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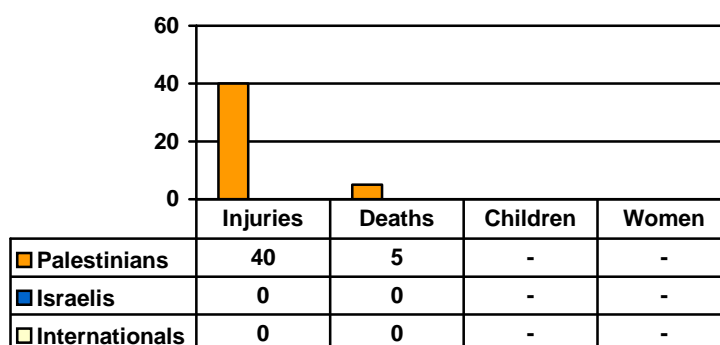
9-16 October 2007

Of note this week**Gaza Strip:**

- An armed Hamas member was killed by an IDF surface-to-surface missile and eight others were injured including a 14 year-old UNRWA school student as a result of IDF activities in the Gaza Strip. Ten Palestinians were arrested during an IDF operation in Johr Ed-Dik area, south of Karni crossing and Al Maghazi camp. IDF troops conducted house-search operations under cover of heavy helicopter gunfire south of Sufa crossing and east of Deir El Balah, where IDF troops called for all males aged 16 to 40 to gather in an open area for interrogation.
- Three homemade rockets were fired at Israel, two detonated in Gaza, one of which hit a Palestinian house injuring a 16 year-old Palestinian. Twenty one mortar shells were fired, nine of which were fired towards Kerem Shalom and six were fired towards Erez crossing.
- During the reporting period, IDF tanks and bulldozers entered into Palestinian areas and conducted levelling and excavation operations. IDF Bulldozers uprooted approximately 273 dunums of olive and citrus trees and bulldozed seven water wells in North, Central and Khan Yuonis Governorates.
- In two separate incidents, IDF gunboats opened fire towards Palestinian fishing boats west of Rafah and arrested five Palestinian fisher folk.
- Five UNRWA schools in Beit Hanoun and Beit Hanoun Health Centre were evacuated due to an IDF incursion.

West Bank:

- **10 October:** The IDF arrested a member of the Bethlehem Municipal Council.
- **11 October:** Israeli Police demolished a settlement outpost named Netzar which was located between the settlements of Elazara and Allon Shevut (Bethlehem). The outpost was established two years ago.
- **During the reporting period:** the IDF increased its presence in the H2 section of the City of Hebron due to *Laylat Al Qader* and Al Eid.
- **During the reporting period:** Checkpoints around Jerusalem were problematic. Delays at Jaba' checkpoint were encountered on a daily basis. Palestinians travelling to Ramallah encountered an average of 30 minutes delay.

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:

- **11 Oct:** Three armed Palestinians and a bystander were injured when an IAF helicopter fired three rockets targeting a group of armed Palestinians who were situated at Al Sekka street, west of Beit Hanoun, (North Gaza).
- **11 Oct:** Four Palestinian men, including a farmer, were injured when four IDF armoured vehicles moved from the border line about 300m into Gaza, east of Deir El Balah and opened fire at Palestinian farmers in the area. At 1100hours the IDF troops called for all males aged 16 to 40 to gather in an open area for interrogation, (Central Gaza).
- **13 Oct:** An armed Hamas member was killed when IDF stationed at the border fence north of Beit Hanoun fired a surface-to-surface missile targeting a group of armed Palestinians who were situated nearby, (North Gaza).
- **15 Oct:** A 14 years old Palestinian was injured when IDF troops stationed at the border fence east of Deir El Balah opened fire at a group of children who were situated near the border fence, (Central Gaza).

Other incidents (not involving casualties/damage):

- **10 Oct:** IDF gunboats open fire for 15 minutes towards Palestinian fishing boats west of Rafah. The fishing boats returned to shore and no injuries were reported, (Rafah).
- **12 Oct:** An IDF undercover unit entered into the Palestinian area east of Al Qarrara and exchange gun fire with armed Palestinians. No injuries were reported, (Khan Younis).
- **13 Oct:** Two mortar shells were fired from Maghazi camp towards the Green line. The IDF responded with heavy shooting. No injuries were reported, (Central Gaza).

West Bank:

- **9 October:** A 17-year old Palestinian female from Jabal Al Sindas neighbourhood of the City of Hebron was injured when a group of soldiers physically assaulted her while she was trying access Al Ibrahimi Mosque on *Laylat Al Qader*, (Hebron).
- **10 October:** A 22 year-old Palestinian man was shot dead and a 32 year-old Palestinian man was injured in Nablus city by live ammunition when an IDF undercover unit disguised in a PA security forces uniforms, entered the old city of Nablus and opened fire at the two Palestinians, (Nablus).
- **10 October:** Nine Palestinians were injured in Qalqiliya city during an IDF military operation; one boy aged 13 was injured by live ammunition, four boys aged 10, 11(2), 12 and two men aged 21 and 33 were injured by plastic coated metal bullets, one boy aged 12 was injured by shrapnel and one man 35 was physically assaulted and injured. The operation lasted for two days, (Qalqiliya).
- **11 October:** Four Palestinians were injured in 'Azzun village (Qalqiliya) during confrontations between the IDF and Palestinian stone throwers; one 28 years old Palestinian man, two girls aged 11 and 10 years old and an 11 year old boy were injured by plastic coated metal bullets, (Qalqiliya).
- **11 October:** A 21 year-old Palestinian man was shot dead when an IDF undercover unit opened fire at a Palestinian vehicle in Jenin city. One Palestinian from Jenin refugee camp was arrested in the same operation, (Jenin).
- **11 October:** A 13 year-old Palestinian boy was injured by plastic coated metal bullet in Beit Furik village during a confrontation between the IDF and Palestinian stone throwers, (Nablus).
- **13 October:** Four Palestinians were injured with rubber- coated metal bullets during a demonstration against the Barrier construction in Bil'in village. Several cases of tear gas inhalation were reported. Palestinian, Israeli and international activists continue to demonstrate against the non- implementation of the Israeli High Court decision to remove and change sections of the Barrier in the village, (Ramallah).
- **13 October:** A Palestinian male from Qalandiya village was injured due to physical assault by IDF soldiers during a patrol in the village, (Jerusalem).
- **14 October:** A 19-year old Palestinian man from the H1 section of the city of Hebron was injured when he was physically assaulted by IDF soldiers on foot patrol, (Hebron).
- **16 October:** In the early morning hours the IDF killed a 35 years-old male Palestinian militant and injured three other male militants aged 24, 26, 28 by a rifle launched grenade during a military operation in the Old City of Nablus. On the same morning a 70 year old man was killed by live ammunition when he tried to leave his house, the man was hit by four bullets in the chest and the back. Later in the day a 29 year old male Palestinian journalist was injured by plastic coated metal bullets while covering the operation in the city. In the afternoon a 30 year old Palestinian woman was injured by IDF live ammunition inside her home in the Old City. Confrontation erupted in the city between IDF and Palestinian stone throwers. Two boys, 15 and 17 years old, and a 20

year old man were injured by plastic coated metal bullets. A 19 year old man was physically assaulted and injured by the IDF, (Nablus).

- **16 October:** A 50 year-old Palestinian man was injured by a stone when settlers attacked Palestinian farmers from Tell village while they were picking their olives in their land near road 60, (Nablus).
- **16 October:** A 16 year-old Palestinian boy was injured by live ammunition in 'Anabta village during confrontation between the IDF and Palestinian stone throwers. (Tulkarm)
- **16 October:** Three Palestinian boys aged 15, 16 and 17 were injured in Marda village by plastic coated metal bullets during confrontation with IDF when the IDF occupied a house in the village, (Salfit).

Other incidents (not involving casualties/damage):

Nothing to report

Physical Protection - other incidents involving casualties²

Gaza Strip:

- **14 Oct:** A 25 years-old Fatah activist was abducted by unknown gunmen in Khan Younis. He was beaten and later released. The motive behind the incident is unknown, (Khan Younis).
- **10 Oct:** A 16 years-old Palestinian was injured in his house when a homemade rocket that was fired from north of Beit Lahia hit a Palestinian house in the area. (North Gaza)
- **11 Oct:** Two Palestinians (Hamas) armed members were injured when an explosion occurred in a house in Burei refugee camp. Local reports stated that they were preparing an explosive device, (Central Gaza).
- **10 Oct:** Six Palestinian men were injured during a family feud among local family members using long batons and knives in Deir El Balah. The ESF intervened and made several arrests, (Central Gaza).
- Other incidents (not involving casualties):
- **11 Oct:** An estimated 700 Fatah party members organized a demonstration to visit the graves of the people that were killed in Al Maghazi Refugee camp. (Central Gaza)
- **14 Oct:** 200 Palestinians staged a sit-in in front of PLC building in Gaza City to protest the non-issuance of Palestinian identification cards. At 1200hours the sit-in ended peacefully, (Gaza).
- **15 Oct:** Unknown gunmen broke into the Central Court in Gaza City. The motive behind the incident is unknown, (Gaza).
- **15 Oct:** The Egyptian Security Forces discovered two tunnels opposite Al Salam quarter in Rafah. Three Palestinians were arrested from one of the tunnels while they were smuggling cigarettes, (Rafah).

West Bank:

- **10 October:** A 28-years-old Palestinian man from the town of Surif was killed when a group of 4 unknowns fired shots towards him while in front of house. He had recently been released from Palestinian detention centers after questioning him for the suspicion of working as an informant for the Israeli Intelligence Services, (Hebron)
- **10 October:** A 33 year-old Palestinian man from Gaza Strip was shot dead in Tulkarm city by PA security forces when he tried to escape in an illegal vehicle, (Tulkarm)
- **11 October:** A 2-year-old Palestinian girl was injured when a settler car ran her over on the main road leading to the settlement of Kiryat Arab, near the H2 section of the City of Hebron, (Hebron).
- **11 October:** A 24 year-old Palestinian man was injured in Beit Dajan due to family dispute, (Nablus).

Other incidents (not involving casualties):

Nothing to report

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.

Inter-factional violence

Gaza Strip:

Nothing to Report

Other incidents (not involving casualties):

- **15 Oct:** An armed dispute broke out between members of Islamic Jihad in Nuseirat camp lasted for ten minutes. The party political leaders intervened and settled the problem. No injuries were reported,(Central Gaza).

West Bank:

- **13 October:** One Palestinian man 20 years old was killed by Palestinian National Guards fire in Qalqiliya city when he refused to stop at a PA checkpoint in the city. The family of the killed man went to the PA headquarters to protest his killing, clashes erupted between the family and the PA forces, and a five years old bystander child was killed by the PA fire, (Qalqiliya).

Other incidents (not involving casualties):

Nothing to report

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
12 October	Qalqiliya city / Qalqiliya	1	4	0	
15 October	Qalqiliya city / Qalqiliya	1		0	
16 October	Nablus City/ Nablus		11	20	
Total		2	15	20	

- **11 October:** The IDF opened fire at the main electricity transformer in 'Azzun village cutting the power on the village (Qalqiliya).
- **12 October:** The IDF demolished an apartment and damaged the furniture of four apartments in a four storey building in Qalqiliya city during the military operation in the city (Qalqiliya).
- **15 October:** The IDF demolished by bulldozers a Palestinian house under construction in Qalqiliya city allegedly wanted people used it as a shelter (Qalqiliya).
- **16 October:** During a military operation, the IDF exploded the first floor apartment in a four storey building in Nablus old city, two apartments were affected in the same building and ten houses were damaged. Three families, 6, 7 and 7 members were displaced. Four vehicles and seven electricity posts were damaged. Three main water pipes cut off.

Other incidents (not involving demolitions/property damage):

- **16 October:** The IDF occupied the roof of a four storey building in Marda village (Salfit) and converted it into an observation tower. The IDF imposed curfew on the village after the residents surrounded the building in an attempt to evacuate the IDF. The IDF occupied the house in Marda from 8:30 am until 03:00 am next morning.

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 (Nablus) and has converted it into an observation post to monitor Road 60. The offices have nonetheless continued to operate (Nablus).

Internal Violence Incidents Affecting Shelter and Property:

Nothing to report

4. [Natural Resources](#)

Land levelling/Requisitions/Tree Uprooting³

- **11 October:** The IDF damaged 7 dunums of land cultivated with vegetables in Qalqiliya city during a military operation (Qalqiliya).
- **11 October:** The IDF handed a requisition order T/14/07 confiscating 389.5 dunums of land belongs to Palestinians from Sinniriya, Az Zawiya to build the Barrier around 'Azzun 'Atma village.

Olive Harvest

- **13 October:** Settlers from Alon More settlement prevented farmers from 'Azmut village to access their land near the settlement (Nablus). The IDF was contacted by the Palestinian DCO, the IDF explained that the area need coordination and it is not scheduled for this date.
- **16 October:** Settlers from Itamar settlement prevented farmers from 'Awarta village to access their land near the settlement (Nablus). The IDF was contacted by the Palestinian DCO and access was granted for the Palestinians.
- **16 October:** Settlers attacked Palestinian farmers from Tell village while they were picking olives in their land near road 60, one 50 year-old Palestinian was injured by a stone. The IDF evicted the settlers from the area.

Nablus Governorate:

Ongoing incident:

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

Jenin Governorate:

No incidents to report.

Tubas Governorate:

No incidents to report.

Tulkarm Governorate:

Ongoing incident:

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

Qalqiliya Governorate:

Ongoing incident:

- **13 August to date:** The IDF continues to carry out land leveling to build a military road connecting Qedumim settlement to road 55, in accordance with military requisition order T/15/07. The land belongs to farmers from Kafr Qaddum village.
- Barrier construction: land levelling and construction work continue near Immatin village, between 'Azzun and Kafr Thulth, and between 'Azzun and Kafr Laqif.

Salfit Governorate:

No incidents to report.

Tubas Governorate:

Nothing to report

Ramallah / Al Bireh Governorate:

Ongoing incidents:

- Barrier construction:

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

- 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).
- Construction continues on 'Abud land to encircle Beit Arye and Ofarim settlements as part of the extension of the "Ariel finger." Construction is taking place around the two settlements and parallel to bypass Road 564. The Barrier will isolate 3,800 dunums of the village land.
- 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.
 - Land levelling continues in order to construct a road between Beit Ur at Tahta and Beituniya.

Jericho Governorate:

Nothing 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 neighbourhood. 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.
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Bethlehem Governorate:

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 continued the installation of 8 meters high concrete blocks along road 60 between Al Khadr Tunnel and Al Nashash

- (southern entrance of Bethlehem City). This length is almost complete—only 2 gates require finishing.
- The Barrier contractor continued 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 continued in the Barrier section between the two Tunnels.
- Land levelling for the construction of the Barrier continued around the Israeli settlement of Har Gilo
- Land levelling for the construction of Al Khadr Tunnel has not continued during the reporting period. This tunnel will be the only access point for the Palestinian towns within the proposed Gush Ezion enclave.
- Construction of buildings for a new terminal continued next to Al Jab'a checkpoint.
- Land leveling 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 building continued next to Beit Yatir checkpoint.
- Pavement of roads and construction of new buildings is taking place west of the checkpoint of Tarqumiya.
- Construction of new buildings is taking place in Karmil, Susyia, Karyat Arb'a and Shahni 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:

- **10 Oct:** The IDF bulldozers uprooted approximately 100 dunums of olive and citrus trees and bulldozed four water wells when eight armored vehicles including bulldozers entered approximately 1.5km into Gaza, near the Agricultural School, northeast of Beit Hanoun, and then proceeded to the UNRWA Health Centre under cover of heavy shooting. IDF bulldozers conducted levelling and excavation operations before withdrawing to the border fence, (North Gaza).
- **11 Oct:** The IDF bulldozers uprooted approximately 150 dunums of citrus trees and bulldozed three water wells when an estimated seven armoured vehicles including bulldozers entered about 1km into Gaza, southeast of Beit Hanoun. Israeli forces commenced levelling and excavation operation before withdrawing to the border fence, (North Gaza).
- **12 Oct:** Two IDF APCs and two bulldozers entered approximately 50 meters into the Palestinian area southeast of Karni Industrial zone to conduct a leveling and excavation operation. At 1600hours the IDF troops withdrew to the border fence, (Gaza).
- **16 Oct:** The IDF bulldozers uprooted approximately three dunums of olives trees when approximately 10 IDF armored vehicles moved from the border fence and entered about 700 meters into the Palestinian Johr Ed-Dik area south of Karni crossing. During the IDF operation armed Palestinians fired three mortar shells at the IDF tanks and the IDF responded with heavy gunfire. At 0830hours IDF withdrew to the border fence, (Central Gaza).
- **11 Oct:** The IDF bulldozers uprooted approximately 20 dunums of olives trees when an estimated 15 Israeli armored vehicles entered about 500m into Gaza, east of Al Maghazi Camp. Israeli troops were deployed in the area, and IDF bulldozers conducted leveling and excavation operations, (Central Gaza) .
- **10 Oct:** seven IDF tanks and two bulldozers moved from an IDF military outpost near Sufa crossing about 2km into Gaza, south of Sufa crossing (Al-Umour area). The bulldozers conducted leveling and excavation operations and troops conducted house-search operations under cover of heavy helicopter gunfire. No injuries reported, (Khan Younis).

a) Incidents of curfews**Table 2: Incidents of Curfew Imposed by the IDF**

Date	Location, Governorate	Duration
16 October	Salfit/ Marda	3
Total Week		3

- **16 October:** The IDF imposed curfew on Marda village from 11:00 (Salfit).

Ongoing incidents:

- **17 May to date:** Palestinians living in Gaza Strip areas (north east of Beit Hanoun and north, and northwest of Beit Lahiya) continue to maintain a self-imposed curfew after dark due to IDF military operations.

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 time 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, (Hebron).
- **10 Oct:** Five morning shift UNRWA schools in Beit Hanoun and Beit Hanoun Health Centre were evacuated due to an IDF incursion. (North Gaza)
- **12 Oct:** Five armed Palestinians climbed over the wall of Bureij B UNRWA School to conduct Eid El Fitr's prayers inside the premises. The police arrived and after negotiations forced them to conduct the prayers outside the school. (Central Gaza)
- **16 October:** Four schools, about 1,000 students, were closed in Nablus as they were in the area of the military operation and three schools, 800 students, were closed after the third class, (Nablus).

c) Access to employment

- **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 were obliged to stay arrive at Gilo checkpoint from 0230 in the morning in order to cross and reach their work places inside Israel.

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 Israeli permits. The criteria for people to be eligible for an Israeli 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.
- Since 12 March 2006, Palestinian workers from the Gaza Strip have been prevented from entering Israel.

d) Closures/movement restrictions**Nablus Governorate:**

Ongoing incidents:

- **28 March to date:** The IDF continues to close Shave Shomron checkpoint (Nablus) for all Palestinians, ambulances, UN and international organisations.
- **29 August to date:** The IDF continues to close 'Asira ash Shamaliya checkpoint (Nablus) for all except ambulances in emergency cases.

Jenin Governorate:

Ongoing incidents:

- **30 August 2006 to date:** The IDF has continued 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 the trucks is present at the checkpoint. Other materials require prior coordination.

Tubas Governorate:

No incidents to report.

Tulkarm Governorate:

Ongoing incidents:

- **24 May to date:** The IDF continues to close the dirt road connecting Dhinnaba to Izbat abu Khameish with two earth mounds.

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 flying checkpoint continuously placed at the eastern entrance of Qalqiliya City (DCO) continue to prevent Arab Israelis from entering Qalqiliya City.

Salfit Governorate:

Ongoing incidents:

- The IDF continues to close the gate at the northern entrance of Kafr ad Dik.

Tubas Governorate:

Nothing to report

Ramallah / Al Bireh Governorate:

- **During the reporting period:** Delays at Atara checkpoint were experienced on daily basis particularly during the evening hours.

Ongoing incidents:

- **1 July to date** The Road gate of At Tira (Ramallah) 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 were permitted to cross and travel on Road 443.

Jericho Governorate/Jordan Valley:

Ongoing incidents:

- **14 September 2006 to date:** The IDF has announced 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, 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 village 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) in addition to an Israeli permit, are allowed through this checkpoint into Israel. Palestinians working for international organisations continue to be prohibited from using Bisan checkpoint.
- **26 April to date:** Access of Palestinians to the Jordan Valley continued at the improved level previously reported. Movement from the West Bank continues to be controlled through the four main checkpoints: Tayasir, Hamra, Ma'ale Efraim and Yitav. A personal permit is no longer required to enter the Jordan Valley for West Bank residents. Access is only possible with public transportation as West Bank private vehicles continue to be prohibited from entering the Jordan Valley.

Jerusalem Governorate:

- **During the reporting period:** The checkpoint set up by the IDF at the road between Qalandiya checkpoint and bypass road 45 has been maintained. As a result Palestinians going to Jerusalem are stopped at a second checkpoint few meters after going through Qalandiya which causes long delays particularly during morning and evening rush hours.

Bethlehem Governorate:

Nothing to report

Hebron Governorate:

Nothing to report

Gaza Strip

Functioning of Gaza crossing points:

- Erez was open this week for the movement of diplomats, international humanitarian workers, and a few critical medical cases with special coordination arrangements. Senior Palestinian businessmen were not allowed to cross this week. (Appendix for daily log of movement is based on estimated figures due to the absence of staff at the Palestinian DCL at present).
- Rafah crossing was closed this week
- Karni crossing: the conveyor belt operated on two days to transfer grains and animal feed into Gaza (1 and 2 October). However, the crossing has remained generally closed for other imports and all exports. Karni has been closed since 12 June.
- Sufa crossing was open on one out of the three scheduled operating days this week for the crossing of commercial goods and humanitarian aid. However, the crossing remains closed for all construction materials.
- Kerem Shalom was open on three days for the crossing of commercial and humanitarian goods.
- Nahal Oz energy pipelines were open on six scheduled operating days.
- Gaza fishermen are permitted to fish up to six nautical miles off the coastline.

Ongoing incidents:

- Following Israel's 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 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 Younis due to intermittent military operations by the IDF. In total, at least 200 dunums planted with different crops are currently inaccessible since IDF soldiers regularly open fire towards the area. There is a fear that if access obstruction continues more than 1,000 tonnes of potatoes, water melons and onions will rot.

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

Governorate	Location, # of flying checkpoints in brackets	Total # of flying checkpoints
Nablus	Salim (1), Talluza (1), Sabastiya (1).	3
Jenin	'Arraba (2), Sanur (3), Az Zababida (1), Al Hashimiya (1), Qabatiya (1), 'Anza (1), 'Ajja (1), Jaba'a (1).	11
Tubas	-	0
Tulkarm	-	0
Qalqiliya	, 'Azzun (3), 'Azzun tunnel (1), Jayyus (2), An Nabi Elyas (1), Wadi Qana (2), 'Izbat at Tabib (1), Kafr Qaddum (2).	12
Salfit	Iskaka (1), Deir Istiya (1),	2

Jerusalem	Atarot (5) entrance to Anata (2)	7
Ramallah/Al Bireh		
Jericho	Bypass road (1)	1
Bethlehem	Bethlehem (1), Ash Shawareh, Beit Jala, Beit Fajar (1), Al 'Ubeidiya (1), Dar Salah, Doha (1), Tequ' (3), Ar Rashayda (1)	8
Hebron	H1 Area of Hebron City (3), Sa'ir (2), Dura (2), Yatta (2), Adh Dhahiriya, Halhul, Surif (1)	10
Total West Bank		54

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
Nablus	Nablus City (5), Balata RC (1), Camp No.1 (1), 'Askar RC (1), Sarra (1), Qabalan (1), Huwwara (1), Beita (1).	12	21
Jenin	Jenin City (4), Jenin RC (3), Qabatiya (1), 'Anza (1), Silat ad Dhahar (1),	10	1
Tubas	Tubas (1),	1	0
Tulkarm	-	0	0
Qalqiliya	Qalqiliya (4), 'Azzun (3), Habla (1), Jayyus (3)	11	14
Salfit	Deir Istiya (2), Marda (2),	2	1
Ramallah	Ramallah (4), Sinjil (1), Al Amari refugee camp(1), Rantis(1)	7	12
Jericho	-	0	0
Jerusalem ¹	Hizma(1), Al Ram(1)	2	3
Bethlehem	Bethlehem (1), Beit Jala (1), Duheisha RC (1), Al Azza RC, Beit Fajar , Ad Doha (1), Dar Salah, Obeidiya, Ayda RC, Artas (1)	5	6
Hebron	H1 Area of Hebron City (3), H2 Area of Hebron City (2) Dura (1), Yatta (1), Kharas, Sa'ir, Adh Dhahiriya, Nuba, Idna, As 'Samu, Khursa, Taffuh, Al 'Arrub RC, Surif (1), Ash Shyouk.	8	21
Gaza	Johr Ed-Dik, (1) Al Maghazi Camp (1), Rafah (1), Al Umour area (1)	4	15
Total Week West Bank		62	94

¹ The arrested in Bethlehem Governorate included member of the Bethlehem Municipality.

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
Nablus	Nablus city (3, 12), Huwwara (1,2)	4	14
Ramallah	Ramallah (1)	1	1
Gaza	Al Maghazi Camp (1) Deir El Balah (1) Khan Younis (1)	3	9
Total Week West Bank		5	15

¹ **13 Oct:** A dispute took place between two local families during which batons and axes were used, the dispute later escalated and firearms were used against the police who arrested 5 persons to calm the situation down. Maghazi camp. (Central Gaza)

Appendix: Checkpoints: 19-25 September 2007

Checkpoint	Status
Tulkarm :	
Ephraim (Green Line CP)	Open 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	Open 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.
Kafriat Tunnel / Ar Ras	The checkpoint controls all traffic heading south from Tulkarm including residents of Jenin.
'Anabta	Located at the eastern entrance of Tulkarm on Road 57.
Salfit :	
Deir Ballut	Open from 0600 to 1800 hours. The checkpoint controls movement between Ramallah and the villages in the western Salfit governorate.
Kafr Kasem <i>On Road 5.</i>	Open 24 hours for UN, international organisations and Palestinians with permits to enter Israel.
Nablus:	
Huwara <i>Southern main entrance</i>	Open from 0600 to 2400 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. During the month of Ramadan, the IDF extended the opening hours from 2300 to 2400 hours. Delays were reported during the week.
Beit Iba <i>Western entrance, mainly for trade</i>	Open from 0500 to 2400 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. During the month of Ramadan, the IDF extended the opening hours from 1930 until 2400 hours. Delays were reported during the week.
Al Tur <i>Southern checkpoint connecting the Samaritan area of Jarzim with Nablus City</i>	Open from 0600 to 1800 hours from Sunday to Friday for Samaritans and 13 Palestinian non-Samaritan families living east of the checkpoint.
Beit Furik <i>Eastern gate and checkpoint.</i>	One of the major linkages between Nablus and the Jordan Valley. Open 0530 to 2400 hours for villagers from Beit Furik and Beit Dajan. All residents heading south have to enter Nablus and cross through Nablus checkpoints. During the month of Ramadan, the IDF extended the opening hours from 2100 until 2400 hours.
Shave Shomeron <i>Northwest, main road to Jenin</i>	Closed since 15 August 2005 for Palestinians as well as for ambulances, UN and humanitarian organizations. For the latter category, the checkpoint was temporarily opened between 1 and 28 March 2007, after which it was re-closed.
Za'atara (Tappouah) <i>South, main road to Ramallah</i>	Open 24 hours. Controls Palestinian movement on Roads 60 and 505 southwards. Delays were reported during the week.
17' 'Asira ash Shamaliya (Closed) <i>On road leading to Nablus's northern villages</i>	As of 29 August, the IDF closed the checkpoint for all except ambulances in emergency cases.
Yizhar, Partial CP	Located north of Huwara village on Road 60.
Majdal Bani Fadel Partial CP (New)	Control 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. Open between 0600 to 1930 hours Sunday to Thursday and 0700 to 1400 hours on Fridays.
Imreiha (Reikhan) <i>Main gate to the Barta'a ash-Sharqiya/ Umm ar Rihan enclave</i>	Open 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 foodstuff 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>	Open from 0700 to 1900 hours for all Palestinians.
Tubas :	

Bisan (Green Line CP) <i>Main entrance to Israel</i>	Located north of Tubas. Since 9 January, the checkpoint is officially open from 1000 to 1800 hours Sunday through Thursday, 0600 to 1200 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 using the back-to-back system. Palestinians from the West Bank in possession of businessman cards, in addition to an Israeli permit, 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 open 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.
Maale 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 traveling 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. Delays were reported on a daily basis.
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. Delays continue to be experienced during the evening hours.
An Nabi Salih gate, Partial CP	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	Open 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	Open 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>	Open daily 24 hours. No permits required for Jericho residents and 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>	Open 24 hours for Palestinians living in Jericho Governorate. Palestinian non-residents of Jericho and holding West Bank IDs going north towards Auja and the Jordan Valley area are prohibited though unless they hold Israeli permits to allow them access to the area. No permit 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>	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	Located on Road 90 alongside the Dead Sea. 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. As of 10 December, Israeli private security guards are present at the checkpoint, in addition to the IDF for extra random security checks. Delays at Qalandiya were reported at both the pedestrian and vehicular lanes.
Hizma <i>Eastern entrance of junction Road 437/Psigat Ze'ev 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. Since 3 February 2006 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'ayem <i>North eastern entrance, on 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) 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 404 /45 Road Atarot Junction</i>	Open for Israelis, Palestinians with 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 Road 436</i>	Open for Israelis, Palestinians with 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 Jerusalem IDs and UN and international organisations; Palestinians from the West Bank need a permit. West Bank vehicles are not allowed. 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.
Container ("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.
Ras Abu Sbeitan (Olive) <i>North eastern entrance on Road 1</i>	Open 24 hours. Access is permitted for Jerusalem ID holders, Palestinians holding West Bank IDs and valid permits, and internationals with valid Israeli visas (all pedestrians). No vehicles are allowed to cross.
Abu Dis <i>Between Abu Dis and Ras al 'Amoud</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 neighbourhood of Masyion.

Jaba' Between Jaba' Junction and Qalandiya CP	Random checks by the IDF soldiers. Delays on daily basis up to 30 minutes were reported by Palestinians entering Ramallah.
Atarot/Al Kawasmi	This checkpoint has become a permanent checkpoint and constantly manned.
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. 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.
An Nu'man <i>On the main entrance of Khallet 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. 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 open to settlers between 0600 hours and 1800 hours to allow them to travel on the newly opened Jerusalem-Gush Herodion Highway.
Al 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 also are allowed to go through.
Beit Jala DCO, Partial CP <i>Entrance to Beit Jala</i>	Rarely-manned. Open 24 hours and movement is usually allowed in both directions for all vehicles.
Tunnels <i>Road 60 at Har Gilo</i>	Open 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. Palestinians with permits are not allowed to cross and are redirected to Gilo checkpoint. The checkpoint is still used by 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.
Mizpe Shalem – Efrata	Open 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>	Open 24 hours. IDF soldiers checking northbound vehicles. Private Palestinian plated cars can pass.
Wadi Fukin <i>Crossing to Israel on Road 375. Not on the Green Line</i>	Open 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>	Open 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.
Ein Gedi <i>On Road 90, along Dead Sea</i>	Open 24 hours; restricted for Palestinian movement.
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 open 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. During the reporting period, Palestinian workers were allowed to reach their work stations inside Israeli through this checkpoint. 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 Israeli through this checkpoint as the general closure was lifted. Incidents of Palestinian workers holding valid work permits sleeping overnight at the checkpoint to ensure themselves a reasonable chance of accessing Israel has 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>	Open 24 hours and manned by the IDF. The checkpoint is restricting the movement of Palestinians living south of it next to the settlement of Beit Yatir. The Terminal is operational and the checkpoint was pushed back behind the roundabout. Currently Palestinians living in the nearby village of Imneizil can access their village without having to cross the checkpoint.
Prayers Road, H2 <i>Access to area of Ibrahimi 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 it and in the Tel Rumeida area. Access 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. Entry point for Palestinian fire trucks and ambulances. No longer allowed 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 settlement</i>	Open only to Palestinians travelling on foot living between the checkpoint and the settlement. A military order was issued on 17 July 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.
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. On 7 September, an MSF team was delayed for 35 minutes before being allowed entry into the H2 area and after having made repeated phone calls to the Israeli DCL.
Ar Ramadin <i>At the entrance to Ar Ramadin village from Road 325. Not of the Green Line.</i>	Manned by the Israeli Border Police. All Palestinians with Ar Ramadin address are allowed to cross after an ID check. The checkpoint also restricts the movement of Palestinians and Arab Israelis on Road 325.
Halhul – Sa'ir, Partial CP <i>At the entrance to Halhul (also called 'Nabi Younis' 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 intermittent basis by the Israeli Border Police.
Ras Al Joura, Partial CP	Near the junction between Road 35 and Road 60. Manned on intermittent basis by the IDF.
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; goods are moving across smoothly and all cargo is checked by the IDF Border Police.

Gaza Crossings/Checkpoints

Erez crossing	<p>Erez was open 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 estimated figures due to the absence of staff at the Palestinian DCL at the present time:</p> <p>On 9, 10 and 11 Oct: 14 Palestinians holding a Businessman card were able to cross to Israel.</p> <p>During the reporting period 375, patients crossed to Israel and west bank hospitals.</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>	Open 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>	Open between 0800 to 1600 hours Sunday to Thursday and 0700 to 1200 hours on Fridays.
Ramallah/Al Bireh	
Beituniya <i>Back-to-back checkpoint</i>	Officially open between 0700 to 1700 hours Sunday to Thursday, 0700 to 1300 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. As of 1 July, UN staff and diplomats are not allowed to cross as it has become solely open for the movement of goods.
Gaza Strip	
Karni	The conveyor belt operated on 1 and 2 October 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	This week, Sufa crossing was open on three out of the five scheduled operating days for the import of non-aggregate materials. On 26 and 27 September, it was closed. On 28 and 29 September, it was closed for the weekend.
Kerem Shalom	Kerem Shalom was open on three days for the crossing of commercial and humanitarian goods. On 26, 27, 28 and 29 September, the crossing was closed.
Nahal Oz Energy Pipelines	Nahal Oz energy pipelines were open on six scheduled operating days. On 13 Oct, 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 Organization (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 DCLs, Palestinian Governors' offices, Al Mezan Center for Human Rights, IDF.