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Protection of Civilians – Weekly Briefing Notes

28 June – 4 July 2006

Of note this period

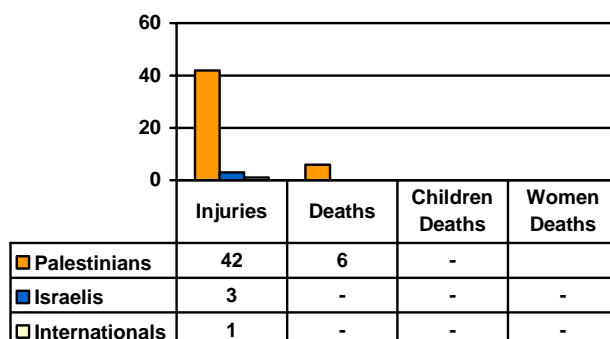
• Further escalation in the conflict in the Gaza Strip:

- Following the attack by Palestinian militants on an Israeli army post at Kerem Shalom on 25 June, the IDF launched Operation 'Summer Rains' on 28 June. Four Palestinians were killed in the Gaza Strip and 14 injured in the Gaza Strip during the reporting period. Three IDF soldiers have also been injured.
- The IAF have conducted 87 air strikes across the Gaza Strip during the reporting period, including on Gazan's only power plant destroying all six transformers. Remaining power (57% of daily supply) provided through an Israel company is being load-shared across the Gaza Strip resulting in intermittent power supply to households and impacting the availability of water. Bridges, PA offices and Palestinian homes have also been damaged in the IAF air strikes.
- IAF aircraft have caused 25 sonic booms across the Gaza Strip, the majority occurring pre-dawn.
- Palestinians have fired at least 35 homemade rockets towards Israel (including one rocket that landed in a parking lot of a school in Ashkelon) and the IDF intensified their shelling in northern and eastern Gaza.
- Between 15 – 20 IDF tanks and armoured personnel carriers moved into the Gaza Strip from the northern border at noon on 4 July.
- Following the attack all crossing points in and out of the Gaza Strip are closed by the IDF. Erez reopened partially (for diplomats and humanitarian workers with prior coordination) but closed again at 11am on 4 July. Karni crossing opened partially on 2 and 4 July for the import of commercial and humanitarian supplies into the Gaza Strip. Nahal oz energy pipelines were also closed for the import of fuel but reopened between 2 -4 July.

• Increased tensions in the West Bank:

- Two Palestinians were killed and 28 injured in the West Bank during the reporting period.
- The IDF arrested and detained 155 Palestinians including nine PA ministers, 25 Palestinian Legislative Council members, two mayors and the Mufti of Bethlehem.
- In the northern West Bank the IDF forcibly entered four Palestinian hospitals in search and arrest campaigns. During one of the operation in Nablus city, the hospital premises were used as cover by the IDF to fire live ammunition. One Palestinian was injured from live ammunition fired from the hospital. During the search operation an emergency caesarian section was delayed for more than three hours putting at risk the life of the fetus in distress.
- The IDF issued closure orders for two charitable organisations and searched and confiscated computers and documents of five others throughout the West Bank. The organisations issued the closure orders provided financial, health and in kind assistance to hundreds of the poorest Palestinian families in the Nablus area.

1. Physical Protection



- At least **35** homemade rockets were fired by Palestinians from the Gaza Strip towards Israel (mainly towards Sderot and the western Negev). One rocket landed in a parking lot of a school in Ashkelon town (Israel).
- The IDF fired **more than 584** artillery shells during the reporting period into the Gaza Strip. No data is available on the number of artillery shells fired on 29 June and 4 July.¹
- The IAF have conducted **87** air strikes across the Gaza Strip damaging Palestinian shelter and property including key infrastructure (transformers and bridges) and PA offices.
- Since 28 June there have been **25** sonic booms across the Gaza Strip caused by IAF aircraft breaking the sound barrier at low altitudes.
- During the week, Israeli naval vessels off the Gaza Strip opened fire with heavy machine guns and fired approximately six artillery shells towards the Gaza seashore. No injuries were reported.
- **28 June:** A 27-year-old Palestinian man was injured when an IDF helicopter opened fire in the direction of Al Shouka, southeast of Rafah (Gaza Strip).
- **29 June:** A 70-year-old Palestinian man was injured by an IDF artillery shell which landed near his farm east of Khuza in Khan Younis (Gaza Strip).
- **29 June:** A 19-year-old Palestinian man from the H2 section of Hebron city (Hebron) was injured by a group of Israeli settlers from the settlement of Beit Hadassah when they beat him while walking on Al Shuhada Street.
- **30 June:** Two Palestinian boys aged 7 and 12 years were injured when an IDF artillery shell landed near their house in Beit Hanoun area (Gaza Strip).
- **30 June:** Three Palestinians were injured by the IAF when their car was targeted and hit by a rocket fired from an IAF helicopter in Gaza City (Gaza Strip).
- **30 June:** A 22-year-old Palestinian male was killed and a 17-year-old Palestinian man injured during an exchange of fire in Nablus city (Nablus) after the IDF surrounded the eastern cemetery for 18 hours.
- **30 June:** At different locations in Nablus city (Nablus) confrontation took place between the IDF and Palestinian stone throwers. 22 Palestinians were injured; eight by live ammunition (aged 13, 14/2, 16, 17, 19(2) and 20 years), two by shrapnel (aged 16 and 17 years) and 12 by rubber coated metal bullets (all under the age of 20). 13 Palestinians also suffered from tear gas inhalation and are not included in the weekly total.
- **30 June:** A demonstration against the construction of the Barrier was organised in Bil'in by Palestinian, Israel and international activists. The IDF fired rubber-coated metal bullets injuring three Palestinians and one international. Several cases of tear gas inhalation were reported but are not included in the weekly total.
- **1 July:** A 44-year-old Palestinian man was injured by IDF artillery shelling north-east of Beit Hanoun (Gaza Strip).
- **1 July:** Three Palestinians were injured in an armed clash with IDF troops stationed near the border fence inside Khan Younis (Gaza Strip).
- **1 July:** A 20-year-old Palestinian male was injured by live ammunition in Nablus city (Nablus) during a confrontation between IDF and Palestinian stone throwers.
- **1 July:** A 55-year-old Palestinian male from Beit Dajan (Nablus) was injured when a group of Israeli settlers severely beat him while he was attending his land.
- **2 July:** A 34-year-old Palestinian man was killed when an IAF helicopter fired two rockets targeting the Hamas-dominated Executive Support Force base in Jabalia (Gaza Strip).
- **2 July:** A 40-year-old Palestinian man was injured when his house was hit by an IDF tank shell northeast of Beit Hanoun (Gaza Strip).
- **2 July:** Two Palestinian men aged 21 and 23 years were killed and three IDF soldiers were injured in an armed clash near the Gaza airport in Rafah (Gaza Strip).
- **3 July:** A 30-year-old Palestinian man was killed when an IAF aircraft fired a missile targeting a group of Hamas members east of Beit Hanoun (Gaza Strip).
- **4 July:** A 20-year-old Palestinian male from Jenin camp (Jenin) was killed and a 22-year-old Palestinian man injured when the IDF opened fire at their vehicle in Jenin city while they trying to plant an explosive device on Haifa road in Jenin.

¹ The Palestinian DCO has not forwarded the number of artillery shells in recent days as they do not have power at their office and have been attending on a sporadic basis.

2. [Palestinian internal violence \(Gaza Strip\)](#)

[Casualties related to Palestinian inter-factional fighting, family and community disputes and reckless use of weapons in the Gaza Strip are not included in the weekly figures in Section 1.]

- **28 June:** Two members of a Palestinian family were killed (an 18 month old infant and a 26-year-old man) and four others injured when a bomb being handled prematurely went off in a house in Khan Younis (Gaza Strip).
- **2 July:** A 44-year-old Palestinian man was seriously injured in an armed clash between two families in Nusairat Refugee camp (Gaza Strip).
- **3 July:** A 16-year-old Palestinian boy was injured when an explosive device went off near his house in Khan Younis (Gaza Strip).

3. [Shelter and Property](#)

Date	Location, Governorate	Structures demolished	Structures damaged	People displaced affected /
28 June	Sufa area/Khan Younis, Gaza Strip	-	2	n/a
28 June	Rafah, Gaza Strip	-	1	n/a
28 June	Sufa area/Khan Younis, Gaza Strip	-	1	-
28 June	Nablus city, Nablus	-	11	
29 June	Gaza City, Gaza Strip	-	1	-
29 June	Khan Younis, Gaza Strip	-	2	-
30 June	Gaza City, Gaza Strip	-	1	-
30 June	Gaza City, Gaza Strip	-	2	-
30 June	Gaza City, Gaza Strip	-	2	-
2 July	Khan Younis, Abasan village, Gaza Strip	-	2	15
2 July	Khan Younis, Abasan village, Gaza Strip	3	-	-
2 July	Gaza City, Gaza Strip	-	1	-
2 July	Beit Hanoun, Gaza Strip	-	1	n/a
Total Week		0	19	15

- **28 June:** Two Palestinian houses caught fire and were severely damaged when they were hit by an IAF missile near Sufa crossing in Khan Younis (Gaza Strip).
- **28 June:** A Palestinian house caught fire and was severely damaged when it was hit by a tank shell near the Gaza airport south of Rafah (Gaza Strip).
- **28 June:** The IAF severely damaged a PA National Security base near Sufa after hitting it with three missiles (Gaza Strip).
- **28 June:** During an IDF military operation in Nablus city (Nablus) 11 shops and four vehicles were damaged.
- **29 June:** The IAF damaged the Islamic University playground in Gaza City (Gaza Strip) after hitting it with a missile.
- **29 June:** Two electrical equipment shops caught fire and were severely damaged when they were hit by an IAF missile in Bani Suhaila village in Khan Younis (Gaza Strip).
- **30 June:** The IAF damaged the PA Interior Ministry's offices in Gaza City (Gaza Strip) after hitting it with several missiles.
- **30 June:** Two offices belong to Fatah and Hamas were damaged when they were hit by two IAF missiles in Gaza City (Gaza Strip).
- **30 June:** Two military training bases were partially damaged when they were hit by an IAF missile in Gaza City (Gaza Strip).
- **02 July:** Two houses accommodating 15 persons were partially damaged as a result of IDF incursion in Abasan village east of Khan Younis (Gaza Strip).
- **02 July:** Three agricultural stores were demolished by IDF bulldozers east of Abassan village in Khan Younis (Gaza Strip).
- **02 July:** The Palestinian PM's office was damaged when it was hit by an IAF missile in Gaza City (Gaza Strip).

- **02 July:** One house was damaged after being hit by an IDF artillery shell north east of Beit Hanoun.
- **02 July:** The PA Prime Minister's office in Gaza City (Gaza Strip) was damaged when an IAF helicopter launched a rocket towards it.

Other related incidents:

- **25 June** (previously unreported): The IDF broke into the Azzun Specialised Medical Centre in Azzun (Qalqiliya) and searched the centre thoroughly and checked the employees' IDs.
- **28 June:** The IAF destroyed six electrical transformers at the Gaza power station north of Nuseirat camp (Gaza Strip).
- **28 June:** Three road bridges connecting Gaza City and southern Gaza were severely damaged after being hit by several IAF missiles.
- **29 June:** The main power transformer in the northern area was partially damaged when it was hit by an IDF artillery shell (Gaza Strip).
- **30 June:** A road east of Sheikh Zayed city in Beit Lahia (Gaza Strip) was damaged when it was hit by an IAF missile.
- **30 June:** One electrical transformer was partially damaged when it was hit by an IAF missile in Gaza City (Gaza Strip).
- **30 June:** The IDF damaged some tombs in the eastern cemetery of Nablus city (Nablus) during a search and arrest campaign.
- **30 June:** The IDF broke into one of the PA offices in Al 'Eizariyya (Jerusalem) and confiscated two computers and some documents.
- **2 July:** A group of settlers from Itamar settlement attacked Palestinian houses in Beit Furik and Beit Dajan villages (Nablus) and closed the road connecting Beita with Aqraba. The IDF removed the settlers.
- **2 July:** The IDF broke into the speciality hospital in Nablus and searched it thoroughly and used the building as shelter to fire live ammunition and tear gas cannisters.
- **2 July:** The IDF closed the Islamic Women Association and Al Aqsa Clinic in Askar camp (Nablus) for two years and confiscated the computers and some files.
- **2 July:** The IDF forcibly entered the Zakat Committee, the Islamic Club and one charitable association in Jenin and confiscated computers and files.
- **2 July:** The IDF forcibly entered Al Quran and Suna Association in Jinsafut (Qalqiliya) and confiscated files.
- **3 July:** The IDF damaged the main door and some furniture of Al Hanan house for orphans in Tulkarm and confiscated three computers and some files.
- **3 July:** The IDF closed Az Zakat committee in Nablus city (Nablus) for one year and confiscated two computers and some files. The IDF also entered Nablus local television premises and prevented broadcasting for four hours.
- **3 July:** The IDF raided the following charitable organisations in Bethlehem: Al Zakat Committees in Taqu and Marah Rabah. They also raided Al Naqa Islamic Society in Doha as well as the Medical Society of Taqu.

4. [Natural Resources](#)

Land levelling/Requisitions/Tree Uprooting²

Nablus Governorate:

Ongoing incidents:

- Since 15 June the IDF continue to level land north of Shave Shomeron settlement (west of Nablus) to install fence and a wall around the settlement.

Jenin and Tubas governorates:

No incidents to report.

Tulkarm Governorate:

Ongoing incidents:

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

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

Qalqiliya Governorate:

Ongoing incidents:

- Barrier construction: the IDF continues levelling land near Immatin village and between 'Azzun and Kafr Thulth.
- Since 10 June the IDF are levelling 115 dunums of land belonging to the Palestinian village of Sanniriya near Oranit settlement.

Salfit Governorate:

Ongoing incidents:

- Barrier construction: Israeli contractors continue levelling land north of Salfit city, Iskaka and Deir Istiya villages and south of Marda and Kifl Haris villages around Ari'el settlement and near Az Zawiya and Deir Ballut villages.

Ramallah / Al Bireh Governorate:

Ongoing incidents:

- Barrier construction: construction continues between Kharbatha al Misbah and Bil'in and is in the final stages in the section between Beit 'Ur al Fauqa and At Tira villages. Land levelling for the last section of the Barrier in Beit Sira is continuing between the village and Makkaim settlement. The construction of the "special security arrangements" as part of the Barrier around Ofarim and Beit Arye settlements is continuing parallel to bypass Road 465 and east of 'Abud village. The IDF has stopped the construction of the Barrier in 'Abud village pending an Israeli court decision in a case filed by the villagers against the requisition of their land to create the "special security arrangements" around Ofarim and Beit Arye settlements.
- The IDF continues levelling land around Ateret settlement to create a buffer zone. The land belongs to Palestinians from Atara and Umm Safa villages and was earlier requisitioned by the IDF. According to the Israeli DCL this is to create buffer zones around "isolated" settlements.

Hebron Governorate:

4 July: Israeli settlers from the settlement of Karmi Zur uprooted 50 almond trees belonging to farmers from the Palestinian towns of Halhul and Beit Ummar in order to expand the settlement.

Ongoing incidents:

- Barrier construction: land levelling for the construction of the Barrier continued in the area between the towns of Tarqumiya and Surif.
- Land levelling continues west of the checkpoint of Tarqumiya for a new commercial checkpoint. Paving took place during the reporting period.
- Paving continues at the Beit Yatir checkpoint close to the Palestinian hamlet of Imneizil. A new structure was installed.
- Construction of the road barrier along Road 317 continued. The section between Road 317 and 60 is almost complete.
- Land levelling for construction of a road barrier between Metarim Industrial Zone and the Israeli settlement of Tene continues along Roads 60 and 325 is complete. The construction of the road barrier in the vicinity of Tene settlement has started during the reporting period.

Bethlehem Governorate:

Since the beginning of June 2006, approximately 300 grape, almond and plum trees belonging to Palestinian farmers from the village of Al Khadr were uprooted for the purpose of constructing the road barrier in the area between the Tunnel Checkpoint and the southern entrance of the city of Bethlehem (Al Nashash) along Road 60.

Ongoing incidents:

- Barrier construction: construction of the Barrier around Rachel's Tomb continues.
- Paving continues on the side of Tunnels checkpoint to expand the site.
- Land levelling for the construction of the new terminal next to Al Jab'a checkpoint continues.
- Land levelling for the construction of the proposed tunnel near Al Khadr village continues.
- Construction of a protection fence next to Al Khadr Boys School along the southern side of Road 60 continues.

- Land levelling continues for the establishment of a road barrier along Road 60 close to the Palestinian village of Al Khadr.

Jerusalem Governorate:

Ongoing incidents:

- Barrier construction: construction is ongoing all along the projected route in the Jerusalem governorate; exceptions to this are northeast of Al 'Eizariya towards Ma'ale Adumim settlement. Construction had begun along 3km of the Barrier south of Ma'ale Adumim and Kedar but has stopped since 3 March pending a court case.
- Construction of a road barrier is continuing on Road 1, east of Az Za'ayem. Palestinians with Jerusalem ID cards who are intending to drive to Jerusalem, have to drive south to Ma'ale Adumim and then return through Az Za'ayem checkpoint.
- The road between Anata and Al 'Eizariya is under construction (Road 70). Another road (Road 80) is planned to link Abu Dis to Road 1 by encircling east of the planned Barrier around Maale Adumim. The road will be open for Palestinians only.

Jericho Governorate:

No incidents to report.

The Gaza Strip:

29 June: Four IDF tanks and two bulldozers inside the Palestinian area west of Sufa crossing uprooted olive and almond trees and destroyed a number of greenhouses. No assessment of the damage has been carried out due to the ongoing presence of the IDF in the area.

01 July: Seven IDF tanks and three bulldozers entered about 500 metres into Abasan village east of Khan Younis and destroyed agricultural land and infrastructure. No assessment of the damage has been carried out due to the ongoing presence of the IDF in the area.

2 July: The IDF levelled 40 dunums of land planted with olives and almond trees and vegetables in Abasan village east of Khan Younis. Three agricultural stores were demolished and irrigation pipes damaged by IDF bulldozers during the levelling.

5. Access and Movement for Civilians

a) Curfew

No periods of curfew reported.

b) Access to Education

No incidents to report.

c) Access to Employment

There is currently no communication between Israeli and Palestinian authorities and therefore no figures are available on the number of work and trade permits for Palestinians to enter Israel.³ Palestinian workers and traders in possession of Israeli permits to enter Jerusalem and Israel are now applying directly to the Israeli authorities.⁴

To be eligible for a permit workers and traders must be over 35 years old, married with children. Criteria for work permits in 'Atarot industrial area in Jerusalem is set for men above 21 years old, married and with children.

³ According to Palestinian Chamber of Commerce in the north, 324 workers and 1,123 traders from Nablus, 400 workers from Jenin, 139 traders from Tubas, 663 traders from Tulkarm, 480 workers and 384 traders from Qalqiliya and 247 workers and 154 traders from Salfit received permits to work in Israel.

⁴ OCHA has requested the number of permits issued for Palestinian worker and traders from the Israeli Civil Administration in the West Bank but has not received a response.

Significant delays were reported by Palestinians trying to get magnetic cards from the Israeli DCL in both Hebron and Bethlehem governorates.

External closure in the Gaza Strip continues with no Palestinian workers allowed access into Israel since 11 March. According to the Ministry of National Economy a limited number of traders have been allowed once again to cross through Erez crossing (estimated between 15- 20 traders) since late April.

d) Closures/Movement restrictions

Nablus Governorate:

28 June: A group of settlers from Qedumim settlement closed Road 55 near the junction to the settlement and stoned Palestinian vehicles. No injuries or damage reported. The IDF later removed the settlers.

Ongoing incidents:

- Since 31 May all Palestinian males from Nablus between the ages of 18 – 25 years are prevented from leaving Nablus through Huwwara, Beit Iba and Zaatara checkpoints unless they have permits.
- Long delays are experienced at all checkpoints in the governorate including Huwwara, Yitzhar, Beit Iba and Zaatara checkpoints.
- Public taxis and buses continue to be denied access in both directions through Huwwara and Beit Iba checkpoints.
- The IDF continue to close Shave Shomeron checkpoint for all vehicles, including UN and humanitarian organisations.
- For the 13th week the IDF continue to close Al Badhan road with three earth mounds preventing Palestinians vehicular movement between Jenin, Tubas and Nablus governorates.

Jenin Governorate:

Ongoing incidents:

- The IDF continue restricting the crossing of commercial trucks transporting goods to Barta'a enclave. Transportation of food products require prior coordination with the IDF.

Tubas Governorate:

Ongoing incidents:

- The restrictions on Palestinian movement in and out of the Jordan Valley via Hamra, Tayasir and Efyriam checkpoints remain in place. The three checkpoints are closed for Palestinians aged between 16 - 30 years old. All permits issued by the Civil Administration have been cancelled and only those issued by the Israeli Brigade Commander are active. Teachers, school pupils, health staff and Palestinians with Jordan Valley addresses on their ID cards should be able to cross the checkpoints. Despite the limited number of people who are authorised to cross the checkpoints, long delays have been reported particularly at Tayasir, where access is being authorised by IDF soldiers and waiting times vary considerably.

Tulkarm Governorate:

Ongoing incidents:

- The IDF continue to close the dirt roads connecting Deir al Ghusun with the garbage dump site, the road to Bal'a and a road to Al Jarushiya.
- The IDF continue to close the exit from Kafriat checkpoint leading to the road into Tulkarm for construction. Residents of Jbarah now have to reach Tulkarm through Kafriat Tunnel. No vehicles from Tulkarm can reach Road 57 through Kafriat checkpoint
- The IDF continue to prevent Palestinians with Israeli IDs from entering Palestinian areas unless they have relatives living in Tulkarm.
- The IDF has closed the seasonal agricultural gates in Tulkarm governorate until the coming season, only Qaffin gate remains open for the beneficiaries of an ICRC program.

Qalqiliya Governorate:

Ongoing incidents:

- Since 25 June the IDF have closed the main entrance to 'Izbat At Tabib villages with an earth mound.

- Since 19 June the IDF have closed the main entrance to of 'Azzun village with road blocks

Salfit Governorate:

Ongoing incidents:

- Since 11 June the IDF continue to close the northern entrance of Dir Istiya village with an earth mound.
- The IDF continue to close the gate at the northern entrance of Kafr ad Dik.
- The IDF continue to close the agricultural gates in the Barrier near Mas-ha and Az Zawiya, preventing farmers from accessing their land.
- The IDF continue to close Qarawat Bani Hassan road gate preventing Palestinian vehicular movement.
- The IDF continue to close the road connecting Bruqin village with Barqan Industrial Area and Road 5 with three earth mounds preventing Palestinian vehicular movement from the south.

Ramallah / Al Bireh Governorate:

All week: Long delays were experienced at Atara checkpoint.

1 and 2 July: At around 5pm, the IDF set up a flying checkpoint on Bypass Road 60 and delays were reported.

Bethlehem Governorate:

During the reporting period there has been an increase in the number of flying checkpoints and most of the partial checkpoints in Bethlehem governorate were manned. Flow of traffic was significantly slowed down while vehicle searches were conducted more frequently.

Ongoing incidents:

- Israeli Border Police stationed on the entrance Khallet Nu'man continue to delay residents entering and exiting the village. Essential services (including gas and garbage trucks) are still not allowed to enter the village. Physical violence against the residents of the village was documented during the reporting period.
- The road from Al Jab'a to Surif remains closed by road blocks. The closure was reinforced after IDF soldiers added new cement blocks.

Hebron Governorate:

During the reporting period there has been an increase in the number of flying checkpoints and most of the partial checkpoints in Bethlehem governorate were manned. Flow of traffic was significantly slowed down while vehicle searches were conducted more frequently. The IDF also reinforced closures along Road 60 and 35.

Jerusalem Governorate:

30 June: The IDF restricted Palestinian access into the Al Aqsa mosque for the Friday noon prayers. Females below the age of 45 were prevented access to the mosque by the Border Police flying checkpoint around the old city.

Jericho Governorate/Jordan Valley:

No incidents to report.

Gaza Strip

Following the attack on the IDF military post near Kerem Shalom on 25 June, the IDF closed all of Gaza's crossing points:

- Kerem Shalom, Rafah (as EU Observers cannot reach the terminal due to the closure of Kerem Shalom crossing) and Sufa (previously closed since 21 June) crossings remain closed during the reporting period.
- Erez crossing was partially reopened for the movement of diplomats and humanitarian workers (non-diplomats including require prior coordination with the IDF which is being decided on a case by case basis) but closed again at 11am on 4 July.
- Karni crossing opened partially (for the import of commercial and humanitarian supplies only) on 2 and 4 July between 12 and 5 pm.
- Nahal Oz energy pipelines reopened for the import of fuel between 2 – 4 July.

28 June: The IDF ordered Palestinians National Security Forces to leave their positions near the border with Israel in the area between Sufa and Kerem Shalom crossings, at the Gaza airport, Al Shouka area and Rafah terminal and declared these areas as closed

military areas. Since this time IDF tanks, APCs and bulldozers have been operating in the northern areas in an attempt to locate tunnels and as a result Palestinian residents of these areas are having severe access problems.

2 July: IDF tanks and bulldozers are holding positions in the areas northeast of Beit Hanoun and residents are restricting their movements.

Ongoing incidents:

- The IDF announced that Palestinians should keep a distance of at least 150 metres away from the border fence in the eastern and northern Gaza Strip.
- The IDF informed the Palestinian DCO that the eastern part of Beit Hanoun (about one km) has been declared a closed military area.
- The IDF declared parts of the northern Gaza Strip a “no go” or enlarged buffer zone on 28 December 2005. Palestinian’s movement inside this area continues to be restricted and entry in this area is only possible with prior coordination from the IDF. This area, in the former enclosed area of As Siafa, is home to more than 250 Palestinians. As a result of the intensive IDF artillery shelling, more than half the families have relocated to surrounding localities outside the buffer zone.

Reported flying (random) checkpoints – West Bank

Governorate	Location, # of flying checkpoints in brackets	Total # of flying checkpoints
Nablus	Jamma'in (1), Sarra (1), Al Lubban ash Sharqiya (1), Al Matan Ind on road 60 (1)	4
Jenin	Sanur (5), 'Arraba (7), Az Zababida (4), Meithalun (1), Al Yamuna (1), Ya'bad (1)	19
Tubas	Aqqaba (1)	1
Tulkarm	Bal'a (1), Attil (1)	2
Qalqiliya	Entrance Qalqiliya – DCO (7), 'Azzun (7), An Nabi Elyas (7), Habla tunnel (5), Hajja (2), Wadi Qana (4), Tahsin Mansur (3)	35
Salfit	Salfit (1), Yasuf (1), Marda (2), Az Zawiya (1)	5
Ramallah and Al Bireh	Road 60	2
Jerusalem	Old City (7), entrance to Abu Dis (3)	10
Jericho	No flying checkpoints reported.	0
Bethlehem	Al 'Ubeidiya (5), Za'tara (1), Bethlehem city (5), 'Ayda refugee camp (4), Al Khadr (2), Dar Salah, Beit Jala (2), Al 'Aza refugee camp (4), Ad Duheisha (5), Beit Sahur (2), Tuqu (2)	32
Hebron	Yatta (5), Beit Ummar (4), Bani Na'im (2), Dura (5), Hebron city - H1 (7), Halhul (2), Al Arrub refugee camp (4), Ad Dhahiriya (3), Ar Ramadin (2), Sa'ir (5), Ash Shuyukh (3), Surif (2)	44
Total West Bank		154

6. Additional Protection Issues

Searches/Arrests/Detentions

Governorate	Location of arrests/detention, number of searches noted at locations with brackets	Total # of Searches	Total # of Arrested/ Detained
Nablus	Nablus city (7), Balata RC (4) Huwwara CP, Beit Iba CP, Yitzhar CP, Askar RC (3), Camp No.1 (1), Salim (1), Asira ash Shamaliya (1), Zawata (1)	18	33
Jenin	Jenin city (6), Jenin RC (6), Qabatiya (2), Jaba'a (1), Al Yamun (1), Fahma (1)	17	16
Tubas	Tubas (2), Tammun (2), Aqqaba (1)	5	2
Tulkarm	Tulkarm (2), Nur Shams RC (1), Seida (1), Kafriat Tunel CP	4	9
Qalqiliya	'Azzun (3), Qalqiliya city (5), Habla (1), Kafr Qaddum (2), DCO, Wadi ar Rasha (1)	15	3
Salfit	Marda (1), Salfit (2), Dir Istiya (1), Kafr ad Dik (1), Deir ballut (1), Iskaka (1), Khirbet Qeis (1)	8	11
Ramallah/Al Bireh	Ramallah (6), Beit Rima (1), Kharbatha al Misbah (1), Kafr 'Ein (1)	9	37
Jerusalem	Jerusalem city (1), entrance to Abu Dis	1	6
Jericho	Aqbat Jaber refugee camp, Jericho (1)	1	1
Bethlehem	Beit Sahur (3), Al 'Aza refugee camp (4), Dar Salah, Al 'Ubeidiya (3), 'Ayda refuge camp (3), Al Khadr (2), Beit Jala (2), Za'atara, Bethlehem (4), ad Duheisha Camp (3), Tuqu (2), Ash Shawawreh (2)	28	15
Hebron	Hebron City (6), Beit Ummar (2), Al 'Arrub Camp (3), Idhna (3), Dura (4), Tarqumiya, Biet Awwa, Beit Ula (2), Surif (3), Yatta (4), Adh Dhahiriya (3), Sa'ir (3).	33	22
Total Week West Bank		139	155
Gaza Strip	Khan Younis, Rafah ⁵	0	2
Total Week oPt		139	157

⁵ On 30 June a 19-year-old man was arrested after being injured by an IAF air strike 500 metres west of the border fence with Israel east of Khan Younis. On 1 July a 23-year-old Palestinian man was arrested by the IDF in Al Shouka village southeast of Rafah.

Appendix: Checkpoints: 28 June – 4 July 2006

Checkpoint	Status
Tulkarm:	
Taybeh	Open between 5.30am and 8pm Sunday to Thursday and 5:30am and 12pm on Fridays for humanitarian organisations and Palestinians with permits. The checkpoint leads to the back-to-back checkpoint.
Efrayim	Open between 4am and 7pm Sunday to Thursday and 4am and 12pm on Fridays for Palestinian workers and traders. The checkpoint is constructed as a crossing point into Israel for Palestinian workers and traders and others from Tulkarm governorate with a special permit to enter Israel. Since 15 January an Israeli civilian company operating at the checkpoint.
Kafriat	Open 24 hours. The checkpoint is manned and physically divided into three parts: one that controls movement to and from Tulkarm town; one that controls movement to Israel; and one that controls movement to and from Jubara. On 24 May IDF closed the section leading to the road into Tulkarm so residents of Jubara have to reach Tulkarm through Kafriat Tunnel. No vehicles from Tulkarm can reach road 57 through Kafriat checkpoint.
Kafriat Tunnel	The checkpoint is controlling all traffic heading south from Tulkarm including residents of Jenin. Long queue and delays were reported.
'Anabta	A checkpoint on the eastern entrance of Tulkarm on Road 57. Manned daily during the reporting period. Long queue and delays were reported.
Qalqiliya:	
Jaljoulia	Open 24 hours. Access through this checkpoint is only granted for holders of permits into Israel and residents of Ras Tira, Ad Dab'a, Wadi Ar Rasha, Ramadin and Arab Abu Farda. Ambulances from Qalqiliya town to these five villages need prior coordination with DCL. Only vehicles leaving the West Bank are subjects for security checks.
Qalqiliya North	Open between 4am and 7pm Sunday to Thursday and from 4am and 12am on Fridays for Palestinian permit holders.
Jit junction partial checkpoint	Partial checkpoint at the key junction connecting the governorates of Nablus, Qalqiliya and Tulkarm.
Salfit:	
Deir Ballut	Open between 6am and 6pm. The checkpoint controls movement between Ramallah and the villages in the western part of Salfit governorate.
Kafr Qasem (Road 5)	Open 24 hours for UN and international organisations and Palestinians with permits.
Nablus:	
Huwwara Southern main entrance	Open between 6am and 8pm for humanitarian organisations and Palestinians. Israeli citizens, Palestinian holders of Jerusalem IDs and holders of international passports can pass only after prior liaison with the IDF. Males from Nablus city aged between 18 and 25 years are not allowed to exit Nablus unless they have special permits.
Beit Iba Western entrance, mainly for trade	Open between 6am and 8pm for humanitarian organisations and Palestinians. Israeli citizens, Palestinian holders of Jerusalem IDs and holders of international passports can pass only after prior liaison with the IDF. Males from Nablus city aged between 18 and 25 years are not allowed to exit Nablus unless they have special permits. Long delays and queues were reported.
Al Tur Southern checkpoint connecting the Samaritan district of Jarzim with Nablus City	Open between 6am and 6pm Sunday to Friday for Samaritans and 13 Palestinian non-Samaritans families living east of the checkpoint.
Beit Furik Eastern gate and checkpoint. After the closure regime main gateway between Nablus and the Jordan Valley	Open between 6am and 6pm for villagers from Beit Furik, Beit Dajan. Males from Nablus city aged between 18 and 25 years are not allowed to exit Nablus unless they have special permits.
Shave Shomeron Northwest, main road to Jenin	Closed since 28 March for all traffic.

Maale Efrayim Southeast connecting Jericho and Nablus	Closed for Palestinians unless they have a Jordan Valley address on their ID cards or in possession of an Israeli permit to allow them to be present in the Jordan Valley areas. Palestinians between 16-30 years are not permitted through the checkpoint regardless of their place of residence.
Hamra East, before closure regime main road to Jordan, Tubas, Jenin	Closed for Palestinians unless they have a Jordan Valley address on their ID cards or in possession of an Israeli permit to allow them to be present in the Jordan Valley areas. A security zone has been declared by the IDF around Al Hamra checkpoint. No land has been confiscated; however any Palestinian crossing the area that is not owner of the land will be arrested. Landowners' names have been compiled in a list at the checkpoint. Delays for traders crossing the checkpoint are reported on a daily basis. Palestinians between 16-30 years are not permitted through the checkpoint regardless of their place of residence.
Zaatara (Tappouah) South, main road to Ramallah	The checkpoint is controlling Palestinian movement on Road 60 southwards, Residents of Nablus aged between 18-25 years are not allowed through the checkpoint without special permit.
17' 'Asira ash Shamaliya Road to the north villages of Nablus	Open between 6am to 8pm for UN and humanitarian organizations, ambulances and Palestinian from the villages of Burqa, Sabastiya, Ijnisnya, Nisf Jubeil, Beit Imrin, 'Asira ash Shamaliya, Yasid and Talluza. Taxis and Palestinian private vehicles are not allowed through unless having special permit.
Yizhar partial checkpoint (new)	Partial check point north of Huwwara village on Road 60
Jenin:	
Al Jalama Main entrance to Israel	Open between 7am and 4pm Sunday to Thursday. On Fridays open between 7am and 12pm.
Imreiha (Reikhan) Main gate to the Barta'a ash-Sharqiya/ Umm ar Riham enclave	Open between 7am and 9pm. Open for all goods from Israel into West Bank. Vegetables are allowed into Israel after prior coordination.
Tubas:	
Bisan Main entrance to Israel	Open 24 hours for permit holders. Since 16 November closed for Israeli and Palestinian commercial trucks.
Tayasir Gate Gate to the Tubas eastern agricultural lands in the Jordan Valley	Closed for Palestinians unless they have a Jordan Valley address on their ID cards or in possession of an Israeli permit to allow them to be present in the Jordan Valley areas. Palestinians between (16-30) years old are not permitted through the checkpoint regardless of their place of residence. Very long delays are reported on daily basis.
Ramallah/Al Bireh:	
Qalandiya	Open for internationals, Jerusalem blue ID holders and Palestinians with West Bank ID. Long delays are reported particularly during morning and evening rush hours. Improvements were added to the checkpoint due to the opening of extra lanes for yellow plated cars to go to Jerusalem.
Bet El/DCO	Open between 6am to 10pm. Access in vehicles only for diplomats, foreign passport holders, UN staff, international humanitarian organisations, and Palestinians with special work permits.
Atara Bridge	Between 30 – 60 minutes delays were reported during morning and evening rush hours.
An Nabi Salih gate (partial)	Open.
At Tayba (partial)	Open.
Makkabim On Highway 443	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 for Israelis, Palestinians with Jerusalem ID cards and internationals. Since 1 June, West Bank Palestinians with valid permits are not allowed to cross.
Rantis	Usually open for Jerusalem ID holders, foreign passport holders and Palestinians with permits to enter Israel.
Jerusalem:	
Hizma Eastern entrance of junction Road 437/Psigat Ze'ev settlement	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. Since 3 February, West Bank Palestinians with valid permits are not allowed to cross, the only exception is for West Bank Palestinians working for international organisations.

Az Za'ayyem North eastern entrance on Road 1.	Open for Israelis, Palestinians with Jerusalem ID cards and internationals. Since 3 February, West Bank Palestinians with valid permits are not allowed to cross.
Ar Ram Northern entrance on Road 60 north.	Open for internationals, diplomats, Palestinians with Jerusalem ID cards and have Beith Hanina or Dahiyat al Bareed address on their ID cards. Palestinians working with international organisations with valid Israeli permits are allowed through the checkpoint.
Bir Nabala/Atarot Northern entrance on Road 404 /45 Road Atarot Junction.	Open for Israelis, Palestinians with Jerusalem ID cards, Palestinians with valid permits and internationals. UN staff requested on several occasions to show personal ID/national passports in addition to their UN ID card.
Ramot Alon North western entrance on Road 436	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. Since 3 February, West Bank Palestinians with valid permits are not allowed to cross.
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.
Container ("Wadi nar") East of Abu Dis, main transit between north and south West Bank	Open for Palestinian vehicles with permits (taxis and municipality trucks), humanitarian reasons and for internationals. Permits not required for Palestinian pedestrians. Israeli- yellow plated cars are not allowed to cross.
Ras Abu Sbeitan (Olive) North eastern entrance on Road 1	Open 24 hours, Palestinians pedestrians with West Bank ID cards with valid permits can use the checkpoint. Long delays are reported.
Abu Dis Between Abu Dis and Ras al 'Amoud	Open for pedestrians with Jerusalem IDs and children attending schools in Jerusalem.
Lazarus	Open for pedestrians with Jerusalem IDs and children attending schools in Jerusalem.
As Sawahira ash Sharqiya Between the villages of As Sawahira ash Sharqiya and As Sawahira al Gharbiye	Open 24 hours for pedestrians with Jerusalem ID cards and school children.
Jericho:	
DCO Main checkpoint off Road 1	Open daily 24 hours, after the IDF handed security control of Jericho to the Palestinian Authority on 16 March 2005. Open for everyone but Israelis. Vehicles with West Bank registrations can pass without permits.
Al Auja (Yitav) On Road 90	Open 24 hours for Palestinian living in Jericho District. Prohibited for Palestinians holding West Bank ID cards from other governorates unless they hold Israeli permits to allow them access to the area.
Gate opposite Allenby Checkpoint off Road 90	Gate manned by the IDF. Closed at all times. Soldiers open the gate for shuttle busses taking Palestinians to Allenby Border Crossing to Jordan.
An Nwemeh (partial) North Jericho	Open. The checkpoint leads to Ramallah via al Mu'arrajat old road.
Bethlehem :	
Gilo (Rachel's Tomb) North entrance to Bethlehem	New terminal-like crossing currently manned by the Israeli Border Police. Open 24 hours for humanitarian organisations, diplomats, Jerusalem ID holders and Palestinians with valid permits. Yellow-plated tourist buses are allowed to enter Bethlehem only if driven by an Arab Israeli. In order to cross into Jerusalem, West Bank Palestinians (including those working for the UN and other international agencies) have to walk through the terminal to undergo search procedures. During the reporting period, major delays in accessing Jerusalem were reported at this checkpoint.
Ein Yalow Bypass road east of Walaja, on Green Line	Open 24 hours and only for Israeli-plated cars and international organisations. As of 3 February, Palestinians are not allowed through it.
Beit Jala DCO Entrance to Beit Jala	Rarely manned and open 24 hours. Movement allowed in both directions for all kind of vehicles including private cars. On 29, 30 and 3 July, the checkpoint was manned by IDF soldiers.
Tunnels Road 60 at Har Gilo	Open 24 hours for international members of international humanitarian organisations. As of 3 February, Palestinians with permits are not allowed to cross and are redirected to Gilo checkpoint. The checkpoint is still used by Jerusalem ID holders and will remain the main access point for commercial goods originating from Palestinian areas into

	Jerusalem. UN staff have been requested additional identification in order to proceed to Jerusalem. Checking was also taking place on the road leading to Talitakumi School during the reporting period.
Settlers' Checkpoint – Efrata Southern entrance to settlement	Open 24 hours. Checkpoint manned by settlers with movement beyond it restricted for Palestinians.
Gush Etzion On Road 60, at Etzion turn	Open 24 hours. IDF soldiers checking northbound vehicles. Private Palestinian plated cars can pass. Slow traffic caused by ID checks carried out by IDF soldiers manning the checkpoint was reported.
Wadi Fukin Crossing to Israel on Road 375, Green Line	Open 24 hours for Israelis and international organisations.
Al Jab'a Crossing to Israel on Road 367, Green Line	Open 24 hours for Israelis and international organisations. Land levelling is on-going to enlarge the checkpoint.
Ein Gedi On Road 90, along Dead Sea.	Open 24-hours; restricted to Palestinian movement.
Hebron :	
Beit Awwa At entrance to Negohot settlement, on Road 354	Crossing along Road 354 only for humanitarian organisations and critical service providers: no other movement allowed. Palestinian tankers not contracted with international NGOs carrying out water distribution were not allowed across the checkpoint during the reporting period.
Tarqumiya Entrance for commercial goods (back-to-back), west of Hebron on Road 35 for both Hebron and Bethlehem districts	Workers are usually allowed to cross from 5am – 5pm. The back-to-back section is open from 7am to 5pm; goods are moving across smoothly and all cargo is checked by the IDF Military Police. During the reporting period, family visits to Palestinians detained in Israel were allowed to cross.
Meitar Crossing to Israeli. Road 60 on the Green Line	Open 24 hours. On May 25, the IDF relocated the checkpoint close to the new Meitar Terminal. Four structures were added.
Shani At turn for Shani settlement on Road 317.	Manned by the IDF. The road barrier was finished in the vicinity of the checkpoint.
Beit Yatir On Road 316, at the turn for Imneizel	Open 24 hours. Manned by the IDF. The checkpoint is restricting the movement of Palestinians living south of it next to the settlement of Beit Yatir. On 3 July, IDF soldiers manning the checkpoint delayed a team from Oxfam at the checkpoint for 1.5 hours.
Prayers Road, H2 Access to area of Ibrahimi Mosque	Closed to Palestinians. During the reporting period, both Israeli settlers and IDF soldiers prevented Palestinian residents from accessing this road.
Shohada street, H2 Western entrance to Shohada street	Open to Palestinians living beyond it and in the Tel Rumeida area in accordance with a list held by the IDF at the checkpoint. Access possible only on foot. Palestinians and internationals have to go through a metal detector in the shape of a caravan to access the area.
Ibrahimi Mosque, H2 Access to the Mosque	Worshippers and visitors 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 Next to settlement of Beit Romano	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 Junction with Shohada Street	Closed to Palestinians. Entry point for Palestinian fire trucks and ambulances. No longer allowed for the use of international humanitarian organisations.
Bab Al-Khan, H2 Entrance to Avraham Avinu settlement	Closed to Palestinians heading in the direction of Shohada Street and north toward the market.
Tel Rumeida, H2 Beginning of street leading to settlement	Open only to Palestinians travelling on foot living between it and the settlement.
Al Kasaba, H2 Exit from the Kasaba, old city (Tomb of the Patriarchs)	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 the 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.
Ar Ramadin At the entrance to Ar Ramadin village from Road 325	Manned by the Israeli Border Police. All Palestinians are allowed after an ID check. The checkpoint also restricts the movement of Palestinians and Arab Israelis on Road 325. UN staff are often requested additional identification in order to cross it. During the reporting period a new tower was added at the checkpoint.

"Nabi Younis" Halhul - Sa'ir Junction on road 60	Partial checkpoint at the entrance to Halhul, monitored by the nearby observation tower. On 3 July, the checkpoint was manned.
Al Fawwar Al Fawwar-Dura junction on road 60	Partial checkpoint monitored from the nearby observation tower. Two roundabouts were constructed in front of the military tower.
Gaza Crossings/Checkpoints	
Erez crossing	Closed for Palestinian labourers since 12 March. Open for internationals and humanitarian cases. From 25 June open only for diplomats, humanitarian workers including UN staff (reviewed on a case-by-case basis by the IDF) and humanitarian cases. From 4 July closed for all including diplomats.
Rafah Passenger Terminal	Closed all week
Commercial checkpoints:	
Tulkarm/Qalqiliya	
Taybeh	An Israeli private company took over the responsibility of controlling checkpoint. The back-to-back system has been operational from 9am to 6:30pm Sunday to Thursday and 9am to 12pm on Fridays.
Nablus	
Awarta checkpoint Main commercial checkpoint in Nablus since July 2003.	Open from 6am to 5pm, Sunday to Thursday, Friday from 6am to 2pm and closed on Saturday. Males from Nablus city aged between 18 – 25 years are not allowed to exit Nablus unless they have special permits.
Jenin	
Al Jalama Northern entrance/ main commercial check point.	Open between 7am to 4pm, Sunday to Thursday and 7 am to 12pm on Fridays.
Ramallah/Al Bireh	
Beituniya Back-to-back checkpoint	Officially open between 7am to 5pm Sunday to Thursday, 7am to 1pm on Fridays and closed Saturdays. Open for commercial goods and a back-to-back system is in operation. Only Palestinians from Kafr 'Aqab and Sameeramees holding Jerusalem IDs and driving Israeli yellow-plated trucks are allowed to pass through this checkpoint without using the back-to-back system. This checkpoint is not open for private cars or pedestrians. Since 29 May, ICRC and UN vehicles are not permitted to cross.
Gaza Strip	
Sufa	Closed all week
Karni	Closed except for 12:00 – 5:00 pm on 2 and 4 July
Kerem Shalom	Closed all week

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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.