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Protection of Civilians Weekly Report

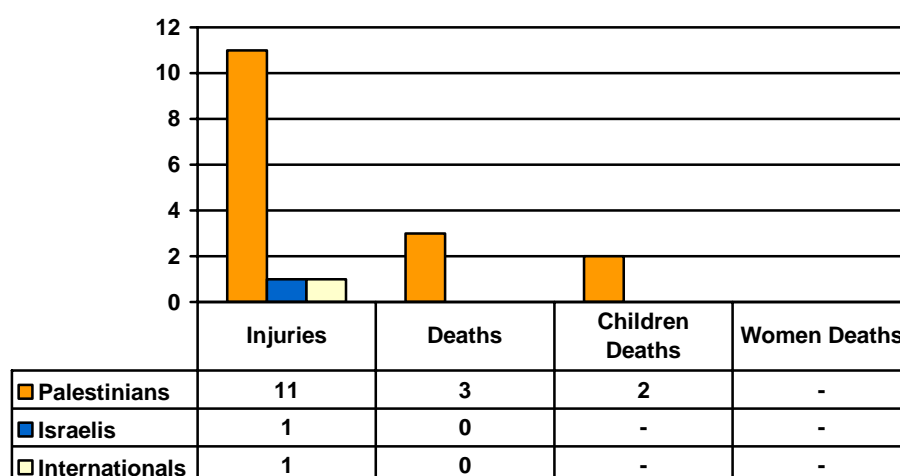
7 – 13 November 2007

Of note this week**Gaza Strip:**

- The IDF shot and killed two Palestinian children (aged 14 and 15 years) while they were approaching the border fence east of Al Bureij Camp. A Palestinian man also died of wounds sustained on 9 November due to IDF shelling on Jabaliya Camp. One IDF soldier was wounded when armed Palestinians opened fire at IDF soldiers carrying out an excavation operation around the former Erez Industrial Zone.
- Eight Palestinians were killed and 90 others were injured in factional clashes in the Gaza Strip, including six killed and 80 injured amongst Fatah supporters in a demonstration in Gaza City to commemorate the death of former Palestinian President Yasser Arafat. In addition, seven Palestinians, including two children, were injured in family disputes.
- 31 Qassams and 15 mortars were fired from the Gaza Strip toward Israel. Two mortars were fired at IDF soldiers inside the Gaza Strip.
- 16 demonstrations took place, including eight to commemorate the third anniversary of the death of former Palestinian President Yasser Arafat and three to protest against the siege on Gaza.
- Two IDF search operations and 140 arrests were reported.

West Bank:

- The IDF injured nine Palestinians (Nablus (2), Jenin (2), Qalqiliya (2), Bethlehem (1), and Hebron (2)). Of the injured, five were children (aged 14, 15 (2), 17 (2) years). The IDF also physically assaulted and injured a British national at Tel Rumeida checkpoint in the H2 area of Hebron City.
- The Israeli DCL officer in Ramallah (Beit El) informed OCHA that Barrier construction was suspended by the Israeli Ministry of Defence due to technical reasons (Ramallah).
- **12 November:** PA teachers held a one-day strike in Nablus, Jenin, Tulkarm, Qalqiliya, Tubas, Salfit, Bethlehem and Hebron governorates to demand that the PA fulfil its obligations toward teachers.
- **13 November:** Palestinians organised demonstrations in Nablus, Qalqiliya, Bethlehem and Hebron cities in protest against the clashes that took place in Gaza a day earlier.
- 71 flying checkpoints, 89 IDF search operations, 128 arrests, and 68 hours of curfew were reported.

Palestinian and Israeli conflict-related casualties:¹

¹ Excluding Palestinian-Palestinian internal violence and other 'indirect' conflict related incidents reported in Section 2.

1. Physical Protection – conflict-related casualties

Gaza Strip:

- **9 November:** Two Palestinian bystanders were injured by a surface-to-surface missile fired by an IAF helicopter targeting a group of Islamic Jihad members following a Qassam rocket attack from east of Jabaliya Camp towards the western Negev. The Islamic Jihad members subsequently escaped (North Gaza).
- **10 November:** The IDF shot and killed two Palestinian children (aged 14 and 15 years) while approaching the security fence east of Al Bureij Camp. Palestinian ambulances retrieved the bodies of the two boys (Central Gaza).
- **12 November:** A Palestinian man died from wounds sustained due to IDF shelling on Jabaliya Camp on 9 November (North Gaza).
- **14 November:** Armed Palestinians opened fire at IDF soldiers conducting an excavation operation around the former Erez Industrial Zone. The IDF responded with tank shooting. According to Haaretz, one IDF soldier was lightly wounded by Palestinian fire (North Gaza).

Other incidents (not involving casualties/damage):

- **7 November:** Israeli naval vessels opened fire towards Palestinian fishing boats west of Rafah. The fishing boats returned to shore. No injuries were reported (Rafah).
- **8 November:** One Qassam rocket was fired from east of Beit Lahiya towards Sderot. Following the rocket attack, an IAF aircraft fired a missile at the rocket launching site (North Gaza).
- **8 November:** Twenty IDF armoured vehicles moved from the border near Erez into the Bedouin village north of Beit Lahiya and conducted a house-to-house search operation. The IDF withdrew from the Bedouin village on the same day (North Gaza).
- **8 November:** The IDF were deployed in the former Nissanit settlement bloc area. Armed Palestinians fired RPGs and mortar shells at the IDF that responded with gunfire (North Gaza).
- **8 November:** An IDF undercover unit entered about 500 metres into the area east of Deir El Balah. Armed Hamas members located the unit and engaged in armed clashes with it, including the firing of two RPGs. At 1900 hours, the IDF unit withdrew (Central Gaza).
- **9 November:** Armed Islamic Jihad members exchanged gunfire with a group of IDF soldiers near the border fence east of Al Bureij Camp. The exchange lasted for 10 minutes. No injuries were reported from the Palestinian side (Central Gaza).
- **11 November:** An Israeli woman was treated for shock when one Qassam rocket fired from south of Beit Hanun towards Sderot exploded in a cowshed in the western Negev. According to Ha'aretz, the rocket injured several cows (North Gaza).
- **12 November:** Three Qassam rockets were fired from north of Beit Hanun towards Sderot. An IAF helicopter hovered over the area but did not take further action (North Gaza).
- **12 November:** Hundreds of Hamas supporters gathered near the house of a Hamas activist in Gaza City, after the family received a telephone call from the IDF to evacuate the house. The IDF took no further action (Gaza).
- **13 November:** IDF soldiers stationed at the border northeast of Beit Hanun fired a surface-to-surface missile at an open area north of Beit Hanun. No injuries were reported (North Gaza).

West Bank:

- **7 November:** A 17-year-old Palestinian boy was injured by live ammunition during a confrontation with the IDF in Kafr Dan village (Jenin).
- **7 November:** A 15-year-old Palestinian boy was injured by a plastic-coated metal bullet during a confrontation with the IDF in 'Azzun village (Qalqiliya).
- **7 November:** A 32-year-old British national was injured when he was physically assaulted by IDF soldiers manning the Tel Rumeida checkpoint located in the H2 area of Hebron City. He had refused to give his passport to IDF soldiers at Al Shuhada Street checkpoint, so IDF soldiers at Tel Rumeida checkpoint arrested him (Hebron).
- **7 November:** A 17-year-old Palestinian boy was injured by live ammunition during confrontations with the IDF in Kafr Dan village (Jenin).
- **7 November:** A 15-year-old Palestinian boy was injured in 'Azzun village by a plastic-coated metal bullet during a confrontation with the IDF in the village (Qalqiliya).
- **10 November:** A 21-year-old Palestinian man was injured in Balata Camp by shrapnel during an exchange of fire between the IDF and Palestinian gunmen (Nablus).

- **10 November:** The IDF physically assaulted and injured a 40-year-old Palestinian man in his house in Nablus City during an IDF search operation (Nablus).
- **10 November:** A 14-year-old Palestinian boy from the town of Adh Dhahiriya was injured when IDF soldiers threw a sound bomb towards him during an incursion into the town (Hebron).
- **11 November:** A 52-year old Palestinian man from the village of Al Ma'asara was injured during clashes with IDF soldiers who were bulldozing village lands in order to build a road leading to the settlement of Efrat (Bethlehem).
- **11 November:** An 18-year-old Palestinian man was injured with a rubber-coated metal bullet when IDF soldiers opened fire at Palestinian protestors in the area of Bab Al Zawiya in the H1 area of Hebron City (Hebron).

Other incidents (not involving casualties):

No incidents to report.

2. Physical Protection - other incidents involving casualties²

Gaza Strip:

- **7 November:** Three Palestinians were injured and rescued from a collapsed tunnel opposite Al-Salam quarter in Rafah (Rafah).
- **7 November:** A Palestinian man was shot and injured by armed Palestinians while he was attempting to stop them from using his property to fire at IDF soldiers during a military operation in Abu El Ajeen area east of Deir El Balah. On **10 November**, the man died (Central Gaza).
- **8 November:** Four Palestinians, including a local Bank employee, were injured when armed Palestinians opened fire at the Palestine Bank. The motive behind the incident was a family dispute (Gaza).
- **8 November:** A Palestinian man was injured in an armed family dispute in Nuseirat Camp (Central Gaza).
- **9 November:** A Palestinian child was injured during an armed family dispute between two local families. The two families exchanged gunfire and threw homemade bombs at one another. The Executive Support Forces (ESF) arrived and brought the situation under control (Central Gaza).
- **11 November:** One child was wounded when an armed dispute broke out between two local families. The two families exchanged gunfire and hurled homemade bombs at one another. The ESF arrived and brought the situation under control by 1830 hours. Several people were arrested (Central Gaza).
- **13 November:** A Palestinian man was injured by an old mine while he was farming his land in Abu Al Ajeen area east of Deir El Balah (Central Gaza).

Other incidents (not involving casualties):

- **7 November:** Egyptian security forces discovered a tunnel located under the Egypt-Gaza border opposite the Barhima area (Rafah).
- **8 November:** Approximately 700 labourers demonstrated in front of the UNSCO office demanding an end to the Israeli blockade on Gaza. The demonstrators handed over a letter addressed to the UN Secretary-General. At 1200 hours, the demonstration ended peacefully (Gaza).
- **8 November:** The Palestinian General Federation of Trade Unions organised a demonstration to protest the siege on Gaza. About 700 protesters moved from the Palestinian Legislative Council building to the UNSCO building. Representatives handed over a letter addressed to the UN Secretary General. The demonstration ended peacefully at 1300 hours (Gaza).
- **9 November:** Approximately 500 fishermen organised a sit-in at the Municipality Park in Sheikh Ejleen area of Gaza City to protest the siege on Gaza. At 1400 hours the sit-in ended peacefully (Gaza).
- **11 November:** Approximately 200 Palestinians organised a sit-in at the Unknown Soldier square to protest against the non-issuance of Palestinian identification cards. At 1100 hours, the sit-in ended peacefully (Gaza).

² Casualties recorded in this section relate to Palestinian inter-factional fighting, family and community disputes, reckless use of weapons, and disputed incidents. Also reported in this section are casualties indirectly related to the conflict such as incidents involving Unexploded Ordnance (UXO), traffic accidents between Israeli and Palestinians in the oPt and deaths resulting from delay in receiving medical treatment at a checkpoint or during a military operation/curfew. These casualties are not recorded in the total in Section 1.

- **11 November:** Palestinian journalists organised a sit-in at the Unknown Soldier square to protest against the detention of journalists in the West Bank. At 1100 hours, the sit-in ended peacefully (Gaza).

West Bank:

- **9 November:** A 40-year-old Palestinian man was killed and three Palestinian men (aged 32, 35 and 52 years) were injured in the old city of Nablus by Unexploded Ordnance (UXO). The source of the UXO is unknown (Nablus).

Other incidents (not involving casualties):

- Employees at Bethlehem Municipality went on strike for two days in protest against the non-payment of their salaries for the past six months. Among other consequences of the strike, garbage piled up in Bethlehem City (Bethlehem).

Inter-factional violence

Gaza Strip:

- **7 November:** A 24-year-old Islamic Jihad member died from wounds sustained during armed clashes between Hamas and Islamic Jihad members on 21 October. During the funeral procession, militants from Islamic Jihad opened fire toward the ESF station in Tel El-Sultan. During the exchange of gunfire between the two parties, a 22-year-old man was killed and three others were injured (Rafah).
- **11 November:** Two people were shot and wounded in a demonstration organised by Fatah in Nuseirat Camp to commemorate the 3rd anniversary of the death of former Palestinian President Yasser Arafat. About 1,500 Fatah supporters marched through the streets and threw stones at ESF vehicles. Several ESF units rushed to the area and used gunfire to disperse the demonstrators. Dozens of demonstrators were arrested by the police (Central Gaza).
- **12 November:** Six Palestinians (aged 11, 19 (2), 26, 29 and 76 years) were killed and 80 others were injured during clashes that erupted between Fatah supporters and the ESF. Approximately 150,000 Fatah supporters gathered from across the Gaza Strip at Al-Azhar Park in Gaza City to commemorate the 3rd anniversary of the death of former Palestinian President Yasser Arafat. At 1330 hours heavy gunfire was heard in the area. According to Hamas, shots were fired at the ESF who retaliated with heavy gunfire and homemade bombs. Gunfire continued until 1500 hours (Gaza).
- **12 November:** Five Palestinians were injured during an exchange of gunfire between the ESF and gunmen participating in a funeral procession in Deir El Balah. The funeral was for one of the victims of armed clashes that occurred between the ESF and Fatah supporters during a rally to commemorate the death of former Palestinian President Yasser Arafat in Gaza City. The gunmen in the funeral procession opened fire at the ESF station. The ESF responded with heavy gunfire (Central Gaza).

Other incidents (not involving casualties):

- **9 November:** Three thousand Fatah supporters participated in a demonstration to commemorate the 3rd anniversary of the death of former Palestinian President Yasser Arafat. The demonstration ended at 1630 hours, after moving peacefully through the streets of Beit Hanun (North Gaza).
- **9 November:** Hamas organised a demonstration in Jabaliya Camp to protest against the statement made by the PA representative to the UN, Riyad Mansour. The demonstration ended peacefully (North Gaza).
- **9 November:** Hamas organised a demonstration in Nuseirat Camp to protest against the statement of the PA representative to the UN. Approximately 10,000 supporters participated in the demonstration, which proceeded through the Maghazi and Deir El Balah camps. The demonstration ended peacefully (Central Gaza).
- **11 November:** Approximately 500 Fatah members organised a candlelight demonstration at the Unknown Soldier square to commemorate the 3rd anniversary of the death of former Palestinian President Yasser Arafat (Gaza).
- **11 November:** One hundred Fatah supporters demonstrated in Al Bureij Camp to commemorate the 3rd anniversary of the death of former Palestinian President Yasser Arafat. The demonstration ended peacefully (Central Gaza).
- **11 November:** A factional dispute erupted between supporters of Fatah and Hamas at Abed Al Qader secondary school in Khan Younis. No injuries were reported (Khan Younis).

- **11 November:** Approximately 1,000 Hamas supporters organised a demonstration at the Bani Suhaila junction in Khan Younis to protest against the upcoming Annapolis conference (Khan Younis).
- **11 November:** Approximately 2,000 Fatah supporters demonstrated in Rafah to commemorate the 3rd anniversary of the death of former Palestinian President Yasser Arafat. The demonstration ended peacefully (Rafah).
- **12 November:** Five hundred students from different schools demonstrated at the Unknown Soldier square to commemorate the 3rd anniversary of the death of former Palestinian President Yasser Arafat (Gaza).
- **13 November:** Gunmen opened fire at the Deir El Balah ESF station. The ESF responded with gunfire. The attackers escaped and no injuries were reported (Central Gaza).

West Bank:

Other incidents (not involving casualties):

- **13 November:** Palestinian security forces arrested a number of Hamas members upon discovering a hidden room in the Grand Mosque of the town of Beit Ummar (Hebron).
- **13 November:** Lectures at the Palestine Polytechnic University were suspended due to increased tension on campus between Fatah and Hamas supporters following the clashes in Gaza a day earlier (Hebron).
- **13 November:** Demonstrations in both Bethlehem and Hebron cities were held by Fatah members in protest against the clashes that took place a day earlier in Gaza. Anti-Hamas slogans were chanted but no clashes were reported between Hamas and Fatah supporters (Bethlehem and Hebron).

3. Shelter and Property

Table 1: Structures Demolished/Damaged by the Israeli Authorities (IDF, Border Police, Civil Administration...etc) and Israeli Settlers

Date	Location, Governorate	Structures demolished	Structures damaged	People displaced	People affected
7 November 2007	Balata RC, Nablus	1 Two-storey building	35	28 (two families)	N/A
8 November 2007	Fredies, Bethlehem	1 (130 m ² house)	-	N/A	-
8 November 2007	Fredies, Bethlehem	1 Two story house (100 m ² each)	-	(Two families)	-
10 November 2007	Balata RC, Nablus	-	3	-	N/A
13 November 2007	Dir Abu Da'if, Jenin	1 (water well)	-	-	N/A
Total		4	38	28+	N/A

- **7 November:** The IDF used explosives to demolish a two-storey building inhabited by four families (28 persons) in Balata Camp. Six houses were also damaged by the explosion during a search and arrest campaign. In the same operation, the IDF damaged the doors and furniture of 29 additional houses in the camp (Nablus).
- **10 November:** The IDF caused some damage to furniture and belongings of an UNRWA clinic, a mosque and the youth club in Balata camp (Nablus).
- **13 November:** The IDF demolished a 150-metre-deep water well in Dir Abu Da'if due to the lack of a construction permit. The well was in Area C (Jenin).

Other incidents (not involving demolitions/property damage):

- **7 November:** The IDF issued and distributed 17 stop work and demolition orders to the residents of Zanuta hamlet, located south of Adh Dhahiriya (Hebron).
- **8 November:** The IDF issued an "Area Closure" military order (No. S/02/07) which declared an area in An Nu'man village as a closed area into which only residents of the village or those who hold special permits are allowed. The order expires on 31 December 2008 (Bethlehem).
- **8 November:** The IDF issued military order number T/31/07 calling for the requisitioning of 22 dunums from lands belonging to the municipalities of Bethlehem (*Arad Al Fassa* location) and Beit Sahur (An Nu'man village) for the purpose of establishing Mazmoriya Terminal (Bethlehem).

Ongoing incidents (not involving demolitions/property damage):

- **25 April to date:** The IDF continues to occupy the fourth floor of a four-storey Palestinian office building in Huwwara and has converted it into an observation post to monitor Road 60. The offices have nonetheless continued to operate (Nablus).
- **Early October to date:** The IDF continues to occupy the Abu Mayyala building located near the Ibrahimi Mosque in the H2 area of Hebron City (Hebron).

Internal Violence Incidents Affecting Shelter and Property:

- **9 November:** An Improvised Explosive Device (IED) was detonated at the main gate of El Marsa coffee shop in the Rimal quarter. The blast damaged the main gate. The motive behind the incident is unknown (Gaza).
- **11 November:** A group of unknown persons caused partial damage to the headquarters of the Popular Committees in a pre-dawn attack in the H1 area of Hebron City (Hebron).

4. Natural Resources

Land levelling/Requisitions/Tree Uprooting³

Olive Harvest

Previous Reporting Period

- **6 November:** The IDF prevented farmers from Beit Furik village from picking olives from their land and detained three farmers (Nablus).

Current Reporting Period

- **7 November:** A settler guard from the settlement of Karmi Tzur, located north of the town of Halhul, prevented Palestinian and French volunteers from collecting olives on Palestinian land near the settlement. The IDF and Israeli civil Police were summoned to the location. After deliberations, volunteers were allowed to access the lands under the protection of the IDF. However, settlers from the settlement gathered, carried stones and approached the volunteers, who then left for safety reasons before they finished collecting olives (Bethlehem).
- **7 November:** Masked, armed settlers from Itamar settlement threatened a family from Yanun village and ordered them to leave their land within three days. The family was staying in a tent on their land in order to pick olives. International and Israeli peace activists helped the family in picking the olives and the family then left the area (Nablus).
- **8 November:** Settlers from Bracha settlement prevented farmers from Burin village from picking olives from their land. After liaising with the Israeli DCL, the farmers were allowed to pick olives the next day (Nablus).

Nablus Governorate:

Ongoing incident:

- **8 August to date:** The IDF continues construction work to upgrade the lanes at Beit Iba checkpoint (Nablus).

Jenin Governorate:

No incidents to report.

Tubas Governorate:

6 October: The community of Al Hadidiya had to pay a fine of NIS 2,820 in order to retrieve two tractors and two mobile water tanks that had been confiscated by the IDF. The community was requested to sign a pledge saying the villagers will not return to Khirbet Humsa, where they previously lived (Tubas).

Tulkarm Governorate:

Ongoing incident:

Land levelling continues around Avne Hefez and Enav settlements for the construction of a new fence (Tulkarm).

³ 4 dunums = 1 acre; 10 dunums = 1 hectare

Qalqiliya Governorate:

Ongoing incident:

Barrier construction: land levelling and construction work continue near Immatin village, between 'Azzun and Kafr Thulth, and between 'Azzun and Kafr Laqif (Qalqiliya).

Salfit Governorate:

Nothing to Report

Ramallah / Al Bireh Governorate:

6 November: The Israeli DCL officer in Ramallah (Beit El) informed OCHA that the Barrier construction is on hold pending a decision by the Ministry of Defence related to technical reasons.

Ongoing incidents:

- Barrier construction:
 - Barrier construction on Palestinian land extending between Rantis (northwest of Ramallah governorate) and Beit Nuba (southwest of Ramallah governorate) is complete, except for Al Midya-Ni'lin section.
 - Barrier construction between Al Midya and Ni'lin has been planned but is pending a decision by the Israeli High Court of Justice based on appeals submitted by Ni'lin village residents and Hashmon'im settlers (each side is demanding that the barrier be pushed closer to the other side).
 - **As of 6 November:** Construction on 'Abud land to encircle Beit Arye and Ofarim settlements as part of the extension of the "Ariel finger." Construction has been halted by the IDF due to technical reasons.
 - Construction of three "fabric of life" roads, which is part of an Israeli plan to build alternative roads for Palestinians *in lieu* of the main roads that have become closed due to closures and Barrier construction:
 - Construction continues at a fast pace of a new road between Rantis and Shuqba, parallel to bypass Road 465.
 - Construction continues of a road between Beit Liqya and Beit 'Anan.
 - Construction continues of a road between Beit 'Ur al Fauqa and Tira via an underpass under Road 443. The road is in its final stage.
 - Land levelling continues in order to construct a road between Beit Ur at Tahta and Beituniya.

Jericho Governorate:

No incidents to report.

Jerusalem Governorate:

Ongoing incidents:

- Barrier construction:
 - Construction continues along the projected route in the Jerusalem governorate. Exceptions to this are northeast of Al 'Eizariya towards Ma'ale Adummim settlement. Construction has been stopped along a 3 km stretch of the Barrier south of Ma'ale Adummim and Kedar since 3 March 2006 pending a court case.
 - Construction near Ar Ram checkpoint between Dahiyat Al Bareed and Atarot is complete. One detour route between the neighbourhoods of Ar Ram and Dahiyat Al Bareed remains possible but the Barrier will soon seal off this neighbourhood entirely from Ar Ram and the West Bank. The iron gate between Ar Ram and Dahiyet Al Bareed was closed all week for pedestrian and vehicular traffic, so all vehicular traffic took the detour route through Dahiyet Al Bareed neighborhood. Additional construction and infrastructure continues to be carried out on the remaining parts of the Barrier. It is planned that the gate will be used by Israeli security patrol vehicles and will not be open for humanitarian cases in the future.
 - The construction of a road barrier continues on Road 1 east of Az Za'ayem.
- Construction of an Israeli police station (two large buildings) in E1 is ongoing. E1, or East 1, is an area north of Ma'ale Adummim and Road 1. Major infrastructure

work is being carried out on the hill around the two buildings in preparation for building the roads that will lead to the police station.

- The road between Anata and Al 'Eizariya is under construction (Road 70). Another road (Road 80) is planned that will link Abu Dis to Road 1 east of the planned Barrier around Ma'ale Adummim. The road will be open for Palestinians only and is part of the "fabric of life" roads planned by the Israeli authorities.

Bethlehem Governorate:

11 November: The IDF bulldozed lands belonging to Al Ma'asara village as it continues working on building a road leading to Efrat settlement. Clashes between Palestinian farmers and the IDF took place that lead to the injury of a 52-year-old Palestinian man.

Ongoing incidents:

- Barrier construction:
 - The Barrier contractor continued the installation of 12-meters-high concrete blocks along the eastern side of Road 60 to the south of the Tunnel Checkpoint.
 - The Barrier contractor halted the installation of 8-meters-high concrete blocks along Road 60 between Al Khadr Tunnel and Al Nashash (southern entrance of Bethlehem City). A gate was installed at one of the remaining gaps in the Barrier at this point.
 - The Barrier contractor halted land levelling and asphaltting the section of the Barrier to the east of Efrat settlement.
 - Land levelling and installation of 12-meters-high concrete blocks was resumed in the Barrier section between the two tunnels.
 - Land levelling for the construction of the Barrier was halted around the Israeli settlement of Har Gilo.
- Land levelling for the construction of Al Khadr Tunnel was halted during the reporting period. This tunnel will be the only access point for Palestinian towns within the proposed Gush Ezion enclave.
- Construction of buildings for a new terminal continued next to Al Jab'a checkpoint.
- Land leveling, road building and installation of new buildings at An Nu'man terminal is ongoing.
- Land leveling and construction of new buildings is taking place in Betar Ilit, Elizar, and Efrat settlements.

Hebron Governorate:

Ongoing incidents:

- Construction of a building continued next to Beit Yatir checkpoint.
- Pavement of roads and construction of new buildings is taking place at the new Tarqumiya checkpoint.
- Construction of new buildings is taking place in Karmil, Susyia, Kiryat Arb'a and Shani settlements.
- Land leveling for building a new road, parallel to Road 60 between Shim'a settlement and Metar checkpoint, continued during the reporting period.

Gaza Strip:

- **7 November:** Seven IDF armoured vehicles moved from the border and entered approximately 400 metres into Gaza, north of Beit Hanoun. IDF bulldozers carried out levelling and excavation operations. At 1400 hours, the IDF withdrew from north of Beit Hanoun but remained in the former Nissanit settlement bloc (North Gaza).
- **7 November:** Two IDF bulldozers and two Armoured Personnel Carriers (APCs) entered the area between the Karni and Nahal Oz crossings inside the Gaza Strip. They carried out levelling and excavation operations (Gaza).
- **7 November:** Approximately 12 IDF armoured vehicles entered about 1,500 metres into Abu Al Ajeen area. The bulldozers conducted a levelling operation and uprooted about 80 dunums of olive and citrus trees (Central Gaza).
- **9 November:** Three IDF tanks and two bulldozers entered about 500 metres into Gaza northwest of Beit Lahiya. The bulldozers conducted excavation operations in the area. The IDF subsequently withdrew to the border (North Gaza).
- **10 November:** Four IDF tanks and three bulldozers entered 300 metres into Gaza east of Al Bureij Camp. The bulldozers conducted excavation operations in the area. The IDF subsequently withdrew to the border (Central Gaza).
- **11 November:** Two IDF tanks and two APCs entered about 400 metres into the former Nissanit settlement north of Beit Lahiya. The IDF conducted excavation and levelling operations. As of 13 November, the IDF operation is ongoing (North Gaza).

- **13 November:** Two IDF APCs and a bulldozer moved to the Erez Industrial Zone and conducted an excavation operation (North Gaza).

5. Access and Movement for Civilians

a) Incidents of curfews

Table 2: Incidents of Curfew Imposed by the IDF

Date	Location, Governorate	Duration
7-11 November 2007	'Azzun , Qalqiliya	46 hours
8-9 November 2007	Az Zawiya, Salfit	8 hours
8-9 November 2007	'Asla, Qalqiliya	14 hours
Total Week		68 hours

7- 11 November: The IDF imposed a curfew on 'Azzun village three times during the night after Palestinians threw stones at Israeli settlers' vehicles on the nearby Road 55. The curfew was imposed on 7 and 8 November from 1700 until 1000 hours (17 hours), on 9 and 10 November from 1700 until 0300 hours (10 hours), and on 10 and 11 November from 1600 – 1100 (19 hours) (Qalqiliya).

8 and 9 November: The IDF imposed a curfew on Az Zawiya village for eight hours (2100 – 0500) after Palestinians threw stones at Israeli settlers' vehicles on the nearby Road 5 (Salfit).

8 and 9 November: The IDF imposed curfew on 'Asla village for 14 hours (1500 – 0500) after an explosion took place near 'Asla Barrier gate (Qalqiliya).

Ongoing incidents:

b) Access to education

- **During the reporting period:** The IDF and Israeli Police escorting Palestinian students to and from their elementary school in At Tuwani (south Hebron) to their homes in Tuba and Magyar Al Abid came on schedule to meet the students. The escort has been provided since 2004 to protect the students from attacks by Israeli settlers from the Ma'on settlement. However, while the escort decision stipulates that the soldiers walk with the children, the soldiers usually stay in the jeep while the students walk alone in front of the IDF jeep (Hebron).

c) Access to employment

Ongoing incidents:

- Since 12 March 2006, Palestinian workers from the Gaza Strip have been prevented from entering Israel.
- In the West Bank, all Palestinians must apply to the DCL offices in the Jerusalem peripheries to obtain permits to work in Israel or Israeli settlements. The criteria for people to be eligible for a permit are similar for both workers and traders; a Palestinian should be above 35 years of age, married with at least one child, and with no security file.
- **During the reporting period,** Palestinian workers from the governorate of Hebron holding valid permits to work in Israel were obliged to stay overnight in front of the Meitar checkpoint, located south of the town of Adh Dhahiriya (Hebron), in order to reach their workplaces inside Israel on time. This checkpoint is the only checkpoint in the governorate of Hebron that can be used by Palestinian workers to reach their work places inside Israel. It is manned by the Israeli Border Police and checks are conducted using palm identification. Similarly, Palestinian workers from the governorate of Bethlehem holding valid work permits began queuing at 0300 at Gilo checkpoint in order to cross when the gate opens at 0500 to reach their work places inside Israel (Hebron and Bethlehem).

d) Closures/movement restrictions

Nablus Governorate:

7 November: Palestinians flattened part of the earth wall on the dirt road connecting Qaryut village with Road 60. The road is now open and Palestinians can access the village (Nablus).

Ongoing incidents:

- **29 October to date:** The IDF continues to close the southern entrance of Jamma'n village with road blocks. The closure was placed four days after a drive-by shooting incident on an adjacent road (Road 505).

- **29 October to date:** The IDF continues to close a gate connecting 'Asira Ash Shamaliya village with 'Asira Ash Shamaliya checkpoint, denying access through the checkpoint, including to ambulances with emergency cases.
- **29 August to date:** The IDF continues to close 'Asira ash Shamaliya checkpoint (Nablus) for all except ambulances in emergency cases.
- **28 March to date:** The IDF continues to close Shave Shomron checkpoint (Nablus) for all Palestinians, ambulances, UN agencies, and international organisations.

Jenin Governorate:

Ongoing incidents:

- **30 August 2006 to date:** The IDF continues to allow 40 commercial trucks (with a freight load of under two tonnes) to transport food products into Barta'a enclave. A list with the plate numbers of trucks permitted to pass is present at the checkpoint. Other materials require prior coordination.

Tubas Governorate:

During the reporting period, Palestinians encountered long delays on a daily basis due to flying checkpoints set up by the IDF on bypass Road 60.

Tulkarm Governorate:

No incidents to report

Qalqiliya Governorate:

Ongoing incidents:

- **18 May to date:** The IDF continues to close the road connecting Izbat at Tabib with 'Azzun and 'Asla villages with an earth mound.
- **13 July to date:** The IDF soldiers positioned at the partial checkpoint placed at the eastern entrance of Qalqiliya City (DCO) continue to prevent Arab Israelis from entering Qalqiliya City.
- **31 October to date:** The IDF continued to close the main entrance of 'Azzun village with a road block preventing vehicular movement. Palestinians have been forced to make a detour in order to reach Qalqiliya City and the main road.

Salfit Governorate:

13 November: The IDF closed all the dirt roads leading out of Marda village and placed a flying checkpoint at the main entrance, preventing residents' movement. These measures were allegedly taken in response to stone throwing by Palestinians toward Israeli settlers' vehicles passing on Road 505 (Salfit).

Ongoing incidents:

- **28 October to date:** The IDF continued to close the entrance of Kifl Hares village with road blocks (Salfit).
- The IDF continues to close the gate at the northern entrance of Kafr ad Dik.

Ramallah / Al Bireh Governorate:

Ongoing incidents:

- **1 July to date:** The road gate of At Tira opens three times a day for half an hour each time. The gate is used by the residents travelling in Palestinian-plated taxis to enter/exit the village. Only 11 Palestinian taxis are permitted to cross and travel on Road 443 (Ramallah).

Jericho Governorate/Jordan Valley:

Ongoing incidents:

- **14 September 2006 to date:** The IDF regulation that only Palestinians with Jericho residency, Jerusalem ID-holders, and residents of Bethlehem and Hebron, would be able to exit via the Jericho DCO checkpoint continued, forcing all others to either request a permit or to travel on the Al Mu'arrajat old road to reach the rest of the West Bank. Palestinians employed by international organisations, humanitarian workers and residents of Abu Dis, Ash Sheikh Sa'd, Al 'Eizariya, Az Za'ayyem and As Sawahira villages are allowed to exit Jericho via the DCO checkpoint.
- **9 January to date:** Bisan checkpoint has been open for Palestinian merchants from the Jordan Valley and Jericho to export their agricultural produce into Israel using a back-to-back system. Palestinians from the West Bank in possession of BMC cards (trader permits), are allowed through this checkpoint into Israel. Palestinians working for international organisations continue to be prohibited from using Bisan checkpoint.

- **26 April to date:** Movement into the Jordan Valley from the rest of the West Bank continues to be controlled through the four main checkpoints: Tayasir, Hamra, Ma'ale Ephraim and Yitav. A personal permit is no longer required to enter the Jordan Valley for West Bank residents through Hamra and Tayasir checkpoints only. Access is only possible with public transportation as West Bank private vehicles continue to be prohibited from entering the Jordan Valley.

Jerusalem Governorate:

3 November: Approximately 10 Palestinians were denied access to Az Z'ayyem village without being given any reasons. The Israeli Border Police held their IDs for at least one hour until the Israeli DCL intervened upon being contacted by OCHA.

5 November: Long delays of up to two hours were experienced at Wadi Nar checkpoint due to a prolonged process of ID checking by Israeli Border Police. Palestinian commuters report that these delays have become more common recently.

Bethlehem Governorate:

11 November: IDF soldiers manning the Gush Etzion checkpoint delayed a number of buses travelling from Hebron governorate to Ramallah City to commemorate the third anniversary of the death of the late Palestinian President Yasser Arafat (Bethlehem).

Hebron Governorate:

8 November: IDF soldiers manning Beit Yattir checkpoint prevented the Spanish organisation Action Against Hunger from reaching the Abu Qbeita family located beyond the checkpoint.

Gaza Strip

Functioning of Gaza crossing points:

- Erez crossing operated on six days this week for the movement of diplomats, international humanitarian workers, and critical medical cases with special coordination arrangements. Senior Palestinian businessmen were also allowed to cross this week. (Appendix for daily log of movement is based on information's provided by Palestinian civil affair office, due to the absence of Palestinian DCL staff at the present time).
- Rafah crossing was closed this week.
- Karni crossing: the conveyor belt/chute operated on two days (8 and 12 November) for the transfer of wheat grain and animal feed into Gaza. However, the crossing has remained generally closed for other imports and all exports since 12 June.
- Sufa crossing was partially open on four days (8, 11, 12 and 13 November) for the import of calves. Sufa crossing was officially closed on 28 October 2007.
- Kerem Shalom crossing was open on six days for the import of commercial and humanitarian goods. Since the closure of Sufa on 28 October, Kerem Shalom is now effectively the only crossing allowing the entry of commercial and humanitarian goods into Gaza.
- Nahal Oz energy pipelines were open on six scheduled operating days.
- Gaza fishermen were permitted to fish up to six nautical miles off the coastline.

Ongoing incidents:

- Following the Gol unilateral disengagement from the Gaza Strip in September 2005, the IDF announced that Palestinians should keep a distance of at least 150 metres from the perimeter fence along the eastern and northern borders of the Gaza Strip.
- On 28 December 2005, the IDF declared the former northern settlement bloc to be a "no-go" zone. Officially, entry into the area for the 250 Palestinian residents and international organisations requires prior coordination with the IDF. Since 17 May, IDF presence in this area has been enforcing this ban.
- **17 May to date:** Palestinian farmers have been unable to reach their farms in the areas east and north of Beit Hanoun and north and northwest of Beit Lahia due to ongoing IDF military activities. Palestinian farmers have also been unable to reach farms located east of Al Bureij Camp and east of Khan Yunis due to intermittent military operations by the IDF. In total, at least 200 dunums planted with a variety of crops are currently inaccessible since IDF soldiers regularly open fire towards the area.

Table 3: Reported IDF Flying (random) Checkpoints in the West Bank

Governorate	Location, # of flying checkpoints in brackets	Total # of flying checkpoints
Nablus	As Sawiya (1)	1
Jenin	Arraba (3), Sanur (1), Fahma (1), Jaba'a (1), Qabatiya (2), Az Zababida (1), Kaf Dan (1), Sir (1), Rummana (1), Zbuba (1), Al Yamun (1)	14
Tubas	Al Faf'a (1)	1
Tulkarm	Bala'a (1)	1
Qalqiliya	'Azzun (7), Kafr Thulth (3), Jit (1), Jayyus (3), 'Izbat at Tabib (1), Sanniriya (2), Jinsafut (1), Wadi Qana (2)	20
Salfit	Haris (2), Kifl Haris (1), Az Zawiya (1), Salfit City (1), Marda (1)	6
Ramallah/Al Bireh	Bypass Road 60 (7)	7
Jericho	-	
Jerusalem	Entrance to 'Anata (1)	1
Bethlehem	Bethlehem (1), Ash Shawareh (1), Beit Jala (1), Beit Fajjar (1), Al 'Ubeidiya (1), Dar Salah, Doha (1), Tequ' (2)	8
Hebron	H1 Area of Hebron City (5), Sa'ir (2), Dura (2), Yatta (3)	12
Total West Bank		71

6. [Search/Arrests/Detentions](#)

Table 4: Searches, Arrests, and Detentions Conducted by the Israeli Authorities (IDF, Border Police, Civil Administration...etc)

Governorate	Location of arrests/detention by the IDF, number of searches noted at locations within brackets	Total # of Searches	Total # of Arrested/ Detained
West Bank			
Nablus	Nablus City (5), Balata RC (4), Camp # 1 (1), Huwwara CP	10	49
Jenin	Jenin City (3), Jenin RC (2), Kafr Dan (1), Qabatiya (3), Ya'bad (1)	10	2
Tubas	Tubas City (2), Al Far'a village (1), Tammun (1)	4	0
Tulkarm	Tulkarm City (2), Shuweika (1), Tulkarm RC (1), Ikataba (1), Deir al Ghusun (1), Qaffin (1), flying CP Ramin	7	22
Qalqiliya	'Azzun (7), Qalqiliya City (5), Jit (3), Hajja (3), Jayyus (2), 'Asla (3), Izbat at Tabib (2), Habla (2)	27	2
Salfit	Marda (1), Kafr ad Dik (1)	2	0
Ramallah	Ramallah (4), Al Ama'ari RC (1)	5	23
Jericho	-	0	0
Jerusalem	-	0	0
Bethlehem	Bethlehem City (1), ¹ Beit Jala City (1), Duheisha RC (1), Beit Fajjar (2)	5	5
Hebron	H1 Area of Hebron City (3), H2 Area of Hebron City (1), ² Dura (1), Yatta (2), Adh Dhahiriya (1), Taffuh (1), Beit Ummar (10)	19	25
Total Week West Bank		89	128
Gaza Strip			
North Gaza	Bedouin village-Beit Lahiya (1, 40)	1	40
Central Gaza ³	Abu El Ajeen (1)	1	100
Total Week Gaza Strip		2	140
Total Week occupied Palestinian territory		91	268

¹ The person arrested is Khaled Tafesh, a Hamas leader and PLC member.

² On 12 November, the IDF arrested two Palestinian boys (aged 15 years) for suspecting that they were attempting to stab IDF soldiers near the checkpoint.

³ Fifty (50) of those arrested were later released.

Table 5: Searches, Arrests, and Detentions Conducted by Palestinian Security Forces

Governorate	Location of arrests/detention (number of searches, number of arrests) – additional information	Total # of Searches	Total # of Arrested/ Detained
West Bank			
Nablus	Nablus City (1, 2), Balata RC (1, 2)	2	4
Jenin	Jenin (1, 3)	1	3
Tubas	'Aqaba (1, 1)	1	1
Tulkarm	Tulkarm (1, 7)	1	7
Qalqiliya	Immatin (1, 1)	1	1
Ramallah	Ramallah (1, 1)	1	1
Hebron	Beit Ummer (3, 2+)— Hamas members, H1 area of Hebron City (2, 2) ¹	5	4+
Total Week West Bank		12	21+
Gaza Strip²			
Central Gaza	Nusairat Camp (1, 50)—students for throwing stones at the ESF, Al Bureij Camp (1, 30)	2	80
Khan Younis	Ma'en (1, 4)—Fatah members	1	4
Total Week Gaza Strip		3	84
Total Week occupied Palestinian territory		15	105+

¹ On 8 November, PA security forces arrested the General Director of a local TV station for airing a speech delivered by the former Palestinian Prime Minister Isma'il Haniyeh. He was released on 10 November (Hebron).

² Carried out by the Gaza police affiliated with the dismissed Hamas government.

Appendix: Checkpoints: 7–13 November 2007

Checkpoint	Status
Tulkarm :	
Ephraim (Green line CP)	Operating from 0430 to 1900 hours Sunday to Thursday and 0430 to 1300 hours on Fridays for Palestinian workers and traders with permits to enter Israel.
Kafriat	Operating 24 hours. It is divided into three parts: one controls movement to and from Tulkarm town; one controls movement to Israel; and one controls movement to and from Khirbet Jbara.
Ar Ras/ Kafriat	The checkpoint is controls all traffic heading south from Tulkarm including residents of Jenin.
Jubara (new)	Manned gate at the Barrier serving Jubara community behind the Barrier.
Enav	Located at the eastern entrance of Tulkarm on Road 57.
Qalqiliya:	
Jaljoulia	Operating 24 hours. Access is only granted to holders of permits to enter Israel and to residents of Ras Tira, Ad Dab'a, Wadi Ar Rasha, Ramadin and Arab Abu Farda, which are isolated behind the Barrier. Ambulances from Qalqiliya town to these five villages need prior coordination with DCL. Only vehicles leaving the West Bank are subject to security checks.
Qalqiliya North (Green Line CP)	Operating from 0400 to 1900 hours Sunday to Thursday and from 0400 to 1400 hours on Fridays for Palestinian permit holders. The checkpoint is used by Palestinian workers and merchants with permits to enter Israel.
Qalqiliya DCO Partial CP (New)	Controls the main eastern entrance of Qalqiliya city.
Izbat Jalu'd Partial CP (New)	South of Habla village, controls access to the southern entrance of Qalqiliya city.
Ras 'Atiya (New)	Barrier Checkpoint
'Azzun Atma (new)	Barrier Checkpoint
Jit Junction, Partial CP	Located at the key junction connecting the governorates of Nablus, Qalqiliya and Tulkarm.
Salfit:	
Deir Ballut	Operating from 0600 to 1800 hours. The checkpoint controls movement between Ramallah and the villages in the western Salfit governorate.
Kafr Kasem On Road 5.	Operating for 24 hours for UN, international organisations and Palestinians with permits to enter Israel.
Nablus:	
Huwvara Southern main entrance	Operating from 0500 to 2300 hours for humanitarian organisations and Palestinian pedestrians. Israeli citizens can pass only after prior liaison with the IDF. Public transportation and private vehicles need permits to pass the checkpoint between 0600 and 2100 hours. Commercial trucks are not allowed to pass.
Beit Iba Western entrance, mainly for trade	Operating from 0600 to 2100 hours for humanitarian organisations and Palestinians. Israeli citizens, Palestinian holders of Jerusalem IDs and holders of international passports can pass only following prior liaison with the IDF. Public transportation, commercial trucks, trucks carrying aggregates and private vehicles need permits to pass the checkpoint.
Al Tur Southern checkpoint connecting the Samaritan area of Jarzim with Nablus City	Operating from 0600 to 1800 hours from Sunday to Friday for Samaritans and the 13 Palestinian non-Samaritan families living east of the checkpoint.
Beit Furik Eastern gate and checkpoint.	One of the major linkages between Nablus and the Jordan Valley. Operating from 0600 until 2100 hours for villagers from Beit Furik and Beit Dajan. All residents heading south have to enter Nablus and cross through the main Nablus checkpoints.
Shave Shomeron Northwest, main road to Jenin	Closed since 15 August 2005 for Palestinians as well as for ambulances, UN and humanitarian organisations. For the latter category, the checkpoint was temporarily opened between 1 and 28 March 2007, after which it was re-closed.
Tappouah South, main road to Ramallah	Operating 24 hours. Controls Palestinian movement on Roads 60 and 505 southwards.
17' 'Asira ash Shamaliya (Closed) On road leading to Nablus's	As of 29 August, the IDF closed the checkpoint for all except ambulances in emergency cases.

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Yizhar, Partial CP	Located north of Huwwara village on Road 60.
Majdal Bani Fadel Partial CP (New)	Controls access of the northern areas to road 505.
Al Badhan, Partial CP	Located on Road 57 leading to the Jordan Valley, Tubas and Jenin.
Jenin :	
Al Jalama (Green Line CP)	Is an entrance to Israel. Crossing for commercial goods and workers into Israel. Operating between 0600 to 1930 hours Sunday to Thursday and 0700 to 1400 hours on Fridays.
Reikhan <i>Main gate to the Barta'a ash-Sharqiya/ Umm ar Rihan enclave</i>	Operating between 0500 to 2030 hours for Palestinians living in the enclave behind the Barrier as well as UN and international organisations crossing in their vehicles. Pedestrians can cross until 2200. 34 vehicles with their plate numbers on a list at the checkpoint are allowed to transport foodstuffs into the closed area behind the Barrier from 0500 to 1700. Other materials need prior coordination.
Salim DCO (Green Line CP)	Entrance to the Israeli DCL.
Mevo Dotan <i>On Road 585 near Ya'bad</i>	Operating from 0700 to 1900 hours for all Palestinians.
Tubas :	
Bisan <i>Main entrance to Israel</i>	Located north of Tubas. Since 9 January, the checkpoint is officially operating from 1000 to 1800 hours Sunday through Thursday, 0600 to 1200 hours on Fridays, and closed on Saturdays and Jewish holidays. Open to Palestinians from the West Bank in possession of businessman cards, in addition to an Israeli permit, who are allowed through this checkpoint into Israel. Palestinians working for international organisations continue to be prohibited from using Bisan checkpoint.
Tayasir <i>Gate to the Tubas eastern agricultural lands in the Jordan Valley</i>	Previously the main road to Jordan, Tubas and Jenin. Officially operating between 0300 and 2200 hours. As of 26 April, this checkpoint is now open for all Palestinians from the West Bank governorates. Access is only permitted with public transportation as West Bank private vehicles continue to be prohibited. Commercial trucks are also able to cross. An Israeli permit to access the Jordan Valley via this checkpoint is no longer required. Delays continue to be reported during the evening hours.
Ma'ale Efrayim <i>Southeast connecting Jericho and Nablus</i>	Southeast connecting Jericho and Nablus. Officially open between 0600 and 2200 hours. Closed for Palestinians unless they have a Jordan Valley address on their ID cards or are in possession of an Israeli permit to allow them to be present in the Jordan Valley areas. The same restrictions apply to commercial trucks.
Hamra <i>East, before closure regime main road to Jordan and Nablus</i>	Previously the main road to Jordan and Nablus. Officially open between 0300 and 2200 hours. As of 26 April, the checkpoint is open for all West Bank Palestinians. Access is only permitted to commercial trucks and people travelling in public transportation. West Bank private vehicles continue to be prohibited. An Israeli permit to access the Jordan Valley via this checkpoint is no longer required.
Ramallah/AI Bireh:	
Bet El/DCO	Since 20 August the checkpoint has been in operation from 0600 to 2000 hours. Access in vehicles is reserved only for diplomats, foreign passport holders, UN staff, international humanitarian organisations, PRCS and PMRS ambulances, staff of the water and electricity companies and Palestinians with special work permits. Manned by IDF reserve soldiers.
'Atara Bridge	Manned by Border Police. No permits are required to cross the checkpoint. As of 1 December, random checks of Palestinian vehicles and IDs going through the checkpoint in both directions.
An Nabi Salih gate, Partial CP	Usually open.
At Tayba	Manned by the IDF. Controls movement between Ramallah governorate and the Jordan Valley and is placed at the intersection between bypass Road 458 and Road 449 (Al Mu'arrajat road that connects Road 90 to Road 458). No permits are required to cross the checkpoint. Beginning on 1 July, the partial checkpoint has become a permanent one and there have been random checks of the vehicles and IDs of Palestinians crossing the checkpoint.
Makkabim <i>On Highway 443</i>	Usually open for Israelis, Jerusalem ID holders and foreign passport holders. Road 443 is off-limits to West Bank Palestinians, except those with permits to enter Israel/Jerusalem.
Ni'lin	Operating daily 24 hours for Israelis, Jerusalem ID holders, and foreign passport holders. Palestinian merchants with BMC cards, workers inside Israel, coordinated medical cases and holders of Israeli permits for personal needs are allowed through the checkpoint.

Rantis	Operating daily 24 hours for Israelis and holders of Jerusalem IDs and foreign passports. West Bank Palestinians are not allowed to cross irrespective of their possession of permits to enter Israel.
Jericho:	
DCO <i>Main checkpoint off Road 1</i>	Operating daily for 24 hours. No permits are required for Jericho residents, holders of foreign passports and Palestinians with Jerusalem ID cards. As of 14 September 2006, West Bank ID holders need permits to leave Jericho via the DCO (exceptions apply for Palestinians employed by international organisations, humanitarian workers, residents of Abu Dis, Ash Sheikh Sa'd, Al 'Eizariya, Az Za'ayyem, As Sawahira, and residents of Bethlehem and Hebron). All vehicles including public taxis and commercial trucks have to have checkpoint permits to exit Jericho via this checkpoint unless they have Jericho or Jerusalem registration. As of 26 September 2007, Palestinians from the Ramallah governorate (both pedestrians and in vehicles) are allowed to exit Jericho via this checkpoint.
Al 'Auja (Yitav) <i>On Road 90</i>	Operating 24 hours for Palestinians living in Jericho governorate. Palestinian non-residents of Jericho and holding West Bank IDs going north towards al 'Auja and the Jordan Valley area are prohibited to pass through unless they hold Israeli permits to allow them access to the area. No permit is required for those travelling to Ramallah.
Gate opposite Allenby <i>Checkpoint off Road 90</i>	Gate manned by the IDF but remains closed. Soldiers open the gate only for shuttle busses taking Palestinians to Jordan via Allenby Border crossing.
An Nwemeh, Partial CP <i>North Jericho</i>	Usually open. The checkpoint leads to al Mu'arrajat road, which is the only road out of Jericho for residents of Ramallah and the northern West Bank.
Dead Sea Becomes permanent as of: 1 July 2007	Located on Road 90 alongside the Dead Sea. As of 31 October the checkpoint is manned by the Border Police. Open 24 hours daily for Israelis, Jerusalem ID holders, and holders of foreign passports. Access to the Dead Sea area is prohibited for Palestinians with West Bank IDs, except those with permits to work in Israeli settlements.
Jerusalem :	
Qalandiya	Open for internationals, Jerusalem blue ID holders and Palestinians with West Bank IDs. Only drivers of vehicles and their family members are allowed through inside the vehicle. Passengers, both West Bank and Jerusalem ID holders, have to cross through the pedestrian lanes. Israeli private security guards are present at the checkpoint, in addition to the IDF, and conduct extra random security checks. Significant delays at Qalandiya were reported at the pedestrian lane.
Hizma <i>Eastern entrance of junction</i> <i>Road 437/Psigat Ze'ev</i> <i>settlement</i>	Open for Israelis, Palestinians with Jerusalem ID cards and internationals. UN staff have been requested on several occasions to show personal ID/national passports in addition to their UN ID card. West Bank Palestinians with valid permits are not allowed to cross through this checkpoint unless they belong to one of the new 'facilitated' categories; Palestinians working for international organisations, medical staff, chronic patients, teachers and prominent businessmen (BMC Card holders).
Az Za'ayyem <i>North eastern entrance, on</i> <i>Road 1</i>	Open for Israelis, Palestinians with Jerusalem IDs and internationals. As this is not one of the four designated terminals into Jerusalem, West Bank Palestinians with valid permits are not allowed to cross unless they belong to one of the new 'facilitated' categories; Palestinians working for international organisations, medical staff, chronic patients, teachers and prominent businessmen (BMC Card holders).
Ar Ram <i>Northern entrance, on Road 60</i>	Open for internationals, diplomats, Palestinians working for international organisations and residents of the southern part of Dahiyat al Bareed (soon to be within the Barrier) with their names and ID numbers registered on a list held at the checkpoint. As this is not one of the four designated terminals into Jerusalem West Bank Palestinians with valid permits are not allowed to cross.
Bir Nabala / Atarot <i>Northern entrance on Road</i> <i>404 /45 Road Atarot Junction</i>	Open for Israelis, Palestinians with East Jerusalem ID cards, and Palestinians with valid permits and internationals. UN staff have been requested on several occasions to show personal ID/national passports in addition to their UN ID card.
Ramot Alon <i>North western entrance on</i> <i>Road 436</i>	Open for Israelis, Palestinians with East Jerusalem ID cards and internationals. UN staff requested on several occasions to show personal ID/national passports in addition to their UN ID card.
Shu'fat Refugee Camp/ 'Anata Checkpoint	Open 24 hours for Palestinians with East Jerusalem IDs and UN and international organisations; Palestinians from the West Bank need a permit. West Bank vehicles are not allowed to pass. Commercial trucks are not allowed through this checkpoint unless the merchandise

	itself is from Shu'fat camp. All other commercial trucks from the West Bank must use Beituniya checkpoint.
Wadi Nar <i>East of Abu Dis, main transit between north and south West Bank</i>	Open for all Palestinian vehicles without permits and for internationals. Israeli yellow-plated cars are not allowed to cross. Long delays have been reported at this checkpoint recently.
Az Zaytoun (olive) <i>North eastern entrance on Road 1</i>	Operating 24 hours for pedestrians only. Access is permitted for Jerusalem ID holders, Palestinians holding West Bank IDs and valid permits, and internationals with valid Israeli visas. No vehicles are allowed to cross.
Abu Dis <i>Between Abu Dis and Ras al "Amud</i>	Closed. Access only for military and Barrier construction contractors.
Lazarus	Closed. Access only for military and Barrier construction contractors.
Bir Nabala / Rafat / Masyion <i>On the new road between Rafat and Bir Nabala village</i>	This checkpoint has been moved further north on the new Israeli-built Rafat road and is closer to the Ramallah neighborhood of Masyion. Delays for people going out of Ramallah were experienced during the morning and evening rush hours.
Jaba' <i>Between Jaba' Junction and Qalandiya CP</i>	Random checks by the IDF soldiers. Delays on daily basis up to 30 minutes were reported by Palestinians entering Ramallah.
Atarot junction- <i>(At the roundabout leading to bypass Road 45)</i>	This checkpoint has become a permanent checkpoint and constantly manned by the Border Police. Checks for vehicles coming towards Qalandiya/Beit Hanina.
Bethlehem :	
Gilo (Rachel's Tomb) <i>Terminal at north entrance to Bethlehem leading to Jerusalem</i>	Manned by the Israeli Border Police. Open 24 hours for humanitarian organisations, diplomats, Jerusalem ID holders and Palestinians with valid permits. West Bank Palestinians (including those working for the UN and other international agencies) have to walk through the terminal to undergo search procedures. Jerusalem ID holders passing into Bethlehem are being asked to prove that they reside in areas falling within Jerusalem boundaries. UN staff have been requested on several occasions to show personal ID/national passports in addition to their UN ID card. Yellow-plated tourist buses are allowed to enter Bethlehem only if driven by an Arab Israeli. Palestinians holding valid work permits can access East Jerusalem and Israel through this checkpoint. Palestinian workers from the governorates of Bethlehem and Hebron holding valid work permits begin queuing from 0300 hours at Gilo checkpoint in order to cross when the gate opens at 0500 and be on time to reach their work places inside Israel.
An Nu'man <i>On the main entrance of Khamat an Nu'man from Beit Sahur side</i>	Manned by the Israeli Border Police. Only Palestinians living in the village, listed vehicles and drivers of service providers are allowed through. Extended family members are not allowed to visit Palestinian residents of the village. International organisations wishing to enter the village are required to hold a permit, show their organisation's ID and their national IDs and/or passports. As of 31 August 2007, the checkpoint is operating for settlers between 0600 hours and 1800 hours to allow them to travel on the Jerusalem-Gush Herodion highway.
Ein Yallow/AI Walaja <i>Bypass road east of Walaja, on Green Line</i>	Manned by the Israeli Border Police and open 24 hours for Israeli-plated cars and international organisations only. Commercial trucks are also allowed to cross.
Beit Jala DCO, Partial CP <i>Entrance to Beit Jala</i>	Rarely manned. Usually open 24 hours and movement is allowed in both directions for all vehicles.
Tunnels <i>Road 60 at Har Gilo</i>	Operating 24 hours and since 23 February manned by the Israeli Border Police and private security firm staff. Open for international humanitarian organisations although local staff are being requested to show their local IDs with a valid entry permit in order to proceed into Jerusalem. Other Palestinians with permits are not allowed to cross and are redirected to Gilo checkpoint. UN are regularly requested to show personal ID/national passports in addition to their UN ID card. The checkpoint is still used by East Jerusalem ID holders. Commercial trucks are only allowed to go through between 1100 and 1600 hours. Palestinian ambulances use the back-to-back system to send Palestinian patients to hospitals in East Jerusalem or Israel. Currently, there are six lanes leading to the Tunnels Terminal, four of which lead north from Road 60 into Jerusalem while the other two lead from Jerusalem to the south.
Settlers' Checkpoint – Efrata	Operating 24 hours. Checkpoint manned by Israeli settlers and there are restrictions on the movement of Palestinians beyond it.
Gush Etzion <i>On Road 60, at Etzion turn</i>	Operating 24 hours. IDF soldiers checking northbound vehicles. Private Palestinian plated cars can pass. On 11 November, IDF

	soldiers manning the checkpoint delayed a number of buses travelling from Hebron governorate to Ramallah City to commemorate the third anniversary of the death of the late Palestinian President Yasser Arafat.
Wadi Fukin <i>Crossing to Israel on Road 375. Not on the Green Line</i>	Operating 24 hours for Israelis and staff of international organisations.
Al Jab'a <i>Crossing to Israel on Road 36. Not on the Green Line</i>	Operating 24 hours for Israelis and staff of international organisations. Land levelling is ongoing to enlarge the checkpoint.
Betar Illit <i>Access to the settlement of Betar Illit and nearby Palestinian lands.</i>	Palestinian land owners can access the land upon showing personal IDs.
Mizpe Shalem <i>On Road 90, along Dead Sea</i>	Operating 24 hours; restricted for WB Palestinians who are not permitted to go to the Dead Sea.
Hebron :	
Beit Awwa, Partial CP <i>At entrance to Negohot settlement, on Road 354</i>	Crossing along Road 354. Manned by the Israeli Border Police. The checkpoint is currently operating 24 hours with occasional ID checks. However, it has been reported by MSF (Médecins Sans Frontier/Doctors Without Borders) that thorough checks and maltreatment have been experienced by staff especially while trying to reach Palestinian families living along the road leading to the settlement of Negohot.
Tarqumiya <i>Entrance for commercial goods (back-to-back), west of Hebron on Road 35 for both Hebron and Bethlehem governorates. Not on the Green Line.</i>	Workers are usually allowed to cross from 0500 to 1700 hours. Palestinian workers from the governorates of Bethlehem and Hebron holding valid work permits were allowed free access. The back-to-back section is open from 0700 to 1700 hours; goods are moving across smoothly and all cargo is checked by the IDF Military Police. 'Family visits' coordinated by ICRC for Palestinians detained in Israel were carried out as normal through this checkpoint.
Meitar <i>Crossing to Israeli. Road 60 on the Green Line.</i>	Manned by the Israeli Border Police and open between 0500 and 1900 hours. Checks are conducted using palm identification. Palestinian workers with valid permits are permitted to cross. During the reporting period, Palestinian workers were allowed to reach their work stations inside Israel through this checkpoint. Incidents of Palestinian workers holding valid work permits sleeping overnight at the checkpoint to ensure for themselves a reasonable chance of accessing Israel have also been reported.
Shani <i>At turn for Shani settlement on Road 317. On the Green Line.</i>	Manned by the IDF. Only Israeli plated cars are allowed to cross. Palestinian workers cannot use the checkpoint to access Israel.
Beit Yatir <i>On Road 316, at the turn for Imneizel. Not on the Green Line</i>	Operating 24 hours and manned by the IDF. The checkpoint restricts the movement of Palestinians living to the south of it close to the settlement of Beit Yatir. The Terminal is operational and the checkpoint was moved back behind the roundabout allowing Palestinians living in the nearby village of Imneizil to access their village without having to cross the checkpoint. On 8 November, IDF soldiers manning the checkpoint prevented the Spanish organisation Action Against Hunger from reaching the Abu Qbeita family located beyond the checkpoint.
Prayers Road, H2 <i>Access to area of Ibrahim Mosque</i>	Closed to Palestinians. During the reporting period, both Israeli settlers and IDF soldiers prevented Palestinian residents from accessing this road.
Shohada street, H2 <i>Western entrance to Shohada street</i>	Open to Palestinians living beyond the checkpoint and in the Tel Rumeida area. Access is possible only on foot. Palestinians and internationals have to go through a mobile metal detector.
Ibrahimi Mosque, H2 <i>Access to the Mosque</i>	Worshippers and visitors are searched upon entry. Residents living in the vicinity of the Mosque must hold a special permit to gain access to their homes.
Bab Al Baladiyye , H2 <i>Next to settlement of Beit Romano</i>	The checkpoint is closed to Palestinians heading in the direction of Shohada Street and a new gate has been installed across the road blocking physical access towards it.
Qarantina, H2 <i>Junction with Shohada Street</i>	Closed to Palestinians. It is the entry point for Palestinian fire trucks and ambulances. Officially closed for the use of international humanitarian organisations, though the TIPH have reported being able to use it.
Bab Al-Khan, H2 <i>Entrance to Avraham Avinu</i>	Closed to Palestinians heading in the direction of Shohada Street and north toward the market.
Tel Rumeida, H2 <i>Beginning of street leading to</i>	Operating only to Palestinians travelling on foot living between the checkpoint and the settlement. A military order was issued on 17 July

<i>settlement</i>	2006 that declared the area beyond the checkpoint as a "Closed Area" barring the entry of anyone beyond the checkpoint except Israeli citizens, IDF and Israeli Police or those with an IDF-issued permit.
Al Kasaba, H2 <i>Exit from the Kasaba, old city (Tomb of the Patriarchs)</i>	Permanent checkpoint which filters Palestinian movement from the Kasaba area directed to the Tomb of the Patriarchs. Movement is segregated for incoming and outgoing movement. Palestinians exiting Kasaba are processed through a combination of turnstiles, allowing one person at a time to pass, and a metal detector. The process is slow and problematic during Friday prayers. On 12 November, IDF soldiers detained two Palestinian boys (both aged 15 years) on the charge that they attempted to stab IDF soldiers.
Abu Rish, H2 <i>Near the Abu Rish Mosque at the end of Al Shohada St.</i>	Manned by the IDF. The only official access point for international organisations into the Old City of Hebron. Palestinians have to go through a mobile metal detector.
Ar Ramadin <i>At the entrance to Ar Ramadin village from Road 325. Not on the Green Line.</i>	This checkpoint was removed on 17 October 2007.
Halhul – Sa'ir, Partial CP <i>At the entrance to Halhul (also called 'Nabi Yunis' CP)</i>	Located on the junction between the two towns on Road 60. Monitored from the nearby observation tower.
Al Fawwar, Partial CP <i>Al Fawwar-Dura junction</i>	On Road 60. Monitored from the nearby observation tower.
Tarqumiya – Idhna, Partial CP	On Road 35. Manned on a temporary basis by the Israeli Border Police.
Ras Al Jora, Partial CP	Near the junction between Road 35 and Road 60. Manned on a temporary basis by the IDF.
Gaza Crossings/Checkpoints	
Erez crossing	<p>Erez was open on six days this week for Palestinian traders as well as for the movement of diplomats, international humanitarian workers, and critical medical cases with special coordination arrangements. Appendix for daily log of movement is based on information's provided by Palestinian civil affair office, due to the absence of Palestinian DCL staff at the present time:</p> <p>During the reporting period, 140 Palestinian patients and 123 persons accompanying the patients crossed Erez for medical treatment in Israelis, West Bank and Jordanian hospitals. During the same period, 91 Palestinians holding Business Man card (BMC) were allowed to cross Erez to Israel and the West Bank.</p> <p>The crossing remains closed for Palestinian workers since 12 March 2006.</p>
Rafah Passenger Terminal	Rafah crossing was closed all week. It was last open on 9 June.
Commercial checkpoints:	
Tulkarm/Qalqiliya	
Taybeh (Green line CP)	An Israeli private company has the responsibility for controlling the checkpoint. The back-to-back system has been operational for goods traffic from 0800 to 1600 hours Sunday to Thursday and closed on Fridays and Saturdays..
Nablus	
Awarta checkpoint <i>Main commercial checkpoint in Nablus since July 2003</i>	Operating from 0600 to 1800 hours, Sunday to Thursday, Friday from 0600 to 1400 hours and closed on Saturday. About 120 commercial trucks have permits to pass the checkpoint; all other loads must be transferred from one truck to another (the back-to-back system).
Jenin	
Al Jalama (Green line CP) <i>Main commercial checkpoint</i>	Operating between 0800 to 1600 hours Sunday to Thursday and 0700 to 1200 hours on Fridays.
Tubas	
Bisan <i>Main entrance to Israel</i>	Located north of Tubas. The checkpoint is officially open from 1000 to 1800 hours Sunday through Thursday, 0700 to 1300 hours on Fridays, and closed on Saturdays and Jewish holidays. Open for Palestinian merchants from the Jordan Valley and Jericho to export their agricultural produce into Israel via Bisan using the back-to-back system.
Ramallah/Al Bireh	
Beituniya <i>Back-to-back checkpoint</i>	Officially open between 0700 to 1630 hours Sunday to Thursday, 0700 to 1200 hours on Fridays, and closed Saturdays and Jewish

	holidays. Open for commercial goods and a back-to-back system is in operation. Only Palestinians holding Jerusalem IDs and driving Israeli yellow-plated trucks are allowed to pass through this checkpoint without using the back-to-back system, but only if the bill of lading stipulates Kafr 'Aqab and/or Sameeramees as offloading destinations. This checkpoint is not open for private cars or pedestrians. Since 1 July, UN staff and diplomats are not allowed to cross as it has become solely for the movement of goods.
Hebron	
Tarqumiya	Entrance for commercial goods (back-to-back), west of Hebron on Road 35 for both Hebron and Bethlehem governorates .The back-to-back section is open from 0700 to 1700 hours Sunday to Thursday, 0700 to 1300 Fridays, and closed Saturdays and holidays. During the reporting period long delays of trucking movement were reported due to the new procedures enforced by the IDF after the opening of the new Tarqumiya Terminal.
Gaza Strip	
Karni	The conveyor belt operated on 8 and 12 November for the transfer of grains and animal feed into Gaza. However, since 12 June, it has remained generally closed for all other items and for exports.
Sufa	Sufa crossing was partially open on 8, 11, 12 and 13 November for the import of calves.
Kerem Shalom	Kerem Shalom was open on six days (7, 8, 9, 11, 12 and 13 November) for the crossing of commercial and humanitarian goods. It was closed on 10 November.
Nahal Oz Energy Pipelines	Nahal Oz energy pipelines were open on six scheduled operating days. On 10 November, they were closed for the weekend.

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Method and Sources

The information used to compile these Briefing Notes comes from a range of sources with a field presence in the West Bank and the Gaza Strip. The accuracy of the reported information is ensured through the corroboration of reports by two additional sources. Typically, the OCHA Field Coordination Unit (FCU) receives an initial incident report from a source, which is verified through visits to the incident site in addition to further corroboration with a third source, such as an NGO. In addition, OCHA FCU collects military orders as documentary evidence and provides information on incidents witnessed in person.

In the interests of timeliness and readability, the sources are not listed for each incident within the texts of the report. Listed below are the sources relied upon each week in compiling this Briefing:

- Physical protection: OCHA FCU, Palestine Red Crescent Society (PRCS), United Nations Relief Works Agency (UNRWA), World Health Organisation (WHO), Israel Defence Forces (IDF) website, Israel Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MFA), offices of Palestinian Authority (PA) governors, Palestinian District Civilian Liaison (DCL).
- Shelter and property: OCHA FCU, UNRWA, Palestinian DCL.
- Natural Resources: OCHA FCU, Al Mezan Center for Human Rights, UNRWA, Palestinian DCL, Village Councils, Land Defence Committee and Land Research Centre.
- Access for Medical Assistance: OCHA FCU, WHO, PRCS, Palestinian Ministry of Health (MoH), UN World Food Programme, United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF), UNRWA.
- Access and Movement for Civilians: Sources: Palestinian DCL, Christian Peacemakers Team (CPT).
- Curfews: OCHA FCU, Village Councils, UNRWA, Palestinian DCL.
- Access to Education: OCHA FCU, UNRWA, UNICEF, Palestinian DCL, Village Councils.
- Access to Employment: UNRWA, United Nations Office of the Special Coordinator for the Middle East (UNSCO), Palestinian Ministry of Labour (MoL), Palestinian DCL, Palestinian Chamber of Commerce, Israeli DCL.
- Closures/Movement Restrictions: OCHA FCU, UNRWA.
- Additional Protection issues: OCHA FCU, UNRWA, United Nations Department of Safety and Security (UNDSS), UNSCO, Palestinian DCL's, Palestinian Governors' offices, Al Mezan Center for Human Rights, IDF.