

Humanitarian Update for oPt (01-07 October 2003)**Casualties**

Palestinians: **8 deaths**
39 injured
Israelis: **19 deaths**
61 injured

(Source: PRCS, Israeli MoFA & IDF web sites, UNRWA sitrep, OCHA field units)

Incidents involving ambulances and medical teams

Denial of access: **5** incidents
Delay up to 90 mins: **2** cases
Attack/abuse of ambulances and staff: **1** incident
Shooting at ambulance: **1** incident
Detention of ambulance staff: **0**

(Source: MoH, PRCS,)

Closures/Curfews

The IDF closure of the West Bank continued and was reinforced after the Haifa bombing on 04 October and during the Yom Kippur holiday. Curfews were reported in the following locations: Shuqba (4 days), Kafr Malik (4 days), 'Abud (3 days), Jenin town and refugee camp (3 days), Qalqiliya (3 days), Kharbatha Bani Harith (1 day), Madama (1 day), 'Asira al Qibliya (1 day), Al 'Auja (1 day) and 'Ajja (1 day).

House demolitions

Demolished: 24

Partially demolished: 12

Other property: 5 farm buildings (4 in Khabrathla Bani Harith, and 1 in Mughayir)

DATE	LOCATION	Completely Demolished	Partially Demolished
01/10/2003	Rafah	18	4
02/10/2003	Deir al Balah	1	2
02/10/2003	Karbathal Bani Harith	1	0
04/10/2003	Jenin	1	0
05/10/2003	Zbuba	1	0
05/10/2003	Al Bureij	0	4
05/10/2003	Gaza City	0	1
06/10/2003	Rafah	2	1
TOTAL		24	12

Demolition orders

- None

Land levelling/confiscation**West Bank**

- **02 October:** (Hebron) a new road was opened between the settlement of Harsina and route 60. The new road enables settlers to reach Palestinian land confiscated almost a year ago.
- **05 October:** (Hebron), a road was opened from Har Sansana to a hill to the east of the settlement: 100 dunums of land appear to have been confiscated on the site with is now being prepared for new buildings.

Gaza

Area	Date	Property	Crop
Khan Yunis	01/10/2003	7 donums	Olives and vegetables
Dair Al	02/10/2003	3 donums	Dates and Olives

Balah			
Khan Younis	07/10/2003	400 donums*	Olives
TOTAL		410 donums	

Checkpoints/roadblocks/Separation Wall/restrictions on movement

- Tulkarm/Qalqiliya governorates:

All checkpoints were reported closed for the local population in both districts from 5-7 October on the occasion of the Yom Kippur holiday. Only ambulances with emergency cases, humanitarian aid vehicles and Internationals have been allowed through. Qalqiliya checkpoint was open, however with more restricted procedures for those who do not hold special ID (e.g. teachers, officials, medical staff, etc.). The back-to-back systems at Taybeh checkpoint in Tulkarem and in Qalqiliya have been operational during the Yom Kippur for food only with necessary prior co-ordination with DCL. Transport of non-essential supplies have not been allowed through.

All agricultural gates in both Tulkarem and Qalqiliya districts have been closed between 5-7 October in conjunction with the Yom Kippur holiday. This has in particular affected the local farmers who have not been able to access their field in conjunction with the olive harvest. In general, the agricultural gates continue to cause major complications for the local population when trying to reach their agricultural land in both Tulkarem and Qalqiliya districts with only limited and irregular opening hours during the days.

No extended opening hours in connection with the olive harvest have been observed.

- Nablus/Jenin governorates:

Check Point	Status
Huwwara Southern main entrance to Nablus city	Was open for all between 01. – 03.10. Otherwise open only for holders of Nablus ID-cards, students, teachers and medical doctors. The general practice since 05.09 not to allow exit through Huwwara (or any other check point out of Nablus) was reinstalled after the Haifa suicide bombing, although some exceptions are made to elderly people.
Beit Iba Western entrance to Nablus city, mainly for trade	Same as above, though more difficult to access than Huwwara between 01-03.10
Sarra South western entrance to Nablus city, before the closure regime main road to Qalqiliya	Closed except for villagers from Sarra or Qusin, who occasionally are let through.
Qusin Internal closure between Sarra and Nablus city	Same as above.
Al Tur Southern checkpoint connecting the Samaritan district of Jarzim with Nablus city	Only open for Samaritans. The gate is occasionally closed for vehicles.
Beit Furik Eastern gate and checkpoint to Nablus city. After the closure regime main gateway between Nablus and the Jordan valley	Occasionally open for villagers from Beit Furik, Beit Dajjan, Azmout, Deir al Hatab and Salem. Teachers with IDs from Ministry of Education (about 70) are usually let through but with serious delays.
Shave Shomeron (Sabastia) North west, main road to Jenin	Closed for Palestinians unless they have special permits.
Maale Efrayim South east connecting Nablus and Jericho	Closed for Palestinians unless they have special permits.
Hamra East, before closure regime main road to Jordan, Gov's of Tubas and Jenin	Since 05.10 at 17:00, closed for all traffic, including UN. According to check point-soldiers, Hamra will remain closed until 12.10. Apart from this, Hamra is generally closed for Palestinians unless having special permits, or coming from these villages: Frush Beit Dajan, Al Jiftlik, Bardala, Kardala, Ein Shibli, Al Nassaria and Al Aqrabania (from which villagers occasionally are let through).
Zaatara (Tappouah) South, main road to Ramallah	Usually open for Palestinians holding permits. Palestinians from the Governorate of Nablus can enter their villages and Nablus City through the check point, but are not allowed to exit (southwards). Palestinians from areas south of this check point are not allowed to enter northwards.

Awarta South, main (back to back) commercial check point into Nablus city since July 2003	Back to back has been closed since 04.10.2003.
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Check point	Status
Janat "Wadi Balaama" Southern entrance to Jenin city	The check point was closed for Palestinians, including special permit holders.
Haifa Street Western entrance to Jenin city	The check point was closed for Palestinians, including special permit holders.
Al Amn al Watani Northern entrance to Jenin city	The check point was closed for Palestinians, including special permit holders (A Palestinian Parliament Member holding a special permit was denied access 30.09)
Salem Western entrance the Governorate "on the green line"	Closed for Palestinians. "Military closed area".
Al Jalama Northern entrance to the Governorate "on the green line"	Back to back system was exclusively allowed for foodstuffs. Closed during curfews.
Qaddim (Al Suweitat) South east entrance to Jenin city	Closed several hours a day. This check point was the only in/outlet to Jenin during he period
Um Ar Raihan On the separation fence (west)	Open only for people living in the area behind the barrier.
Ya'bad Main entrance to the village of Ya'bad	Generally open. Occasionally manned by IDF
Al Kufair South eastern entrance to the Governorate from Tubas	Generally open. Occasionally manned by IDF

Bethlehem/Hebron governorates:

The general hardship endured by Palestinian wishing to travel was increased during the Jewish holiday of Yom Kippur (dusk to dusk between 5 – 6 October) when no Palestinians were allowed through checkpoints. Passage was only permitted to ambulances and humanitarian organizations.

Gaza crossings/checkpoints

- *Erez*: closed 05-07 October.
- *Karni*: closed on 06 October
- *Sufa*: closed 04-07 October
- *Netzarim junction roadblock*: closed all week
- *Abu Houli junction*: 01-04 October closed at night between 20:00-03:00, and completely closed 05-07 October
- Abu Al-Ajin road: closed

Access to Schools:

- **5-7 October**: 55 students Gbara in Tulkarem district have not been able to attend their classes in Ar Ras, Kafr Sur and Kafr Sibad. This closure has also affected the teachers who mainly travel from Tulkarem to Baqa Ash Sharqiya and Nazlat Isa.
- UNRWA reported continuous disruption in teachers access to schools in different districts due to closure and curfew.

Labour movement into Israel

West Bank:

The 650 work permits that were issued last week were suspended from 3-7 October because of the Yom Kippur holiday. According to DCL Liaison Office in Tulkarem/Qalqiliya, following the suicide bomb in Haifa 04 October, the work permists are now suspended indefinitely.

Gaza

No.	Date	Israel	Erez Industrial Estate
1.	01/10/03	9,066	3,128
2.	02/10/03	9,055	3,865
3.	03/10/03	6,466	1,242
4.	04/10/03	0	2,196
5.	05/10/03	0	2,273

6.	06/10/03	0	0
7.	07/10/03	0	3,615
8.	30/09/03	9,113	4,044

Other incidents

Qalqiliya/Tulkarm governorates:

- **02 October:** around 15:00, the IDF Special Forces entered the Tulkarem refugee camp driving under cover in a truck loaded with vegetables. Supported by four jeeps and two tanks, the IDF shot and killed one member of Al Aqsa Martyrs. During the operation a 10-year old girl was killed.
- **04 October:** villagers of Ramin village reported about a shooting from the Israeli Settlement Enav.

Nablus/Jenin governorates

- **02 October:** an IDF patrol was fired at near the Rujeib junction, southern part of Nablus city. After the incidents the IDF blew up a car, and levelled some olive trees in the area.
- **05-07 October:** Daily clashes occurred between IDF and school children in Salim village.
- In preparation of the olive harvest, Nablus governorate has established contact with IDF in order to prevent friction between settlers and farmers. Villages close to settlement with olive groves are distributed into five groups each will be given a different harvest period lasting four days.
- Jenin City was under curfew for most of the period, which saw numerous incursions and arrest campaigns. IDF demolished the house for the family of the Haifa suicide bomber.

Bethlehem/Hebron governorate

- **02 October:** (Hebron) Negohot settlement , settlers began converting temporary caravans into houses.

Gaza

Continuous incursions into the central and southern parts of Gaza were occurred during the last week.

- **01 October:** the IDF incursion in Rafah refugee camp let 18 houses totally demolished and 4 partially demolished. Two people were injured; one with gun-shots wounds in the head.
- **05 October:** Two ground attacks by Israeli helicopters took place in Gaza City and al Bureij refugee camp against homes of alleged Islamic Jihad and Hamas activists. Both homes were empty, no injuries were reported.
- **06 October:** One mortar shell was launched towards the Israeli settlement of Rafiah Yam, one soldier was injured.
- **07 October:** Israeli bulldozers dug three trenches in the Beach road south of Gaza city. Two sand barriers had been erected on 05 October and these remain, with an additional smaller trench between the two original ones.

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