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**OCHA Weekly Briefing Notes**  
**Update for oPt (1 – 7 September 2004)**

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## **1. Casualties**

Palestinians: 21 deaths  
 103 injured  
 Israelis: 0 deaths  
 2 injured

*Sources: OCHA FCU, PRCS, UNRWA, IDF website, Israeli MoFA.*

## **2. Incidents involving ambulances and medical teams**

### **West Bank**

#### **Gaza:**

Male Palestinians aged 16 to 35, including patients and those with metal implants, are still not permitted to travel out of the Gaza Strip through Rafah Terminal. The Ministry of Health (MoH) reported that a large number of patients with medical referral documents for necessary treatment abroad have been denied access.

**1 September:** The dialysis unit, general library and the main entrance of the general surgery department of the MoH Nasser and Mubarak hospitals, in Khan Younis, were damaged during an IDF operation in the nearby Namsawi housing project (Austrian village) area. Medical work in these two hospitals was severely interrupted for at least five hours during the IDF operation.

**3 September:** A PRCS ambulance was delayed for one hour and ten minutes at Al Tuffah checkpoint when it was transporting a patient from Al Mawassi area to Nasser hospital in Khan Younis.

**5 September:** Damage to the emergency department of Naser MoH Hospital was reported as a result of nearby IDF shooting.

**Denial of access:** None reported

**Delay (30 minutes – three hours):** 5

**Shooting/Damage to Ambulance:** None reported

*Sources: OCHA FCU, PRCS*

## **3. Curfews**

Curfew was reported in the following locations:

Date	Location	Number of days/hours
5 to 7 September	Silwad/Ramallah	2½ days
4 September	Jurat ash Sham'a, Al Ma'sara, Wadi an Nis, Khallet al Haddad Marah Ma'alla /Bethlehem	24 hours
5 September	Madama/Nablus	6 hours
5 September	Silat adh Dhahr village/Jenin	2 days
6 September	Atara/Ramallah	24 hours

#### 4. House demolitions/Demolition Orders/People Displaced

##### West Bank:

- **1 September:** In Hebron, 10 people lost their homes after the IDF destroyed the internal walls of the house belonging to the family of one of the Palestinians involved in the Be'er Sheva bombings. The family received a tent and an emergency kit from the ICRC.
- **2 September:** Nine persons lost their home in the city of Hebron after the IDF damaged the internal walls of their house. The family is related to one of the Palestinians involved in the bombings in Be'er Sheva.
- **6 September:** Seven people lost accommodation when the IDF demolished a two-storey building in Ad Duheisha camp, Bethlehem district. The building belongs to the father of three detainees arrested a year ago.

##### Gaza:

- Six families, 38 persons, were made homeless by demolitions undertaken by the IDF during the reporting period.

Date	Location	Completely demolished	Partially destroyed	Damaged
1 September	Zurub area/Rafah	2 houses	1 houses	
1 September	Namsawi housing project/Khan Younis	2 five-storey buildings (38 apartments)		
1 September	Hebron/Hebron	1 apartment		
2 September	Hebron/Hebron	1 apartment		
3 September	Deir Al Balah/Deir Al Balah	1 house	12 houses	
5 September	Al Mughraga/Gaza	1 house		
5 September	East of Netzarim/Gaza Strip	1 poultry pen		
5 September	Beita/Nablus	1 house		
6 September	Ad Duheisha/Bethlehem	1 two-storey building		
Total		5 houses, 3 multi-storey buildings (which includes 38 apartments), 2 apartments, and 1 poultry pen	13 houses	

Sources: OCHA FCU, UNRWA

#### 5. Land levelling/Requisition<sup>1</sup>

##### West Bank:

- **1 September:** Israeli settlers burned more than 250 olive trees belonging to Palestinians from Dura, near the outpost next to Negohot settlement, in Hebron district.
- **5 September:** The IDF levelled an area of land southwest of Beit 'Awwa village, Hebron district, as a site to keep bulldozers and equipments which will work on the Barrier.
- **7 September:** IDF soldiers and Israeli Police officers uprooted olive trees belonging to Palestinians in the village of At Tuwani, Hebron district. The land belongs to the Palestinian village.

##### Gaza:

- **1 September:** The IDF levelled 300 dunums (30 hectares) planted with olive trees in the Palestinian area of Johr Ed-Dik southeast of the Karni-Netzarim settlers' road. They also destroyed four water wells and partially demolished three houses in the area.
- **1 September:** Ten dunums (one hectare) of olive trees were levelled in Zurub area in Rafah.
- **2 September:** Ten dunums (one hectare) of olive trees were levelled in the Palestinian area north of Karni crossing.
- **2 September:** Three dunums of citrus trees were levelled in the Palestinian area west of Al Mughraga, south of Netzarim settlement.
- **5 September:** Two dunums (point two hectares) of olive trees were levelled and a water well was destroyed in the Palestinian area west of Al Mughraga, south of Netzarim settlement.
- **5 September:** Twelve dunums (One-point-two hectares) of olive and citrus trees were levelled in Deir Al Balah northwest of Kfar Darom settlement.

Sources: OCHA FCU

#### 6. Closure<sup>2</sup>/Restrictions on movement

<sup>1</sup> 4 dunums = 1 acre

### **Hebron & Bethlehem**

- Israeli security forces implemented a strict closure in Hebron after the double suicide bombings in Be'er Sheva, on 31 August. All gates onto bypass Roads 60, 317 and 35 have been closed and heavy restrictions are being applied to all movement in and out of the governorate. Many flying checkpoints have been set up inside the city of Hebron, in villages and towns, and on bypass Roads 60, 317 and 35. New checkpoints have been erected on roads crossing the Green Line. The IDF closed Tarqumiya checkpoint to Palestinian workers and merchants but allowed the transit of families of prisoners, except for the ones of Hebron district prisoners.
- **1 September (Ongoing situation):** The Israeli Border Guard set up three new checkpoints in the Governorate of Hebron: on the Green Line south of Tene settlement, Road 60; at the junction to Beit Yatir settlement and at the junction with the road leading to Shani settlement on Road 317.
- **1 September (Ongoing situation):** The IDF closed one gate and set up a flying checkpoint on the lane out of Hebron on Halhul Bridge, Hebron district, restricting the movement of Palestinian vehicles and civilians out of the city of Hebron.
- **1 September (Ongoing situation):** The IDF closed the gate at An Nabi Younes, the main entrance into Halhul, Hebron district
- **2 September (Ongoing situation):** The IDF closed the gate at the entrance of Beit Ummar town, Hebron district.
- **2 to 3 September:** The IDF occupied a Palestinian house next to the main internal road from Hebron to Dura, using it as an observation post and setting up a flying checkpoint. An earth mound was erected the following day, preventing all movement.
- **2 September:** The IDF closed the entrance of Al Fawwar camp with concrete blocks and closed the gate at the entrance to Dura, Hebron district.

### **Tulkarm/Qalqiliya/Salfit governorates:**

- Restrictions on movement were apparent in the aftermath of the Be'er Sheva bombings. An increase in flying checkpoints was observed on main roads connecting villages with main towns in all three Governorates. People and vehicles in and out of Tulkarm have been carefully searched, although no new restrictions were apparent in the Governorate of Qalqiliya, where soldiers were reported to have manned the checkpoint at the main entrance for at least one to two hours a day. In Salfit Governorate, movement between villages is restricted by the presence of road blocks, earth mounds and the prohibition to travel on the main roads.
- No major incidents have been reported with respect to the Barrier gates except for the usual delays in the opening hours.

### **Nablus/Jenin/Tubas governorates:**

- **4 September:** At 3pm, Hamra checkpoint (Nablus) was closed. Young men were interrogated at the checkpoint before they were let through after waiting several hours.
- **4 September:** A flying checkpoint was erected on the road leading to Jenin near Jaba' village (Jenin).
- **5 September:** Major delays happened at Hamra checkpoint throughout the day. Vegetable trucks were searched comprehensively before they were let through.
- **6 September:** Major delays occurred at Huwwara checkpoint in the afternoon. The checkpoint was closed for two hours before it was reopened later the same day.

### **Ramallah/al-Bireh governorate:**

- The main western entrance to Al Mughayyir village remains closed with a roadblock, and earth mounds are also blocking the track leading to the village's solid-waste dump site, according to the Palestinian DCL.
- **4 September:** There were long delays at Qalandiya checkpoint and several flying checkpoints were operating on Road 60 between Ramallah and Jerusalem. According to UNRWA, the Israeli Border Police closed Ni'lin checkpoint for several hours at mid-day and detained a number of Palestinians.
- **5 September:** The IDF closed Qalandiya checkpoint for several hours in the morning.

### **Jerusalem/Jericho governorates:**

#### **Jerusalem Envelope Barrier:**

- **East:** Construction of the Barrier is continuing in An Nu'man, Ash Sheikh Sa'ad, Sur Baher, Sawahriya ash Sharqiya, Abu Dis, and Al 'Eizariya. Construction is nearly completed from Mt. of Olives to the hill just south of Al Quds University in Abu Dis. Gaps still exist between the Mt. of Olives and Ras al Kubsa as well as a 75 metres gap opposite Al Quds University.
- **Northwest:** Construction of the Barrier resumed this week in Bet Duqu. Work is still halted in Bet Ijza, Al Qubeiba. Construction continues in Qatanna and Kharayib Umm Al Lahim.
- **North:** The IDF started Barrier construction at AL Ram Qalandia main Road 60. About 120 concrete slabs were erected in the middle of the road cutting off the main street into two parts. The slabs in this area are 4.5-

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<sup>2</sup> For a reference West Bank checkpoint map please check the following link: [http://www.reliefweb.int/hic-opt/maps/Closure/mar/checkpoints\\_march04.pdf](http://www.reliefweb.int/hic-opt/maps/Closure/mar/checkpoints_march04.pdf)

metres high because the infrastructure cannot hold the heavy 9-metre-high slabs. Work in this section is done during the night

#### **The enclosed areas in Gaza:**

- **As-Seafa:** Since 22 April 2004, the IDF has allowed only a handful of people with As-Seafa IDs to go in and out on foot, for one time only, with prior coordination, in order to bring food in. These people are permitted to exit and enter through the gate from approximately 6.30am to 8.30am and from approximately 2pm to 4.30pm, however opening hours remain irregular. No vehicles are permitted to enter or exit. Coordination for international organisations to enter the area has been extremely problematic. On 6 September, with prior coordination, three people were permitted to leave to bring in food. The 24 school pupils were not permitted to exit to attend school. Since 3 September, three-and-a-half tons of fresh produce (guava, lemon, eggplants, and figs) were not allowed to go out for transportation to markets.
- **Al-Mawassi:** IDF restrictions remain, with the entry-exit gate at Al Tuffah checkpoint generally open twice daily for limited numbers of Al Mawassi ID holders from approximately 8am to 1pm and from approximately 2.30pm to 5.00pm. Since 10 May 2004, males below 30 years of age who are Al Mawassi ID holders have been required to have prior coordination to pass through Al Tuffah checkpoint. Since 6 June 2004, prior coordination has been required for unmarried females with Al Mawassi ID who are between the ages of 18 and 25. Vehicles are not allowed to pass, with some exceptions given for international agencies that have undertaken prior coordination with the IDF. On 7 September, Tel As-Sultan checkpoint was closed.
- **Kfar Darom:** The Palestinian area adjacent to Kfar Darom settlement was declared a "Closed Military Zone" following a suicide attack on 27 February 2004. Since 20 July 2002, no vehicular movement has been allowed in and out of the area and the IDF erected a fence around the area. Movement is restricted by the IDF with the entry-exit gate generally open four times daily for Al Maa'ni ID holders only from 6.30am to 7.30am, 10.30am to 11.30am, 1pm to 2pm and 4pm to 5pm. Access for international organisations into the area remains problematic. On 7 September, IDF bulldozers closed the beach road next to Netzarim settlement by erecting two big earth mounds.

Source OCHA FCUs and UNRWA

#### **7. Access to schools:**

Schools reopened across the oPt on Wednesday, 1 September.

#### **West Bank:**

- **1 September:** Students and teachers from Silat adh Dhahr, Al Fandaqumiya Al 'Asa'asa and Jaba' villages were delayed from reaching their schools for two hours due to a flying checkpoint on the road leading to Jenin near Jaba' village (Jenin).
- **3, 4, 6 and 7 September:** Students of Silat adh Dhahr village (Jenin) lost four school days because of the curfew imposed on the village.
- **4 September:** In Bethlehem district, 800 students and 30 teachers did not attend their schools in Jurat ash Sham'a, Al Ma'sara, Wadi an Nis, Khallet al Haddad and Marah Ma'alla due to the imposition of curfew.
- **5 September:** The students of Al 'Asa'asa village (Jenin) were prevented from reaching their schools because the IDF fired teargas at them.
- **6 September:** Three IDF jeeps entered Tubas city and clashed with students on the way back from schools. IDF fired teargas and rubber bullets. Four students were injured and several students suffered respiratory complications.
- **7 September:** Many students suffered respiratory complications in Ibn Al Nafees Elementary School in Tubas city after the IDF fired tear gas in the area of the school, 489 students are studying in this school.
- In Hebron district, delays of school and University students were experienced on Halhul Bridge, Dura Al Fawwar junction and on the main road between Hebron and Dura.
- Students living in Abu Dis and Azariyeh have faced problems in crossing the gate near Ras El Amood and Abu Dis to get to their schools. The gates are manned by Israeli Border Guards and passage through them requires a valid permit or Jerusalem ID. Several flying checkpoints have been set up during morning hours on the way to East Jerusalem. Hundreds of students from the area study in schools in East Jerusalem and have to take this route every morning.
- In Ramallah, the first week of the new school year passed without any major incident.

#### **Gaza:**

- **1 September:** At As Seafa, 24 school pupils were allowed to leave at 6.45am to attend the first day of school. They were not permitted to return before 5pm and forced to wait at the gate for at least six hours.
- **3 to 5 September:** At As Seafa, the gate to the enclosed area remained closed: no one was permitted to pass including 24 students.
- **7 September:** A 10-year-old child was struck in the head by Israeli fire while sitting at her desk in UNRWA's Elementary C Girl's School in Khan Younis camp. She was taken to the European Gaza Hospital where she underwent major surgery.

## **8. Labour movement to Israel**

### **West Bank:**

- No new labour permits have been issued in either Salfit or Qalqiliya and traders are awaiting the renewal of their permits. The Israeli DCL has stated that 365 will be renewed and another 300 will be issued for Qalqiliya. On 1 September, 300 permits were renewed for Tulkarm.
- No workers with permits from Hebron district were allowed to enter Israel after the bombing in Be'er Sheva on 31 August.
- In Jericho, no permits for work in Israel or in Israeli settlements were issued. The total quota number for commercial trade permits in the municipality of Jericho is 300.

### **Gaza:**

- A total of 5,166 permits have been issued for workers and 226 permits for traders aged 35 and above, including 2,000 permits to stay overnight. However, no workers and/or traders were allowed to enter.

*Sources: OCHA FCU, UNSCO*

## **9. Other:**

- **7 September:** Israel released 188 Palestinian prisoners to ease overcrowding in its jails

### **Hebron**

- **4 September:** The IDF stopped the building of a new health clinic in At Tuwani village, Hebron district. The IDF arrested the contractor and the workers and confiscated the tractor for few hours before an Israeli peace organisation (Ta'ayush) intervened and help release them. Construction has not resumed.

### **Nablus/Jenin/Tubas**

- **1 to 4 September:** The IDF occupied a three-floor building in Silat adh Dhahr village (Jenin). The building is used as observation point. The residents of the house, 20 persons, were prevented from both exiting the house and having any contacts with persons outside.
- **6 September:** A 13-years-old child was injured in Silat adh Dhahr village (Jenin). The child was evacuated through dirt road to Tulkarm hospital when it was not possible to reach Jenin city because of the curfew on the village.
- **7 September:** Two building were occupied and used as observation points. The residents of the buildings, three families, were prevented from both exiting the buildings and having any contact with persons outside. One of the buildings was occupied 28 times over the past three years, according to residents.

### **Ramallah /Al Bireh**

- During the week, the IDF carried out search-and-arrest campaigns in Ramallah, Dura al Qar', Bir Zeit, Beit Rima, Deir Ghassana, Silwad and Al Bireh and at least eight Palestinians were arrested, according to the Palestinian DCL and UNRWA.
- IDF patrols are regularly entering 'Abud village at night. According to residents, on 1 September at 7.20pm, a hammer fired a sound bomb near the Orthodox Church. On 4 September, at around 7pm, two IDF vehicles entered the village. Some Palestinian youth started to throw stones and a soldier opened fire with rubber bullets, hitting one 9-year-old child in the head.
- **5 to 7 September:** The IDF destroyed a Palestinian car parked outside the mosque in Silwad, late in the evening on 7 September, according to villagers. The village was placed under curfew. People were permitted to enter but, no one was allowed to leave. The following day, the IDF fired on Palestinians who were throwing stones at the patrol. Two youth were injured. Also on 7 September around 11pm, another Palestinian civilian was injured from IDF gunfire.

### **Jerusalem**

- Israeli Border Guards imposed a "Closed Military Area" near Biddu North West Jerusalem where Bedouins from the Abu Dahouq tribe live and have resided for many years. The Border Guards searched the tents and asked them to leave the area. The Bedouin families received eviction orders weeks ago

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## Appendix: Checkpoints Status 1 – 7 September 2004

### Checkpoints:

Checkpoint	Status
<b>Tulkarm/Qalqiliya</b>	
<b>Taybeh</b>	The checkpoint has been operational allowing people through with a valid permit. Open from 6am to 5.30pm
<b>Kafriat</b>	Restrictions of movement were imposed over the last week following the bombing in Be'er Sheva. People and vehicles were subjected to careful searches. Restrictions were applied on both the outbound and inbound traffic of Tulkarm.
<b>Qalqiliya DCO</b>	The checkpoint was reported manned 1 to 3 September, IDs were requested
<b>Jaljoulia</b>	The checkpoint has been operational. However, access is only granted for holders of permit into Israel proper (mainly settlers and international organisations) and residents of Ras Tira, Ad Daba, Wadi Ar Rasha, Ramadeen and Arab Abu Farda. Ambulances from Qalqiliya town to these five villages need prior coordination with DCL. Still, only vehicles leaving the West Bank are subject to security checks.
<b>Deir Ballout</b>	The checkpoint saw no unusual restrictions imposed over the week. In general, the checkpoint restricts movement for Palestinians on that road that leads to Highway 5. The checkpoint is open daily from 6am to 5pm.
<b>Nablus</b>	
<b>Huwara</b> Southern main entrance	Open for holders of Nablus ID-cards over 30 years old, students, teachers, and medical doctors. On 5 September, major delays occurred.
<b>Beit Iba</b> Western entrance, mainly for trade	Generally open for holders of Nablus ID cards older than 30 years, students, teachers, and medical doctors. Major delays involving students and a number of young people occurred.
<b>Sarra</b> South western entrance, before the closure regime main road to Qalqiliya	Closed except for villagers from Sarra or Qusin, who occasionally are let through.
<b>Qusin</b> Internal closure Between Sarra and Nablus	Closed by a gate and an earth mound since mid March, diverting traffic through Beit Iba checkpoint.
<b>Al Tur</b> Southern checkpoint connecting the Samaritan district of Jarzim with Nablus city	Only open for Samaritans. The gate is occasionally open for vehicles.
<b>Beit Furik</b> Eastern gate and checkpoint After the closure regime main gateway Between Nablus and the Jordan Valley	Generally open for villagers older than 30 years of age from Beit Furik, Beit Dajjan, 'Azmut, Deir al Hatab, and Salem. Teachers with IDs from Ministry of Education, about 70, are usually let through.
<b>Shave Shomeron</b> (Sabastia) Northwest, main road to Jenin	Closed for Palestinians unless they have permits.
<b>Maale Efrayim</b> Southeast connecting Jericho and Nablus	Closed for Palestinians unless they have permits.
<b>Hamra</b> East, before closure regime main road to Jordan, Tobas, Jenin	Closed for Palestinians unless they come from these villages: Frush Beit Dajjan, Al Jiftlik, Bardala, Kardala, Ein Shibli, Al Nassaria, and Al Aqrabania. On 5 and 6 September major delays occurred.
<b>Zaatara</b> (Tappouah) South, main road to Ramallah	Permanently manned. On 5 September, major delays occurred.
<b>Salem</b> Main entrance to Salem, Deir Al Hatab and 'Azmut villages	Closed with earth wall since 11 March 2004.
<b>Al Badhan</b> North entrance to Jordan Valley	Closed since 17 July. According to Nablus DCL, the closure is indefinite.
<b>'17'</b> ('Asira) North entrance for the villages of 'Asira ash-Shamaliyah and the neighboring villages	Closed by road blocks.
<b>Jenin</b>	

<b>Al Jalama</b> Main entrance to Israel	Open 24 hours for permit holders.
<b>Dahiat Sabah al Khayr</b> “al Amn al Watani” Northern entrance of Jenin	Open for traders and workers with permits between 7am and 7pm.
<b>Salem</b> North western entrance/ “Green Line”	Closed for Palestinians. “Closed Military Area”.
<b>Qaddim</b> (Al Suweitat) South eastern entrance	Partially manned.
<b>Tubas</b>	
<b>Bisan</b> Main entrance to Israel	Open for permit holders.
<b>Tayasir Gate</b> Gate to the Tubas eastern agricultural lands in the Jordan Valley	Closed for Palestinians, except permit holders.
<b>Ramallah/Al Bireh</b>	
<b>Qalandiya</b>	Usually open from 6am to 10pm. Long delays caused by slow checking procedures are now usual on Saturdays. There is no direct access south to Dahiyat al Bareed and Ar Ram neighbourhoods due to Barrier construction. Traffic to Jerusalem must now take the Atarot road west to Highway 443 through the Bir Nabala checkpoint or the Jaba’ road east and then to Hizma checkpoint. Ramallah/Al Bireh residents, Jerusalem ID holders, and foreign passport holders have access without permits. Other West Bank and Gaza Strip Palestinians need permits to cross. Vehicles with West Bank registration cannot pass unless they have a special permit. Ambulances and trucks with food products are permitted to cross.
<b>Bet El/DCO</b>	Open daily from 6am to 10pm. No access for pedestrians. Access in vehicles only for diplomats, foreign passport holders, UN staff, international humanitarian organisations, and Palestinians with special work permits.
<b>Atara Bridge (partial)</b>	Open. Long delays often experienced during rush hours.
<b>An Nabi Salih gate (partial)</b>	Open. Long delays on 2 September. Delays are usual most days during rush hours.
<b>At Tayba</b>	Open. Palestinians do not need permits to cross this checkpoint.
<b>Makkabim</b>	Usually open for Israelis, Jerusalem ID holders, foreign passport holders, and West Bank and Gaza Strip Palestinians with permits to enter Israel. Road 443 is out off limits to West Bank and Gaza Strip Palestinians, except those with permits to enter Israel/Jerusalem.
<b>Ni’lin</b>	Usually open for Jerusalem ID holders, foreign passport holders and Palestinians with permits to enter Israel. At checkpoint at the entrance to Ni’lin village, usually only residents of Ni’lin and Al Midya, humanitarian organisations and people with special permits can access the western villages through this checkpoint. However, restrictions have recently relaxed and other villagers are now able to enter.
<b>Rantis</b>	Usually open for Jerusalem ID holders, foreign passport holders and West Bank and Gaza Strip Palestinians with permits to enter Israel.
<b>Jerusalem</b>	
<b>Hizma</b> North eastern entrance on Road 1	Open for Israelis, Palestinians with Jerusalem ID cards, West Bank, and Gaza Strip Palestinians with permits and internationals. UN staff requested on several occasions to show personal ID/national passports in addition to their UN ID Card.
<b>Az Za’ayem</b> Eastern entrance of junction Road 437/Psigat Ze’ev settlement.	Checkpoint relocated some 75 metres further east due to new road construction the area. Open for Israelis, Palestinians with Jerusalem ID cards, West Bank and Gaza Strip Palestinians with permits and Internationals.
<b>Ar Ram</b> Northern entrance on Road 60 North	Open for Israelis, Palestinians with Jerusalem ID cards, West Bank and Gaza Strip Palestinians with permits and Internationals. UN staff requested on several occasions to show personal ID/national passports in addition to their UN ID Card.
<b>Bir Nabala/Atarot</b> Northern entrance on Roads 404/45 Road Atarot Junction	Open for Israelis, Palestinians with Jerusalem ID cards, West Bank and Gaza Strip Palestinians with permits and internationals. UN staff 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 all week for Israelis, Palestinians with Jerusalem ID cards, West Bank and Gaza Strip Palestinians with permits and Internationals. UN staff requested on several occasions to show personal ID/national passports in addition to their UN ID Card.
<b>Shufat Refugee Camp/ Anata Checkpoint</b>	Open for Palestinians with Jerusalem ID cards, West Bank Palestinians with permits and internationals.
<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. Soldiers at the checkpoint refuse from time to time to open and close the gate, making the drivers - including ambulance drivers - open and close the gate themselves.

<b>Jericho</b>	
<b>DCO</b> Main checkpoint off Road 1	Open for humanitarian organisations as well as Palestinians with Jerusalem IDs, and Jericho residents listed with vehicle and personal details at checkpoint. Closed for Israelis and West Bank Palestinians unless with a permit to enter or with a visa for travel to Jordan. Opening hours: 6am to 10pm.
<b>‘Ein ad Duyuk al Foqa</b> Northern entrance	Open for Jericho residents with proper permits and internationals. Closed for Palestinians with West Bank and Jerusalem ID cards. Opening hours: 6am to 6pm.
<b>Gate opposite Allenby</b> Checkpoint off Road 90	Gate manned by IDF. Closed at all times. Soldiers open the gate for shuttle busses taking Palestinians to Allenby border crossing to Jordan.
<b>Bethlehem</b>	
<b>Gilo</b> North entrance to Bethlehem	Open 24 hours for humanitarian organisations. No Palestinian plated cars allowed. Israeli Border Police continue to request additional identification, more than a UN ID card, from both local and international UN staff. Palestinians with permits are allowed to pass. On 2 September, UNRWA staff was delayed for more than two hours. Long delays were experienced this week.
<b>Ein Yalow</b> Bypass road east of Walaja, on Green Line	Open 24 hours and only for Israeli plated cars and international organisations. Only Palestinians with Jerusalem IDs and Palestinians who work for the UN and international organisations were allowed to pass.
<b>Beit Jala DCO</b> Entrance to Beit Jala	Open from 7am to 7pm for all traffic. Palestinian public and private vehicles are allowed to pass. Only buses of Hebron national bus company are not allowed to cross. Long queues and delays were experienced for the vehicles coming out of Bethlehem.
<b>Noqedim</b> South-east of Bethlehem on Route 356 (Zatara area)	Open 24 hours for all vehicles. Delays experienced during this week.
<b>Tunnels</b> Road 60 at Har Gilo	Open 24 hours for humanitarian organisations. Palestinians with permits are allowed to pass. Some delays experienced.
<b>Settlers’ Checkpoint - Efrata</b> Southern entrance to settlement	Open 24 hours only for settlers. Checkpoint manned by settlers.
<b>Efrata</b> Connecting Road 60 to Road 356	Open 24 hours. Restrictions apply to Palestinians without permits - the checkpoint is on a bypass road.
<b>Gush Etzion</b> On Road 60, at Etzion turn	Palestinian vehicles coming from Hebron and towards Bethlehem district are subject to checks and searches, but no delays were experienced.
<b>Wadi Fukin</b> Crossing to Israel on Road 375, Green Line	Palestinians with permits are passing through.
<b>Al Jaba</b> Crossing to Israel on Road 367, Green Line	Palestinians with permits are passing through.
<b>Avnot</b> On Road 90, along Dead Sea, near Ein Gedi	Palestinian plated vehicles not allowed on bypass Road 90,
<b>Hebron</b>	
<b>Beit Awwa</b> At entrance to Negohot settlement, on Road 354	Closed to all Palestinian traffic. Families living close to the settlement of Negohot unable to drive on the road. Coordination with DCL required for access of service providers.
<b>Ras Al Joura</b> At crossing Between Roads 35 and 60, north of Hebron	The checkpoint is manned and the gate into Hebron is open for the UN, humanitarian organisations and Palestinians with Jerusalem IDs - the alternative route on Halhul bridge is closed to vehicles. Delays were experienced during the mornings throughout the week.
<b>Tarqumiya</b> Entrance for commercial goods (back-to-back), west of Hebron on Road 35 for both Hebron and Bethlehem districts	Closed for workers and merchants. Transit allowed for humanitarian cases with permits and families of prisoners. Families of prisoners from Hebron district were prevented to pass. On 6 September, commercial trucks were allowed to pass.
<b>Shima</b> On Road 60, east of Samoa	Not manned after 31 August.
<b>Ar Rifa'iyya</b> On Road 317, east of Yatta	Not manned after 31 August
<b>Prayers Road, H2</b> Access to area of Ibrahimi Mosque	Closed to Palestinians.



<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.
<b>Ibrahimi Mosque, H2</b> Access to the Mosque	Allowed for Palestinians who are going to pray, they must first undergo a body search.
<b>Bab Al Baladiyye , H2</b> (formerly Shalala street) Next to settlement of Beit Romano	The checkpoint is closed to Palestinians in the direction of Shuhada street. Physical searches are conducted by the IDF on Palestinians walking towards or coming from the market. On 13 July, a new gate was erected in front it.
<b>Qarantina, H2</b> Junction with Shohada street	Closed to Palestinians
<b>Bab Al-Khan, H2</b> Entrance to Avraham Avinu settlement	Closed to Palestinians in the direction of Shuhada street and north towards the market.
<b>Tel Rumeida, H2</b> Beginning of street leading to settlement	Open only to Palestinians on foot living between it and the settlement
<b>Gaza Crossings/Checkpoints</b>	
<b>Erez</b>	Partially open for traders aged 35 years and older. Since 31 August, Erez has been closed for Palestinians. On 1 September, it reopened for internationals.
<b>Erez Industrial Estate</b>	Closed since 31 August, 2004
<b>Netzarim Junction</b>	Closed since 8 October 2003.
<b>Abu Houli junction</b>	Checkpoint was open as follows: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- 1 September 5.30am to 8pm</li> <li>- 2 September 5.30am to 8pm</li> <li>- 3 September 5.30am to 8pm</li> <li>- 4 September 5.30am to 8pm</li> <li>- 5 September 5.30am to 8pm</li> <li>- 6 September 5.30am to 8pm</li> <li>- 7 September 5.30am to 11.10am</li> <li>-</li> </ul> <p>Since 17 June 2004, Palestinian private cars are not permitted to cross Abu Houli Gush Qatif checkpoint.</p>
<b>Abu al Ajin road</b>	Closed
<b>Beach road</b>	Closed at 11.15pm on 7 September.
<b>West Morag Junction</b>	Closed
<b>Al Muntar Junction</b>	Closed
<b>Rafah Passenger Terminal</b>	Rafah Terminal was open in both directions. Male Palestinians aged 16 to 35 have not been allowed to leave since 17 April 2004.

#### Commercial checkpoints:

<b>Tulkarm/Qalqiliya</b>	
<b>Qalqiliya DCO</b>	The back-to-back system, the transfer from the back of one vehicle to the back of another at a checkpoint, has not been in use since all trucks have had full access to Qalqiliya town. Movements have been hampered during periods when flying checkpoints were established.
<b>Taybeh</b>	The back-to-back system has been operational for all types of commodities during the course of the week.
<b>Nablus Awarta checkpoint</b> (the main commercial checkpoint in Nablus since July 2003), Open during day-light hours only	
<b>Awarta checkpoint</b>	Open for incoming and outgoing goods.
<b>Jenin</b>	
<b>Al Jalama</b> Northern entrance/ main commercial	Open for incoming and outgoing goods. Since 14 August, the checkpoint has only been operational for food products.
<b>Ramallah/Al Bireh</b>	
<b>Beituniya</b>	Checkpoint now closes at 5pm weekdays, 1pm on Fridays and closed Saturdays. Open for commercial goods (back-to-back system in operation), ICRC and UN vehicles only.
<b>Jericho</b>	
Back to Back checkpoint/DCO checkpoint	Open, but only for basic necessities. Closed from Friday afternoon to Sunday morning. Opening hours: 6am to 8pm.
<b>Gaza Strip</b>	

<b>Karni</b>	Partially open all week but mainly in one direction from Israel to Gaza.
<b>Sofa</b>	Sofa crossing remained closed since 4 July for labourers, but is open for construction materials.

#### Road Gates

Gate	Status
<b>Tulkarm/Qalqiliya</b>	
Anabta	The gate remains closed for vehicles but open for pedestrians and therefore it functions again as a back-to-back system for buses and taxis. Opening hour: 8am to 6pm.
Azzun	The gate has been open during the whole reporting period.