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**OCHA Weekly Briefing Notes**  
**Update for oPt (8 – 14 September 2004)**

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## **1. Casualties**

Palestinians: 14 deaths  
 96 injured  
 Israelis: 0 deaths  
 5 injured

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

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

### **West Bank**

**Denial of access:** None reported

**Delay (30 minutes – 7 hours):** 5

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

- **8 September:** A Palestinian Red Crescent Society (PRCS) ambulance was delayed 30 minutes at the Ar Ram checkpoint.
- In Tulkarm governorate, ambulance movement was severely restricted by the IDF's strict closure in the area. In order to leave Tulkarm, ambulances had to travel on dirt tracks because all checkpoints were closed and other access roads had been closed by earth mounds or gates.
- **14 September:** The main entrance to Qalqiliya city was closed after a suicide bombing near the Jaljoulia checkpoint in the morning. Most ambulances were unable to leave Qalqiliya even with prior coordination with the IDF.

### **Gaza:**

**Denial of access:** 2

**Delay (30 minutes – 7 hours):** 2

**Shooting/Damage to Ambulance:** 2

- 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 the Rafah Terminal. The Palestinian Ministry of Health (MoH) reported that a large number of patients with medical referral documents for necessary treatment abroad continue to be denied access.
- **9 September:** A PRCS ambulance was unable to reach an injured Palestinian in Jabalia when it came under IDF fire on As Sikka Street. The ambulance's windscreen was shattered. No casualties among the ambulance crew were reported.
- **9 September:** A PRCS ambulance was unable to evacuate a patient in Izbat Beit Hanoun after an IDF tank shell landed near the ambulance.
- **10 September:** A PRCS ambulance was delayed for longer than seven hours at the Sheikh Zayid housing project. The ambulance crew was trying to evacuate injured people from As Sikka Street east of Jabalia refugee camp.
- **10 September:** A Palestinian woman gave birth at Al Tuffah checkpoint in a PRCS ambulance. The ambulance was delayed for one hour.

*Sources: OCHA FCU, PRCS, Palestinian MoH*

## **3. Curfews**

Curfew was reported in the following locations:

Date	Location	Number of days/hours
6 September	Kharbatha al Misbah	12 hours
8 September	Arraba (Jenin)	12 hours

8 September	North mountain (Nablus city))	4 hours
11 September	Qusin (Nablus)	6 hours
11 September	'Asira ash Shamaliya (Nablus)	10 hours
13 September	Zif – Hebron	4 hours
14 September	Nur Shams refugee camp (Tulkarm)	24 hours

Sources: OCHA FCU, Village Councils, UNRWA, Palestinian DCL

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

##### West Bank:

- **8 September:** Twenty-four Palestinians were rendered homeless when the IDF demolished a two-storey building (consisting of five apartments belonging to the same family) in Wadi Al Hariyya, Hebron. In the early morning, the IDF surrounded the building to arrest one family member. An exchange of fire took place and the “wanted” Palestinian surrendered after being injured. Two Israeli soldiers were also injured.

Date	Location	Demolished	Partially destroyed
8 September	Wadi Al Hariyya, Hebron city	1 two- storey building consisting of 5 apartments	

##### Gaza:

- **8 to 10 September:** On 9 September, IDF bulldozers demolished a house and damaged boundary walls on As Sikka Street east of the Jabalia refugee camp. In total, 15 houses were demolished and 30 refugee shelters were partially destroyed in Beit Lahia town and Jabalia refugee camp during the IDF incursion into the area. Damage was also reported at three UNRWA schools: the Izbet Beit Hanoun Preparatory Boys’, Jabalia Preparatory “B” Boys’, and the Jabalia Elementary “C”. The IDF bulldozed a Palestinian Authority National Guard base. Palestinian Authority schools were also damaged, as was the infrastructure in the area - two mosques, two factories/workshops and five vehicles, including an UNRWA car parked outside a staff member’s house.

Date	Location	Demolished	Partially destroyed	Damaged
8-10 September	Gaza	15 houses	30 refugee shelters	3 UNRWA schools, 1 house boundary wall, 1 PA base, 2 mosques, 2 workshops, 5 vehicles

Sources: OCHA FCU, UNRWA

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

##### West Bank:

- **7 September:** The IDF and Israeli authorities damaged a boundary fence around 5 dunums (.5 hectares) of land belonging to Palestinians from Al Buweib village, Hebron district.
- **9 to 14 September:** The IDF uprooted more than 350 olive trees and bulldozed land in Sikka village and northwest of Beit 'Awwa village, Hebron district for the construction of the Barrier.

##### Gaza:

- **8 to 10 September:** The IDF levelled 20 dunums (2 hectares) of olive and almond trees east of Al Qarara (south of the Kissufim Israeli settlers’ road), and 68 dunums (6.8 hectares) of olive trees and other agricultural land in the Jabalia refugee camp and Beit Lahia areas, north Gaza.

Sources: OCHA FCU, Al Mezan Center for Human Rights, UNRWA, Village Council

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

The IDF announced a total closure on the West Bank and Gaza Strip on 8 September. The closure will be lifted after the Jewish high holidays end on 25 September.

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

- The main access roads into Tulkarm, the Kafryat checkpoint and the Taybe and Anabta gates were closed with earth mounds, as were other roads connecting Kafryat, Shufhi and Beit Lid villages.
- **14 September:** The Qalqiliya DCO checkpoint was closed after a Palestinian suicide bombing occurred near Jaljouliya checkpoint. The Habla gate and the tunnel connecting Habla village with Qalqiliya city was only open

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

<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\\_july04.pdf](http://www.reliefweb.int/hic-opt/maps/Closure/mar/checkpoints_july04.pdf)

for 15 minutes during the day, according to the local municipality. The gate at Azzoun Atma was closed for about one hour.

- According to the Israeli DCL, the opening hours for the agricultural gates will be extended during Ramadan and the coinciding olive season in October. Three gates in the Qafeen area will be open for the olive harvest and farmers will be able to apply for green permits, which will be valid for six months. The Palestinian DCL confirmed that the Qafeen and Jabara gates will be open from 1 to 15 October.
- During the week there was an increase in the number of flying checkpoints on the main roads between villages and towns in the Qalqiliya, Tulkarm and Salfit governorates.
- Barrier construction in Az Zawiya remains suspended, as does work around Ariel settlement pending decisions from the Israeli High Court of Justice.

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

- **9 September:** The IDF closed Huwwara checkpoint for two hours in the afternoon and prevented Palestinians from crossing the checkpoint from either direction.
- **11 September:** A flying checkpoint was set up on Road 90 near Bardala village. All Palestinian-plated cars were prohibited from travelling on the road regardless of whether the drivers had permits.

#### **Ramallah/AI Bireh governorate:**

- **8 September:** At 12.20pm, Qalandiya checkpoint was closed for two hours and long delays were reported.

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

- **8 September:** Between 5pm and 7pm, the IDF closed the road gate at Ras Kubsa junction at the entrance to Izariya, Abu Dis and Alsawahreh, preventing hundreds of Palestinians, including students, from crossing the gate in either direction.
- **8 September:** At around 11.30pm, the IDF, with some 25 jeeps and an apache helicopter, carried out a search-and-arrest campaign in Jericho. Fourteen Palestinians were arrested. During the campaign, an IDF patrol raided an internet café. In an exchange of fire, one Palestinian was killed and three were injured. According to the IDF, the Palestinian who was killed was on their “wanted” list and was from Al ‘Amari refugee camp in Ramallah.
- **10 September:** The IDF imposed a strict closure on Jericho town and Palestinian residents were prohibited from leaving the town. Jerusalem residents were not allowed to enter the town and only Palestinian West Bank residents travelling to Jordan, medical staff and staff of international organisations could enter.

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

- **A-Ram Barrier:** Most of the concrete blocks for the Barrier were erected down the middle of the main Road (60) from Ar Ram junction to the south near Dahiyat Al Bareed.
- **East:** Construction of the Barrier is continuing in An Nu’mān, Ash Sheikh Sa’ad, Sur Baher, Sawahriya ash Sharqiya, Abu Dis, and Al ‘Eizariya. Construction is nearly completed from the Mt. of Olives to the hill south of Al Quds University in Abu Dis. Gaps still exist from the Mt. of Olives to Ras al Kubsa and there is a 75-metre gap opposite Al Quds University in Abu Dis.
- **Northwest:** Construction of the Barrier continues to be suspended in Beit Ijza and Al Qubeiba, but construction has started again in Beit Duqqu, Qatanna and Kharayib Umm Al Lahim.

#### **Hebron/Bethlehem**

- Following the bus bombings in Be’er Sheva two weeks ago, Hebron governorate continues to be under tight closure with crossing points on bypass Roads 60, 356 and 317 - manned by flying checkpoints or completely restricted. International humanitarian organisations, particularly Palestinian staff, have had access difficulties moving in and out of Hebron city at the Ras Al Joura checkpoint. Access was totally prevented on 14 September. There was unrestricted travel between Bethlehem and Hebron.
- **8 to 14 September:** The IDF erected an earth mound on the Halhul Bridge 50 meters from the two gates on the Halhul side. A path through the gate was closed by barbed wire preventing the movement of vehicles and pedestrians out of Hebron city.
- **8 September:** The IDF erected a new observation tower on the route of the Barrier near the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) water reservoir in Al Khas village, Bethlehem district.
- **8 September:** The IDF opened the gate at An Nabi Younes, the main entrance into Halhul, Hebron district.
- **9 September:** The IDF opened the gate at the entrance of Beit Ummar town, Hebron district.
- **10 September:** The IDF opened a path through the earth mound on the main internal road between Hebron city and Dura in order to facilitate access for UN and humanitarian organisations.

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

- **As Seafa:** Since 22 April 2004, the IDF has allowed only a couple 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.
- **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 for international agencies that have undertaken prior coordination with the IDF.

- **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 traffic 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.

Source OCHA FCUs and UNRWA

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

### **West Bank:**

- In Hebron district, delays of school and university students were experienced on Beit 'Einun, Dura Al Fawwar junction and on the main internal road between Hebron and Dura.
- **8 September:** The IDF fired tear gas canisters near the UNRWA Basic Girls School in 'Ayda refugee camp, Bethlehem district, 150 pupils suffered from tear gas inhalation.
- **11 September:** Students in Asira ash Shamalyia (Nablus) were unable to reach their schools because of the curfew imposed on the village.
- **14 September:** Students from the Um ar Rihan area, who study outside the enclave, were not able to reach their schools on time because the Barta'a, Um ar Rihan and Imreiha gates were closed until 10am.
- **13 September:** Jabara students were unable to reach their schools in certain areas because of the IDF closure in the Tulkarm area. School buses were held up for longer than one hour inside Jabara village until United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) was able to coordinate access with Israeli DCL to let the students enter through the agricultural gate. The gate has been operating as a school gate, although the IDF considers it an agricultural gate. In 'Azzun 'Atma pupils and teachers were delayed for an hour when the gate was closed after the suicide bombing near Jaljoulia checkpoint. Nur Shams students were unable to go to school because of a military operation inside the refugee camp, which began early in the morning.
- Daily, hundreds of school pupils from Abu Dis and Al 'Eizariya (Jerusalem) are experiencing great difficulty in crossing the gate in the Barrier near Ras al 'Amud which is necessary to reach their schools in East Jerusalem. The gate is manned by Border Police and only Palestinians with valid permits or Jerusalem IDs are technically allowed to cross. Several flying checkpoints are also in operation on the road to East Jerusalem especially during the morning rush hours. Schools in several Palestinian Jerusalem neighbourhoods are becoming overcrowded because many pupils have been forced to change schools due to Barrier construction.

### **Gaza:**

- Students from the middle and southern Gaza Strip were unable to attend universities in Gaza city due to the IDF closures from 8 to 11 September. Eleven out of 24 school pupils from As Seafa area in the north were forced to stay with relatives living outside As Seafa in order to get to their schools in nearby Beit Lahia.

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

- All Palestinian travel, labour and trader permits have been suspended for 10 days during the Jewish high holidays from 15 to 25 September.

### **West Bank:**

- Out of a total quota of 300 Palestinian commercial trade permits for Jericho governorate, Israel approved approximately 200 from mid-July to mid-September.

### **Gaza:**

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

Sources: OCHA FCU, UNRWA, UNSCO

## **9. Other:**

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

- **8 September:** Six residential buildings in Nablus were occupied and used as IDF observation points. Palestinian residents were prevented from leaving their buildings and having contact with anyone from outside for four hours.
- **13 September:** At 5.20pm, two people were killed in an IDF apache helicopter air strike on Jenin city.

### **Tulkarm/Qalqiliya/Salfit**

**14 September:** The IDF imposed a curfew and carried out a major incursion into Nur Shams refugee camp at around 4am. Hundreds of Palestinian males were detained in the UNRWA camp services compound.

### **Ramallah /Al Bireh**

- **9 September:** At around 11.30am, one person from Al Am'ari refugee camp was killed when an IDF jeep ran over him at the main entrance to the camp. On the same day, a commercial mourning strike was observed in Ramallah/Al Bireh.
- **9 September:** At around 2am, the IDF carried out a search campaign in Qalandiya refugee camp and one Palestinian male was detained. And at 9.30pm, two Palestinians were injured when an IDF patrol opened fire during a search campaign in Silwad.
- **13 September:** The IDF entered and searched the UNRWA Men's Vocational Training Centre in Ramallah at around midnight. During the three-hour operation, the soldiers questioned many of the students and some were given summonses to go to Ofer military detention camp for interviews. The IDF also searched a building in Ramallah at around midnight and arrested two Palestinian males.

### **Jerusalem**

- **13 September:** Twelve Palestinian students were injured near the Ar Ram checkpoint when clashes broke out between the IDF and demonstrators protesting the construction of the Barrier.
- The Israeli Police closed six Palestinian offices in East Jerusalem, which were being used as voter registration centres for Palestinians who want to participate in the forthcoming Palestinian Authority municipal elections. Four Palestinian women employees were arrested and documents from the offices were confiscated.

### **Hebron**

- **8 September:** The IDF opened fire at pedestrians on Halhul Bridge, Hebron district. Five Palestinians were injured.

### **Gaza**

- **8 September:** The IDF launched a new offensive in the northern Gaza Strip with a large number of tanks and armoured vehicles, supported by helicopters. They took up positions overlooking Jabalia refugee camp and town, Beit Lahia and Beit Hanoun. All routes to the northern Erez Terminal were blocked with IDF vehicles. Heavy shelling from tanks, helicopters and exchange of fire between the IDF and armed Palestinians made any movement out of Gaza extremely hazardous. UN and most international NGO staff were unable to carry out humanitarian operations and move in and out of Gaza between 8 and 11 September. UNRWA operations throughout the Gaza Strip were severely hampered by the IDF operations in the north and by the IDF-imposed internal closures, which again divided the Gaza Strip into three. UNRWA was able to resume humanitarian operations on 11 September after the IDF withdrew from the Jabalia area.

*Sources: OCHA FCUs, UNRWA, UNSCO, Palestinian DCLs, Palestinian Governors' offices, Al Mezan Center for Human Rights, IDF*

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## Appendix: Checkpoints Status 8 – 14 September 2004

### Checkpoints:

Checkpoint	Status
<b>Tulkarm/Qalqiliya</b>	
<b>Taybeh</b>	The checkpoint has been closed all week, even for people with valid permits, except for humanitarian cases with prior coordination. Usually open from 6am to 5.30pm.
<b>Kafriat</b>	Closed throughout the week and earth mounds have been erected in front of the checkpoint.
<b>Qalqiliya DCO</b>	The checkpoint was reported unmanned allowing unrestricted access most of the week but closed 14 September.
<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. 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 older than 30 years, students, teachers, and medical doctors. On 9 September, closed for 2 hours.
<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 the Palestinian 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.
<b>Zaatara</b> (Tappouah) South, main road to Ramallah	Permanently manned.
<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>	Now open from 6am to 12 midnight. Long delays caused by slow checking procedures 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. 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 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. 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 in 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. Closed for Israelis, Palestinians with Jerusalem IDs, Jericho residents leaving the city and West Bank Palestinians unless with a permit to enter or with a visa for travel to Jordan. Usual 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. 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 are 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 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 from passing.
<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	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.



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<b>Ibrahimi Mosque, H2</b> Access to the Mosque	Allowed for Palestinians who are going to pray; they must first undergoing 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. Long delays experienced this week.
<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. From 8 to 10 September inaccessible to internationals due to IDF incursion.
<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>- 8 September Closed</li> <li>- 9 September Closed</li> <li>- 10 September Closed</li> <li>- 11 September 6.30am to 8pm (internal closure lifted)</li> <li>- 12 September 6.30am to 8.15am; 8.50am to 12.30pm; 2.30pm to 8pm</li> <li>- 13 September 6.30am to 8pm</li> <li>- 14 September Open</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 not been operational for all types of commodities during the course of the week, except for humanitarian goods.
<b>Nablus Awarta checkpoint</b>	
<b>Awarta checkpoint</b> The main commercial checkpoint in Nablus since July 2003	Open for incoming and outgoing goods during day-light hours only.
<b>Jenin</b>	
<b>Al Jalama</b> Northern entrance/main commercial	Open for incoming and outgoing goods. Since 9 September, the checkpoint has only been operational for food products. Closed on 14 September until 10am.
<b>Ramallah/Al Bireh</b>	
<b>Beituniya</b>	Checkpoint 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 such as dairy products (other products need permits). 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

<b>Gate</b>	<b>Status</b>
<b>Tulkarm/Qalqiliya</b>	
Anabta	The gate remains closed for vehicles but usually open for pedestrians and therefore it functions again as a back-to-back system for buses and taxis. Opening hours: 8am to 6pm. Regular flying checkpoints beside the gate were preventing people from crossing this week.
Azzun	The gate has been open during the whole reporting period.

### Separation Barrier Gates

<b>Jenin</b>	
<b>Imreiha (NEW)</b> Main terminal to Umm ar Rihan enclave	Open for Palestinians with green permits 6am to 10pm. 14 September the gate was closed until 10am.
<b>Um ar Rihan</b> Western gate to the Barta'a ash-Sharqiya/ Um ar Rihan enclave	Open only for school students from Um ar Rihan enclave two times a day. 14 September the gate was closed until 10am.
<b>Barta'a</b> Southern gate to the Barta'a ash-Sharqiya/ Um ar Rihan enclave	Open only for school students from Um ar Rihan enclave two times a day. 14 September the gate was closed until 10am.
<b>Anin</b> Northern gate to the Barta'a ash-Sharqiya/ Um ar Rihan enclave	Closed for Palestinians.
<b>At Tayba 1</b> North western gate	Military gate. Closed for Palestinians.
<b>At Tayba 2</b> North western gate	Agricultural gate. Usually closed for Palestinians.
<b>Jalboun</b> Eastern gate	Military gate. Closed for Palestinians.