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## Protection of Civilians – Weekly Briefing Notes

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Of note this week

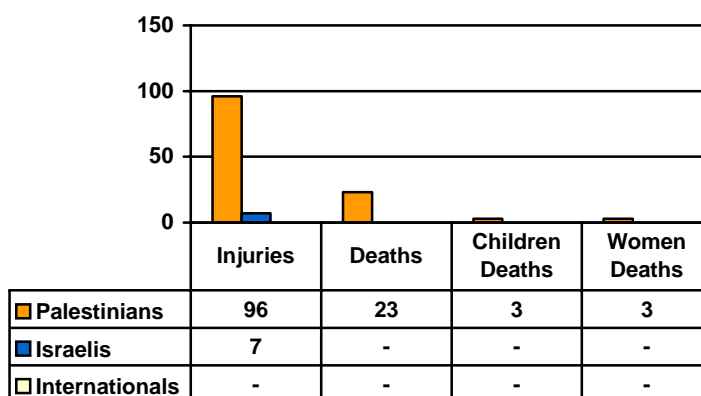
- 23 Palestinians, including three children and three women, were killed during the ongoing conflict with Israel. 96 Palestinians were injured in the West Bank and Gaza Strip.
- OCHA field reports severe damage to the terminal building at the Gaza international airport following five months of IDF soldiers stationed there. The IDF withdrew this week from the airport following the declaration of a cease-fire.

**In the Gaza Strip:**

- 20 Palestinians were killed and 66 others injured during IDF military operations inside the Gaza Strip. Seven IDF soldiers were also injured, including three soldiers injured by a 57 year-old Palestinian female suicide bomber.
- Prior to the cease-fire, the IDF entered the Gaza Strip on five occasions during military operations.
- At least 45 homemade rockets, two RPGs and two mortar shells were fired by Palestinian militants from the Gaza Strip towards Israel and Israeli targets. At least eight of the homemade rockets were fired after the cease-fire began.

**In the West Bank:**

- Three Palestinians were killed, and 30 others were injured as a result of IDF and settler violence in Bethlehem, Qalqiliya, Jenin, Ramallah, Hebron, and Nablus.
- Israeli settlers from the Neve Daniyel settlement uprooted 100 olive trees on land belonging to the Palestinian village of Al Khader.
- Thirty people, mostly from Jenin, lost their homes when the IDF demolished 11 Palestinian buildings which were reportedly built without permits.
- 127 flying checkpoints were reported by OCHA field staff; 146 search and arrest campaigns were conducted by the IDF in which 118 Palestinians were arrested.
- The gates in the Barrier used by olive harvesting farmers from Beit Anan (Ramallah) were closed all week.
- The IDF closed 'Asira ash Shamaliya checkpoint and road (north of Nablus city) for Palestinians. The checkpoint is now only open for humanitarian organisations and emergency cases.
- Unknown persons set a parked ICRC vehicle on fire in Qalqiliya city (Qalqiliya).

**1. Physical Protection<sup>1</sup>**

<sup>1</sup> Note that this excludes Palestinian-Palestinian (internal) violence.

**Gaza Strip:**

- **22 November:** A 35 year-old Palestinian man was killed and a 16 year-old boy injured when the IDF fired tank shell at group of people near Sheikh Zayed city.
- **22 November:** One IDF soldier and three Palestinians were injured during an armed confrontation in northern of Beit Hanoun.
- **22 November:** A 17 year-old Palestinian boy and a 45 year-old woman were killed and eight others injured when the IDF responded with tank shells and heavy fire during continuing confrontations in Beit Lahia.
- **22 November:** One Palestinian fisherman was injured when IDF gunboats opened fire at Palestinian fishing boats west of Rafah.
- **22 November:** A 22 year-old Palestinian man was shot and injured by IDF soldiers at the main entrance to Beit Hanoun.
- **22 November:** Two Palestinians were injured when the IDF fired tank shells and surface-to-surface missiles at an area east of Jabalia camp.
- **23 November:** A 22-year-old Palestinian was killed when the IDF opened fire at a group of Palestinians east of Jabalia camp.
- **23 November:** Eight Palestinians were injured when an IAF helicopter fired a missile at an open area east of Jabalia camp.
- **23 November:** A 19 year-old Palestinian man was killed and another Palestinian injured during continued armed confrontations near Sheikh Zayed City.
- **23 November:** An IDF soldier was injured by an anti-tank missile fired by Palestinians in Beit Hanoun.
- **23 November:** A Palestinian was injured after IDF soldiers opened fire in the direction of a group of people in Beit Hanoun.
- **23 November:** A 20 year-old Palestinian was killed and three others were injured during armed confrontations with IDF troops east of Beit Lahia.
- **23 November:** Three Palestinian men aged 32, 35, and 40 years were killed and one Palestinian bystander was injured when an IAF aircraft fired a missile targeting a car in Beit Lahia.
- **23 November:** A 24 year-old Palestinian was killed and 14 others were injured when the IDF fired tank shells and a ground-to-ground missile in the eastern part of Jabalia camp.
- **23 November:** Three IDF soldiers were injured when a 57 year-old Palestinian woman blew herself up close to a group of IDF soldiers east of Jabalia.
- **24 November:** A 24 year-old Palestinian man was killed when the IDF opened fire at him while he was filming east of Jabalia.
- **24 November:** A 25 year-old Palestinian man died of wounds sustained during an IDF incursion into Beit Hanoun on 3 November.
- **24 November:** A ten year-old Palestinian boy was killed and eight others were injured when the IDF opened fire at a group of people east of Beit Lahia.
- **24 November:** Two IDF soldiers were injured when their armoured vehicle drove over an Improvised Explosive Device (IED), east of Beit Lahia.
- **24 November:** An unidentified Palestinian man was killed near Karni crossing when the IDF fired at group of three Palestinians near the border area.
- **25 November:** A 20 year-old Palestinian man was killed by the IDF while attempting to fire an anti-tank shell at IDF troops east of Beit Lahia. Another eight Palestinians were injured as a result of IDF shooting after the incident.
- **25 November:** A 28 year-old Palestinian man was killed and a woman injured when a rocket launched by an IAF aircraft struck a car in Zaitoun area, southeast of Gaza City.
- **25 November:** Two Palestinian men, aged 23 and 25 years, were killed, and another Palestinian man injured when an IAF aircraft fired a rocket at a group of armed men, west of the Karni Industrial Zone, east of Gaza City.
- **25 November:** Three Palestinians were injured when the IDF fired a tank shell when it hit a Palestinian home. The home was damaged and caught on fire.
- **25 November:** A Palestinian woman was injured when IDF troops close to the border fence opened fire in the direction of Al Qarara area, east of Khan Younis.
- **26 November:** A 25 year-old Palestinian man died of wounds sustained during an IDF operation in Abbasan on 13 October.

**West Bank:**

- **22 November:** A 14 year-old Palestinian boy from Tuqu' (Bethlehem) was injured when he was hit by a car driven by an Israeli settler.
- **22 November:** Six Palestinians men, aged 20, 23, 25, 26, 28 and 30 years, were injured by rubber-coated metal bullets in Al Funduq and Hajja villages (Qalqiliya) during confrontations between the IDF and Palestinian stone throwers. The confrontations took

place after the IDF started demolishing structures in the village for being built without permits.

- **22 November:** An IDF undercover unit shot and killed a 25 year-old Palestinian man in Jenin refugee camp (Jenin). Another 28 year-old Palestinian man was injured by shrapnel in the incident.
- **22 November:** The IDF injured a 17 year-old Palestinian male student with rubber-coated metal bullets in Jenin refugee camp (Jenin). The student was on his way to school when he was injured in an IDF search and arrest campaign.
- **23 November:** Three Palestinians were injured by rubber-coated metal bullets by an IDF undercover unit carrying out a military operation in Qalandiya refugee camp (Ramallah). Two other Palestinian men were arrested in the operation.
- **23 November:** One Palestinian male from Al Jalazun refugee camp (Ramallah) was injured by a rubber-coated metal bullet in a confrontation between a group of Palestinian youths and the IDF during a search and arrest campaign.
- **24 November:** The IDF surrounded a building in Samiramis neighbourhood (Ramallah) in order to capture a wanted Palestinian man who was hiding inside. The IDF fired at the man and injured him by live ammunition before detaining him.
- **24 November:** Five Palestinians were injured by rubber-coated metal bullets when the IDF fired bullets and tear gas canisters at Palestinian, Israeli and International activists during a demonstration against the construction of the Barrier in Bil'in (Ramallah). Several cases of tear gas inhalation were reported but are not included in the casualty figures.
- **24 November:** A 21 year-old Palestinian man from Yatta (Hebron) was injured in the head and jaw after being beaten by Israeli soldiers manning the Atara checkpoint (Ramallah). The man was hospitalised in Hebron's Governmental Hospital.
- **24 November:** Two Palestinians men, aged 16 and 19 years, were injured by live ammunition during a confrontation between the IDF and Palestinian stone throwers in 'Askar refugee camp (Nablus).
- **24 November:** Two Palestinians men, aged 20 and 24 years, were injured by shrapnel and live ammunition during a confrontation between the IDF and Palestinian stone throwers in Kafr Qallil village (Nablus).
- **25 November:** A 16 year-old Palestinian boy from Sair (Hebron) was seriously injured by a rubber-coated bullet when IDF soldiers opened fire towards a group of Palestinian boys during a stone throwing incident.
- **25 November:** A 19 year-old Palestinian man was injured by a rubber-coated metal bullet in Ya'bad village (Jenin) during a confrontation between the IDF and Palestinian stone throwers.
- **26 November:** A 15 year-old Palestinian boy was injured by a rubber-coated metal bullet during a confrontation between the IDF and Palestinian stone throwers in 'Azzun village (Qalqiliya).
- **27 November:** A nine year-old Palestinian girl from the H2/Hebron (Hebron) suffered a broken arm when a group of female settlers from Tel Rumeida attacked her while on her way home from school.
- **27 November:** The IDF shot and killed a 22 year-old Palestinian man during a military operation in Qabatiya (Jenin). A 55 year-old Palestinian woman was also shot and killed while trying to evacuate the man who was killed.
- **28 November:** Two Palestinians males, aged, 30 and 32 years, were injured by rubber-coated metal bullets in 'Arabbuna village (Jenin) during a confrontation between the IDF and Palestinian stone throwers. The confrontations took place after the IDF started demolishing structures in the village for being built without permits.

## **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:**

- **22 November:** Three Palestinians were injured during an armed family dispute in Absan area, east of Khan Younis.

- **22 November:** A 40 year-old Palestinian was shot and injured during an armed family dispute in the Al Salam quarter of Rafah.
- **23 November:** Members of the Hamas-dominated Executive Support Force opened fire at a man they were attempting to arrest injuring two passers-by.
- **23 November:** Four Palestinians were injured when an explosive device detonated while being handled in a house in Khan Younis.
- **25 November:** A Palestinian man was injured during an armed family dispute in Gaza City.
- **26 November:** Two Palestinian men, aged 19 and 36 years, were killed when a tunnel along the border fence between Egypt and Rafah collapsed.
- **27 November:** One Palestinian was injured after being beaten during a family dispute in Khan Younis.

#### West Bank:

- **22 November:** One Palestinian man was killed during an armed family dispute in Nablus city (Nablus).

### 3. Shelter and Property

Date	Location, Governorate	Structures demolished	Structures damaged	People displaced / affected
22 November	Hajja, Qalqiliya	2	-	N/A
22 November	Al Funduq, Qalqiliya	2	-	N/A
23 November	Qarawat Bani Hassan, Salfit	2	-	6
23 November	Gaza City, Gaza Strip	1	2+	
24 November	Jabalia, Gaza Strip	-	1	
25 November	Jabalia camp, Gaza Strip	-	1	-
25 November	Beit Hanoun, Gaza Strip	-	2	
28 November	'Arabbuna, Jenin	5	-	24
<b>Total</b>		<b>12</b>	<b>6+</b>	<b>30+</b>

- **22 November:** The IDF demolished a Palestinian home under construction and an animal shed in Hajja village (Qalqiliya) for reportedly being built without permits.
- **22 November:** The IDF demolished a Palestinian home under construction and an animal shed in Al Funduq village (Qalqiliya) for reportedly being built without permits.
- **23 November:** The IDF demolished a one-storey Palestinian building (shelter for a six member family) and an animal shed in Qarawat Bani Hassan village (Salfit) allegedly for being built without permits.
- **23 November:** An IAF aircraft fired a missile targeting a money changing shop in Gaza City destroying the shop and damaging several nearby stores. The air strike also damaged an electrical power transformer cutting power to most of the city.
- **24 November:** A Palestinian house was damaged after being hit by an IDF tank shell and catching on fire.
- **25 November:** One Palestinian house was severely damaged when it caught fire after being hit by an IDF tank shell east of Jabalia camp.
- **25 November:** Windows of an UNRWA health clinic and a PA school were smashed as a missile fired by an IAF aircraft impacted in Beit Hanoun.
- **28 November:** The IDF demolished four Palestinian houses home to four families (24 persons) and another building under construction in 'Arabbuna village (Jenin) for reportedly being built without permits.

#### Other incidents:

- **22 November:** The IDF issued six demolition orders against Palestinian homes and structures in Ad Deirat and Umm Lasafa, southeast of Yatta (Hebron).
- **22 November:** An IDF undercover unit entered a Palestinian home in Beit Hanoun (Gaza Strip). The family living in the house was put in one room as it was searched. The IDF used the roof of the house as a sniper outlook for five hours.
- **24 November:** The IDF entered Al Rahma clinic in Nablus city (Nablus) and confiscated files and computers containing medical files for the patients.

- The terminal building at the Gaza international airport was severely damaged during the presence of IDF troops stationed there over the last four months.

#### 4. [Natural Resources](#)

##### **Land levelling/Requisitions/Tree Uprooting<sup>2</sup>**

###### **Nablus Governorate:**

###### Ongoing incidents:

- Since 15 June, land continues to be levelled north of Shave Shomeron settlement (west of Nablus), to install a fence around the 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.

###### **Qalqiliya Governorate:**

###### Ongoing incidents:

- Barrier construction: land levelling and construction work continued near Immatin village, between 'Azzun and Kafr Thulth and between 'Azzun and Kafr Laqif.
- Since 12 November the IDF has levelled land and installed a fence south of 'Azzun Átma.

###### **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:
  - 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:

<sup>2</sup> 4 dunums = 1 acre; 10 dunums = 1 hectare

- 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 Ar Ram has now been blocked by one concrete slab lying horizontally. Temporarily, pedestrians can still pass through these areas. The Israeli DCL informed OCHA field staff that there is a planned gate through the Barrier but that the exact location and nature of the gate is yet to be determined.
- 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.

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**Jericho Governorate:**

No incidents to report.

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**Bethlehem Governorate:**

**23 November:** Israeli settlers from Newe Daniyyel uprooted 100 olive trees from land belonging to Al Khader village situated close to the settlement. The trees were planted by the Union of Agricultural Work Committees (UAWC).

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.

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**Hebron Governorate:**

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 and east of Jabalia camp, IDF bulldozers levelled agricultural land and uprooted trees. A full damage assessment has not been carried out to date.

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

Date	Location, Governorate	Duration
27 November	Huwwara village, Nablus	6 hours
<b>Total Week</b>		<b>6 hours</b>

**27 November:** The IDF imposed a curfew on Huwwara village (Nablus) for six hours after Palestinians threw stones at Israeli settlers travelling on Road 60 in the village.

**b) Access to education**

**27 November:** Palestinian students from Tuba and Umm Faqqara, close to Twani village (Hebron), were prevented from attending their school after an IDF escort did not show up. 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.

**27 November:** One elementary school in Huwwara village (Nablus) was closed due to the curfew in the village.

**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:**

**28 November:** The IDF cancelled all family visits to Palestinian prisoners in Israel.

**Nablus Governorate:**

**22 November:** An age restriction was re-imposed on Palestinian male residents between the age of 16 and 35 years from Jenin governorate at Huwwara, Beit Iba, Al Badhan and Zaatara checkpoints.

**23 November:** The IDF closed 'Asira ash Shamaliya checkpoint (north of Nablus city) for Palestinians. The checkpoint is now only open for humanitarian organisations and humanitarian emergency cases.

**26 November:** Long delays were reported at Huwwara and Al Badhan 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:**

**22 November:** An age restriction was re-imposed on Palestinian male residents between the ages of 16 and 35 from Jenin governorate at all the checkpoints south of 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:**

**S22 November:** An age restriction was re-imposed on Palestinian male residents between the ages of 16 and 35 from Jenin governorate at 'Anabta and Kafriat Tunnel checkpoints.

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:**

**22 November:** An age restriction was re-imposed on Palestinian male residents between the ages of 16 and 35 from Jenin governorate at Deir Ballut checkpoint.

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:** Delays of up to 30 minutes were reported by commuters through Atara checkpoint on a daily basis. Longer delays were reported during evening rush hours.

**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:**

No incidents to report.

**Jerusalem Governorate:**

No incidents to report.

**Jericho Governorate/Jordan Valley:**

**During the reporting period:** Delays at Tayasir checkpoint, Tubas governorate were reported on a daily basis. Delays of up to two hours were experienced during morning and evening rush hours.

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.

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**Gaza Strip**

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During the reporting period:

- Karni crossing was open on all scheduled working days (Karni does not open on Saturdays).
- Rafah Passengers' terminal was open on one day during the week.
- Erez crossing was partially open for the movement of diplomats, international humanitarian workers and critical medical cases. (Non-diplomats require prior coordination with the IDF which is being decided on a case-by-case basis).
- Nahal Oz energy pipelines were open on all six scheduled working days (the pipelines do not open on Saturdays).
- Sufa crossing was open on all scheduled working days (Sufa does not open on Saturdays).
- Kerem Shalom crossing was open for four days.
- Gaza fishermen are allowed up to six nautical miles off the Gaza Strip coastline.
- 24 November: During an IDF operation in northern the Gaza area of eastern Jabalia, Palestinian movement was severely restricted. The IDF blocked the main entrance of Beit Hanoun and movement in and out of the town was severely hampered.

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) has 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	-	-
Jenin	'Arraba (3), Az Zababida (2), Sanur (1), Qabatiya (1), Al Kufeir (1), Ar Rama (1), Kafr Ra'i (1)	10
Tubas	North Tubas (1), 'Aqqaba (1)	2
Tulkarm	Balá' (2), Zeita (1), Baqa ash Sharqiya (2), Deir al Ghusun (1), Al Jarushiya (1)	7
Qalqiliya	Entrance Qalqiliya – DCO (7), Ázzun (3), Wadi Qana (3), Hajja (1), Al Funduq (1), Habla tunnel (1), 'Azzun tunnel (5), Tahseen Mansur (2), Kafr Thulth (1), An Nabi Elyas (3), Kafr Qaddum (1), Ras 'Atyia (1)	29
Salfit	Haris (1), Kafr ad Dik (1), Kifl Haris (1)	3
Ramallah and Al Bireh	-	-
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
<b>Total West Bank</b>		<b>127</b>

**6. Additional Protection Issues****Searches/Arrests/Detentions**

Governorate	Location of arrests/detention, number of searches noted at locations with brackets	Total # of Searches	Total # of Arrested/ Detained
Nablus	Nablus city (6), Balata RC (4), Camp No.1 (1), Beita (1)	12	20
Jenin	Jenin RC (2), Az Zababida (1), Qabatiya (2), Kafr Dan (1), Silat al Harithiya (1), 'Arraba (1)	8	29
Tubas	Tubas city (2)	2	-
Tulkarm	Tulkarm city (3), Nur Shams RC (1), 'Izbat Nasit (1), Far'un (1), Bal'a (1)	7	11
Qalqiliya	Qalqiliya city (7), 'Azzun (1), Kafr Qaddum (2), Jit (1), Al Funduq (1), Jayyus (1), Habla (2), Jit CP	15	4
Salfit	-	-	-
Ramallah/Al Bireh	Ramallah (3), Beituniya (1), Qalandiya camp (2), Al Jalazun refugee camp (1), Al Amari refugee camp (1)	8	13
Jericho	Jericho (1)	1	1
Jordan Valley			
Jerusalem	Eizariyya (1)	1	2
Bethlehem	Beit Sahur (3), Al 'Aza refugee camp (4), Dar Salah (3), Al 'Ubeidiya (6), 'Ayda refugee camp (4), Al Khadr (3), Beit Jala (3), Za'atara (3), Bethlehem (4), Ad Duheisha Camp (4), Tuqu (5), Ash Shawawreh (3), Ad Doha (3), Batir (2), Husan (3)	53	20
Hebron	Hebron City (4), Beit Ummar (4), Al 'Arrub Camp (4), Idhna (2), Dura (3), Tarqumiya (3), Beit Awwa (2), Beit Ula (2), Surif (2), Yatta (5), Adh Dhahiriya (2), Sa'ir (4), Ash Shuyukh (2)	39	18
<b>Total Week West Bank</b>		<b>146</b>	<b>118</b>
Gaza Strip		-	-
<b>Total Week oPt</b>		<b>146</b>	<b>118</b>

**West Bank:**

- **22 November:** Palestinians stoned an Israeli vehicle in Hizma (Jerusalem). No injuries were reported.
- **22 November:** During the night unknown persons set a parked ICRC vehicle on fire in Qalqiliya city (Qalqiliya).

**Gaza Strip:**

- **23 November:** IDF gunboats opened fire in the direction of fishing boats in the Gaza City shore. No injuries were reported.
- **23 and 25 November:** PA security personnel blocked the main junctions and streets in Gaza City and burned tyres in protest over the non-payment of PA salaries.

**7. [Olive Harvest](#)**

- **During the reporting period:** Villagers in the north-western periphery of Jerusalem (Jerusalem) had trouble accessing their land due to long detours necessary to reach the land for their residences. The gates in the Barrier used by the villagers of Bet Anan were closed throughout the week.
- **During the reporting period:** Attempts by Palestinian land owners, in association with the Land Defence Committee and the ICRC, are on-going to allow Palestinian landowners living in the vicinity of Kharsina settlement, east of Hebron city (Hebron), and Telem and Adora settlements north of Dura (Hebron), to reach their land located in the buffer zones of the settlements.

## Appendix: Checkpoints: 22 – 28 November 2006

Checkpoint	Status
<b>Tulkarm:</b>	
<b>Taybeh</b>	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.
<b>Efrayim</b>	Open from 4am to 7pm Sunday to Thursday and 4am to 12pm on Fridays for Palestinian workers and traders.
<b>Kafriat</b>	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.
<b>Kafriat Tunnel</b>	The checkpoint is controlling all traffic heading south from Tulkarm including residents of Jenin. <b>Since 22 November:</b> An age restriction was imposed on male Palestinian residents of Jenin governorate between the age of 16 and 35 years.
<b>‘Anabta</b>	The checkpoint is located on the eastern entrance of Tulkarm on Road 57. Long queues and delays were reported. <b>Since 22 November:</b> An age restriction was imposed on male Palestinian residents of Jenin governorate between the age of 16 and 35 years.
<b>Qalqiliya:</b>	
<b>Jaljoulia</b>	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.
<b>Qalqiliya North</b>	Open from 4am to 7pm Sunday to Thursday and from 4am to 12am on Fridays for Palestinian permit holders.
<b>Jit junction partial checkpoint</b>	Partial checkpoint at the key junction connecting the governorates of Nablus, Qalqiliya and Tulkarm.
<b>Salfit:</b>	
<b>Deir Ballut</b>	Open from 6am and 6pm. The checkpoint controls movement between Ramallah and the villages in the western part of Salfit governorate. <b>Since 22 November:</b> An age restriction was imposed on male Palestinian residents of Jenin governorate between the age of 16 and 35 years.
<b>Kafr Qasem (Road 5)</b>	Open 24 hours for UN, international organisations and Palestinians with permits.
<b>Nablus:</b>	
<b>Huwara</b> 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.
<b>Beit Iba</b> 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. <b>Since 22 November:</b> An age restriction was imposed on male Palestinian residents of Jenin governorate between the age of 16 and 35 years.
<b>Al Tur</b> Southern checkpoint connecting the Samaritan area 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.
<b>Beit Furik</b> 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.
<b>Shave Shomeron</b> Northwest, main road to Jenin	Closed since 28 March for all traffic.
<b>Zaatara (Tappouah)</b>	Open 24 hours. The checkpoint controls Palestinian movement on

South, main road to Ramallah	Road 60 and 505 southwards and no need for permits. <b>Since 22 November:</b> An age restriction was imposed on male Palestinian residents of Jenin governorate between the age of 16 and 35 years.
<b>17' 'Asira ash Shamaliya (Closed)</b> Road to the north villages of Nablus	<b>23 November:</b> The IDF closed 'Asira ash Shamaliya checkpoint (north of Nablus city) for Palestinians. The checkpoint is only open for humanitarian organisations and humanitarian emergency cases.
<b>Yizhar partial checkpoint</b>	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.
<b>Aqraba partial checkpoint</b>	Partial check point on the junction to Aqraba village with Road 505.
<b>Al Badhan checkpoint</b>	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. <b>Since 22 November:</b> An age restriction was imposed on male Palestinian residents of Jenin governorate between the age of 16 and 35 years.
<b>Jenin:</b>	
<b>Al Jalama</b> Main entrance to Israel	Open between 7am to 4pm Sunday to Thursday and 7am to 12am on Fridays.
<b>Imreiha (Reikhan)</b> 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.
<b>Mevo Dotan (New)</b> on road 585 near Ya'bad	Open from 7am to 7pm for all Palestinians.
<b>Tubas:</b>	
<b>Bisan</b> 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.
<b>Tayasir</b> 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.
<b>Maale Efrayim</b> 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.
<b>Hamra</b> 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.
<b>Ramallah/AI Bireh:</b>	
<b>Qalandiya</b>	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.
<b>Bet El/DCO</b>	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.
<b>Atara Bridge</b>	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.
<b>An Nabi Salih gate (partial)</b>	Open. Delays up to 20 minutes were reported on daily basis during travelling rush hours.
<b>At Tayba (partial)</b>	Open.
<b>Makkabim</b> 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.
<b>Ni'lin</b>	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.
<b>Rantis</b>	Open daily 24 hours for Israelis, Jerusalem ID holders, foreign passport holders and Palestinians with permits to enter Israel.
<b>Jerusalem:</b>	
<b>Hizma</b> 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.
<b>Az Za'ayem</b> 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.
<b>Ar Ram</b> 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.
<b>Bir Nabala / Atarot</b> 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.
<b>Ramot Alon</b> 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.
<b>Shu'fat Refugee Camp/ Anata Checkpoint</b>	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.
<b>Container ("Wadi nar")</b> 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.
<b>Ras Abu Sbeitan (Olive)</b> 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.
<b>Abu Dis</b> Between Abu Dis and Ras al 'Amoud	Closed. Access only for military and Barrier construction contractors.
<b>Lazarus</b>	Closed. Access only for military and Barrier construction contractors.
<b>Bir Nabala / Rafat</b> At the new road between Rafat and Bir Nabala village	Delays are experienced on daily basis. Commuters report daily delays of 30 – 45 minutes.
<b>Jaba'</b> At the road between Jaba' Junction and Qalandiya checkpoint	Random checks by the IDF soldiers. Some delays were reported.
<b>Jericho:</b>	
<b>DCO</b> 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.
<b>Al Auja (Yitav)</b> 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.
<b>Gate opposite Allenby</b> 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.
<b>An Nwemeh (partial)</b>	Open. No soldiers present this week. The checkpoint leads to al

North Jericho	Mu'arrajat road; the only road to Ramallah at the moment.
<b>Bethlehem :</b>	
<b>Gilo (Rachel's Tomb)</b> 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.
<b>Khallet an Nu'man</b> 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.
<b>Ein Yalow</b> 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.
<b>Beit Jala DCO</b> Entrance to Beit Jala	Rarely-manned and open 24 hours. Movement allowed in both directions for all vehicles.
<b>Tunnels</b> 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.
<b>Settlers' Checkpoint – Efrata</b> Southern entrance to settlement	Open 24 hours. Checkpoint manned by settlers with movement beyond it restricted for Palestinians.
<b>Gush Etzion</b> On Road 60, at Etzion turn	Open 24 hours. IDF soldiers checking northbound vehicles. Private Palestinian plated cars can pass.
<b>Wadi Fukin</b> Crossing to Israel on Road 375, Green Line	Open 24 hours for Israelis and international organisations.
<b>Al Jab'a</b> 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.
<b>Ein Gedi</b> On Road 90, along Dead Sea.	Open 24 hours; restricted to Palestinian movement.
<b>Hebron :</b>	
<b>Beit Awwa</b> 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
<b>Tarqumiya</b> 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.
<b>Meitar</b> 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.
<b>Shani</b> 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.
<b>Beit Yatir</b> 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.
<b>Prayers Road, H2</b>	Closed to Palestinians. During the reporting period, both Israeli

Access to area of Ibrahimi Mosque	settlers and IDF soldiers prevented Palestinian residents from accessing this road.
<b>Shohada street, H2</b> 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.
<b>Ibrahimi Mosque, H2</b> 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.
<b>Bab Al Baladiyye , H2</b> 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.
<b>Qarantina, H2</b> 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.
<b>Bab Al-Khan, H2</b> Entrance to Avraham Avinu settlement	Closed to Palestinians heading in the direction of Shohada Street and north toward the market.
<b>Tel Rumeida, H2</b> 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.
<b>Al Kasaba, H2</b> 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.
<b>Abu Rish, H2</b> 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.
<b>Ar Ramadin</b> 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
<b>"Nabi Younis"</b> Halhul - Sa'ir Junction on road 60	Partial checkpoint at the entrance to Halhul, monitored by the nearby observation tower.
<b>Al Fawwar</b> Al Fawwar-Dura junction on road 60	Partial checkpoint monitored from the nearby observation tower.
<b>Tarqumiya – Idhna</b> The junction between the two towns on Road 35	Partial checkpoint. Manned on a temporary basis by the Israeli Border Police.
<b>Ras Al Joura</b> Near the junction between Road 35 and Road 60	Partial checkpoint; Manned on a temporary basis by the IDF.
<b>Gaza Crossings/Checkpoints</b>	
<b>Erez crossing</b>	Closed for Palestinian labourers since 12 March. Open for internationals and Palestinian humanitarian cases.
<b>Rafah Passenger Terminal</b>	Closed all week except on 28 November when it was open in both directions allowing 881 to enter the Gaza Strip and 586 to exit.
<b>Commercial checkpoints:</b>	
<b>Tulkarm/Qalqiliya</b>	
<b>Taybeh</b>	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.
<b>Nablus</b>	
<b>Awarta checkpoint</b> 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. <b>Since 22 November:</b> An age restriction was imposed on male Palestinian residents of Jenin governorate



between the age of 16 and 35 years.	
<b>Jenin</b>	
<b>Al Jalama</b> Northern entrance/ main commercial check point.	Open between 7am to 4pm Sunday to Thursday and 7am to 12pm on Fridays.
<b>Ramallah/Ai Bireh</b>	
<b>Beituniya</b> 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.
<b>Gaza Strip</b>	
<b>Sufa</b>	Open on all scheduled working days (closed on Saturdays).
<b>Karni</b>	Open on all scheduled working days (closed on Saturdays). Container lanes remain closed.
<b>Kerem Shalom</b>	Kerem Shalom was closed on 25, 27, and 28 November.
<b>Nahal OZ Energy Pipelines</b>	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.