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**OCHA Weekly Briefing Notes**  
**Update for oPt (22 – 28 September 2004)**

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## 1. **Casualties**

Palestinians: deaths: 19  
                                   Injured: 250 (approx.)  
 Israelis: deaths: 6  
                                   Injured: 35 (approx.)  
 Internationals: Injured: 9

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

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

### **West Bank**

Denial of access: 0

Delay (30 minutes – 7 hours): 3

Shooting/Damage to Ambulance: 0

### **Gaza:**

Denial of access: 4

Delay (30 minutes – 7 hours): 6

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.
- **23 September:** A PRCS ambulance attempting to evacuate injured Palestinians reported in the area of an IDF operation into Al-Namsawi, Khan Younis came under IDF gunfire. One bullet hit the gas tank causing sever damages. The ambulance crew returned back.
- **23 September:** A PRCS ambulance while parked in front of the PRCS EMS station in Tel Zu'rub area in Rafah came under IDF direct gunfire. The rear windshield was smashed.
- **25 September:** Despite approved prior coordination, a MoH ambulance was denied access on Salah edein Netzarim junction while transporting an 11 year old critically wounded boy to Erez. The ambulance crew took the wounded through the coastal road on a stretcher and was taken by another ambulance to Erez terminal. Access was again denied.

Sources: OCHA FCU, PRCS, Palestinian MoH

## 3. **Curfews**

Curfew was reported in the following locations:

Date	Location	Number of days/hours
22 September	Mikhmas, Jerusalem district	1½ days
22 September	Huwwara village, Nablus district	2 Days
26 September	Jenin city and refugee camp	2 Days
26 September	Haris, Salfit district	14 hours

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

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

##### West Bank:

- **23 September:** IDF demolished a one floor house in Askar camp, Nablus district. The house belonged to the family of the female suicide bomber who carried out a bombing in Jerusalem 22 September.
- **23 September:** IDF demolished an apartment in Balata refugee camp belonging to a wanted Palestinian.
- **28 September:** IDF demolished the house of Al Aqsa Martyrs' Brigades leader in Jenin, Zakaria Zubeidi. The two-storey building housed seven people.

Date	Location	Demolished	Partially destroyed
23 September	Askar Camp, Nablus	One house	
23 September	Balata refugee camp, Nablus	One apartment	
28 September	Jenin	One house	

##### Gaza:

- **24 September:** Seven shops located on Salah Ed-Din Street opposite Erez Industrial Zone were demolished.
- **24 September:** One house was demolished and one house partially destroyed in Al Moghraga area southwest of Netzarim settlement.
- **24 September:** Two 2-storey houses, a water well and five green houses were demolished in the Palestinian area southeast of Khan Younis, next to Morag settlement.
- **25 September:** One house was demolished and another four damaged in Al Moghraga area southeast of Netzarim settlement.
- **25 September:** 47 houses were demolished and two houses damaged in Khan Younis refugee camp. 230 individuals of 60 families were made homeless.
- **26 September:** A workshop was demolished in Khan Younis when it was hit by two IDF helicopters missiles.
- **28 September:** At least five houses were demolished in Sheikh Eijin area northwest of Netzarim settlement.

Date	Location	Demolished	Partially destroyed	Damaged
24 September	Salah Ed-Din Street	Seven shops		
24 September	Al Moghraga	One house	One house	
24 September	Khan Younis	Two houses, one water well, five green houses		
25 September	Al Moghraga	One house		Four houses
25 September	Khan Younis refugee camp	47 houses		Two houses
26 September	Khan Younis	One workshop		
28 September	Sheikh Eijin	5 houses		

Sources: OCHA FCU, UNRWA

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

##### West Bank:

- Land levelling of approximately 350 dunums behind the Barrier between Izbat Salman and Izbat Jalud has been ongoing for two consecutive weeks now. According to the Governor's office in Qalqiliya the land levelling will serve the purpose of a new Israeli settlement. The IDF has seized the land without issuing requisition orders leaving the owners of the land with only limited possibilities to take legal action.
- **24 September:** 18 military orders were issued to halt construction of houses in the villages of Ad Dab'a (4), Ras Atir (3), Wadi Ar Rasha and Ramadin (11) in Qalqiliya governorate on administrative grounds (i.e. lack of permission). The owners of the houses have been granted the right to appeal their case.
- **26 September:** After the side bomb explosion in Haris on 26 September, the IDF started to clear the road sides for all vegetation, including olive trees.

##### Gaza:

- **21 September:** 50 dunums of almond and olive trees were levelled in the Palestinian area north east of Al Qarara area in Khan Younis.
- **24 September:** 10 dunums of grapes and olive trees levelled in a Palestinian area south of Erez industrial zone.
- **25 September:** 10 dunums of olive and citrus trees were levelled in Al Moghraga area southwest of Netzarim settlement.

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

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

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

All checkpoints leading to Israel and East Jerusalem were closed during the Israeli holiday of Yom Kippur. Several other, internal, checkpoints in the West Bank were also closed during this period.

### Tulkarm/Qalqiliya/Salfit governorates:

- The IDF maintained for the third week the restricted movement on the local populations in Tulkarm governorate and Salfit district as a consequence of the Jewish holidays. The Kafriat checkpoint has been manned all week only allowing selected groups through on foot (international organisations and ambulances exempted). Taybeh checkpoint has been completely closed as a consequence of the suspension of all movement across the green line and only certain commodities have been allowed to use the back-to-back system. Only commercial traffic with valid permits has been allowed to travel on the main roads (e.g. road 57). Flying checkpoints were established frequently on all main roads in Salfit.
- In Qalqiliya governorate, the movement has been less restricted and people have most of the week been able to move freely within the governorate. However, on 27 and 28 September, numerous flying checkpoints were established in Qalqiliya governorate along road 55 and in between the Palestinian villages and the gate in Azzun was reported closed most of 28 September.
- The work on preparation for the barrier in Ar Zawiya is still suspended following a decision from the Israeli High Court of Justice. Also the preparation work around Ariel is suspended pending new court decision.
- **Barrier gates:** The agricultural gate in Habla has been closed since 14 September following the suicide attack. On 23 September, farmers from Qalqiliya town encountered major delays and difficulties in crossing the Zufin gate. On 25 September, in commemoration of Yom Kippur, all barrier gates were reported closed. On 26 September, the agricultural gate at Kfur Sur was reported closed.

### Nablus/Jenin/Tubas governorates:

- **23 September:** IDF erected flying check points around Tubas city and held tens of Palestinians for several hours.
- **24 September:** IDF closed all the check points around Nablus city.

### Ramallah/Al Bireh governorate:

- **22 September:** The IDF placed Ramallah district under a tight closure from early morning until noon with flying checkpoints and closed off the main access roads into Ramallah/Al Bireh/Beituniya. A number of flying checkpoints were also set up on bypass roads 465 and 60. At 5.30pm, three IDF jeeps blocked the road between Ramallah/Al Bireh and Surda. After permitting a couple of vehicles to move through the checkpoint towards Ramallah, the patrol totally closed the road stating that stones had been thrown at them. After two hours, thousands of Palestinians and hundreds of vehicles were stranded on either side of the patrol who were refusing to allow people through. OCHA staff reported the problem to the Israeli Liaison Officer who was able to get the checkpoint lifted by 8pm.
- **26 September:** A checkpoint was operating at An Nabi Salih gate late afternoon for about three hours. The IDF also totally closed Qalandiya checkpoint for almost four hours.
- **27 September:** At around 7pm, the IDF erected flying checkpoints on the Surda and 'Ein 'Arik roads, again causing long delays until around midnight.
- **28 September:** The gate at An Nabi Saleh was closed from 10am to 12am. An IDF checkpoint operated at the gate after its reopening.
- **28 September:** At 1030am IDF deployed a flying checkpoint at the northern entrance of Ramallah near Surda. The checkpoint was in place until approx. 10pm.

### Jerusalem/Jericho governorates:

- All Palestinian movement in and out of Jericho has been banned since the Israeli holiday of Yom Kippur. Only internationals can enter. Allenby Crossing into Jordan was also closed during the period of Yom Kippur.
- IDF mobile checkpoints have been observed frequently at the entrance to Al 'Eizariya/Ma'ale Adumim settlement, resulting in long lines of cars waiting to get through.
- 22/09: The IDF entered Mikhmas north of Jerusalem at 0800 hrs, conducted a search operation and imposed a curfew in the village that lasted throughout the following day.
- 23/09: Qalandiya checkpoint was closed for several hours. Numerous checkpoints were observed around Jerusalem.
- 25/09: Qalandiya and Container checkpoints were totally closed for Palestinian movement.
- 25/09: Ar Ram checkpoint was closed for several hours in the morning.
- 26/09: Qalandiya checkpoint was closed for several hours.

### Jerusalem Envelope Barrier:

- **NORTH:** Construction of the Barrier is continuing along the main road (60) between Qalandiya and Ar - Ram checkpoints. Land levelling for the Barrier is also taking place on Hizma and 'Anata land.

<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)

- **EAST:** Construction of the Barrier is continuing in An Nu'man, Ash Sheikh Sa'ad, 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. Barrier construction in Sur Bahir is still on hold.
- **NORTHWEST:** Construction of the Barrier is going on in Bet Duqu, Qatanna and Kharayib Umm Al Lahim. In Biddu, Bet Ijza, Al Qubeiba and Bet Surik construction is still on hold.

#### Hebron/Bethlehem governorates:

- Restrictions on movement continued to be enforced in the Governorate of Hebron. Palestinian vehicular traffic into and out of the city of Hebron was only possible through the checkpoint of Ras Al Joura and subject to permits. Palestinian staff of UN organisations experienced delays and sometimes denials of access. Pedestrian movement is currently prohibited on the Halhul-Hebron Bridge but Palestinians continue to move between the two cities resorting to dirt tracks just below it and across route 35. The Tarqoumia-Idhna crossing on road 35 has also remained shut, preventing any type of Palestinian vehicular movement along route 354.
- Yatta remains under tight closure as the Dura-Fawar junction is still closed to traffic with long delays caused by soldiers checking documents. Zif gate, on the eastern side of Yatta is closed and the dirt mounds in front of As Samu' (south of Yatta) are being raised even higher. Alternative routes are being sought by Palestinians to cross into Hebron but these incur the risk of meeting frequent IDF patrols present on bypass road 60 and 317 and 35 and the confiscation of keys of vehicles. Remote Palestinian areas below the belt of Israeli settlements in the south of Hebron have been particularly affected.
- **22 September:** A new checkpoint manned by Border Police has been set up on the road to Sansana, south Hebron, on the Green Line.
- **24 September:** UNRWA staff was unable to carry out an emergency distribution in the city of Hebron due to the early closure of the Ras Al Joura checkpoint.

#### The enclosed areas in the Gaza strip:

- **As Seafa:** Since 22 April 2004 the IDF has allowed only 3-4 people with As-Seafa IDs to go in and out on foot, for one time only, with prior coordination, to bring food in. These people are permitted to exit and enter through the gate at two irregular periods: approximately 06:30 to 08:30 and from approximately 14:00 to 16:30. No vehicles are permitted to enter or exit. Coordination for international organisations to enter the area has been extremely problematic.
  - Since 25 Sep, up to date, the gate was completely closed. No one was permitted to pass including the 24 school pupils normally permitted to cross.
  - On 27 Sep, with prior coordination, 13 people were allowed some to leave including patients, employees and pupils but on the basis of not coming back till the gate normally opens.
  - From 22 – 24 Sep, The 24 school pupils were allowed to leave as well at 06:45am but they were not permitted to re-enter again before 05:00pm and were forced to wait at the gate for at least 6 hours.
- **Al-Mawassi:** IDF restrictions remain, with the entry-exit gate at Al Tuffah checkpoint generally opening twice daily for limited numbers of Al Mawassi ID holders from approximately 08.00 to 13.00 and from approximately 14.30 to 17.00. Since 10 May 2004, males aged below 30 years who are Al Mawassi ID holders, have been required to have prior coordination to pass though Al Tuffah checkpoint. Since 06 June 2004, prior coordination has been required for unmarried females with Al Mawassi ID who are aged 18-25. Vehicles are not allowed to pass, with some exceptions given for international agencies that have undertaken prior coordination with the IDF.
  - Since 23 Sep, up to date Al Tuffah checkpoint is completely closed.
  - Tel As-Sultan checkpoint is completely 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 opening four times daily for Al Maa'ni ID holders only from 06:30 to 07:30, 10:30 to 11:30, 13:00 to 14:00 and 16:00 to 17:00. Access for international organisations into the area remains extremely problematic.

Source OCHA FCUs and UNRWA

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

### West Bank:

- Hundreds of school pupils from Abu Dis and Al 'Eizariya (Jerusalem) are experiencing difficulties in crossing the gate in the Barrier near Ras al 'Amud to reach their schools in East Jerusalem each day. The gate is manned by Border Police and only Palestinians with valid permits or Jerusalem IDs are 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.
- **22 and 23 September:** The students in Huwwara village, Nablus district, lost two school days as a result of the curfew imposed on the village.

### Gaza:

- **Since 25 September to date:** All As Seafa pupils were not able to attend their schools as the IDF completely closed the gate.

- **25 September:** As a result of IDF shooting during the incursion into Khan Younis refugee camp, a window was broken at Khan Younis Elementary Girls School.

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

- All travel, work and trade permits are still suspended as a consequence of the Jewish holidays.

### **West Bank:**

- Jericho:
  - Eight (8) permits for work in Israel have been issued since 1 August.
  - 399 permits for work in Israeli settlements in the West Bank have been issued since 1 August.
  - 160 commercial trading permits have been issued for the period August – October.
  - Approx 100 humanitarian permits have been issued since 1 August.

### **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, UNRWA, UNSCO*

## **9. Other:**

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

- **26 September:** Two Palestinians were injured in Camp number One (Nablus) during clashes with IDF.
- **27 September:** A 41 year old Palestinian male was killed by an Israeli settler at the bypass road near Salem (Nablus) while driving a Ford Transit taxi with several passengers inside. The settler, of Itamar (Tel Hayim) settlement, shot the Palestinian with several rounds in the chest using a machinegun fired from a close range. The settler was detained for questioning and was put under house arrest on 28 September. The Palestinian died while being transported to hospital in another taxi.
- **27 September:** IDF closed all the entrances of Balata refugee camp with earth mounds.
- **27 September:** IDF entered Balata refugee camp. Clashes started which left two Palestinian males, aged 18 and 21 years, dead by IDF fire. Three Palestinians were injured during the clashes.
- **28 September:** IDF started a military operation called “Depluming” inside Jenin refugee camp. An 18 year old Palestinian male was killed and seven other were injured.
- **28 September:** IDF killed a 47 year old mentally disabled Palestinian man from Jenin refugee camp. IDF said the man broke the curfew imposed on the camp.

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

- Military operations and search campaigns took place in Tulkarm refugee camp, Salfit town, Qalqiliya town, Marda, Kfar Dik, Azzun and Shufa. In total, six people have been reported arrested.
- **26 September:** A member of the Al-Aqsa Martyr’s Brigade was killed by a remote controlled bomb device while walking in the field near Salfit Town.
- **27 September:** Settlers from Qarne Shomron in Qalqiliya entered the land of Kfur Thulth and started to uproot olive trees.

### **Ramallah /Al Bireh**

- Throughout the week, IDF search and arrest campaigns took place in Beit ‘Ur at Tahta, Kafr ‘Ein, Ramallah, Al Bireh, Bir Zeit, Beit Liqya, Silwad, Beit Rima, ‘Abud and Qalandiya refugee camp. At least 35 Palestinian males were arrested.
- **22 September:** Clashes erupted between IDF and Palestinians together with international and Israeli peace activists over Barrier construction in Budrus. IDF fired tear gas grenades and rubber-coated metal bullets. 80 people, including three foreigners, were reported injured.
- **22 September:** At around 3pm, the IDF surrounded a building in the center of Ramallah and arrested eleven young Palestinian men from a small internet centre. Clashes broke out on Main Street when a group of Palestinian youth stoned the IDF jeeps. The IDF retaliated by firing rubber-coated metal bullets. Four Palestinians were reported injured.
- **26 September:** Clashes erupted between IDF and Palestinians together with international and Israeli peace activists over Barrier construction in Budrus. IDF fired tear gas grenades and rubber-coated metal bullets. No injuries reported.
- **28 September:** After villagers in Budrus announced the end of a demonstration against the Barrier at about 3pm, a Border Police patrol arrested 16 Israeli and foreign peace activists. Youth from the village then started stoning the jeeps and the Border Police opened fire with rubber coated metal bullets and tear gas, injuring 25-30 people, none seriously. The peace activists were later released at around 11pm.

### **Jerusalem**

- **22 September:** A Palestinian female suicide bomber killed two Border Policemen and injured 30 other Israelis at the hitchhiking post by the French Hill junction, north of Jerusalem.

- **22 September:** A large explosive device was exploded in a cave close to Neve Ya'akov settlement north of Jerusalem. No injuries reported.
- **22 September:** IDF entered Jericho city and conducted a search and arrest operation. Three Palestinians were reported injured in the campaign. No arrests reported.
- **23 September:** Border Police entered Al 'Isawiya and was met by stone-throwing Palestinians. The Border Police retaliated by firing shock grenades, tear gas grenades and rubber-coated metal bullets. No injuries reported.
- **25 September:** A Palestinian attacked and injured an Israeli in the Old City, Jerusalem. The Palestinian was shortly after detained by Israeli security forces.

#### **Hebron/Bethlehem**

- **23 September:** Palestinian and Israeli and international peace activists demonstrated against Barrier construction in Bet Awwa. More than 100 demonstrators were injured by tear gas inhalation or rubber-coated metal bullets.
- **26 September:** Israeli Police in Hebron arrested Jewish settlers after they blocked streets in the Wadi Nasara neighbourhood of Hebron city, stoning Palestinian residents and clashing with the IDF as they attempted to rebuild the two outposts of Ma'ahaz Hagiborim and Hazon David previously evacuated.
- **28 September:** IDF entered Al Madbasa area, Bethlehem district, opened fire and conducted a search operation. Two Palestinians were reported injured and eight arrested in the operation.

#### **Gaza**

- **27 September:** Several home made" Qassam" rockets were fired from the northern areas of Beit Lahia , Jabalia and Beit Hanoun towards the Israeli communities of Sederot and Nier Am. Three Israelis were reported injured.
- **23 September:** Three IDF soldiers were killed and another two injured in the Gaza strip settlement of Morag when three Palestinian activists infiltrated into their base and started shooting.
- **24 September:** An Israeli female settler was killed in Neve Dekalim settlement when her house was hit by several mortar shells fired from Khan Younis.
- **Since 27 September up to date** the beach road west of Netzarim settlement is closed by two sand mounds.
- **28 September:** IDF entered the northern Gaza strip in a large military operation around 2200 hrs, with the aim to prevent firing of Qassam rockets into Israel. The operation remains ongoing.

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

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## Appendix: Checkpoints Status 22 – 28 September 2004

### Checkpoints:

Checkpoint	Status
<b>Tulkarm/Qalqiliya</b>	
<b>Taybeh</b>	The checkpoint has been closed the whole week. Only with prior co-ordination the barrier gate was open to allow for certain commodities to use the back-to-back system ( <i>see below</i> ). International organisations that normally are allowed to cross this checkpoint have therefore been resorted to travel through Kafriat
<b>Kafriat</b>	Access through this checkpoint has been restricted over the week in general only allowing selected groups of people through. Apart from international organisations, medical staffs, public employees, teachers and school children, these groups include residents of Jbara and Kafriat area and traders. Apart from small commercial trucks and ambulances no private vehicles have been allowed through. The checkpoint has also been strictly in force for movement to and from Israel proper on road 57 and all vehicles are being carefully checked.
<b>Qalqiliya DCO</b>	The checkpoint has been un-manned most of the week allowing everyone to cross without discrimination. A flying checkpoint was established on 24 September checking all people. The gate and the observation tower have been dismantled, but the rest of the checkpoint structure is still in place.
<b>Jaljoulia</b>	The checkpoint has been operational over the course of the week, however, access is only granted for holders of permit into Israel proper (mainly settlers and international organisations) 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 co-ordination with DCL. Still, only vehicles leaving the West Bank are subjects for 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 opening hours of the checkpoint have changed to 6-9 a.m. and from 4-7 p.m., which has created severe movement problems for the daily commuters who are dependent on crossing this checkpoint. The checkpoint was before open daily between 6 a.m. and 5 p.m.
<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. 23 September the checkpoint was closed for Palestinians
<b>Beit Iba</b> Western entrance, mainly for trade	Open for holders of Nablus ID-cards over 30 years old, students, teachers and medical doctors. Major delays involving students and a number of young people took place. 23 September the checkpoint was closed for Palestinians..
<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	Open for villagers from Beit Furik, Beit Dajan, 'Azmut, Deir al Hatab and Salem over 30 years of age. Teachers with IDs from Ministry of Education (about 70) are usually let through. 23 September the checkpoint was closed for Palestinians..
<b>Shave Shomeron</b> (Sabastia) Northwest, main road to Jenin	Closed for Palestinians unless having permits. 24 September the checkpoint was closed for Palestinians.
<b>Maale Efrayim</b> Southeast connecting Jericho and Nablus	Closed for Palestinians unless having permits.
<b>Hamra</b> East, before closure regime main road to Jordan, Tobas, Jenin	Closed for Palestinians unless having permits, or coming from these villages: Frush Beit Dajjan, Al Jiftlik, Bardala, Kardala, Ein Shibli, Al Nassaria and Al Aqrabania (from which villagers occasionally are let through)..
<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 by earth wall since 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'' ('Asira)</b> 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 oPt 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.
<b>An Nabi Salih gate (partial)</b>	Open. Some delays were experienced 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 and foreign passport holders. Road 443 is off limits to oPt 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. Secondary 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 oPt 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.
<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. Checkpoint closed for several hours on 25 September.

<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. Checkpoint was totally closed for the period of Yom Kippur.
<b>Jericho</b>	
<b>DCO</b> Main checkpoint off Road 1	Vehicle traffic is open for humanitarian reasons as well as for internationals. Closed for Israelis and Jerusalemites and Jericho residents going out and West Bank Palestinians unless with a permit to enter or with visa for travel to Jordan. Opening hours: 0600 – 2200 hrs. Totally closed during the Yom Kippur holiday, and has since then been totally closed for all Palestinian movement.
<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 the Shuttle busses taking Palestinians to Allenby Border Crossing to Jordan. Allenby crossing closed during the Yom Kippur holiday.
<b>Bethlehem</b>	
<b>Gilo</b> North entrance to Bethlehem	Open 24 hours for humanitarian organizations. No Palestinian plated cars allowed. The increased number of buses queuing to drop off Jewish visitors at Rachel Tombs has created significant delays for inbound and outbound traffic.
<b>Ein Yalow</b> Bypass road east of Walaja, on Green Line	Open 24 hours and only for Israeli plated cars and international organizations. Only Palestinians with Jerusalem IDs and Palestinians who work for 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. Buses of Hebron national bus company are not allowed to cross.
<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 organizations. Access of Palestinians with permits is denied. 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 as 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	Access of Palestinians with permits is denied due to the Israeli holidays from 15 September to 25 September
<b>Al Jaba</b> Crossing to Israel on Road 367, Green Line	Access of Palestinians with permits is denied due to the Israeli holidays from 15 September to 25 September.
<b>Avnot</b> On Road 90, along Dead Sea, near Ein Gedi	On bypass road 90. Palestinian plated vehicles not allowed.
<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 use road with vehicles. 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 from 7am to 6pm for UN, humanitarian organisations and Palestinians with Jerusalem IDs - the alternative route on Halhul bridge is closed to vehicles and pedestrians. Delays were experienced during the week especially on 19 Sep. all traffic delayed form more than an hour in the morning..
<b>Tarqumiya</b> Entrance for commercial	Closed for all. On 20 September transit allowed for humanitarian cases with permits and commercial trucks

goods (back-to-back), west of Hebron on Road 35 for both Hebron and Bethlehem districts	
<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>Meitar</b>	Manned by Border Police. Open 24 hours.
<b>Shani</b>	Manned by IDF.
<b>Bet Yatir</b>	Manned by IDF.
<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	Access was denied for Palestinians going to pray due to an agreement between the Israeli Government and the Palestinian Authority allowed access to one party during its feasts..
<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>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Since 31 August, Erez terminal has been closed for Palestinians.</li> <li>- On 22 and 23 Sep, Internationals diplomats were only allowed to cross in and/or out Gaza.</li> <li>- On 24 and 25 Sep, Erez terminal was completely closed due to Yom Kippur.</li> <li>- Since 26 Sep up to date, only International diplomats were allowed to cross.</li> </ul>
<b>Erez Industrial Estate</b>	Closed since 31 August, 2004
<b>Netzarim Junction</b>	Closed since 8 October 2003.
<b>Abu Houli junction</b>	<p>Checkpoint was open as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- 22 Sep, 6:30am – 7:00pm</li> <li>- 23 Sep, 6:30am – 10:00am, 5:30pm -10:00pm</li> <li>- 24 Sep, 6:30am – 7:00pm</li> <li>- 25 Sep, 6:30am – 7:00pm</li> <li>- 26 Sep, 6:30am – 11:00am, 12:00pm -2:00pm, 4:00pm – 7:00pm.</li> <li>- 27 Sep</li> <li>- 28 Sep</li> </ul> <p>Since 17 June 2004, Palestinian private cars have not been permitted to cross Abu Houli junction.</p>
<b>Abu al Ajin road</b>	Closed.
<b>Beach road</b>	Closed on 27, 28 September.
<b>West Morag Junction</b>	Closed.
<b>Al Muntar Junction</b>	Closed.
<b>Rafah Passenger Terminal</b>	Rafah terminal was closed on 24, 25 and 26 September, On 27 September, Rafah terminal was reopened both directions. Male Palestinians aged from 16 to 35 are still not allowed to exit the Strip since 17 April 2004.

#### Commercial checkpoints:

<b>Tulkarm/Qalqiliya</b>	
<b>Qalqiliya DCO</b>	The back-to-back system has not been in use since all trucks have had full access to Qalqiliya town. However, on 24 September the checkpoint was manned and all trucks were lightly searched as a consequence.
<b>Taybeh</b>	The back-to-back system has over the week only been operational for humanitarian aid and certain commodities (e.g. fuel and gas) with prior co-ordination.

<b>Nablus Awarta checkpoint</b>	
<b>Awarta checkpoint</b> The main commercial checkpoint in Nablus since July 2003	Open for incoming and outgoing goods. 23 to 25 September the checkpoint was totally closed.
<b>Jenin</b>	
<b>Al Jalama</b> Northern entrance/main commercial	Open for incoming and outgoing goods with delays.
<b>Ramallah/Al Bireh</b>	
<b>Beituniya</b> New back-to-back terminal is being built near the wall construction beside Beituniya town.	Officially open 6am to 5pm Sunday to Thursday, 6am to 1pm on Fridays and closed Saturdays. However, checkpoint often opens late in the mornings between 6.30am to 7am depending on the IDF. 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 dairy products Other goods need a permit to be brought inn. Closed from Friday afternoon to Sunday morning. Opening hours: 0600 hrs – 2000 hrs. Closed during the Yom Kippur holiday.
<b>Gaza Strip</b>	
<b>Karni</b>	24, 25 and 26 September, Karni crossing was closed.
<b>Sofa</b>	24, 25 and 26 September, Sufa terminal was closed the for construction materials. On 27 Sep, the terminal was reopened at 10:30am

#### Road Gates

<b>Gate</b>	<b>Status</b>
<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 between 08:00 and 18:00. However, the traffic has over the week been further hampered by the existing flying checkpoints on a daily basis checking all commuters carefully.
Azzun	The gate has been open during the whole reporting period. However, the gate was reported closed for several hours on 28 September. On 23 September, the gate was manned by a flying checkpoint that carefully checked everyone.

#### Separation Barrier Gates

<b>Jenin</b>	
<b>Imreiha (NEW)</b> Main terminal to Umm ar Riham enclave	Open for Palestinians with green permits 6am to 10pm.
<b>Um ar Riham</b> Western gate to the Barta'a ash-Sharqiya/ Um ar Riham enclave	Open only for school students from Um ar Riham enclave two times a day.
<b>Barta'a</b> Southern gate to the Barta'a ash-Sharqiya/ Um ar Riham enclave	Open only for school students from Um ar Riham enclave two times a day.
<b>Anin</b> Northern gate to the Barta'a ash-Sharqiya/ Um ar Riham 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 Military gate. Closed for Palestinians gate. Usually closed for Palestinians.
<b>Jalboun</b> Eastern gate	Military gate. Closed for Palestinians Three Palestinians were injured.