocket at a car travelling in Al Zaitoun area in Gaza City.
- **19 November:** An Israeli boy was injured when two homemade rockets fired from Sheikh Zayed city east of Beit Lahia impacted near his house in Sderot.
- **20 November:** One Palestinian man was injured when IDF troops stationed at the border opened fire in the direction of Al Bureij Camp.
- **21 November:** One Israeli man was injured when two homemade rockets fired from Beit Lahia impacted in Sderot. The man later died of his wounds.
- **21 November:** Six Palestinians were injured when the IDF fired a tank shell at a group of people near Beit Hanoun.
- **20 November:** A 25 year-old Palestinian died of wounds he sustained on 5 November east of Jabalia.
- **21 November:** Two IDF soldiers were injured by RPG missiles fired by Palestinian militants in the direction of an IDF tank east of Jabalia.
- **21 November:** Four Palestinians were injured when the IDF fired a tank shell towards a group of people east of Jabalia.
- **20 November:** Two Palestinians, aged 26 and 30 years, were killed, and seven others injured when a missile fired by an IAF aircraft hit a car travelling in Al Shijaya area east of Gaza City.
- **21 November:** Two Palestinians, a 26 year-old man and a 70 year-old woman, were killed by IDF gunfire during a military operation in Al Zaitoun area southeast of Gaza City.

West Bank:

- **12 November:** A one-week old Palestinian infant from Al Nassariya village (Nablus) died in Al Watani governmental hospital after his parents were delayed at Al Badhan checkpoint for two hours. According to the hospital death certificate, the infant reached the hospital in a very critical condition and died of fever because of the delay to reach the hospital. *Not reported last week. This fatality has not been included in the summary table.*
- **15 November:** A 25 year-old Palestinian male was killed by IDF fire during a military operation while in his home in Camp No. 1 (Nablus).
- **15 November:** The IDF shot and injured a Palestinian man by live ammunition at a flying checkpoint near Qalqiliya city (Qalqiliya). The incident occurred when when he allegedly failed to stop.
- **15 November:** Two Palestinians were injured by live ammunition during an IDF search and arrest campaign in Ramallah city (Ramallah). Three Palestinians were arrested, one of the injured was among them.
- **15 November:** A 14 year-old Palestinian boy from Al 'Arrub refugee camp (Hebron), was injured when IDF soldiers threw sound bombs at a group of Palestinians.
- **16 November:** An Israeli Border Police officer was injured by a live bullet fired at him by a Palestinian gunman near Beituniya commercial checkpoint (Ramallah).

- **16 November:** Two male Palestinians, both aged 16 years, were injured by rubber-coated metal bullets during a confrontation between the IDF and Palestinian stone throwers in Tulkarm city (Tulkarm). The confrontation erupted during a military operation in the city.
- **17 November:** A 17 year-old Palestinian male was killed and 31 Palestinians were injured by live ammunition in confrontations between the IDF and Palestinian stone throwers during a military operation in Qalqiliya city (Qalqiliya). The 31 Palestinians were 18 boys, aged 12, 14 (2), 15 (4), 16 (6), and 17 (5) years, and 13 men, aged 18 (5), 19, 20, 21 (2), 22, 23, 25, and 41 years. The Palestinians were throwing rocks and Molotov cocktails at the IDF who responded with live ammunition.
- **17 November:** Nine Palestinians were injured by rubber-coated metal bullets when the IDF fired these types of bullets and tear gas canisters at Palestinian, Israeli and International activists during a demonstration against the construction of the Barrier in Bil'in (Ramallah).
- **17 November:** A Palestinian threw a stone and injured an Israeli policeman who was guarding the Al-Aqsa mosque for Friday prayers (Jerusalem).
- **18 November:** A 19 year-old international woman was injured in the face when a settler threw a bottle at her near the Israeli settlement of Tel Rumeida, H2/Hebron (Hebron).
- **18 November:** A 60 year-old international man was injured in the head and the leg when a group of settlers beat him near the settlement of Beit Hadassah, H2/Hebron (Hebron).
- **18 November:** A 33 year-old Palestinian woman from H2/Hebron (Hebron) was injured in the face when a group of Israeli settlers from the Tel Rumeida threw stones at her and her child. Her 3 year-old son was injured in the head. In the same incident, a 38 year-old Palestinian woman from Hebron was injured when a group of Israeli settlers beat her.
- **19 November:** A middle-aged Israeli settler from the settlement of Betar Illit (Bethlehem) was injured when a stone hit his car while travelling to the settlement.
- **20 November:** 20 Palestinians were injured in Bethlehem City (Bethlehem). Ten of them, aged 14 (2), 16 (2), 17, 18 (2), 19, 20, and 28 years, were injured by live ammunition. Five, aged 14 (2), 18, 22, and 28 years, were injured by rubber-coated metal bullets, and five, aged 15, 17 (2), 21 and 24 years, were injured by shrapnel when IDF soldiers opened fire at Palestinians stone throwers during a search and arrest campaign.
- **20 November:** A 16 year-old male from Jericho was shot and killed by an IDF soldier at Yitav checkpoint (Jericho). According to the Israeli DCL, the soldier suspected the man of carrying a gun. It turned out that the suspected gun was a cigarette lighter in the shape of a pistol.
- **21 November:** Three Palestinians were injured when IDF troops stationed east of Beit Lahia opened fire and fired a tank shell.
- **21 November:** A 21 year-old Palestinian was killed and three others were injured when IDF troops opened fire east of Jabalia camp.

2. Palestinian internal violence and other incidents

[Casualties recorded in this section 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 recorded in the total in Section 1.]

Gaza Strip:

- **14 November:** A 30 year-old Palestinian man was killed when a group of armed masked men opened fire in Khan Younis. *Not reported last week.*
- **15 November:** A 40 year-old Palestinian man was killed when a group of armed men kidnapped and later shot him west of Jabalia camp.
- **16 November:** Two bystanders were injured when a group of unknown armed masked men opened fire in Jabalia.
- **17 November:** Four Palestinians, including three bystanders were injured in an armed family feud in Gaza City.
- **16 November:** A 22 year-old Palestinian man was severely injured when an explosive device prematurely exploded while he was preparing it east of Al Zahra city.
- **17 November:** One Palestinian was injured in an armed family feud in Al Nuseirat camp.
- **17 November:** Two Palestinians were injured in an armed family feud in Al Maghazi Camp.

- **20 November:** One Palestinian person was injured in an armed family feud in Deir Al Balah camp.
- **21 November:** A former Palestinian cabinet minister was shot and injured in an assassination attempt in Gaza City.

West Bank:

No incidents to report.

3. Shelter and Property

Date	Location, Governorate	Structures demolished	Structures damaged	People displaced / affected
15 November	Bet Hanina, Jerusalem	1	-	7
15 November	Jabalia Camp, Gaza	1	-	N/A
15 November	Jabalia, Gaza	2	-	N/A
15 November	Gaza City, Gaza	1	-	N/A
16 November	Tulkarm city, Tulkarm	-	4	18 (3 families)
16 November	Beituniya, Ramallah	-	1	N/A
16 November	Jabalia, Gaza	3	-	N/A
16 November	Rafah, Gaza	3	5	30
16 November	Rafah, Gaza	3	-	N/A
16 November	Rafah, Gaza	3	-	N/A
16 November	Jabalia, Gaza	1	N/A (Several)	N/A
17 November	Qalqiliya city, Qalqiliya	3	-	24 (4 families)
17 November	Gaza City, Gaza	1	-	N/A
17 November	Gaza City, Gaza	1	N/A (Several)	N/A
17 November	Gaza City, Gaza	1	-	N/A
17 November	Khan Younis, Gaza	1	-	N/A
18 November	Gaza City, Gaza	1	-	N/A
20 November	Rafah, Gaza	2	-	N/A
Total		28	10+	49+

- **15 November:** A Palestinian home was demolished in Bet Hanina (Jerusalem). The representatives of the IDF informed the owner about the possibility of obtaining a court order to halt the demolition but just as he left for the Jerusalem court, the IDF began demolishing the home. The house was inhabited by a family of seven, including five children of school age.
- **15 November:** One Palestinian home was destroyed by an IAF aircraft missile in Jabalia camp. The family was notified by the IDF 30 minutes prior to the air strike.
- **15 November:** A two-storey Palestinian home was destroyed by an IAF aircraft missile north east of Jabalia. The family was notified by the IDF prior to the attack.
- **15 November:** A Palestinian home was destroyed when hit by two missiles fired by an IAF aircraft, the Beach Camp in Gaza City.
- **16 November:** Three Palestinian homes were demolished by IDF bulldozers, southwest of Sufa crossing in Rafah.
- **16 November:** One Palestinian home was destroyed and several nearby houses in Jabalia camp were lightly damaged by a missile fired by an IAF aircraft. The family was notified by the IDF 30 minutes prior to the attack.
- **16 November:** A three-storey Palestinian home was destroyed when hit by a missile fired by an IAF in Al Shaboura camp, Rafah. The family was notified by the IDF 30 minutes prior to the attack.
- **16 November:** A three-storey Palestinian home was destroyed when hit by a missile fired by an IAF aircraft east of Jabalia camp. The family was notified by the IDF 30 minutes prior to the air strike.
- **16 November:** The IDF demolished parts of a three-storey building in Tulkarm city during a military operation. Three apartments and one store were severely damaged.
- **16 November:** The IDF blew up the windows and the main door of one apartment in Beituniya (Ramallah) during a search and arrest camping. No one was arrested
- **16 November:** A three-storey Palestinian home accommodating three families (20 persons) was destroyed, and five other houses were lightly damaged when hit by an IAF

aircraft missile in Al Shaboura camp in Rafah. The family was notified by the IDF 30 minutes prior to the attack.

- **17 November:** The IDF demolished two buildings (each two-storey) and one barracks in Qalqiliya city while trying to force an allegedly wanted Palestinians to leave the building.
- **17 November:** A two-storey Palestinian home was destroyed when hit by a missile fired by an IAF aircraft in Jabalia camp. The family was notified by the IDF 30 minutes prior to the attack. Some several nearby houses were lightly damaged in blast.
- **17 November:** One house was destroyed and several nearby houses in the Beach Camp, Gaza City were lightly damaged by a missile fired by an IAF aircraft. The family was notified by IDF 30 minutes prior to the attack.
- **17 November:** A two-storey building housing a charity in Al Sheijaya area east of Gaza City was destroyed when it was hit by a missile fired by an IAF aircraft.
- **17 November:** A metal workshop in Khan Younis was destroyed when it was hit by a missile fired by an IAF aircraft.
- **18 November:** A Hamas military training camp north of Beach Camp in Gaza City was damaged when it was attacked by several missiles fired by an IAF aircraft.
- **20 November:** Two Palestinian homes were demolished by IDF bulldozers during an IDF incursion into an area west of Sufa crossing.

Other incidents:

- **21 November:** The IDF, until further notice, shut down a branch of the Orphan Care Society in Bethlehem city (Bethlehem).

4. Natural Resources

Land levelling/Requisitions/Tree Uprooting²

Nablus Governorate:

Ongoing incidents:

- Since 15 June, land has been levelled north of Shave Shomeron settlement (west of Nablus), to install a fence
- Since 8 June, a fence is being installed at the northern side of Shave Shomeron settlement.
- Since 17 September, land is being levelled and a road barrier installed 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: land levelling and construction work continued near Immatin village and between 'Azzun and Kafr Thulth, and between Azzun and Kafr Laqif.

Salfit Governorate:

Ongoing incidents:

- Barrier construction: Israeli contractors continue levelling land 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:

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

- 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 complete between the Beit Sira village and Makkabim settlement. A 400-metre section between the village and Beit Nuba is under construction and a gate is being installed.
- Following a decision by the Israeli High Court approving a new route of the Barrier in 'Abud, construction resumed parallel to bypass Road 465, as well as between 'Abud, and Ofarim and Beit Arye settlements.
- Construction resumed in Deir Qaddis between the village and Modi'in Ilit settlement. Construction was stopped for almost 1 ½ years due to technical problems related to the building contractors.
- Construction continues near Umm Safa, parallel to bypass Road 465, to create a buffer zone around Ateret settlement. 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 along the projected route in the Jerusalem governorate. Exceptions to this are northeast of Al 'Eizariya towards Ma'ale Adumim settlement. Construction has begun along 3 km stretch of the Barrier south of Ma'ale Adumim and Kedar, but has been stopped since 3 March pending a court case.
 - Construction near Ar Ram checkpoint between Dahiyat Al Bareed and Atarot is ongoing. Detours through the neighbourhoods of Ar Ram and Dahiyat Al Bareed continue and changes are experienced on a daily basis. During the last week, construction of the Barrier in Dahiyat Al Bareed meant that the opening was only occasionally open. The detour to al Ram has now been blocked by one concrete slab lying horizontally. Temporarily, pedestrians can still pass through these areas.
 - The construction of a road barrier continues on Road 1, east of Az Za'ayem. Palestinians with Jerusalem ID cards driving to Jerusalem, now have to drive south to Ma'ale Adumim and then return through Az Za'ayem checkpoint.
- Construction of an Israeli police station in E1 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 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 in the section of Road 60 between Al Khadr and Al Nashshash (southern entrance of Bethlehem).
 - Land levelling continued 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 and work has started near the road leading to the Beit Jala DCO checkpoint as fences were installed and land has been levelled.
- Construction of a fence continued 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:

18 November: Israeli settlers from Ma'on settlement, near Twani, south of Yatta (Hebron) prevented Palestinian farmers accompanied by peace activists from ploughing land located in the vicinity of the settlement.

Ongoing incidents:

- Barrier construction:
 - Construction continued near Tarqumiya checkpoint and Ashkalot settlement.
 - Upgrading of an access road to the proposed Barrier route has started near the Palestinian Bedouin community of Hethaleen and also near the Jinba community in Massafer Yatta.
- Land levelling continues west of Taraumiya checkpoint for a new commercial checkpoint. Paving continued and 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 IDF ground operations in Al Omour area northeast of Rafah, IDF bulldozers levelled agricultural land. No damage assessment has been carried out to date

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

Date	Location, Governorate	Duration
16 November	Tulkarm city, Tulkarm	6 hours
Total Week		6 Hours

16 November: The IDF imposed a curfew on the eastern part of Tulkarm city for six hours during a military operation.

b) Access to education

19 November: Israeli settlers from the Havot Ma'on outpost, south of Yatta (Hebron), chased Palestinian students from Tuba and Umm Faqqara who were trying to reach the IDF escort point to their school, located in Twani. The escort has been provided since 2004 to protect the students from attacks by Israeli settlers from the Ma'on settlement and its associated outpost.

During the reporting period: At least 30 teachers at Jordan Valley schools coming from Tubas and Jenin experienced long delays at Tayasir checkpoint. As a result the students lost the first two morning classes.

c) Access to employment

There is currently no communication between Israeli and Palestinian authorities and Palestinian workers and traders are applying directly to the Israeli authorities for permits to enter East Jerusalem and Israel.

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 Palestinian should be above 21 years old, and married with children.

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:

Nablus Governorate:

11 October to 20 November: Age restrictions on Palestinian males from Nablus city aged 18 – 25 at Huwwara and Beit Iba checkpoints and at Zaatara checkpoint continued to apply. On 21 November they were lifted.

15 November to date: Long queues and delays were experienced at Al Badhan checkpoint on Road 57. On some days the waiting time was up to three hours.

18 November: Major delays were reported on Huwwara and Yitzhar checkpoints.

19 November: The IDF closed Beit Iba checkpoint for three hours due to a security alert.

20 November: An age restriction was imposed for one day on male Palestinians residents of Jenin aged 16 to 35 years at Huwwara, Beit Iba and Zaatara 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.

Jenin Governorate:

Ongoing incidents:

- Since 30 August, the IDF have allowed 40 commercial trucks (with less than a two tonnes freight load) 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:

18 November: Major delays were reported at Kafriat tunnel checkpoint.

Ongoing incidents:

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

Qalqiliya Governorate:

Ongoing incidents:

- The IDF continues to close 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 preventing 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 the northern West Bank southwards.

Ramallah / Al Bireh Governorate:

During the reporting period: Commuters going through Atara checkpoint experienced long delays. The Israeli liaison officer intervened in several incidents and the queues were let through.

Bethlehem Governorate:

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 at the entrance of the Palestinian village Khallet Nu'man continued to delay the access of vegetable trucks to the village. International organisations national staff are forced to show their national IDs along with their organisation ID.

Hebron Governorate:

18 November: The IDF reinforced a closure leading to agricultural lands near Beit Ummar. The IDF also reinforced an earth mound blocking a road leading to the town from Road 60.

Jerusalem Governorate:

No incidents to report.

Jericho Governorate/Jordan Valley:

During the reporting period: Palestinians residing in the Jordan Valley, as well as Palestinians travelling in and out of the area, experienced delays of up to three hours at Tayasir checkpoint. On many occasions the Israeli liaison officer in Jericho was called which helped decrease the waiting time.

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

During the reporting period:

- Karni crossing was open on four out of six scheduled working days (Karni does not open on Saturdays).
- Rafah Passengers' terminal was open for one day during the week to allow a total of 270 people to cross into the Gaza Strip and 155 to cross out of the Gaza Strip.
- 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 on all six scheduled working days (Nahal Oz does not open on Saturdays).
- Sufa crossing was open on one out of the scheduled six working days (Sufa does not open on Saturdays).
- Kerem Shalom crossing was open three days.
- Gaza fishermen are allowed to fish next to all of the Gaza Strip, but only six nautical miles into the sea.
- During an IDF operation in Al Zaitoun and the northern Gaza area of eastern Jabalia, Palestinian movement was severely restricted. On 21 November, four IDF tanks and two bulldozers entered Beit Hanoun. IDF troops deployed at the main entrance to the village, blocking access.

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 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 areas outside the buffer zone. Entry into the area is only possible with prior permission from the IDF.

Reported flying (random) checkpoints – West Bank

Governorate	Location, # of flying checkpoints in brackets	Total # of flying checkpoints
Nablus	Tell (3), Jamma'in (2), Asira ash Shamaliya (1)	6
Jenin	'Arraba (3), Az Zababida (2), Kafr Rai (1), Meithalun (1), Rummana (1), Fahma (1), Mirka (1), Yabad (1), Misliya (1)	12
Tubas	Tammun (1), Wadi al Fará (1), North Tubas (1), South Tubas (1), 'Aqqaba (1)	5
Tulkarm	Balá' (2), Beit Lid (1), 'Illar (1), Baqa ash Sharqiya (1), Ramin (1)	6
Qalqiliya	Entrance Qalqiliya – DCO (7), Ázzun (2), Wadi Qana (3), Hajja (1), Al Funduq (1), Habla tunnel (4), Jayyus (2), 'Azzun tunnel (2), Ras 'Atiya (2), Tahseen Mansur (1), Kafr Thulth (3), An Nabi Elyas (3)	31
Salfit	Qarawat Bani Hassan (1)	1
Ramallah and Al Bireh	Abud (1), Road 60 (11)	12
Jerusalem	-	-
Jericho	-	-
Bethlehem	Al 'Ubeidiya (4), Za'tara (3), Bethlehem city (5), 'Ayda refugee camp (3), Al Khadr (1), Dar Salah (2), Beit Jala (3), Al 'Aza refugee camp (3), Ad Duheisha (3), Beit Sahur (3), Tuqu (1), Ash Shawawreh (2), Batir (1), Husan (2)	36
Hebron	Yatta (5), Beit Ummar (3), Bani Na'im (1), Dura (4), Hebron city - H1 (6), Halhul (3), Al Arrub refugee camp (2), Ad Dhahiriya (2), Ar Ramadin (1), Sa'ir (3), Ash Shuyukh (3), Surif (1), Hebron City – H2 (4), Tarqumiya (2)	40
Total West Bank		149

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 (2), Balata RC (5), Camp No.1 (1), Yasid (1)	9	15
Jenin	Jenin city (3), Jenin RC (2), Ya'bad (1), Kafr Rai (1), Qabatiya (2)	9	16
Tubas	Tammun (2)	2	0
Tulkarm	Tulkarm city (2), Ánabta (1), Dhinnaba (1)	4	2
Qalqiliya	Qalqiliya city (6), 'Azzun (3), Kafr Qaddum (5), Haja (1), Baqat al Hatab (1), 'Izbat Salman (1)	17	10
Salfit	Kifl Haris (1), Qarawat Bani Hassan (2), Deir Istiya (1)	4	4
Ramallah/Al Bireh	Ramallah (5), Beituniya (2), Qarawat Bani Zeid (1), Deir Ghassaneh (1), Sinjil (1)	10	27
Jericho Jordan Valley	Aqbat Jaber refugee camp (1)	1	1
Jerusalem	East Jerusalem	-	4
Bethlehem	Beit Sahur (3), Al 'Aza refugee camp (4), Dar Salah (3), Al 'Ubeidiya (6), 'Ayda refuge camp (4), Al Khadr (4), Beit Jala (3), Za'atara (1), Bethlehem (3), Ad Duheisha Camp (3), Tuqu (3), Ash Shawawreh (2), Ad Doha (3), Batir (2), Husan (3)	47	17
Hebron	Hebron City (6), Beit Ummar (4), Al 'Arrub Camp (4), Idhna (2), Dura (4), Tarqumiya (3), Beit Awwa (2), Beit Ula (2), Surif (2), Yatta (2), Adh Dhahiriya (2), Sa'ir (3), Ash Shuyukh (2)	38	26
Total Week West Bank		141	122
Gaza Strip	Al Zaitoun	-	1
Total Week oPt		141	123

West Bank:

- **15 November:** Clashes erupted near Sultan Suleiman St. (Jerusalem) between Palestinians marking the Palestinian Independence Day and Israeli security forces. As a result, four Palestinians were detained.
- **18 November:** The IDF prevented Muslims from entering the Ibrahimi Mosque in Hebron and only allowed the entry of only Jewish worshippers.
- **18 November:** Thousands of Israeli settlers and other Israelis were present in H2/Hebron (Hebron) for a Jewish celebration. A number of attacks were carried out by the settlers, leading to the injury of two internationals and three Palestinians.
- **21 November:** Two ICRC international staff were kidnapped by a group of Palestinian armed men on the Salah Ed-Din road between Khan Younis and Deir El Balah. Both were released unarmed nine hours later. A Fatah-affiliated group – *The Black Panthers* – claimed responsibility for the kidnapping.

Gaza Strip:

- **During the week:** IDF gunboats opened fire at fishing boats on at least two occasions. On 18 November IDF vessels fired sporadic machineguns for 15 minutes at fishing boats west of Beach camp. The fishermen fled to the shore.
- **20 November:** An IAF aircraft fired a missile at a group of militants east of Jabalia near Izbet Abed Rabo. The missile missed the target and no injuries were reported.
- **21 November:** One Palestinian was arrested during an IDF operation in Al Zaitoun area southeast of Gaza City.

7. Olive Harvest

- **During the reporting period:** Villagers in the north-western periphery of Jerusalem (Jerusalem) are having trouble accessing their land due to long detours necessary to reach their land from the place of residence. Villagers of Bet Anan have again found the relevant gates closed this week.
- **18 November:** Settlers from Gilad outpost held two Palestinians from Tell village (Nablus) and threatened them while they were picking olives in there olive grove. The Two Palestinians were released after the IDF arrived at the site.

Appendix: Checkpoints: 15 – 21 November 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. Closed 9 - 11 November due to a security alert.
Kafriat	Open 24 hours. The checkpoint is manned and physically divided into three parts: one that controls movement to and from Tulkarm town; one that controls movement to Israel proper; and one that controls movement to and from Jbara.
Kafriat Tunnel	The checkpoint is controlling all traffic heading south from Tulkarm including residents of Jenin.
'Anabta	The checkpoint is located on the eastern entrance of Tulkarm on Road 57. Long queues and delays were reported.
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 to security checks. Closed 9 - 11 November due to a security alert.
Qalqiliya North	Open from 4am to 7pm Sunday to Thursday and from 4am to 12am on Fridays for Palestinian permit holders. Closed 9 - 11 November due to a security alert.
Jit junction partial checkpoint	Partial checkpoint at the key junction connecting the governorates of Nablus, Qalqiliya and Tulkarm.
Salfit:	
Deir Ballut	Open from 6am and 6pm. The checkpoint controls movement between Ramallah and the villages in the western part of Salfit governorate.
Kafr Qasem (Road 5)	Open 24 hours for UN, international organisations and Palestinians with permits. Closed 9 - 11 November due to a security alert.
Nablus:	
Huwwara Southern main entrance	Open from 6am to 11pm for humanitarian organisations and Palestinians. Israeli citizens, Palestinian holders of Jerusalem IDs and holders of international passports can pass only after prior liaison with the IDF. Public transportation and private vehicles need permits to pass the checkpoint. Commercial trucks are not allowed to pass. Long delays and queues were reported.
Beit Iba Western entrance, mainly for trade	Open from 5am 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. Long delays and queues. Public transportation, commercial trucks 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 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 5:30am to 9pm for villagers from Beit Furik, Beit Dajan. 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 505 southwards and no need for permits.

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.
Yizhar partial checkpoint	Partial check point north of Huwwara village on Road 60. Men from Nablus between 18 and 25 years are not allowed to go south through the checkpoint.
Aqraba partial checkpoint	Partial check point on the junction to Aqraba village with Road 505.
Al Badhan checkpoint	Open from 6 am to 6 pm. Men from Nablus between 16 and 35 years are not allowed to leave Nablus through the checkpoint. Public transportation and private vehicles need permits to pass the checkpoint. Long delays and queues reported.
Jenin:	
Al Jalama Main entrance to Israel	Open between 7am to 4pm Sunday to Thursday. And 7am to 12am on Fridays.
Imreiha (Reikhan) Main gate to the Barta'a ash-Sharqiya/ Umm ar Rihan enclave	Open between 7am to 9pm. Open for all goods from Israel into West Bank. 40 vehicles with their plate numbers on a list at the checkpoint are allowed to transport foodstuff into the closed area behind the Barrier. Other materials need prior coordination.
Mevo Dotan (New) on road 585 near Ya'bad	Open from 7am to 7pm for all Palestinians
Tubas:	
Bisan Main entrance to Israel	Open 24 hours for Israeli ID card holders and internationals. Palestinians with West Bank IDs are no longer allowed access regardless having a permit to enter Israel and/or working with International organisations. 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 5am-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 has been 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'ayyem 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.
Bir Nabala / Rafat At the new road between Rafat and Bir Nabala village	Delays are experienced on daily basis. Commuters report daily delays of 30 – 45 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 thought 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'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. Palestinians holding valid work permits can access East Jerusalem and Israel through this checkpoint. UN national staff can pass through the checkpoint without having to be physically checked. The checkpoint is currently manned by the Israeli Border Police. 10 -11 November Palestinians holding valid permits were not allowed to cross as an external closure was imposed on the Palestinian Territories.
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. Access of vegetable trucks to the village is obstructed. 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.
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. 10 -11 November Palestinians holding valid permits were not allowed to cross as an external closure was imposed on the Palestinian Territories.
Beit Jala DCO Entrance to Beit Jala	Rarely-manned and open 24 hours. Movement allowed in both directions for all vehicles. On 9 November the IDF denied access of Palestinian traffic to and from Beit Jala and Bethlehem due to reports of settler being kidnapped.
Tunnels Road 60 at Har Gilo	Open 24 hours for international members of international humanitarian organisations. 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. 10 -11 November Palestinians holding valid permits were not allowed to cross as an external closure was imposed on the Palestinian Territories.
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 5am 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. 10-11 November Palestinians holding valid permits were not allowed to cross as an external closure was imposed on the Palestinian Territories.
Meitar Crossing to Israeli. Road 60 on the Green Line	Manned by Border Police. Open 24 hours. On 25 May, the IDF relocated the checkpoint close to the new Meitar Terminal. As of 20 August, Palestinians holding valid work permits were allowed access to Israel through this checkpoint.
Shani At turn for Shani settlement on 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. In area adjacent to the checkpoint, construction is on-going for the purpose of building new terminal.
Prayers Road, H2 Access to area of Ibrahimi Mosque	Closed to Palestinians. During the reporting period, both Israeli settlers and IDF soldiers prevented Palestinian residents from accessing this road.
Shohada street, H2 Western entrance to Shohada street	Open to Palestinians living beyond it and in the Tel Rumeida area in accordance with a list held by the IDF at the checkpoint. Access possible only on foot. Palestinians and internationals have to go through a mobile metal detector.
Ibrahimi Mosque, H2 Access to the Mosque	Worshippers and visitors are searched upon entry. Residents living in the vicinity of the Mosque must hold a special permit to gain access to their homes.
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 Ibrahimi 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 Ibrahimi 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 Hebron 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. On 9 November 9, the IDF denied Palestinian traffic access to and from the checkpoint due to reports of kidnapping of a settler.
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 Palestinian humanitarian cases.
Rafah Passenger Terminal	15 November: Open from 9.45am – 5pm (270 arrivals and 155 departures). 16 - 21 November: Closed.

Commercial checkpoints:

Tulkarm/Qalqiliya	
Taybeh	An Israeli private has the responsibility of controlling the checkpoint. The back-to-back system has been operational from 9am to 6:30pm Sunday to Thursday and 9am to 12pm on Fridays.
Nablus	
Awarta checkpoint Main commercial checkpoint in Nablus since July 2003.	Open from 6am to 5pm, Sunday to Thursday, Friday from 6am to 2pm and closed on Saturday. Commercial trucks need permits to pass the checkpoint. Men from Nablus city aged between 18 and 25 years are not allowed to exit Nablus unless they have special permits
Jenin	
Al Jalama Northern entrance/ main commercial check point.	Open between 7am to 4pm Sunday to Thursday and 7am to 12pm on Fridays. Closed 9 - 11 November due to a security alert.
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 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	15 – 17 November: Closed 18 November: Closed (scheduled closure day) 19 November: Open 20 – 21 November: Closed
Karni	15 – 17 November: Open (closed for containers) 18: Closed (scheduled closure day) 19 – 20 November: Closed. 21 November: Open (closed for containers)
Kerem Shalom	15 – 19 November: Closed. 20 – 21 November: Open
Nahal OZ Energy Pipelines	Open on all scheduled working days (closed on Saturdays).

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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.